



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

**Our Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

**Our Vision:** To be a thriving body of Christ by being His hands, feet, and voice in the World.

**Our Core Values:** Spiritual Growth  
 ~ Hospitality ~ Generosity ~  
 Community ~ Invitational  
 ~ Service ~ Caring



Founded in 1975, Stephen Ministry is an international, multi-denominational, one-to-one ministry of Christian caring. There are more than 13,000 congregations enrolled in the Stephen Ministry program in 25 countries worldwide. The Stephen Ministry caring relationship is completely confidential.

More than 600,000 people have been trained as Stephen Ministers in their local churches. Today, New Covenant is commissioning eight new Stephen Ministers to join our existing 24 Stephen Ministers:

- Sharon Acton
- Liz Doyle
- Mike Doyle
- Suzi McGinnis
- Janice Swartz
- Judy Tillmann
- Stephen Wright
- Susan Yinger

Join us today as we prayerfully send our new Stephen Ministers into the congregation and the community.

**What does a Stephen Minister do?**

**We are there for you when...**

- The doctor says "I have some unfortunate news."
- You have been suffering with an extended illness.
- The nursing home director smiles and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- You get a pink slip in your paycheck.
- A family member is seriously ill or has died.

After the last casserole is finished, the cards stop coming in the mail, friends and family have returned home and resumed their normal lives, but YOU haven't resumed YOUR normal life. We walk with you, confidentially, for as long as we are needed. We listen, comfort, laugh and pray with you.

To experience the blessings — both given and received — to be found in Stephen Ministry, contact a Stephen Minister, the New Covenant Care Office, or a pastor.

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 15	1 Kings 8-9	Psalms 7; 27; 31; 34; 52	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 15
April 16	1 Kings 10-11	Psalms 56; 120; 140-142	Luke 11:11-32	Matthew 16
April 17	1 Kings 12-14	1 Samuel 25-27	Luke 11:33-54	Matthew 17
April 18	1 Kings 15-17	Psalms 17; 35; 54; 63	Luke 12:1-34	Matthew 18
April 19	1 Kings 18-20	1 Samuel 28-31; Psalm 18	Luke 12:35-59	Matthew 19
April 20	1 Kings 21-22	Psalms 121; 123-125; 128-130	Luke 13:1-21	Matthew 20
April 21	2 Kings 1-3	2 Samuel 1-4	Luke 13:22-14:14	Matthew 21
April 22	2 Kings 4-5	Psalms 6; 8-10; 14; 16; 19; 21	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 22

Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch." Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets." (Luke 5:3-5)

Lord, each day you call us to be responsible with the life you have given. Help us to be obedient to the ongoing call upon our lives to love you and love our neighbor as ourselves. We are humbled that you keep calling. Give us the courage to keep answering. We love you, Lord. In Jesus Christ's Holy 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	Jesus' Devotion to the Hebrew Bible	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	Acknowledging God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Spirituality and the Twelve Steps	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

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



**Worship Attendance for Holy Week: 2,660**  
 (BEACH) 41 • (Roots) 15 • (Celebrate Recovery) 71 • (Fresh Expressions) 55  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 280 • (Orchard Worship) 8 • (Grounded Youth Group) 21  
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-184 • 9:15-804 • 10:45-623  
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-211 • 9:45-229 • 11:00-118

**TidBits**

**Altar Flowers**  
 The Altar Flowers have been provided by: Sharon Rieve in memory of her husband Hap on the fourth anniversary of his passing; Sid & Stephanie Drain in memory of his parents Walter Drain & Ruth Plym, and his brother Larry Drain; and Peggy Dresser in memory of her husband Dick on his birthday.

**The Villages Concert Band and Villages High School Band**  
**Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center**  
 Support our partnership with The Villages Charter School by attending this performance joining The Villages Concert Band, directed by our own Jean Butler, and The Villages Charter School High School Band directed by Linda Quinn.

Making their DEBUT performance, enjoy the music while extending the warm hospitality of New Covenant to the students and their families who will be visiting our campus.

**Tickets: \$15**  
 A portion of the net proceeds will benefit The Villages Charter High School Band, The Villages Concert Band, and the Music Ministries of New Covenant.

Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will apply), at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services, and at the door one hour before performance.

**Fifth Sunday Night Hymn Sing**  
**Sunday, April 29 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center**  
 Ken Wadley returns to join Sean Pollock for our Fifth Sunday Night Hymn Sing. Mark your calendar and invite a friend to this night of singing the great hymns of our faith.

**Men's Retreat Make Up Session!**  
**Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and**  
**Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Fellowship Center**  
 If you were unable to attend last month's Men's Retreat, you have an opportunity to attend a two-part, make-up session.

You may register at Men's Prayer Breakfast, or between Worship Services on April 21/22 or April 28/29 at a kiosk in the East Narthex. For more information, please contact Don Buckley at (919) 662-6360.

**Show Tunes with Sean, Angie, and Janice**  
**Tuesday, May 8 at 4:45pm — Fellowship Center**  
 Enjoy a cabaret evening with Angie Rose, Sean Pollock, and Janice Schwartz as they share old standards, Broadway hits, and fun new tunes at our last Terrific Tuesday of the season. This is sure to be an evening that you don't want to miss!

**Menu:** Manhattan Clam Chowder; Tossed Garden Salad w/Lemon-Mustard Vinaigrette; Roast New York Sirloin; Baked Potato; Baked Tomato Stuffed with Creamed Peas; Dinner Rolls; Pastry Cream & Fruit Tart.

**\$12 General Admission (No Reserved Tables or Seating)**  
 You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, May 7. Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will apply), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.

# connections



## Table Talk Dinner Groups

Openings Now Available for April–June

Table Talk is a fun way to meet new people in a small group setting. Six people will meet once a month for dinner for three months. It can be in the home, at a restaurant, or a combination. If you are interested, please complete a form located at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex, and drop it in the box.

Please contact Patty Halstead at [patty.charlie@comcast.net](mailto:patty.charlie@comcast.net) or 633-2470 with questions.



## Solo Flight Singles Monthly Gathering

Friday, April 20 from 4–6 p.m. — Chapel

All singles are invited to attend! There will be a discussion on “What is a ministry and where do we go from here?” Our “Summer Breakfast and Lunch Groups” sign-ups will also be available.

You are invited to an enjoyable time of friendship and hospitality. For more information, please contact Laura Tomich at [la339@embarqmail.com](mailto:la339@embarqmail.com) or (352) 259-1200.



## New Member Classes

Lake Deaton Campus: Sunday, June 10 from 12:15–1:45 p.m.

Summerhill Campus: Monday, June 11 from 6–7:30 p.m.

You may register for either class on our website. Click the “Registrations” tab at the top of the homepage, then select any of the “Open Registrations” buttons. You may also fill out a Registration form available at the Welcome Centers in the East or West Narthexes.

For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Connect Small Groups — Facilitators Needed!

Facilitators are needed for Connect Small Groups! If this is an area where you would like to serve, you will not have to figure it out on your own. Support, coaching, materials, networking with other facilitators, and training workshops are available. These tools will help you develop or improve your skills in engaging others in discussions with a Christ-Centered focus. Groups also enjoy connecting, caring, and community.

If you have an interest in being a facilitator, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or call (352) 750-4529.



## Discover New Covenant

Saturday at 4–4:45 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Sunday from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Cardinal Alcove

Learn more about New Covenant and get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, Bible Studies, Connect Small Groups, and Membership. For more information, contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Abba Art

Tuesdays from 1–4 p.m. — Classrooms 1 & 3

Abba Art focuses on learning and creating art, as well as increasing spiritual growth, is in need of an artist who would assist in the development of goals.

All art mediums are explored, and everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Cindy O’Lear at (810) 919-4370.

# Outreach



## Gleaning Sweet Corn

Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 a.m. — West Parking Lot

We have the opportunity to glean sweet corn in the Mt. Dora area. We will meet at the church by 7:15 a.m. and leave in the church bus by 7:30 a.m.

If you can join us, please contact Leon Schien at (352) 245-6615 or [leonschien@gmail.com](mailto:leonschien@gmail.com).



## The Octavians

Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m. — Hope Lutheran Church (CR 466)

The Octavians, a group of seasoned performers, will perform here in The Villages. All proceeds benefit House of Hope, a nonprofit residential substance abuse treatment program in Wildwood.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Village Box Office, or at the door.



## Helping Hands/Bargains & Blessings Volunteers Needed

The Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop currently needs volunteers to assist with scheduling donation pickups. The volunteers need general computer skills. This position may be done from a home computer or in the store. This is an important part of our donation process and we greatly appreciate any support you can provide.

For more information, please call Volunteer Coordinator Betty Montgomery (352) 751-6798 or Jane Sirek (352) 817-1896 for more information.



## Spring Food Drive

Many thanks to our New Covenant family who donated to the recent food drive. This vital community outreach has been providing food supplements to families in North Sumter County since 2005. During 2017, the food we distributed reached nearly 10,000 family members in our service area. Your efforts were a great success, again!



## Newspaper Recycling

Did you know that you can recycle your newspapers here? We have a large recycling container behind the church kitchen. All proceeds from your recycled newspapers are returned to the church to be used for our various ministries. **Please note: We do not accept cardboard.**



## Volunteers Needed for College Connection!

We are searching for volunteers to write a monthly note or card, and/or send our college students an occasional “care package.”

We want to let them know we are supporting and thinking about them during the school year. It does not need to be fancy or expensive, just an occasional reminder that they are still connected with New Covenant.

For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or [kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org). Be creative, caring, and connecting!

SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS	* Full-day Camp	TKC Session 1	May 29-June 6
	Family Fun	Tech Talk/Water Day	June 16
	* Half-day Camp	Upward Basketball	June 18-22
	Family Fun	Movie Night: The Star	July 13
	Family Fun	Block Party: LEGOS	July 27
	Full-day Camp	TKC Session 2	July 31-August 8

\* Register on our website: Click the “Registrations” tab at the top of the homepage and select “Browse Summerhill Open Registrations”

# Congregational Care



## Health Education Speaker Series

Monday, April 16 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Please join us for Carol Fortune, area licensed counselor, to discuss depression in senior adults. This is an important topic, and we are glad to welcome Carol! This will be our last speaker until the Fall. This is a free event and open to the public.



## Congregational Health Needs More Volunteers

We are always looking for people who are passionate about their health — in keeping fit, active, and informed. Join our Congregational Health Team!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).



## We Cannot Care Unless We Are Aware!

We need to hear from you or a designee when you are sick, in the hospital, or having a procedure! We want to walk alongside you in prayer. Please contact the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: John Riley who has colon cancer; Owen La Branch, a six-month-old child with a heart defect; Sally Desjardins who has four types of cancer; Rozella Knight who has lung cancer; and Bonnie Fisher who has persistent leg infections. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Carol Thomas, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dick; and Gary & Sharon Musch, family and friends on the passing of their son-in-law Bill Musser.

*For dates and locations of memorial services, please visit our website.*

### New Concerns

Elsa Aniaades, Al Bell, Jody Campbell, Charles Carter, Alice Chaplain, Marty & Chuck Dorsey, Janet Franz, Donna Gravely, Holly Hallett, Tony James, Sandy Le Blanc, Joyce Leimbach, Theresa Ludwig, Jackie McCollum, Bill McIntyre, Sarah Perry, Bob Poliquin, John Riley, Bob & Pat Spicer, Bill & Peg Werner, Mahlon Williams, Pat & Ed Wiggins



## The Lake Deaton Wish List

The Lake Deaton building project is proceeding on schedule. We have distributed to the Lake Deaton congregation a “Wish List” to help furnish and accent the building. One of the items on that list is 1,000 chairs at a cost of \$40 per chair. If you would like to contribute to this “Chair Fund,” cards and envelopes may be found at the Welcome Center in the East and West Narthexes.

Please place your completed card, with your donation, in the envelope provided and return it to the Administration Office.



## Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides

*How Christianity was Won... Peter, A Trailblazer for Faith*

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.

All weekly guides are also available on our website — just click the “Worship” button and select “Sermon Series.” Choose whichever series you wish to download.