

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor  
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Care 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.



**“A Titanic” Concert**  
 with John W. W. Sherer, Organist  
**April 15 • 7 p.m.**  
 \*Artist Circle: \$25 • General Admission: \$15  
**Benefiting Youth Ministry**

Tickets are on sale this weekend at the Kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex, and will be available at The Villages Box Office beginning Thursday, March 17.

**It** was a cold, crisp night filled with sounds of laughter and music when suddenly it was pierced by the shout of a lookout crying out, “Iceberg ahead.” As warning bells sounded and panic ensued, “women and children first” were hustled into lifeboats and men were left on deck. The ship filled with water and broke in two. The maiden voyage of the Titanic was doomed. There were not enough life boats onboard, the crew did not know how to evacuate the passengers, and life boats were launched half-filled. Of the 2,224 passengers and crew onboard, over 1,500 souls were lost on that fateful night.

An event of catastrophic proportions in the history of the US, the sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic will be commemorated on this 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary. John W. W. Sherer presents an engaging program featuring organ music of 1912, music heard onboard the ship, and music written to honor the victims of the disaster. The program will include historical narrative and video clips.

Following the program, \*Artist Circle ticket holders are invited to a dessert reception in the “Captain’s Dining Room,” where you will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Sherer. In addition, guests will enjoy entertainment as might have been experienced while onboard the Titanic.

Net proceeds from this concert will benefit New Covenant’s Youth Missions Teams. The High School students will travel to Chattanooga, Tennessee in June and the Middle School youth will travel to Savannah, Georgia in July. Both groups will be part of “Youthworks” and will have opportunities to feed the homeless, sort food for the hungry, interact with disabled persons, communicate with nursing home residents, and build diverse bonds and friendships.



Please support our Youth Ministry by attending this one-of-a-kind event!

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

**Lake Deaton**  
 information is available at the  
**Welcome Center** each week.

“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.”



**2016 Spring Church-Wide Food Drive**  
 A grocery bag has been placed on your windshield with a list of suggested food items for the Wildwood Food Pantry. Please take it home with you, fill it with donated food items, and return it next weekend. Simply leave the bag behind your car or golf cart and someone will pick it up while you are in Worship Service.

If you are interested in helping with the Food Drive, please contact Dick Clark at [dclark401@comcast](mailto:dclark401@comcast) or (352) 454-0591.



**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. Space is limited.

Luncheon tickets are 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.



**Volunteers Needed**  
**Coffee Ministry:** We need a few folks willing to help serve coffee and cookies on Sunday mornings between Worship Services. Please contact Howard Bond at 753-0356 [hdbond77@gmail.com](mailto:hdbond77@gmail.com).

**Communion Servers:** All services, especially at 10:45  
 Please contact Jill or Lesan Van Syckle at 751-7447 and we will contact the Communion Steward for your requested service.

**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.

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
March 13	Joshua 9-11	Deuteronomy 5-7	Sunday: No Reading	John 4
March 14	Joshua 12-15	Deuteronomy 8-10	Mark 12:13-44	John 5
March 15	Joshua 16-18	Deuteronomy 11-13	Mark 13:1-23	John 6
March 16	Joshua 19-21	Deuteronomy 14-16	Mark 13:24-14:9	John 7
March 17	Joshua 22-24	Deuteronomy 17-20	Mark 14:10-31	John 8
March 18	Judges 1-2	Deuteronomy 21-23	Mark 14:32-52	John 9
March 19	Judges 3-5	Deuteronomy 24-27	Mark 14:53-15:14	John 10
March 20	Judges 6-7	Deuteronomy 28-29	Sunday: No Reading	John 11

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.” (John 14:1)  
*Lord,* even when our lives have been “shaken up,” help us to continue to trust in you. Let us cling to your promise that Your Holy Spirit will always be with us, walk with us, and stand beside us. We believe! 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	The Supreme Court and 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

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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.

**Worship attendance for last week: 2,947**  
 (BEACH) 49 • (Celebrate Recovery) 87 • (Youth) 27 • (Orchard Worship) 30  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 302 • (Sunday) 7:45-324 • 9:15-988 • 10:45-758  
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30-174 • 10:00-208

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.

