



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.



FRIDAY JANUARY 26 AT 5 P.M.

DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

The event will be semi-formal with a gourmet meal provided by Chef John Kellar. Music by Mary Jo Vitale and Marcia Spear with Gary Cantrell as our Emcee.

All proceeds benefit House of Hope, a non-profit, Christian, residential, substance abuse recovery center located in Wildwood. New Covenant partners with House of Hope to help support the expenses of housing, food and programming for the 20-28 men going through the program at any time. House of Hope has an open door policy and welcomes men of all ages, without regard to their background. This program is sustained solely through fund raising events and donations.

Please join us for this elegant evening and make a difference in the lives of the men of House of Hope!! Tickets are \$100 per person (\$50 is tax deductible) and will be available at a kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend, as well as the first three weekends in January.



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
December 17	Titus; Philemon	Philippians 1-4	Sunday: No Reading	John 13
December 18	Hebrews 1-6	1 Timothy	Revelations 3:7-4:11	John 14
December 19	Hebrews 7-10	Titus	Revelations 5-6	John 15
December 20	Hebrews 11-13	1 Peter	Revelations 7-8	John 16
December 21	James 1-5	Hebrews 1-6	Revelations 9	John 17
December 22	1 Peter 1-5	Hebrews 7-10	Revelations 10-11	John 18
December 23	2 Peter 1-3	Hebrews 11-13	Revelations 12:1-13:10	John 19
December 24	1 John 1-5	2 Timothy	Sunday: No Reading	John 20

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Lord, o. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

REMINDER: Please take your weekly bulletin home as you leave today. Use it as a prayer guide for the scheduled activities and the ministries of our church.

Sunday Christian Education Classes			
7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Psalms +	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Joshua	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Faith in Action	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Longing for Joy	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian group discussion	Classroom 3
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Joshua	Classroom 11

All Sunday school classes for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve have been canceled.

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Phone: 352-750-4529

Summerhill Blended Worship Fax: 352-259-2971
 Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m. Email: ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship Website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center) Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home
 Sunday 8:30 • 9:45 • 11:00 a.m.

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Worship Attendance for last week: 3,060
 (BEACH) 58 • (Roots) 21 • (Grounded Youth Group) 28 • (Hanging of the Greens) 225
 (Celebrate Recovery) 84 • (Fresh Expressions) 50 • (Orchard Worship) 11
 (Saturday Contemporary) 265 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-272 • 9:15-916 • 10:45-695
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-172 • 9:45-176 • 11:00-87



Altar Flowers
 The Altar flowers have been provided by Mary Barrows (wife), Greg, Jen, Corey, & Kendall Barrows (son & family), and Andy & Tammy Barrows (son & wife) in honor of Dave Barrows birthday.

"Christmas at New Covenant" Concerts
Sunday, December 17 at 3 & 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center
 Doors will open 45 minutes before the start of each performance. **ONLY** persons with tickets will be seated at that time. Please, do not hold seats for any "late-comers."

Fifteen minutes prior to the start of each performance, all persons in line will be permitted to enter and fill in any available seats. Over-flow seating will be available once all seats are filled.

Christmas Ushers
 If you are available to serve as an usher for the Christmas at New Covenant concerts on December 17 at 3 or 7 p.m. or at the Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 or 7 p.m., please contact Lou Emmert at jdemmert@embarqmail.com. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides
Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph
 If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide, they are available at the Welcome Center, a kiosk, and a table in the East Narthex, as well as on our website under the "Worship" button, "Sermon Series."



30 Hours of Famine
Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14 — East and West Narthexes
 New Covenant's Youth Ministry will be going hungry for a cause! For 30 hours straight, volunteers and youth group members will fast to fight world hunger. You can also play a proactive part in this weekend-long initiative by generously donating towards the famine. The youth will be accepting donations between weekend Worship Services.

World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization, create this Christ-centered initiative, to teaming with youth, families, and communities to tackle the causes of poverty and world hunger. By participating in engaging activities, compelling discussion, and local outreach, the youth grow closer to Christ while raising funds to make a real difference. This New Year, help us to give back to those who need us most, and let's feed children across the world!

"SuperStart" for Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Graders!
Friday & Saturday, January 26 & 27 — Orlando, Florida
 Get excited for the awesome overnight, high-energy event where pre-teens learn and grow in their relationships with friends, leaders, and most importantly, God. Registration is open, but availability is limited!

For cost and other trip details, please contact Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org or Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

TidBits



Donating Appreciated Stock: A Valuable Benefit

The stock market has done well and this might be a good time to donate APPRECIATED stock to the church. This allows you to give 100% of the value to the church, avoid long-term capital gains tax, and take a charitable tax deduction on the full amount.

