



Friends,

I want to thank Rev. Gene Strange for sharing the Word of God with you this past weekend. I know Gene and Donna are a blessing in Michele's and my life as a clergy couple, and I know they are a blessing to CRUMC. Thank you Gene and Donna for sharing your lives and God's Word with us last weekend.

This has been a challenging couple of weeks. We lost George Neitz this past Monday morning. George went home in peace, in his sleep, Sunday night/Monday morning. His celebration of life service will be this Sunday at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. Come and surround and support Irene and her family as we celebrate George's life as a husband, father, grandfather and follower of Jesus. There will be a time of fellowship following the service.

Two weeks ago on Thursday Judy Surrick went home to be with the Lord. Her celebration of life service will be held on Wednesday, January 30th at 11:00 am in the Bethel Chapel. Judy and her husband Bill have been very active in the Food Bank ministry, the Discovery group, and various small group studies. Plan to come and share in Judy's Celebration of Life Service this coming Wednesday as we surround Bill and his family with the love of Jesus.

On a lighter note, we had a good week visiting with our children/daughter-in-law, and our grandchild Sutton in DC. Even though it was very cold on Monday and Tuesday this past week, we had a great visit and there was no snow to deal with, so that was a victory. It was interesting and a blessing to see a number of churches and other non-profit agencies offering food and other assistance to people in need because of the government shut down. It is a good witness on the part of the church and the body of Christ to see them offering help however they can. We pray that the leaders of our country can work together and stop the agendas so that this problem might be solved.

**WEEKEND WORSHIP**

We will begin a new sermon series this weekend. The series is

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entitled, "Reframing Your Thinking." The apostle Paul speaks to this issue in his own life on multiple occasions. In II Corinthians 10:5, Paul is reminding us that God's truth stands strong against the strongholds of this world, and as followers of Jesus we must take captive any thoughts that are not of God if we are going to remain obedient to God and His will for our lives. Paul speaks to this theme over and over again as to how we must "**Reframe Our Thinking**" so that it aligns with God's will. The theme and/or principle we will see throughout this series is this: "**Change Your Thinking, and you will Change your Life.**" Again, Paul speaks to this principle multiple times in his ministry. As another example, Romans 12:2 is another passage that reminds us how our thinking must be transformed by the renewing of our minds. I hope you will join me for this six-week series as we explore how we might seek out the Word of God to help us "**Change our Thinking, so we can Change our Lives.**" I believe the Apostle Paul will be very helpful in this area of our walk with Jesus.

#### SHARE OUR SPIRIT DINNER

I was pleased to hear we had a great turnout for the Share Our Spirit Dinner this past Wednesday evening. Between the dinner proceeds and some additional gifts, we raised over \$2,200.00 for finishing the addition to the Bethel Chapel. Thank you for the dedication of Russ and Jo Steele and the Choir for making this ministry event a reality. The Nomads will be with us this weekend to start their three-week mission work with us, and the Bethel Chapel is the top project we want to finish up in the next six weeks.

#### DINNER CHURCH

The next step in our work towards discerning the Dinner Church Ministry is to gather some folks into small groups to study a book entitled, "Welcome to Dinner Church." This study will consist of four sessions, meeting for one and a half hours each, so that we as a church might be more informed as to if and when we might decide to participate in this ministry outreach. The team of people who went to the training in November and December are not asking you to participate in holding a Dinner Church. They are simply asking you to give to the Lord first, the church second, six hours to meet, read, discuss, and pray about this ministry. The sign-up sheet and the times we will be offering this study in the month of February is at the Connection Point and at a table outside the Sanctuary doors. This is not a big ask, and there are no expectations beyond you giving your time to this six hour study. This is your church, and the decisions we make today will determine the story we will or will not tell tomorrow. So please offer yourself to this six-hour study. Look at the times being offered, and make a commitment to meeting together. Thank you in advance for making this commitment.

I look forward to seeing you in Worship on Sunday as we seek to Reframe Our Thinking. My hope is that we will want to reframe out thinking so we might not just know what God wants of us, but that our love for God will help us "Change our Thinking, so we can Change Our Lives," as followers of Jesus.

Blessings,  
Pastor David

**SUNDAY**  
WORSHIP TIMES

Traditional  
9:00 A.M.  
Contemporary  
10:30 A.M.