- 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)

- September New Member Classes:**
- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, Sept 18 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
  - **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, Sept 19 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

**Wednesday, March 16 at 4:45 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**

Please join us for dinner followed by a presentation by Pastors Jim Divine and Marilyn Anell on their recent trip to Africa.

- **Menu:** Irish Potato Soup, Emerald Green Fruited Gelatin Salad, Shepherd’s Beef Pie, Dilled Tiny Whole Carrots, Rye Bread Loaves, and Chocolate Mint Pie.
- **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.

- Coming up at our After-dinner Programs**
- March 23: No dinner or program during Holy Week
  - March 30: SALT Quarterly Review (doors open at 4:30/program begins at 5:30)
  - April 6–May 11: Watch the movie, *War Room*, and follow up with a small group study

### Solo Flight Singles Ministry March Gathering

**Friday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel**

All singles are invited to share in fellowship with a special presentation on Financial Needs and Information. Please join us for our monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month.

### 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.

# 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...

Nancy Webster in memory of Leonard Webster; Jan Rugg in memory of Bob Rugg and in honor of Helen Rugg’s 95<sup>th</sup> birthday; and Sid & Stephanie Drain in memory of her parents George H. & Marjorie Hays, and her brother Captain George B. Hays.

### Last Week to Order 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.

This is the last weekend to sign up. Visit the Easter Flowers kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex. Each Plant is \$10 and you may pay by cash or check when you sign up.

### Easter Crosses

The Easter crosses are here, but supplies are limited! Visit the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex between Worship Services this weekend or next 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 (to be 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

### Word of the Day

**Hope for Hurting Parents**  
Thursday, March 17 from 2–3:30 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14  
Monday, March 21 from 6–7:30 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 1  
Thursday, March 31 from 2–3:30 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14

This group is for parents (and grandparents) of children who struggle with addiction, incarceration, mental health challenges, and other life-altering events. There is no shame in asking for help and support. Please come be a part of this welcoming group that offers encouragement and love.

### Give the Life-Giving Gift of Blood

**Monday, March 21 from 2–7 p.m. — Summerhill West Narthex**

We have a crisis need for blood donations. OneBlood will be in the West Narthex for registrations and the bus will be in the West Parking Lot. You must be age 16 and up, otherwise guardian permission will be required. A small gift will be given to those who donate.

### The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Daniel Millsaps who has leukemia; Susan Rodriguez who has a neurological condition; and Sushma Masemore who has breast cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

### Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

The family and friends of Helen Killam on her passing on March 7. Helen was a charter member of New Covenant.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please visit our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)) and click the Calendar button.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:					
Mike Cavanaugh	Chuck	Debbie Green	Sherry Hoffmeister	Brianna Jimenez	Michael Kelly
Brad Lindsay	Sushma Masemore	Bob McBain	David McCallum	Daniel Millsaps	Danny Presley
Susan Rodriguez	Patti Sharp	Polly Sheen	Lainey Smith	Roger & Jan Soukup	June Vogt
Wood Family					

### 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 March 6, we have collected \$36,992.**

**FACT: It takes 3 times the amount of water to produce the bottle than it does to fill it.**





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

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

Support our Youth Ministry and enjoy the Celebration Brass Band. This concert of traditional-style brass music is directed by Jill Van Syckle.

- General Admission Ticket: \$15

Available at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services and at the door.



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

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

Dave Boyer has appeared with — what some considered — the greatest entertainers of all times: Jerry Lewis, Sammie Davis Jr., and Frank Sinatra. LC Swing is Central Florida's premiere 18-piece big band. Join us for this exciting concert. Net proceeds benefit the Residents Encounter Christ (REC) ministry.

- General Admission Ticket: \$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 or next 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.



### **Melody of Love**

*Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center*

Over 20 different acts, including singing, instrumentalists, and dancing, promise to provide a delightful evening of fun for all. All proceeds will be designated to Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ) for home repairs and necessities.

- General Admission Ticket: \$10

Tickets are available at Love INC Centsible Furnishings. For more information, please call Paul Kramer at 259-8748.



### **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 the Welcome Center in the Summerhill East or West Narthex. For more information, please contact John Kelley at 259-6380 or [kellyjs67@aol.com](mailto:kellyjs67@aol.com).