Example, if you bought stock for \$2,500 and today it's worth \$5,000, by donating it you avoid a 15% capital gains tax of \$375. Additionally, if you itemize your taxes, you get a charitable tax deduction for \$5,000, which could lower your personal taxes by \$750 to \$1,000 if you are in the 15% to 20% federal tax bracket.

To make all this work, donated stock must be held longer than 1 year. Talk to your accountant or the preparer of your taxes if you are interested.



AED/CPR Training

Tuesday, December 19 from 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-3:30 p.m.

If you are interested in being AED/CPR trained, training is available at The Villages Public Safety Station 44 on S. Morse Boulevard. Classes are limited to 25 people and the cost is \$25 per person (to be paid at class time). If you would like to register, please call (352) 205-8280.



Yoga

Monday, January 8 from 4-6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

NOTE: There will be no Yoga classes on December 18, 25, or January 1. Please join us again in January.



Running of the Squares — 5K (3.1 mile) Fun Run

Saturday, January 13, 8 a.m. start time — Lake Sumter Landing

You can be a part of the New Covenant team either running or walking with our group. You may preregister through January 10 at \$25; registration after January 10, through day of the event, is \$30.

You may register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/TheVillages/RunningtheSquaresLakeSumterLanding>. For more information, please contact Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is not just for those who struggle with chemical dependency, such as drugs or alcohol. Celebrate Recovery is for **all** of life's issues. We currently have two meetings in two locations to meet your needs and we offer childcare at both sites.

- Wildwood United Methodist Church: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- New Covenant United Methodist Church: Fridays at 5:45 p.m.

You do not have to face life's issues alone. For more information, please contact Jill Beck at jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

Support New Covenant when you shop!

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at **amazon smile**



You shop. Amazon donates...

Please be sure to designate "New Covenant" as your charity. 0.5 percent of the price from your eligible [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) purchase.

Making connections



Facilitator Training Workshop

Monday, January 8 and Wednesday, January 17 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Do you have a gift for relating to others and engaging them in a discussion around God's Word? If so, the Connect Small Group Ministry may be where God is calling you to use your gifts.

If you would like more information or want to register, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Discover New Covenant

January 13 & 14 following each Worship Service — Fellowship Center

We meet once a month following Worship Services. Visitors, nonmembers, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant. Get answers to questions about connecting to service opportunities, Bible studies, Connect Small Groups, and membership.

If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org. You may also stop at the Discover New Covenant Kiosk in the East Narthex any weekend to learn more about connecting into New Covenant.



New Member Classes

Lake Deaton Campus: Sunday, February 11 from 12:15-1:45 p.m.

Summerhill Campus: Monday, February 12 from 6-7:30 p.m.

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.

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

Outreach Ministry



Thanks for Supporting Our Christmas Wish Trees

With your support, close to 450 children in our area will be blessed with Christmas presents from New Covenant this year. We especially want to offer our thanks to everyone who...

- Worked at the Christmas trees and helped with sorting and distributing gifts
- Spent hours writing the wishes on Christmas tags
- Contributed monetary donations. Because of your generosity, we were able to supply extra presents to make sure each child had several gifts.

"Special Thanks" to our youth Groups and Facilities personnel who assisted in many ways. And to the congregation for supporting 125 children from the Florida United Methodist Children's Home with gifts from the Christmas Wish List and the Christmas Stocking Stuffers. All the donations were boxed up and delivered

REMINDER

In order to welcome any visitors to our Worship Services, please remember to park in the East Parking Lot to allow our visitors to park in the West Parking Lot. Thank you.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



GriefShare

Monday, January 8 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Chapel

This is open to anyone in our community. It is our hope that we can reach others who are struggling through this season in life, and provide support as the "new normal" begins to occur. Let someone walk alongside you as you journey on this road.

There is a \$15 registration fee for cost of materials. Please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529 to register.



Flower Ministry

We desperately need volunteers to help with our flower ministry. This involves breaking down the arrangements from the weekend Worship Services, and delivering to those who could use a bit of cheer from their church family. Your commitment is only once a month.

For more information, please call the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Betty Armstrong who has lung cancer; Ken Moore who has had several strokes; and Marley Ray Marino (Pastor Harold's new granddaughter). Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Natalie Isherwood, wife, Robert & Debbie (Gabby) Isherwood Jr., son and daughter-in-law, on the passing of Robert Isherwood, Sr.; and the family and friends of Jim Snow.

