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Friends,

As we come to the third Sunday of February, we will begin a new sermon series for Lent, entitled "**Peter: Faithful, Yet Flawed.**"

Over the next seven weeks, we will examine the life of Simon Peter, an ordinary fisherman, who decided to follow Jesus. Peter was faithful to Jesus as best he knew how, yet Peter was a flawed human being like all of us. Peter was the first to profess Jesus as the Son of God, yet he later denied knowing him. Peter went on to give his life for the sake of his call, by being crucified upside down on a cross. In this series, we take an in-depth look into the life, faith and character of Simon Peter. As always, my hope is that, through the life of Peter, you and I will become a more faithful follower of Jesus.

Join me this weekend as we begin this new series. Invite your friends and family to walk this Lenten Journey over the next 40 days, reflecting on your personal relationship with Christ, as we come to celebrate the greatest event in human history, The Resurrection. Without the reality of the Resurrection, there is no need for the Christian faith, because you are wasting your time if it is not central to your faith walk. Hope to see you this weekend.

PAST WEEKEND

We closed out our series on The Chronicles of Elijah last Sunday. Elijah is a classic case study in dealing with depression. Depression is a tragic problem for many people, and sometimes it can have unintended consequences. Elijah was depressed and felt hopeless and fearful. Remember; "Fear is a companion to Depression. So in many cases our depression begins with fear. Let me share four ways that might help you avoid or overcome depression, as outlined in I Kings 19:1-18

First, God comes along, touches Elijah, and tells him to "***Eat and Rest.***" Good advice. When you and I are overly tired, exhausted, and do not eat right, our physical body will run down. When our bodies get run down, we tend to get down in the dumps, and our attitude goes negative. Keeping up a good diet and getting our rest will help us keep a good attitude. Even God rested on the seventh day.

Second, ***God will replace your discouragement and fear with His Truth.*** When you and I get down, we

need to look up and check out God's Word for the real "Truth." Many times we "self talk" ourselves with negative thoughts and untruths. So if we want to get out of that pattern, we need to check out what we are telling ourselves against God's Word. We need to seek God's "Truth," not our own truth, because as a human being, we often lie to ourselves and tell un-truths. It is the lies of the world that leads to depression.

Third, God will Speak to you in a Still, Small Voice. That Still, Small Voice may come from a friend, a spouse, a pastor, a child, a wise older person. Or it may be the prompting of the Holy Spirit that nudges you down deep in your spirit. It may be in a film, a piece of art, a book, but however God speaks, it is usually not a big bang from heaven. It is more often than not, a "Still Small Voice," whispering in your ear giving you directions and advice in how to move forward. Listen for God's "Still Small Voice," to nudge you along and to show you the way. It will help to keep you out of the pit of depression, if God is guiding you forward.

Fourth, God will give you a new path to follow. You know the old saying, when "God closes a door, he will open a new door." God has a plan for your life and he will always give each of us new opportunities to work and serve in his kingdom. Never say "never"; look for new directions in your life, when God leads in new ways. God did in the life of Elijah, and he will in your life as well.

Go back and read I Kings 19:1-18 and you will see these four prescriptions in how you can keep from falling into depression. If you are continually depressed, get to a physician and see if there are physical or mental issues associated with your depression; otherwise, try these four prescriptions. Learn from Elijah and depend on God to lead you through His Holy Spirit.

May we pray for our state and our leaders, law enforcement, and school board personnel as we go through this time of mourning and grief for the shooting incident in Broward County. Words cannot express the sorrow and the waste of young lives at the hand of a very disturbed person. May God help us find ways to work together as a state and nation to bring a sense of peace and clear understanding out of all the confusion.

Have a great weekend and I will see you in worship.

Blessings,

Pastor David



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.

Tom Goode
Janice Holmes-Ray
Barney McCollough

Service Times



9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

2018 FEBRUARY						
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			

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

FRIDAY- February 16, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- February 17, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY - February 18, 2018
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 - February 19, 2018
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (S)

TUESDAY - February 20, 2018
9:00 a.m. Worship Design (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:00 p.m. Joy Circle (RM 13)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- February 21, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Steeple to Street Neighborhood Flea Market and Fair



Saturday - March 17th 8am- 3pm

Come to buy or sell
house wares, toys, clothes & collectibles
Vendors Welcome
10 X 10 areas for rent for just \$10

FREE
Carnival Games
Popcorn and Cotton Candy
Hot Dogs and Lemonade

**Silent
Auction**

**BAGELS, PASTRIES & COFFEE
FOR EARLY BIRDS
GRILLED BURGERS & CHIPS**

Crystal River United Methodist Church

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352/795-3148

Divinely Unique Thrift Store

352/436-2221

www.facebook.com/Divinelyunique thriftstore

12:00 p.m. Friendship Circle (RM 13)
3:00 p.m. Blessings In A Backpack
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)

THURSDAY - February 22, 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. 4-H (RM 20)

FRIDAY- February 23, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- February 24, 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)



NOMADS
Mission Volunteers

We will have another group of Nomads return on February 19th for 3 weeks.

If you would like to show your appreciation for all that they do....

Please volunteer to feed them a lunch or two. A sign up sheet is at the connection point.

Thank you for all you do to support our Nomads!!!



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



Needs Cooks
Volunteer just
Once a month

Please call the front office
for more information
352/795-3148
Mon - Friday
9 am - noon



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.

LIFEgroups

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



February 18

Jo Steele
Mary White

February 20

Charles Ayers
Jacqueline Degraff

February 22

Diane Wheeler

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

careteam@crumc.com



February 6

Patricia & Gerry
Schabbruch

February 10



Apply for the **UMW** Scholarship

CRUMW SCHOLARSHIP TIME

Members of the Crystal River Unit of United Methodist Women are so thankful to a faithful family for their generous gift to the scholarship fund in memory of Dana Froe, long time member and leader in our church. When we add this gift to the \$1200 we budgeted for scholarships in 2018, we will be better able to give more scholarships and/or increase the amount of each one.

We encourage our graduating seniors to apply for one of these scholarships by picking up an application in the church office, filling it out and returning it to the church office by April 2, 2018.

Any questions please phone Jill Jackson **563-1066** or cell **220-1765**

MORE UMW NEWS

CRUMW Unit met Tuesday, February 6th for a luncheon/business meeting and program featuring Nature Coast Ministries' representatives presenting information about their free dental clinic for eligible patients, and about its new location.

They also asked us to consider making a contribution to their ministries. Anyone interested in donating should phone them at **352-563-1860**; or to make an appointment phone **352-422-4327**

Any questions please phone Jill Jackson **563-1066** or cell **220-1765**

Ron & Jenny Bass

February 14

Judy & Terry Leavitt

February 18

Justine & Jerry
Carufel

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

careteam@crumc.co
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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.

WE WILL NEVER
CHANGE THE WORLD
BY GOING TO CHURCH.
WE WILL ONLY
CHANGE THE WORLD
BY BEING THE CHURCH.



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



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



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 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

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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!***

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

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