



Friends of Crystal River UMC,

As we close out 2017 and begin 2018, I want to thank everyone in the Crystal River UMC community for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness.

We renewed those vows on Sunday as we baptized Conner Briggs, son of Robert and Tonya Briggs. In addition, we renewed our vows to be faithful to God and His church as we brought into the church, through profession of faith, John and Beverly Goode, and Russ and Jo Steele. When you see these brothers or sisters around the church, thank them for taking the step of membership.

We are have until the 12th of January to pay out our missional expectations for the ministries we support as a United Methodist Church. If you have not shared a gift or if you can share a gift, please help us make this goal. We are \$1500.00 short in meeting our missional expectations. Thank you for all you have done to support CRUMC over the past year. If you have not made a financial commitment in writing, it would be helpful to the finance team as they set our financial course for 2018. Just like your household, the financial obligations are there for this larger family we call CRUMC. One of our big obligations is our monthly mortgage of \$7400.00. Your gifts make it possible for you and I to enjoy this beautiful campus and all that it has to offer to our community. Consider making this a goal by helping with this expense each month. You can make an on-line contribution at [www.crumc.com](http://www.crumc.com). Remember you and I are God's money managers with the resources God already owns, and God gives us the privilege to manage those resources. Let us be good managers for God's Kingdom.

#### WEEKEND WORSHIP

Michele and I will be away for the next two weeks. This will be the first time I have been away for two weekends in the row. I am having to learn to let go and let God handle the church. The staff is prepared to continue to serve faithfully as they do every day. Rev. Gene Strange will be the pastor serving you over the next two weekends. Please continue to be faithful in your weekend presence

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**9:00 A.M.**  
**Traditional Service**

**10:30 A.M.**  
**Contemporary Service**

and in your serving, giving, and witness. You will be blessed by Gene's sermons. I will be in prayer for you, and it will be a time of renewal for us. Be blessed.

### NEW SERMON SERIES

We will begin a new four-week sermon series on Sunday, January 21 entitled, "The Elisha Chronicles." This will be a great series as we discover how Elisha responded to God's call on his life in very troubling times. Israel had been under the rule of some very questionable leaders for over 200 years when God calls Elisha to come and serve. Stay tuned for further details, and as always, invite your friends and family to worship with you.

Thank you for the privilege to serve God and you as a ministry couple at Crystal River UMC. Forgive us for not always hitting the mark, and thank you for offering us grace. Ministry is challenging for everyone who follows Christ. That is why grace always has to abound if we claim Christ as Lord and Savior. Have a great New Year, and be safe. Continue to love God and your neighbor, and know that God loves you!

Blessings,

Pastor David and Michele



Remember to stop by and sign the prayer cards on Sunday morning. Then if you would, take the time and write a personal note of encouragement to these persons as well. The Care Notes are available at the table on Sundays. Thanks for serving and caring together as the CRUMC family of faith.

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### 2018 JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC**

#### FRIDAY- JANUARY 5, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

#### SATURDAY- JANUARY 6, 2018

9:00 a.m. Our Father's Table  
(St. Anne's)  
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 7, 2017

9:00 a.m. Bring A Can Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Traditional (S)  
9:15 a.m. Upper Room (RM 8)  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary (S)  
10:30 a.m. Kennedy Disc. (RM 8)  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 415 (T)

#### MONDAY - JANUARY 8, 2018

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (S)

#### TUESDAY - JANUARY 9, 2018

9:00 a.m. Worship Design (RM 16)  
12:00 p.m. UMW Lunch (K & S)  
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)  
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

#### WEDNESDAY- JANUARY 10, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)

#### THURSDAY - JANUARY 11, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)  
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry (S)  
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)  
6:00 p.m. N. Citrus Civic Assoc. (T)  
7:00 p.m. 4-H (RM 20)

#### FRIDAY- JANUARY 12, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

#### SATURDAY- JANUARY 13, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

if you have a change or cancellation of a regularly scheduled meeting/Bible Study, please be sure to call the front office with your

North Central District  
Lay Servants Training Event  
February 24th, 2018  
Location:  
FUMC of Spring Hill  
9344 Spring Hill Drive  
Spring Hill, FL 34608

Applications can be obtained  
in the front office.

information so that our  
calendars remain current.  
Thank You!

Sanctuary- (S)  
Bethel Chapel- (BC)  
Choir Room- (C)  
Tabernacle- (T)  
Kitchen- (K)



## Church Office Hours

Mon. 9am - 3pm  
Tues. 9am - 3pm  
Wed. 9am - 12pm  
Thurs. 9am - 3pm  
Fri. 9am - 12pm



<https://www.facebook.com/Divinelyuniquethriftstore>

## January 29th Discovery Group



On January 29th @ 11 AM we will meet in the  
CRUMC Sanctuary for a special



January 6  
Rae Ledesma

January 7  
Bill Farrell

January 8  
Glen Corbin

presentation of Croatia by Judy Fowler.  
Please bring a lunch and, if you are able,  
a dessert to pass. Drinks will be provided.  
Please sign up @ the Connection Point

## Bring A Can Sunday



### Bright Beginnings Preschool

Infants through VPK  
Hours are  
6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Enrolling for VPK

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Call 352-795-1240

Lic# C05C10049

January 9  
Brandi Baldwin  
Dennis Pilon

January 10  
Karen Ryan

January 11  
Jess Hammond  
Jane Meek

If we have missed your  
Birthday, please contact the  
Care Team at

[careteam@crumc.com](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)



January 8

Chris & Don Dial

January 17

Irene & George Neitz

January 23

Cindy & Frank Pifer

If we have missed your  
anniversary, please  
contact the Care Team at

[careteam@crumc.com](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)

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# LIFEgroups

Contact Church Office for List at  
795-3148



Join us every Friday night for Celebrate Recovery.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Worship follows shortly  
after at 7 p.m.  
following with small groups

All are welcome to attend.

*Free child care is available - please call the church  
office to make arrangements!*

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Stephen Ministry is an ongoing  
ministry to meet the needs of  
persons going through a crisis  
or  
in need of care.

Stephen Ministers provide  
one-on-one confidential  
Christian Care giving to those  
in need. To refer yourself or  
someone else,  
call Judy Leavitt  
@ 352-746-7716.

Stephen Ministers meet every  
fourth Thursday of each month  
for continuing education and  
supervision.



**Do you love discussing  
Scripture  
and offering your  
thoughts on it?**

Then we have the perfect  
class for you!

9:15 a.m.-Upper Room Jesus  
Fellowship (Room 8)

10:30 a.m.- Kennedy  
Discussion Class (Room 8)

**We can't wait to see you  
there!**



CONGREGATIONAL  
CARE

Our Congregational Care  
Team helps to connect

*God Bless  
Your New Year*

The LORD bless you, and keep you:  
The LORD make his face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you:  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

people in the  
congregation through  
visitation, phone calls,  
emails, &  
correspondence.  
If you have a need, please  
call the office  
@ 352-795-3148  
or email  
[careteam@crumc.com](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)



Bright Beginnings  
Learning Academy  
is Accepting  
Applications  
for Kindergarten  
and First Grade.  
See Frank Pifer to  
apply or  
call 352/795-1240

[To view the best version of the message, please click here](#)

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