

Karen Cleveland in memory of her husband Jim on the anniversary of his death; and Larry & Mary Russo in memory of Lena Russo on her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

## DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDIES



### Register for Upcoming Classes/Bible Studies

You can register from home on our website by clicking the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page. Select the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button. Click on the class that you want to take and follow the prompts to register and pay. You may pay with a credit or debit card, or electronic check (NO AMEX and NO cash).

#### Registration closes Monday, September 24 for the following Classes/Studies...

##### The Great Traditions of the Christian Faith

- Fridays, October 5–November 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Instructor: Rev. Ken Pyles

##### Network Class/Spiritual Gifts (Member Path Class)

- Wednesdays, September 26–November 14 from 9–10:30 a.m.  
Instructor: Gary Cantrell

##### John Wesley and Our Wesleyan Heritage (Member Path Class)

- Wednesdays, October 17 and 24 from 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
Instructor: Pastor Harold

Member Path Classes typically follow soon after your New Member Class, but are also open to all congregants. These classes move you closer to fellowship, ministry, and relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions on registering for a class, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@new-covenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@new-covenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.



### Look, Learn, Lead Guides & Small Group Study Questions

If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide, or "Small Group Study Questions" for those who want to delve deeper into Pastor Harold's sermon series, they are available on a table in front of the Ticket Kiosk, and a kiosk and a table in the East Narthex.

All "LLL" study guides are also available on our website. Just click the "Worship" button and select "Sermon Series." Choose whichever series you wish to download.



### Don Piper Presentation

Wednesday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. — Christian Life Center

The Dinner with Don Piper is SOLD OUT. However, due to an overwhelming response, his presentation will be in the CLC. A love offering will be accepted.

If you were not able to purchase a ticket for dinner, please come to hear Don's presentation and be among the first to purchase his new book, *People I Met At The Gate of Heaven*.



### Trunk or Treat is Coming Soon!

Wednesday, October 31 from 5–8 p.m. — West Parking Lot

This year we will be hosting Trunk or Treat at our Summerhill Campus. Join us in your decorated car or golf cart as we pass out candy to the children and families in our community.

We encourage those who are able to decorate their vehicle as well as dress up themselves. Please keep "spooky" themes mild, as we always have little ones in attendance. We ask that you bring 400 pieces of candy to pass out, as our average Trunk or Treat attendance is over 300. If you are passing out Candy, please arrive by 4:30 p.m. and plan to stay for the duration of the event. Children will be walking around and we do not want moving vehicles. We encourage you to bring chairs, umbrellas, water, etc. No concessions or extra activities will be held. Candy donations are accepted and can be dropped off in the Administration Office.

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
September 23	Amos 6-9	Esther 1-5	Sunday: No Reading	John 18
September 24	Obadiah-Jonah	Esther 6-10	2 Corinthians 7:2–8:15	John 19
September 25	Micah 1-7	Ezra 7-10	2 Corinthians 8:16–9:15	John 20
September 26	Nahum 1-3	Nehemiah 1-5	2 Corinthians 10:1–11:4	John 21
September 27	Habakkuk-Zephaniah	Nehemiah 6-7	2 Corinthians 11:5–33	Acts 1:1-14
September 28	Haggai 1-2	Nehemiah 8-10	2 Corinthians 12–13	Matthew 1
September 29	Zechariah 1-7	Nehemiah 11-13; Psalm 126	Galatians 1:1–17	Matthew 2
September 30	Zechariah 8-14	Malachi 1-4	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 3

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

Lord, you are inspiration and hope for all eternity; our crown of righteousness awaits. Thank you for what you have done for us to attain such a grace gift. We are blessed. 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	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	The Book of Romans	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Spiritual Blindness	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Genesis	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian Group Discussion	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Death & Dying	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Spiritual Blindness	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 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162  
Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m. Fax: 352-259-2971  
Email: [ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org)

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162  
Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1) Website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center) 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162  
Sunday 9:00 • 10:30 a.m. Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home

♿ Accessible • Hearing Assistive Devices are available at the Welcome Center. Handicap seating is available throughout the Christian Life Center.

