

## Lake Deaton Update!

Members at the Church Conference on March 2 voted to approve a Building Committee for Lake Deaton. We will continue to inform you with their progress.

*"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you into my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always."*



### Exciting News!

We have launched a brand new online feature for your use! You now have access to the New Covenant member directory, ability to utilize online giving, submit prayer requests, and so much more! This will be a safe and secure access for our New Covenant family.

Each person will have the basic information of name, phone numbers, email address, and photo (if available), and can maintain and update his/her personal information. Information is available to those who have established a valid log-in to the system. Should you desire not to be listed in the online directory, it is your responsibility to notify the church office.

This week you should have received an email from the church regarding important log-in information. If you did not receive this email, please call the Church Office at 750-4529 or email Debbie Zuccola at [dzuccola@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:dzuccola@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



### March Women's Gathering

Thursday, March 17, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center  
Take part in an *Easter Walk with Jesus* and recognize the power of the Lenten season.

A lunch will follow for a suggested donation of \$5. Please RSVP by Friday, March 11 to Risé Segur at [rsegur@gmail.com](mailto:rsegur@gmail.com) or 350-6370.



### 2016 Spring Church-Wide Food Drive

- Bag Distribution: March 12/13
- Bag Pick Up: March 19/20

If you would like to help with bag distribution or pick-ups, please contact Dick Clark at [dclark401@comcast](mailto:dclark401@comcast) or 454-0591.



### Dominican Republic Ministry

Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel

Please join us for a special presentation of the Christmas Shoe Box Project and an update on the COPA Schools in Bombita and LaHoya, Dominican Republic. This is also an opportunity to learn more about how to sponsor a child. If you have any questions, please call Marlene Huggins at 753-7901.

### 2015 Giving in the Spirit

Thank you for your generous donations to our *Giving in the Spirit* last Christmas. We totaled \$29,432 in contributions to our various ministries. If you would like to see a break-down of each ministry's donations, please visit our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and click on the "Resources" button.

We want to thank Jim Tennis, Leon Schien, and our 167 volunteers for leading our Gleaning Team. Over the past year, we have gathered 45,000 pounds of food for families in need. This ministry has impacted 136,000 people. What a huge win for Christ and His Kingdom!

### Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
March 6	Deuteronomy 21-23	Numbers 26-27	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 21
March 7	Deuteronomy 24-27	Numbers 28-30	Mark 9:1–29	Luke 22
March 8	Deuteronomy 28-29	Numbers 31-32	Mark 9:30–50	Luke 23
March 9	Deuteronomy 30-31	Numbers 33-34	Mark 10:1–22	Luke 24
March 10	Deuteronomy 32-34	Numbers 35-36	Mark 10:23–52	Luke 24
March 11	Joshua 1-4	Deuteronomy 1-2	Mark 11:1–19	John 2
March 12	Joshua 5-8	Deuteronomy 3-4	Mark 11:20–12:12	John 3
March 13	Joshua 9-11	Deuteronomy 5-7	Sunday: No Reading	John 4

*"You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden ... Let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)*

*Lord*, your message is clear. Your desire for our lives is to believe in you. Teach us new ways so that your "light" might shine in and through us. Let us be light so that we shine for you!  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday Christian Education Classes			
3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	Christian group discussion based on current topics	Classroom 3
Sunday Christian Education Classes			
7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Chapel
9 a.m.	Disciple II	Into the Word Into the World	Classroom 3
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Esther and the Sovereignty of God	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Christianity and World Religions	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Tests of Faith	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Ethnic Diversity and the Christian Faith	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Christianity and World Religions	Classroom 11

### New Covenant United Methodist Church

Contemporary Worship  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Blended Worship  
Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.

Children's Orchard Worship  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)  
Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m.

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A Place to Call Home

Worship attendance for last week: 2,855

(BEACH) 50 • (Celebrate Recovery) 82 • (Youth) 30 • (Orchard Worship) 33  
(Saturday Contemporary) 302 • (Sunday) 7:45–261 • 9:15–1,009 • 10:45–737  
(Lake Deaton) 8:30–149 • 10:00–202