New Concerns

Pat Affleck, Ardis Andrews, Courtney Arnstein, Michelle Aubry, Mike Bullinger, Maureen Ely, Inez Hall, Natalie Isherwood, Edeline Kalbach, Klupal Family, Barbara O'Brien, Nolan Oenes, Bill Pinder, Jack Lindsay, Laura Lindsey, Rhoda Miller, Charles Trask



Christmas Eve Morning Worship

Summerhill Christian Life Center **Lake Deaton (Eisenhower Rec Center)**
Sunday, December 24 at 8:30 & 10 a.m. **Sunday, December 24 at 8:30, 9:45 & 11 a.m.**

Christmas Eve Communion & Silent Meditation

Summerhill Chapel
Sunday, December 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Summerhill Christian Life Center
Sunday, December 24 at 4:30 and 7 p.m.
 Our traditional "Carols & Candlelight" with the Chancel Choir and Brass, featuring a special Christmas message by Rev. Harold Hendren

Christmas Eve for Children

Summerhill Campus
 8:30 a.m. • 10 a.m. • 4:30 p.m. • 7 p.m. — Childcare (Children under 5 years old)
 10 a.m. — Orchard Worship for elementary-age children

Get Your Tickets!

PLEASE NOTE...

The Ticket Kiosk will be closed on Saturday, December 23 and Christmas Eve.

Unless otherwise noted, all tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will apply), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.

Pick up your copy of our new "2017-2018 Winter Concerts & Events" brochure at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex or the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.



Amahl and The Night Visitors

January 4 and 5, 2018 at 7 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Telling the story through song, the three wise men are on a journey to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child when they seek shelter from a poor widow woman and her crippled son. Originally scripted for the debut of the Hallmark Hall of Fame at NBC Studios, this one act opera will appeal to audiences of every age.

Presented in partnership with the Central Florida Lyric Opera and featuring Sandra Lopez at the Mother and Pip Jackson as Amahl, enjoy the sounds of the Shepherd choir comprised of members of the New Covenant and St. Timothy choirs. Directed by Maestro Bill Doherty with accompanist Sean Pollock.

Tickets: \$20 (Artist Section) • \$15 (General) • \$10 (Obstructed View)

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit the Music/Worship Ministries of New Covenant.



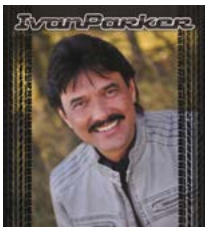
Dinner Dance with The Villages Swing Band

Tuesday, January 9 at 4:45 p.m. — Fellowship Center

"Swing in the New Year" with The Villages Swing Band. Back by popular demand, come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, fine dining, and dancing.

\$15 General Admission (No Reserved Tables or Seating)

Menu: Mushroom & Barley Soup, Spinach Salad with Pecans & Cranberries, Stuffed Chicken Breast Wellington, Wild Rice Pilaf, Lemon-Parsley Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, and Florida Orange Sunshine Layer Cake



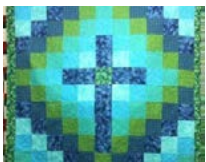
Ivan Parker

Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

By popular request, join us as Ivan Parker returns to New Covenant. One of the finest singers to ever grace the stage with a quartet, and a long-time favorite on The Gaither Homecoming series, his solo ministry will reach out and grab your heart.

Tickets: \$10

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit the Care Ministries of New Covenant.



January Women's Gathering — Sewing for the Soul

Thursday, January 18 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Center

In January, we will have fun learning about Christian "patterns" for living and how to "sew for the soul."

Just for fun, if you sew, knit, crochet, or do any needle craft, bring **one sample** of something you have made and we will put it on display. Come and join us — whether you sew or not!

\$7 (Includes Lunch)

You must purchase a ticket by noon on Tuesday, January 16.



The Villages Wind Ensemble

Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

The Villages Wind Ensemble presents the *Sister Act at New Covenant*. Jill Van Syckle, conductor and Lesan Van Syckle, French horn soloist perform *Rondo* from Richard Strauss's *Concerto No. 1 for Horn*. Other selections will include the *National Emblem March*, excerpts from Copland's *Appalachian Spring* and everyone's favorite, *A Wizard of Oz* melody.

Tickets: \$15

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit the Care Ministries of New Covenant.



Guy Penrod

Friday, February 23 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Guy Penrod spent 14 years as the lead singer of the Gaither Vocal Group before launching a successful solo ministry in 2010. He lives out his faith in Jesus on stage and off, and caps it with a warm-hearted grin.

Tickets: \$25 (Artist Circle) • \$20 (General Admission)

Tickets are only available at The Villages Box Office.

Net proceeds benefit the "Furniture Fund" of the Lake Deaton campus.



Ernie Haase and Signature Sound

Friday, March 16 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Ernie Haase & Signature Sound one of the most popular quartets in Southern Gospel music. They have traveled all over the world, offering energy, excitement, and encouragement through their music.

Tickets: \$25 (Artist Circle) • \$20 (General Admission) • \$15 (exterior sections of room)

Tickets are also at The Villages Box Office.

A portion of the Net Proceeds benefits the Worship Ministries of New Covenant.

On behalf of the Events Committee and all New Covenant Ministries supported by our various events and concerts, THANK YOU to all the volunteers who work tirelessly in the Ticket Kiosk at our Summerhill campus.