Like us on Facebook: [New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home](https://www.facebook.com/newcovenantumc-fl.org)  
We regularly update our Facebook page with photos, announcements, and events.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,212  
(Celebrate Recovery) 47 • (Fresh Expressions) 69 • (Bus Trip) 53  
(Orchard Worship) 6 • (Grounded Youth Group) 27  
(Saturday Contemporary) 278 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–210 • 9:15–632 • 10:45–492  
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00–207 • 10:30–191



**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

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of  
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



### Operation Christmas Shoe Box (October)

Shoe Box Distribution and Collection: Saturday, October 6 – Sunday, October 28

This is your opportunity to fill a shoe box with Christmas gifts and a note letting a child know that Jesus loves them. Everything you need is provided: the box, instructions on filling the box, and how and when to return the filled box. It is a blessing for children who may not receive a gift any other time of the year.

### Christmas Wish Tree (November)

Gift Tag Distribution and Gift Drop-off: Saturday, November 3 – Sunday, December 2

Our Outreach ministry will host our annual Christmas Wish Tree event throughout November. Visit the Christmas Wish trees located in the East and West Narthexes to choose your tag with a child's "wish list."

### Wildwood Food Pantry Fall Food Drive (November)

Bag Distribution: November 10 and 11 — Food Collection: November 17 and 18

The food bags will be left on your car or golf cart with complete instruction on how to fill your bag and then return it the following weekend by leaving it outside your car or golf cart for pick up by the Food Pantry volunteers.

### Staff Love Offering (November & December)

Offering Envelopes in Your Weekly Bulletin: November 23 and 24 and December 1 and 2

### Giving in the Spirit (December)

Books Distribution: December 1 and 2

Giving in the Spirit is a unique opportunity for us to give a special gift at Christmas. You may choose from one or more of our Outreach Ministries/Missions. When you receive your booklet, simply complete the donation form provided in your book and return it with your check in the included envelope by placing it in the donation plate December 8–30.

### Christmas Eve Love Offering (December)

Wildwood Mentee Scholarship Fund is our collection at our Christmas Eve services.

If you have any questions about any of these giving opportunities, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum, Coordinator, Outreach Ministries, at (352) 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

# Outreach



## Helping Hands Bargains & Blessing Volunteers Sunday, September 23 at 4 p.m. — Chapel

All Helping Hands and Bargains & Blessings volunteers — and any individuals interested in volunteering — are invited to this General Meeting. Hear what's going on at the Resale Shop, Home Repairs and Construction, and assistance to families in the Wildwood community. Bring your questions and suggestions.



## The Florida United Methodist Children's Home Fifth Sunday Weekend is Next Weekend, September 29/30

The Children's Home includes residential living, therapeutic care, and foster and emergency shelter. On average, about 75 percent of our total funding comes from private sources, such as individual church support. Your offering enables the Children's Home to maintain its ministry to the children, youth, and their families. Look for the envelope in next weekend's bulletin.



## ZOE Introduction and Travel Meeting Monday, September 24 at 2 p.m. — Chapel

Ms. Ann Eppinger, Director on The ZOE International Board, is coming to New Covenant to provide information and answer questions about the upcoming ZOE mission trips to Zimbabwe, Africa and India.

In addition, she will explain the mission and programs of ZOE International. If you would like to learn more about ZOE or have signed up for one of the trips, please join us for this informative meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ)

"Thank You, New Covenant for participating in the Love INC 'Clothe-A-Kid' program that helped to provide clothing to over 175 children for the upcoming school year." Love INC unites and supports all local Christian churches in service, regardless of denomination.

Sylvia Gardner, New Covenant's Church Ministry Coordinator, along with the entire Love INC organization, appreciate our continued support.

# TidBits



## Volunteer Opportunity

If you are interested in learning how to operate the lighting during our week-end Worship Services, please contact David Berardi at (352) 750-4529. Training will be provided.



## Coffee Bar Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to join the coffee bar team on Sunday mornings. There are two shifts that need to be covered: 7-9 a.m. and 9-11 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Howard Bond at (352) 753-0356 or [rdiane46@comcast.net](mailto:rdiane46@comcast.net).



## Lake Deaton Campus "Floor Signing"

Sunday, September 30 from 2:30-4 p.m. — Lake Deaton Campus

Please plan to be a part of a very special event at the Lake Deaton Campus.

This is your opportunity to get inside the new building and to sign the floor. Be thinking of your favorite scripture or a blessing that you would like to write on the floor of the Lake Deaton Christian Life Center or Narthex, where it will always be under our feet as we use our building to grow in grace and go out to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus Christ to the world.