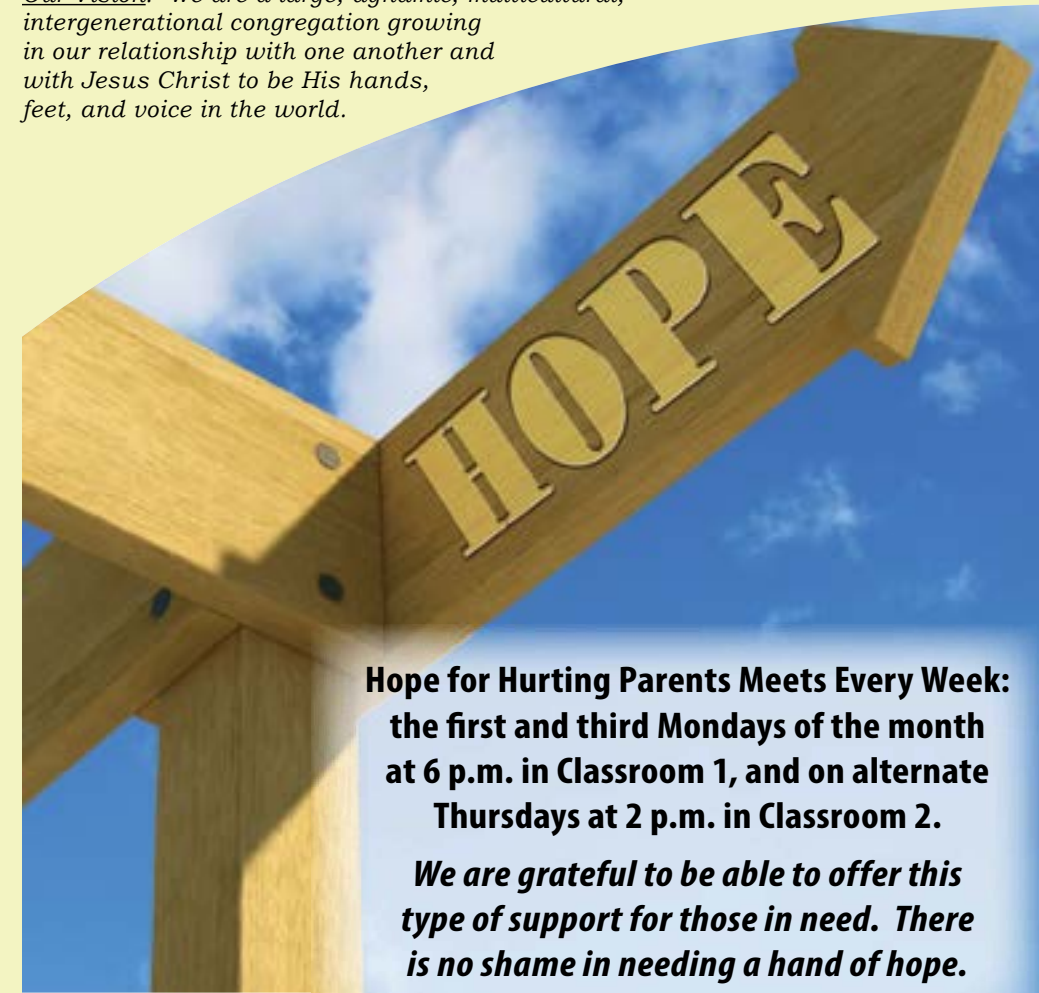


*Our Vision: We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.*

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Care Pastor



**Hope for Hurting Parents Meets Every Week: the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. in Classroom 1, and on alternate Thursdays at 2 p.m. in Classroom 2.**

*We are grateful to be able to offer this type of support for those in need. There is no shame in needing a hand of hope.*

**Hope for Hurting Parents** is a support ministry to strengthen parents (and grandparents) of children who have had life-altering events. These may include addictions, mental health challenges, incarceration, estrangement, and more. Hope for Hurting Parents is not designed to "cure all," but to provide others who can walk alongside you and encourage you while dealing with devastating issues.

Hope for Hurting Parents is in some ways similar to Al-Anon,<sup>®</sup> but is Biblically-based and addresses topics that are specific to those who love someone who is struggling.

The curriculum for this group was developed by Tom and Dena Yohe of Orlando, whose adult daughter inspired its conception and writing. They have been to New Covenant several times to share their journey and to help us start our groups. Their hope and prayer is to help others through what they have learned. To learn about the Yohes and their ministry, please visit their website at [www.hopeforhurtingparents.com](http://www.hopeforhurtingparents.com).

Our facilitators would be happy to answer questions for you. Please email: Rick & Pauline Newton ([rickpauline@embarqmail.com](mailto:rickpauline@embarqmail.com)), Ed Hazlett ([enjohazlete@gmail.com](mailto:enjohazlete@gmail.com)) or Judy Fitzgerald ([jfitzgerald@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@newcovenantumc-fl.org)).

**Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Weekend! Don't forget to change your clocks next Sunday.**

**Our Purpose: To come to know the love of Christ and to make His love known to others for the transformation of the world**



The Word of God is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12

# Bible Studies Ministries

### Upcoming New Member Classes

Did you know there are different types of church memberships? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), or church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership.

