



Friends,

It has been a long two weeks. We have enjoyed our time away, but it has been a stressful time with my mother suffering a stroke on the first Sunday we were away, and then the week leading up to her death this past Monday evening. Thank you for your prayers and concerns for me and my family as we go through this time of grief. It has been a long seven years with her in the nursing home, but she is finally at rest. Thank you again for your love.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

We will begin a new sermon series this weekend entitled "The Elijah Chronicles." Elijah was an unknown prophet who appears from nowhere. We do not encounter Elijah until we come to the 17th chapter in I Kings. All we know is that he is from Tishbe in Gilead. We know that he confronts Ahab and Jezebel, who are rulers over Israel and are the most evil rulers who have ever ruled over Israel. Over the next four weeks we will examine how Elijah has been called to confront the evil of Ahab and Jezebel. We will see how God uses Elijah, and how God works through him to overcome the evil in Israel. The story of Elijah is contained in only three chapters. Chapters 17-19. Take some time and read about Elijah as we examine the life of Elijah, and find lessons for our lives. This week we will discover how God takes him through a season of preparation so he will be prepared to deal with Ahab and Jezebel. God is always preparing you and me for the next chapter in our lives, providing we are open to his leading. Check out the new sermon promo at <https://www.facebook.com/CrystalRiverUnitedMethodistChurch/> by sharing it with friends and family.

Once again, I am grateful for Rev. Gene Strange for taking the responsibility to lead in worship over these past two weeks. I am looking forward to seeing you in worship this weekend and I hope you will be in attendance as we begin this new series.

Blessings,

Pastor David

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Care Notes & Prayer Cards



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.

Joyce Caldwell

Service Times



9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

2018 JANUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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**ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC**

FRIDAY- JANUARY 19, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- JANUARY 20, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Healing Service at The Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

SUNDAY - JANUARY 21, 2018
8:00 a.m. Blood Drive
9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (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 22, 2018
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (S)

TUESDAY - JANUARY 23, 2018
9:00 a.m. Worship Design (RM 16)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- JANUARY 24, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)
6:30 Bethlehem Wrap Up (RM 16)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 25, 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)
10:00 a.m. S.M. Supervision (RM 18)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
7:00 p.m. A.H. (RM 20)



**Don't forget Blood Drive
this Sunday, January 21st
from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



Our Nomads will be returning on January 29th for three weeks. If you would like to show your appreciation for all that they do.... there will be a sign up sheet for lunches at the connection point.
Thank you for all you do to support our Nomads!!!



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.

FRIDAY- JANUARY 26, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- JANUARY 27, 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 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



Divinely Unique Thrift Store

5015 N. Citrus Ave - Crystal River, FL 34428
352/436-2221

Wed. Thru Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Well, what a Christmas busyness we have had! We are finally back to reaching out to you, our church family, about the thrift store.

The winter residents are back and shopping with us. The store looks great and we continue to be blessed with many donations of quality goods. I am always so grateful for the dedication of our staff of volunteers, both the ones the customers see and the back room folks that process every day. It is a joy to be there and see folks working and visiting and taking pride in their jobs, big or small, that make the store run so well.

Remember the flea market at the store last Feb? It's in the works again and, when all the right people have signed off on it, I will give you the facts so you can be gathering your goods and praying for good weather!

The storage container we have been waiting for is tagged with our name on it and should be arriving in a few days. We will have a big job moving into it but it is the right thing to do to own rather than rent one. We are excited about this long-awaited step.

The sale this week is clothing and shoes BOGO. Next week is fabric and crafts and linens.

We hope you visit often and recommend us to your friends and neighbors AND are always watching for the opportunity to help your neighbors find the perfect place for their no-longer-needed nice items.

Blessings to all,
Your Thrift Store Board

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



January 19

Jane Kegan

January 20

Earnie Olsen

January 21

Allison Baxter

January 23

David Hickey

January 25

Jerry Storey
Stacey Pich
Ronald Schmitt

January 26

Ann Hansen
David Hensel
Mary Lyons

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

careteam@crumc.com

January 29th
Discovery Group



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



The Annual Bell Ringer appreciation breakfast will be February 16th @ 8AM at the Homosassa United Methodist Church



Bright Beginnings Preschool

happy 
anniversary
 to
you

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



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.

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

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**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!*



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

Healing Service

The Nature Coast Chapter of the Order of St. Luke invites you to our second quarterly healing service this Saturday, January 20 at 5 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church. (We hosted the first one in Bethel Chapel just before the hurricane hit us.) Healing prayer stations will be available for you to



CONGREGATIONAL
CARE

Our Congregational Care
Team helps to connect
people in the
congregation through

come offer prayer requests for yourself and others. Please join us Saturday at 5 p.m. Fr. George Conger presiding. The church is located on Hwy. 486, just east of Hwy 491 in Lecanto.

visitation, phone calls, emails, & correspondence. If you have a need, please call the office @ 352-795-3148 or email careteam@crumc.com

LIFEgroups

**Please Contact
The Church
Office for a
Listing at 795-
3148**

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

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