# connections



## Table Talk

We are organizing the next round of Table Talk Dinner Groups for October through December. Table Talk is a fun way to meet new people in a relaxed setting. Six people gather for dinner once a month for three months. It can be at home, at a restaurant, or a combination.

If you are interested in joining this session, please complete a form located at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex. For more information, please contact Patty Halstead at [patty.charlie@comcast.net](mailto:patty.charlie@comcast.net) or 633-2470 with questions.



## ABBA Art/Painting

Tuesday, September 18 at 1 p.m. — Classroom 1

Under the leadership of Cindy O'Lear, classes resume this month. For more information, please contact Cindy at (810) 919-4370.



## The Poetry Corner

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. — Cardinal Alcove

Join Paula DeLuca for our fall poetry classes. For more information, please contact Paula at (352) 445-5028.



## New Men's Group Forming

Thursdays, beginning September 27 from 8-9 a.m.

Are you looking to join a Men's Small Group? A new group is forming and will meet in a church member's home in the Village of Summerhill (near the church).

If you are interested, please send your name and phone number to Jess Miller at [olecokeman@gmail.com](mailto:olecokeman@gmail.com). Group size will be limited to 6. Jess will call you with his home address.



## New Member Class

Summerhill Campus: Monday, October 22 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 fill out a New Member Registration found at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex, Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex, or the Administration Office. The completed forms may be left at the Connectional Ministry kiosk. For more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or [jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Identify Your Spiritual Gifts

Pastor Harold talked about identifying your spiritual gifts by taking a "Spiritual Gifts Survey/Assessment." Discovering and exercising your God-given spiritual gifts allows you to experience maximum fulfillment with minimum frustration in your Christian life and ministry.

You may learn more about spiritual gifts in the upcoming eight-week *Network/Spiritual Gifts* class taught by Gary Cantrell (see class information under Discipleship). There are only eight spots left in the class. Register today on our website.

Use one or both of the links below to take a survey and learn more about your personal spiritual gifts.

<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/>

[www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment)

# Congregational Care



## Congregational Care Ministers Training

Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26 — Summerhill Campus

Congregational Care Ministers — or CCMs — are laypersons who work alongside pastors to provide quality care for their church family.

New Covenant is committed to excellence in all we do, so this is another way we can provide excellent care to those who are in need of prayer and pastoral support. As we continue to grow, this laity-run ministry will allow us to truly meet our Vision of being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus for more people in their times of need.

Interested laypersons will complete an application process and attend the training. Spiritual gifts of mercy, prayer and service are also important. Being willing to commit to an average of three hours per week is required.

CCMs carry the love of Christ forward to those who are undergoing a procedure or surgery and to those in need of prayer. CCMs allow us to help walk with you in the season of need. We are committed to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus to this community and to the world, and CCMs are a living, breathing extension of the pastors and staff.

We need interested laypersons! We are privileged to host Rev. Karen Lampe and Rev. Wendy Chrostek from Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City to teach in a two-day training session Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26 at the Summerhill campus. Pick up an application in the Congregational Care office.

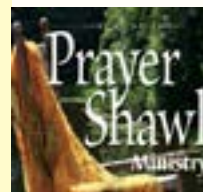


## Yoga Classes

Mondays from 4-6p.m. — Christian Life Center

Please join us for our weekly yoga classes. Intermediate yoga is at 4 p.m. and gentle restorative yoga is at 5 p.m. Yoga is a wonderful practice that increases flexibility and improves balance. A suggested \$3 donation per class goes to support our Congregational Health Ministry.

For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh at [kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org), or Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).



## Happy Hands Knitting & Crocheting Group

Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Classroom 14

Happy Hands Knitting and Crocheting meets each week and welcomes donations of yarn. If you are able to help, please drop off your donations in the Congregational Care Department.



## Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursdays at 2 p.m. — Classroom 14

If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life-altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you — the parent or grandparent.