**March New Member Class:**

- Summerhill Campus:** Monday, March 7 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)  
Last chance to sign up for this class!

**June New Member Classes:**

- Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, June 12 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
- Summerhill Campus:** Monday, June 13 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)

Please pick up a New Member Registration form at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

### Connectional Ministry

**Discover New Covenant!** Whether you are new to our congregation or a long-time member, visit the Connectional Ministry kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex and find out how to get involved and connected — to a caring community, to service, or to membership. Learn more about “C3” (Caring for our Covenant Community), our new five-minute ministry.

Please join us for our next C3 Caller Training on Tuesday, April 5 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in Summerhill Classroom 11.

### WOW Dinner Special Presentation (Ticketed Event)

**Wednesday, March 9 at 4:45 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**

Please join us for dinner followed by Ennis Pruitt and the Breakers. Great food and Celtic music — “Jimmy Buffet” style — just \$10 for dinner and the show!

Tickets are available between Worship Services at the kiosk in the Narthex. Tickets for the concert only are \$4 per person, with seating in the back of the Worship Center. The concert will begin at approximately 5:45 p.m.

- Menu:** Cream of Mushroom Soup, Hearts of Bibb Lettuce with Bleu, Bacon, and Tomato, Pork Tenderloin with Date & Cilantro Relish, Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes, Savory Long Green Beans, Dinner Rolls and Gingerbread Cake with Whipped Topping.
- Reservations are required:** Please enter the number attending in the “WOW” column of the attendance pad, or call the Church Office by noon on Monday. If you need to cancel, please notify the office as soon as possible.

### Holy Land Trip 2016

**Wednesday, March 23 at 10 a.m. — Summerhill Chapel**

If you would like to go to the Holy Land in May/June, please join Pastor Harold for this informational meeting. For more details about the trip, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center in the Summerhill Narthex.

### Parking

We want to encourage our Sunday worshipers to park in the Summerhill East Parking Lot, especially during our busy month of March! We have plenty of parking spaces on the east side and we would like our visitors to feel welcome. Thank you.

# Worship

## Holy Week

**Holy Thursday Worship Service**  
• *Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m.*  
Summerhill Christian Life Center

**Good Friday Worship Service**  
• *Friday, March 25 at 12 p.m.*  
Summerhill Christian Life Center

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
• *Saturday, March 26 from 10-11 a.m.*  
on the Lake Deaton property

**Contemporary Worship Service**  
• *Saturday, March 26 at 5 p.m.*  
Summerhill Worship Center

**Sunrise Worship Service**  
• *Sunday, March 27 at 6:30 a.m.*  
Summerhill East Parking Lot

**Easter Worship at Summerhill**  
• *Sunday, March 27 at 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.*  
Summerhill Christian Life Center

**Easter Worship at Lake Deaton**  
• *Sunday, March 27 at 8:30 & 10 a.m.*  
CR 44A — one mile east of Brownwood Paddock Square. Parking is available on the Lake Deaton property or at the Eisenhower Rec Center (a shuttle bus will be available for transportation).

**Orchard Worship for Children**  
• *Sunday, March 27 at 10:45 a.m.*  
Summerhill Worship Center

### Our Altar Flowers are Provided by...

Barbara & Bradley Dalton in memory of Donald (husband and father); Bette Jones in memory of her husband Ron; Sid & Stephanie Drain in memory of his son Stephen M. Drain; Jim & Caryl Baumann in celebration of their 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and David & Mary Barrows in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Easter Flowers

On Easter Sunday, the Chancel Guild will have live potted plants on the Altars in the Summerhill Worship Center and Christian Life Center. You can help by donating a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Sign up at the Easter Flowers kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex this weekend. Each Plant is \$10 and you may pay by cash or check when you sign up.

### Easter Crosses

The Easter crosses are here! Supplies are limited! Visit the kiosk in the Narthex between Worship Services on March 12/13 or March 19/20 to get yours for a suggested donation of \$10. For more information, please call Jill Beck at 750-4529.

### We Need Your Help!

We need donations of candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt (held at the Lake Deaton property), and volunteers to help stuff and hide eggs. We need lots and lots of treats to help our children have a sweet Easter. Candy should be able to fit into small, plastic eggs. **It must be individually-wrapped small sizes only. No peanut, chocolate, mint, or butterscotch candy, please!**

- Suggested Candy to Donate:**
- Individually-wrapped Gum (like Double Bubble)
  - Jelly Beans
  - Lifesavers/Gummy Lifesavers
  - Runts
  - Skittles
  - Smarties
  - Sour Patch Kids
  - Starburst
  - Swedish Fish
  - Sweet Tarts
  - Tootsie Rolls

Please drop off your donations in the tub located outside of the Nursery. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jessica Istre at 750-4529 or [jistre@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jistre@newcovenantumc-fl.org), or JulieAnn Davis at (814) 450-4899 or [kpandjad@roadrunner.com](mailto:kpandjad@roadrunner.com).