JANUARY 2019						
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		

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

#### FRIDAY- January 25, 2019

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

#### SATURDAY- January 26, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. Celebrate Leadership  
(RM 13)

#### SUNDAY - January 27, 2019

8:00 a.m. Life South Blood Drive  
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 28, 2019

6:00 p.m. Church Safety Seminar  
(S)  
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

#### TUESDAY - January 29, 2019

9:30 Worship Design (RM 13)  
6:00 p.m. SPRC (Room 13)  
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)  
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

#### WEDNESDAY- January 30, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
2:20 p.m. UMW Board (T)  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 22)

#### THURSDAY - January 31, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)  
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)

#### FRIDAY- February 1, 2019



Remember to stop by and sign the prayer cards on Sunday morning. Then if you would, take the time to 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.

Irene Neitz and Family  
 Karen Janota  
 Ruth Maughan  
 Elaine

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

**SATURDAY- February 2, 2019**  
 Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 9:00 a.m. Our Father's Table  
 (St. Anne's)  
 2:30 p.m. Celebrate Leadership  
 (RM 13)

**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)**



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

## PLEASE DON'T FORGET



To complete and return your  
 Estimate of Giving  
 Commitment Card

Extra commitment cards can be found at the connection point or by going to [www.crumc.com/giving.asp](http://www.crumc.com/giving.asp)



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy is Accepting Applications for Kindergarten, First & Second Grade.

To apply call 352/795-1240



Hello, Church Family,

Is it still ok to say Happy New Year? Don't know how it happened that January is nearing its end but time does roll right along. The

store continues to be very busy with donations and sales and especially with new customers. All is well. December activity was strong all month this year, much stronger than last year when we could almost have closed after the first week of December. God is Good.

We welcome some snowbird volunteers back on board and some new volunteers who came to work because they love the store. That's another good thing. And so glad to have Grace and brother and sister-in-law in church because of their contact with the store. Just what we pray daily will happen.

We had a Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Lunch and later a meeting for our volunteers to help the leadership team plan for the future. It was well attended and encouraging to us to hear those "in the trenches", who meet the customers every day, to share some needs, concerns and lots of praises that happen regularly. In the desire always to improve in every way, not just bottom line, we plan to do that type meeting regularly.

The date has been set and plans in place for another Steeple to Street Flea Market, Saturday, March 23. We're excited about another opportunity for outreach to the community and the chance to make some money for another improvement to the store, for other ministries to participate, and for CRUMC to be brought to the public eye in other ways than Sunday morning worship. That's the concept behind Steeple to Street. Please pray for all those goals to be met and for God to use it in ways we can't even imagine. Save the date and start now thinking how you can participate. Get your ministries out there!

Now, blessings to all of you for your wonderful donations, your pride in the store evidenced by bringing your friends and neighbors and your prayers for the continued successes.

In God's service,

Pattie and your Thrift Store Board



Give Blood This Sunday in the  
CRUMC Parking Lot  
before and after Services



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

**Now enrolling for VPK  
2018/2019 School Year**

VPK Hours  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
with wrap care  
available

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MON - THURS  
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.  
Closed Fridays



January 19

Jane Kegan

January 20

Earnie Olsen

January 23

David Hickey



**PROTECT  
THE FLOCK**

## **CHURCH SAFETY SEMINAR**

**January 28. @ 6:30 P.M.**

**presented by**

**Sheep Dog Safety**

**THIS EVENT IS FREE,  
BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS  
REQUIRED**

**Go to [Church Safety Seminar](#)**



Our Nomads will be returning  
January 28th.

Please show your support and gratitude  
for all that they do for our church by  
signing up to provide and serve lunch.  
Available dates for lunches can be signed  
up for at the Connection Point or by  
calling the front office!

### **January 25**

Jerry Carufel  
Ronald Schmitt  
Lauren Thomas

### **January 26**

Ann Hansen  
Mary Lyons  
Craig Raiford

### **January 28**

Tanner McClure

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

### **January 26**

Audrey & Claude  
Wagner

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

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Sign up for a four week learning experience @ the connection point



**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!**



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

### Scouting for Food

February 3rd is Boy Scout Sunday. The Scouts will be passing out bags on Sunday, February 3rd, to fill with food to feed the needy. The Scouts will collect the bags on February 10th.



Salvation Army Bell Ringer Appreciation Breakfast:  
March 1st 8:00 A.M.  
@ the Homosassa UMC



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Our Congregational Care Team helps to connect 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)



**Get Your Copy @ The Connection Point**



Join us every Friday night for Celebrate Recovery.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.



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.

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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