We cannot solve the problems of your loved one, but we can assist you in how you respond to them. We are here to provide support for you, the parent or grandparent. For more information, please call the Care office at (352) 750-4529. We welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members,



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Kerin Coonan, a 19-year-old girl with deteriorating health; Dean Backman, a 15-month-old baby burned by hot tea; Dennise Hart who had a heart attack; and Joan Anderson who is gravely ill. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

### New Concerns

Brooke Buckner, Bev Crawford, Val & Eleanor Harris, Art Inman, Sally Kyriakakos, Jim Maier, Sandra Mercer, Ron Pitts, Sue Rainey, Sabine Anna Roeder, Lisa Rogers, Jack Schaedel, David Shelton & family, Tim Stuchal, Van Swanson, Carol Van Nice, Floyd Willhoite

# tickets

**The Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex is open between Worship Services. Stop by to purchase tickets supporting the various ministries of New Covenant (unless otherwise noted).**

**Tickets are also available on our website (credit card fees will apply).**



## **Semi-Annual Youth Car Wash**

**October 6 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. — West Parking Lot**

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or [kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

**Tickets: \$5**

One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



## **Church-wide Dinner and a FREE Movie**

**Thursday, October 11 at 5:15 p.m. — Fellowship Center**

Attention Ladies & Gentlemen — Bring your spouse, significant other, friends or neighbors and join us for this **CHURCH-wide Dinner and FREE Movie** supporting our Youth!

This promises to be a fun evening as you enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Chef John and hopefully make new friends as well. AND, once your appetite has been satisfied, remain for the FREE MOVIE. Don't ask the title — it's a surprise! The Men's Ministry Team promises you will enjoy their selection.

Menu: Arugula & Spring Greens with Apples, Parsnips, and Buttermilk Dressing; Grilled New York Strip Steak and Crabmeat Stuffed Shrimp; Parmesan Duchess Potatoes; Key Largo Vegetable Blend; Dinner Roll; and New York Style Cheesecake with Fresh Berry Topping

**Tickets: \$12.50**

You must purchase a ticket by noon, Monday, October 8.

One hundred percent of the net proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



## **Gordon Mote with guest Angie Rose**

**Sunday, October 14 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center**

Tickets for the Gordon Mote Concert with our very own Angie Rose are on sale at all outlets of The Villages Box Office. Don't miss our opening concert of the fall season, and enjoy the dynamic sounds of these two artists.

**Tickets: \$20 (Artist Circle) • \$15 (General Admission)**

**Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.**

Net proceeds will benefit New Covenant's Congregational Care Ministries.



## **October Women's Gathering**

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

We're heading out on Noah's Ark — with the animals and all! Come and find out what we can learn from Noah and his "crew." Lunch is included and follows our program.

Menu: Roast Chicken, Roasted Root Vegetables, Herbed Barley Pilaf with Butter-basted Mushrooms, and Baklava

**Tickets: \$7**

Tickets are on sale now. You must purchase your ticket by noon on Monday, October 15.



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## **The Music of Michael Bublé with the Clark Barrios Band and Horn Section**

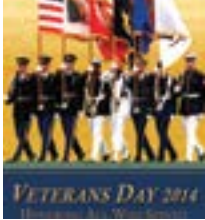
*Friday, November 9 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center*

Presented by Clark Barrios and One Voice Entertainment.

The music of Frank Sinatra to Willie Nelson, Nina Simone to Van Morrison. Join Clark and his band as they bring you the best of a musical catalog from one of today's premier crooners. From original Bublé hits to remakes of your favorites, this will be a night to rekindle your passion with these hit songs and the one you love.

**Please Note:** Due to a scheduling conflict, Clark will present The Atlantic City Boys at a later date. But, he guarantees you will enjoy this tribute to Michael Bublé, including songs from Frank Sinatra.

Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.



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## **Celebration Brass Band's Salute to Veterans**

*Sunday, November 11 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center*

The Celebration Brass Band, with Jill Van Syckle conducting, will present a concert of patriotic music to honor our military veterans. Civil War tunes, America the Beautiful, Stars and Stripes Forever, and a tribute to Leonard Bernstein will highlight this special program.

**Tickets \$15**

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit the Summer Mission Trips of New Covenant's Youth Ministry.



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## **The Booth Brothers in Concert**

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

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

Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office, beginning Thursday, October 11.

A portion of the net proceeds benefits our Summerhill Men's Ministry.

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## **Watch for More Information on These Upcoming Events**

### ***The Villages Flute Choir***

- Thursday, November 29 at 6 p.m.

Suggested \$10 donation at the door benefits the Congregational Care Ministries of New Covenant

### ***The Choralettes — Too Old for Christmas?***

- Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m.

### ***Bach with a Beat***

- Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m.

Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office