# Pastoral Care

## PrimeTime

**Thursday, March 10 at 10 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**

Join us for vibrant music by Pat Smith & Brian Maderos, a devotion and inspirational message, followed by a great lunch. We will enjoy “Memories of the Twenties” performed by the Sweet & Sassy Line Dancers.

- Program: 10–11:30 a.m. • Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The program is followed by lunch for \$5 payable at the door. To make a reservation, call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, March 7 and indicate if you need transportation.

### Sharpen the Mind: It Matters!

**Tuesday, March 8 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 3**

Join us for fun and engaging activities to increase brain stimulation! Learn games and tools to exercise the brain and its functions.

### Praying Together

**Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14**

This faithful group of prayer warriors would love for you to join in! All are welcome to come and meditate or pray.

### The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Nancy Hendren and Sandy Davis on the loss of Rev. Harold M. Hendren; Don Tulenson who is undergoing radiation treatments; and Alvero Caro who had a massive stroke. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

*This Week's Prayer Concerns:*

Chris Corn-Bartolo	Kim Calamos	Alvaro Caro	Mike Cavanaugh	Gloria & Lou Colander	Meghan Fowler
Congo Mission Team	Sherry Hoffmeister	Kinley	Marilyn Murne	Paul	Susan Rodriguez
Larry Ross	David Ryan	Virginia Sargent	Elizabeth Scott	Jacob Shipman	Felecia Smith
Christine Statz	Charles Trask	Teresa Walters	Kathy Wright		

### Water4 Well Project

During Lent, we are collecting sacrificial dollars in order to build wells in Africa. Our hope is that the money you would spend on weekly beverages would go towards our **Water4 Well Project**. Our goal is 20 wells!

If you would like to contribute, please drop your donation in a jar located at one of the church exits before or after Worship Services. You may also “purchase a Donation Ticket” (increments of \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, or \$250) on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) (Event Tickets tab) or at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services. **As of February 28, we have collected \$23,465.**

**FACT: 17 million barrels of oil are used to produce water bottles each year.**

# Every DROP Counts





### **Celtic Crossings**

*Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center*  
Celtic Crossings with Phil Coulter, Northern Ireland's creator of "Celtic Thunder," Andy Cooney, "Irish America's Favorite Son," and special guest Geraldine Branagan present Irish music from two different worlds.

- Resident Tickets: \$29    • Non-Resident Tickets: \$34

Tickets may be purchased at The Villages Box Office



### **Youth Ministry Fundraiser—Celebration Brass Band**

*Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center*

A concert of traditional style British Brass Band Music encompassing various musical styles, under the direction of Jill Van Syckle.

Enjoy a Celebration Brass Band Quintet mini-concert between Worship Services in the Summerhill West Narthex this Sunday. Then, please support our Youth Ministry and purchase tickets for the Celebration Brass Band afternoon concert.

- General Admission Tickets: \$15

Available on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org), or at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



### **LC Swing Band with Dave Boyer**

*Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center*

Since 1966, Dave Boyer, has brought a message of joy to people of the church and the world through his unique style of Big Band Gospel music. LC Swing is Central Florida's Premiere Big Band. Net proceeds benefit Residents Encounter Christ (REC).

- General Admission Tickets: \$10

Available on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org), or at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



### **The Villages Flute Choir Spring Concert**

*Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center*

Started in 2004 as a quartet, and in 2006 with the addition of alto and bass flutes, this choir continues to grow and perform throughout The Villages. Donations at the door will benefit the Helping Hands Ministry.



### **Relay for Life Luminaria Bag Sales**

*Friday, April 1 from 3-9 p.m. — Summerhill East Parking Lot*

Please visit the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex between Worship Services this weekend, March 12/13, or 19/20 to obtain a Luminaria bag in honor or memory of cancer survivors/victims (\$5 suggested donation).

Your Luminaria bag will be placed along the pathway to memorialize or honor someone you love. Survivors may also register for this event.



### **Helping Hands Sixth Annual Golf Tournament**

*Saturday, April 23 — Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Del Webb*

Your \$80 fee includes the tournament (golf cart included) and admission to the banquet (Sunday, April 24 from 5:30–8:30 p.m. at New Covenant Summerhill Campus), plus golf prizes, door prizes, a silent auction, and lots of fun. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant's Helping Hands Outreach Ministry.

**Registration Deadline is April 9.** Registration forms are available at a kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex.