



Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
 Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
 Congregational Life
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

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.



Discover New Covenant

Whether you are new to our congregation or a long-time member, everyone is encouraged to attend a "Discover New Covenant" session and learn more about our wonderful church. Get information regarding membership, connecting to service opportunities, Bible Study, or small groups. During Discover New Covenant, we will provide you information about the people and resources to help you get connected — and stay connected at New Covenant!

Discover New Covenant at Both Campuses

Lake Deaton Campus...

- Sunday, April 2, after each Worship Service. Then, the first Sunday of every month in the Eisenhower Rec Center Arnold Room.

Summerhill Campus...

- Saturday, April 8, directly following Worship Service in the Cardinal Alcove. Then, the second Saturday of every month in the Worship Center.
- Sunday, April 9, after each Worship Service. Then, the second Sunday of every month in the Worship Center.



Ask Me Ministry

Become a volunteer that knows the answers to those often-asked questions! Be there on Saturdays and Sundays to help make those necessary connections.

If you have any questions about getting connected or about the "Ask Me" ministry, visit our *Discover New Covenant* kiosk in the East Narthex or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

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

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 2	1 Samuel 21-24	Judges 8-9	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 2
April 3	1 Samuel 25-27	Judges 10-12	Luke 5:16-39	Matthew 3
April 4	1 Samuel 28-31	Judges 13-15	Luke 6:1-26	Matthew 4
April 5	2 Samuel 1-3	Judges 16-18	Luke 6:27-49	Matthew 5
April 6	2 Samuel 4-7	Judges 19-21	Luke 7:1-30	Matthew 6
April 7	2 Samuel 8-12	Ruth	Luke 7:31-8:15	Matthew 7
April 8	2 Samuel 13-15	1 Samuel 1-3	Luke 8:16-40	Matthew 8
April 9	2 Samuel 16-18	1 Samuel 4-8	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 9

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27)

Lord, forgive us when we have failed to love you with all we have, and traveled an easier road of loving our own desires. Help us to be mindful of our constant commitment to you in every aspect of our lives, so that we firmly plant the flag of your sovereignty over all of our lives. 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	God Can Change Our Lives (1 Thessalonians)	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Grace Alone	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Half Truths by Adam Hamilton	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	God Can Change Our Lives (1 Thessalonians)	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	God Loves Us	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	The First Amendment	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	God Can Change Our Lives (1 Thessalonians)	Classrooms 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian group discussion	Classroom 3
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Half Truths by Adam Hamilton	Classroom 11

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162
 Phone: 352-750-4529
 Fax: 352-259-2971
 Email: ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org
 Website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org
 Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home

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

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)

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

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,021
 (BEACH) 57 • (Roots) 25 • (Orchard Worship) 9 • (Teen Twilight) 21
 (Fresh Expressions) 50 • (Celebrate Recovery) 103 • (Saturday Contemporary) 352
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-236 • 9:15-959 • 10:45-731
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-194 • 10:00-284



Saviour: The Story of God's Passion for His People

Friday, April 7 and Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Join the New Covenant Choir and Orchestra and special guests on Palm Sunday weekend for this presentation of Greg Nelson and Bob Farrell's modern oratorio, *Saviour*. The musical tells the story of the creation to the resurrection, detailing how God pursues relationships with His children. This is a special Easter production not to be missed!

- Stuart Neil, tenor
- Philip Himebook, tenor
- Tony Canty, baritone
- Angela Wiswesser, mezzo-soprano
- Rachel Himebook, ballet
- Sean Pollock, conductor

Admission is free, however, tickets are required! Tickets are available at a kiosk in the East Narthex following Worship Services.



Easter Flowers — Last Week!

This is your last week to order Easter Flowers for Easter Sunday. The Chancel Guild will have live potted plants on the Altar in the Christian Life Center. You can help by donating a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one.

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

Easter at New Covenant UMC

"Saviour" Easter Production

Friday, April 7 & Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

"Beneath the Upper Room"*

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

Good Friday Worship Service*

Friday, April 14 at 12 p.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

Contemporary Worship Service

Saturday, April 15 at 5 p.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

Sunrise Worship Service

Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 a.m.
 Summerhill East Parking Lot
 (golf carts welcome or bring a lawn chair)

Easter Sunday Worship Services (SH)

Sunday, April 16 at 7:45 • 9:15* • 10:45 a.m.*
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

Orchard Worship for Children

Sunday, April 16 at 10:45 a.m.
 Summerhill Classroom 1

Easter Sunday Worship Services (LD)

Sunday, April 16 at 8:30 • 10:00* • 11:30 a.m.
 Eisenhower Rec Center

*The Nursery is available for children newborn to five years old.

Upcoming Lent Series: The Gospel of the Nobodies (Luke)



During Lent, we are looking at Luke's version of those people who in their day would be considered as "nobodies," but Jesus reveals to all the "nobodies" that they are actually "somebodies." It's amazing how God does the same for all of us too! Join us as we all learn, grow and explore what it means to be a "Somebody" in Christ's eyes.

- April 8/9, Palm Sunday weekend: *The Thief on the Cross*
- April 13, Maundy Thursday: *Beneath the Upper Room* (with Holy Communion – 6 p.m.)
- April 14, Good Friday: *Hope in the Shadows* (meditations and music – 12 p.m.)
- April 15/16, Easter weekend: *The Last Thing is Not the Worst Thing*

If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide for weeks four and five, they are available at: the Welcome Center; a kiosk; and a table in the East Narthex. All weeks are available on our website; just click the "Discipleship" button.

TidBits



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by Allan & Janet Cragg for their 17th anniversary; Norma Martin in memory of Odie Martin; and Gene Murray in memory of Mary Murray.



While You Are Away for the Summer

We wish you safe travels and a happy and healthy summer. As a reminder, when you are away, you may still hear our pastor's weekly Worship Service message!

Just log on to our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, click on the "Videos" button, click on Worship Service, and choose the date. We look forward to your return in the fall!

Staff Announcements

Congratulations to those making changes and welcome to our new Staff members!

If you'd like to learn more about our Staff, please log on to our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and click the "About" tab at the top of the page and select "Our Staff."



Kathy Hudak Yoakum

Kathy has moved into a new role as Coordinator of Connectional Ministries, reporting to Pastor Kristyne Young.



Jim Petrone

Jim moves from the Lake Deaton campus to the Summerhill campus as our Multimedia Audio Specialist, reporting to Sean Pollock.



Jenny Sweat

Jenny has joined us as our Coordinator of Biblical Studies and Ministries, reporting to Gary Cantrell.



Ed Falconer

Ed joins our Lake Deaton Worship Team as a Multimedia Audio Specialist, reporting to Pastor Jim Divine.



Spring Food Drive

This Weekend and Next — Both Campuses

Help us defeat hunger in the Wildwood area by donating nonperishable food items for our Spring Food Drive. Grocery bags have been placed on your car/golf cart. Please use the flyer attached to the bag to fill it with groceries and return it to church next weekend.

No time to shop? Would you prefer to donate cash? Just write a check payable to the Wildwood Food Pantry and give it to one of the volunteers collecting bags next weekend.



Melody of Love

Monday, April 24 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Enjoy a concert featuring local Christian artists and a wide variety of genres. Proceeds will benefit Love In the Name of Christ.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available on the Love INC website (www.loveinchof.org), or at a kiosk in the East Narthex following Worship Services through Palm Sunday.



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner Dance

April 5 at 4:30 p.m. — Worship Center

Come hear about an amazing mission trip opportunity with UMCOR. Evelyn Duncan will discuss a mission trip scheduled for late August/early September at the Sager-Brown facility in Baldwin, Louisiana.

Menu: Broccoli Cheddar Soup, BLT & Bleu Garden Salad, Baked Glazed Meatloaf, Baked Idaho Potato w/Sour Cream, Corn & Zucchini Sauté, Dinner Rolls, and Apple Crisp.

Tickets: \$8 per person. Tickets are available on our website (\$9.39 credit card), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services. You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, April 3.



Solo Flight

Friday, April 21 at 4:30 p.m. — Chapel

All singles are invited to join us in worship and fellowship. Leslie Brown will present "Old Tyme Radio," featuring *Fanny Brice and her Daddy Discussing the Opera*.

You will also be able to sign up for our annual picnic on April 29, and an outing to an Ocala horse farm in May. For more information, please contact Laura Tomich at LA339@embarqmail.com.



Connect with a Small Group

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!

Make a connection with others that are looking to connect in Small Groups. For more information on how you can get connected to a Small Group, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Vacation Bible School Coming in June!

Mon.-Fri., June 5-9 from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

It's time to start greasing the wheels and get VBS going! This year's theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. Kids will discover they were created by God and built for a purpose!

To sign up to volunteer, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex. For more information, please contact Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Special Church Conference

Tuesday, April 18 at 5 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

- To approve the recommendation of the Building Committee to build a new worship/multipurpose facility on Lake Deaton property
- To approve the cost of the project
- To approve the manner in which financing will be secured in order to build the facility
- To recommend Kathy Hudak Yoakum for licensed or ordained ministry

This conference will be presided over by District Superintendent Rev. June Edwards. We hope you will be able to attend.



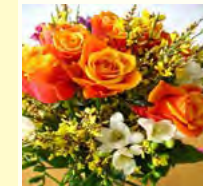
From the Steeple to the Streets

April 7-9 — In Your Community!

Just how do we go From the Steeple to the Streets? We encourage you to go where you normally go, but here are a few places you could try:

- Bowling Alley
- Coffee Shop
- Golf Course
- Pickleball Course
- Publix
- Rec Center
- Restaurants
- Softball Field
- Town Square

Stop by the kiosk in the East Narthex to sign up! For more information, contact Christine Webb at (352) 750-4529 or cwebb@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to assist with delivering a bouquet of cheer to those who are sick, homebound, or discouraged. For more information, please contact the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



PrimeTime

Thursday, April 13 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

Devotion by Rev. Marilyn Anell, program by Strumming Sisters, and music with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos.

Program is followed by lunch for \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, April 10 and indicate if you need transportation.



Prayer Crafting Ministries

Prayers & Squares and *Happy Hands* are grateful for donations of fabric, thread, and yarn. You may drop off any donations in the Congregational Care office.



Hospital Visitation

Please let us know if you or a loved one enters the hospital. This is the only way we know to call or visit. We are not able to call or go into a facility and ask if anyone from New Covenant is there (due to HIPPA privacy laws).



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Ann Eimer who has stage-one breast cancer; Loraine Crumpler who lost her husband; Florence Calicotti, a 93-year-old with an infection; Hank Hotaling who is in rehab to help him recover mobility; Monica Moore who lost her home and pets to a fire; Roberta Brenneman who has been in hospital with a tracheotomy; and Sam Morris who has cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Suzanne & Mark McCandless on the loss of her father Bob McClain.

New Concerns

Burning Hearts Emmaus, Brad & Gail, Clarence Branton, Charlene Bridge, Loraine Crumpler, Kennedy Ellis, Joey Fitzpatrick, Diane Garrett-Smith, Debbie Gentry, Linda Helms, Bob Jarvis, Cindy Johnson, Autumn Judd, Charlie & Erlene Parnell, Cookie Sinclair, Jim Stenstrom, John & Sandy Stockberger, Wrona Family, Terry Vieth, Cheryl Marie Walsh, Richard Young

Mark
Your



upcoming
concerts



Villages Wind Ensemble

Sunday, April 2 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Join Jill Van Syckle as she conducts the Wind Ensemble in “Mostly Sousa,” a concert of the various composition styles of Sousa.

You will recognize several members of this group who perform regularly at New Covenant. A portion of the net proceeds benefits our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.

Tickets: \$15. Tickets are available at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex following Worship Services and at the door prior to the concert.



Bach with a Beat

Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Sounds of Joy, under the direction of Marilyn McLean, enjoy a variety of genres and harmonies featuring Bach with a Beat’s signature classical renditions of a BACH minuet and Prelude along with Beethoven’s *Ode to Joy*, complemented by contemporary hits, such as Gershwin’s *I’ve Got Rhythm*, Fifth Dimension’s *Up, Up and Away*, a dance interpretation, an instrumental quartet, a vocal octet, and Broadway excerpts from *Rent*, *Mikado*, and *Phantom of the Opera*. Also included is a special performance by our local High School scholarship winners.

Tickets available at The Villages Box Office



Choralettes

Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

“Gifts of Love” is the theme of the Spring Concert of the Choralettes. Directed by our own Janie Berry, this concert includes guest violinists, sacred dancers and a special guest soloist.

A portion of the net proceeds benefits our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.

A Love Offering will be accepted.



Women’s Ministry April Gathering

Thursday, April 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Worship Center

What a great day when the Lord taught us all to pray! Come and celebrate that special prayer as a group of women in Christ. We know we can all say it — today we’ll FEEL it! Lunch tickets are \$6.

Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will be applied) and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services. “FREE” tickets are available for the program only. Tickets sales conclude Monday, April 17 at noon. No tickets (including the FREE, program-only tickets) will be available after the cut-off date.



David Phelps: Freedom Tour

Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Tickets On Sale Now! David Phelps is blessed with a vocal instrument unlike any other artist performing today. His latest work, *Freedom*, showcases his talents as a singer, song-writer, arranger and producer.

David has been heard in concert halls and churches around the world. His melodies have been burned into critically-acclaimed solo offerings, award-winning Gaither Vocal Band CDs and Gold and Platinum Gaither “Homecoming” collections. The highlight of the New Covenant Concert Series, this will be a full production event you will not want to miss. Net proceeds benefit our Music / Worship Ministry.

Tickets: \$20 (General Admission) • \$30 (Artist Circle)

Tickets are available only at a Villages Box Office or www.thevillagesentertainment.com.

The Ticket Kiosk will be closed on Easter weekend.