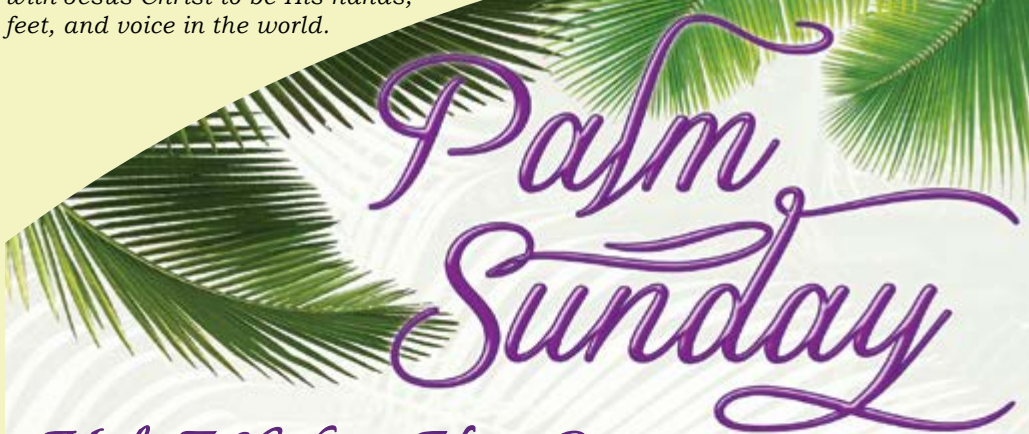


Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor  
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Care Pastor



*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.



*Holy Week at New Covenant*

**Maunday Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**

**Service with Communion**  
 Intimate worship celebrating *The Last Supper* with guest soloists Limmie Pulliam and Matt Carey, and the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists. Rev. Harold Hendren will share a special meditation.

**Good Friday, March 25 at 12:00 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**

**Stainer's "The Crucifixion: A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer"**  
 A special presentation of this powerful oratorio with guest soloists Limmie Pulliam and Matt Carey, with combined choirs from area United Methodist Churches, and orchestra. Special meditations will be shared by various pastors.

**Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. — Lake Deaton Property**

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
 A family experience with story time, crafts, and snacks, followed by our Easter Egg Hunt.

**Saturday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**

**Contemporary Worship Service**  
**Easter Sunday, March 27 at 6:30 a.m. — Summerhill East Parking Lot**

**Outdoor Sunrise Worship Service**  
 Golf carts welcome or bring a lawn chair

**Easter Sunday, March 27 at 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**  
**Blended Worship Services** (*The Nursery will be open during 9:15 and 10:45 services.*)

Easter Worship with message by Rev. Harold Hendren with The Chancel Choir, Praise Ringers, Brass Quintet, and guest soloist Limmie Pulliam

**Easter Sunday, March 27 at 8:30 • 10:00 a.m. — Lake Deaton Property**

**Blended Worship Services** - Easter Worship with Rev. Jim Divine. Parking available at the Property or Eisenhower Recreation Center with shuttle service.

**Sunday, March 27 at 10:45 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**

**Children's Orchard Worship**  
 All children fifth grade and under. Babies have their own very special play area.

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
March 20	Judges 6-7	Deuteronomy 28-29	Sunday: No Reading	John 11
March 21	Judges 8-9	Deuteronomy 30-31	Mark 15:15-41	John 12
March 22	Judges 10-12	Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalms 91	Mark 15:42-16:20	John 13
March 23	Judges 13-15	Joshua 1-4	Luke 1:1-25	John 14
March 24	Judges 16-18	Joshua 5-8	Luke 1:26-56	John 15
March 25	Judges 19-21	Joshua 9-11	Luke 1:57-80	John 16
March 26	Ruth	Joshua 12-15	Luke 2:1-20	John 17
March 27	1 Samuel 1-3	Joshua 16-18	Sunday: No Reading	John 18

*"I know that all God's commands are spiritual, but I'm not. Isn't this also your experience?? Yes. I'm full of myself-- after all, I've spent a long time in sin's prison. What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can't be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God's command is necessary". (Romans 7:14-16)*

*Lord,* on this Palm Sunday we remember your journey into Jerusalem. It reminds us to retrace our own steps in life, evaluating where we have been and charting a course where you want to take us. Prepare our hearts for this Passion Week so we can walk with you on our journey called "faith".  
 In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Saturday Christian Education Classes**

3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	No class on Saturday, March 26	Classroom 3
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**Sunday Christian Education Classes**

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	No Class on Easter Sunday	Chapel
9 a.m.	Disciple II	No Class on Easter Sunday	Classroom 3
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	No Class on Easter Sunday	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	No Class on Easter Sunday	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	No Class on Easter Sunday	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	No Class on Easter Sunday	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	No Class on Easter Sunday	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	No Class on Easter Sunday	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	No Class on Easter Sunday	Classroom 11

**New Covenant United Methodist Church**

Contemporary Worship Saturday 5:00 p.m.      3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162  
 Phone: 352-750-4529 • (Fax) 352-259-2971  
 Blended Worship Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.      Email: ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org  
 Children's Orchard Worship Sunday 10:45 a.m.      Website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org  
 Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center) Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m.      Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home

**Worship attendance for last week: 2,714**  
 (BEACH) 51 • (Celebrate Recovery) 94 • (Youth) 17 • (Orchard Worship) 18  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 337 • (Sunday) 7:45-266 • 9:15-849 • 10:45-715  
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30-166 • 10:00-201

**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."*

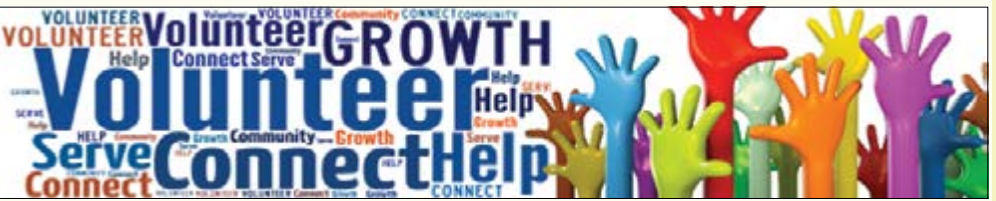
**Easter Floral Cross - Summerhill Campus**  
 Don't forget to bring your single, cut flower next weekend. We will have live floral crosses outside each entrance to the Narthex for you to place your own home-grown single flower.

**Easter Crosses**  
 The Easter crosses are here, but supplies are limited! Visit the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex between Worship Services this weekend 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@new-covenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jistre@new-covenantumc-fl.org), or JulieAnn Davis at (814) 450-4899 or [kpdandjad@roadrunner.com](mailto:kpdandjad@roadrunner.com).



**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.

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

# Bible Studies Ministries

**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.

**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.

**NO WOW Dinner on March 23**  
 Coming up at our after-dinner programs  
 On March 30, please join us for dinner followed by our SALT Quarterly Review. (Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the program begins at 5:30 p.m.)

**April 6–May 11**  
 Watch the movie, *War Room*, followed by a Small Group Bible Study.

**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.

**Emmaus Gathering**  
 Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel  
 Anyone who has attended an Emmaus Walk, Cursillo, or Tres Dias is invited to the Tri-County Emmaus Gathering. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, singing, and communion. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Nancy Casto at 633-3288 or [nancasto@gmail.com](mailto:nancasto@gmail.com).

**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.



**April Women's Gathering**  
 Thursday, April 21 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center  
 "Out of Our Spout! Teapots with Character!" Come and join us for a tea party! Our topic will be about speaking to others as God would like us to speak. A luncheon will follow our program. Tickets are \$5.

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.



**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 [kelleys67@aol.com](mailto:kelleys67@aol.com).

**Volunteers Needed at Bargains & Blessings**  
 Bargains and Blessings is looking for volunteers for the donation intake division of the store. Over 20 positions will soon be vacant due to our volunteers traveling up north. If you are interested, please stop by the kiosk this weekend or call Betty Montgomery at 352-751-6798.

**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 13, we have collected \$42,406.**

**FACT: Only one in every five water bottles are recycled.**



**Hope for Hurting Parents**  
 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.

**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.

**Life Inventories Available**  
 A Life Inventory Form helps your church and your family with any final plans you wish to have for your memorial service. They are kept on file in the Care Office, so this handy reference is available to help with your requests. New Members receive these in their information packet.

Completing a Life Inventory Form early allows you the opportunity to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider the aspects you want in your memorial service. Please stop by the Care Office and pick up one at any time.

**Hospital Visitations**  
 Please be sure to let your church know when you are having a procedure, surgery, or if you unexpectedly end up in the hospital. Designate a neighbor or friend to call and let us know. We want to be able to care for you, and support you in prayer. No procedure or event is too small.

**The Gift of Prayer**  
 The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Kim McDonald who has cancer and Maureen who has pancreatic cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...**  
 The family and friends of Carol Lee Shannon who passed on March 9; Roger Soukup's wife Jan, his 98-year old mother, children and friends on his passing on March 13; Pastor Marilyn Anell and Linda Rimington, along with their husbands Tom and Randy and families, on the passing of their mother Marge Knox on March 13; and Bill Windham's wife Ginny, family and friends on his passing.

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:					
Ashley	Kenny Chapple	Denise Clift	Joan Maitland Cout	Claudia Dermis	Karen Fedro
Holly Hallet & Debra Sanders	Luann Hartieb	Jeff Hogge	Wayne Hogge	John Kaiser	John Long
Linda Meehan	Danny & Carole Millsaps	Jan McCoy	Joe Powell	Barbara Serino	Jonna Sheeder
Phyllis Shivey	Tammi	Christi Woodson	Alexandria Webb	Scott Coleman	Those affected by the flood
Sandi Snell	Melissa				

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### **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 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.

### **Bach with a Beat Spring Concert**

*Thursday, April 7 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center*



Join us as Bach with a Beat returns to New Covenant to present its spring concert.

- General Admission Tickets: \$15

Tickets may be purchased at The Villages Box Office



### **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 Tickets: \$10

For tickets or more information, please call Paul Kramer at 259-8748 or Sylvia Gardner at 259-5941. Tickets are also available at Love INC Centsible Furnishings.



### **Titanic Anniversary Event**

*Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center*

The 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic will be commemorated as John W. W. Sherer, organist, presents music of the era, music heard on board the ship, and music written to honor the victims of this disaster. Historical narration and video clips will accompany this program.

- Artist Circle Tickets: \$25 • General Admission Tickets: \$15

Artist Circle ticket holders will enjoy a Dessert Reception immediately following the program. Meet the artist as you enter the Captain's Dining Room. Tickets may be purchased at The West Narthex Ticket Kiosk, The Villages Box Office and on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)



### **The Villages Wind Ensemble**

*Sunday, April 17 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center*

A Spring concert presented by the Villages Wind Ensemble under the direction of Jill Van Syckle. A portion of the net proceeds benefits New Covenant's Missions in Bombita, Dominican Republic.

- 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.