



Friends of Crystal River UMC,

If you have ever been on a boat when a storm has come up, it can be a very fearful experience. Especially as the waves splash over the side and the boat is tossed from side to side, and every time you hit a wave moving forward the boat slams down hard as the wave passes by.

When the disciples experienced such a storm on the Seas of Galilee, as Jesus was sleeping in stern, they were a little upset that Jesus did not seem to care. They thought they were going to drown. They obviously had forgotten who they were with, because there was no way that boat was going to sink and cause the disciples to lose their lives. If that had happened then Jesus would have been a liar, because he told them to get into the boat so they could cross over to the other side. By the very fact that he told them to go with him to the other side tells me there was no way that boat was not going to arrive at its destination. Why? Because first, Jesus was in the boat with them and second, Jesus is not a liar. When Jesus tells you something you can count on it.

When you and I find ourselves in the storms that hit our lives, there are three things we can depend on if we have invited Jesus into our boat. We can depend on His Promises, His Presence, and His Purposes.

Jesus **Promised** them they would make it to the other side the very moment they all got on the same boat. Jesus said; "Let's go to the other side," so when Jesus made that statement we can know that is a Promise that they will arrive safely. That does not mean they will not get rocked, or tossed, and maybe a little scared, but the promise of getting to the other side was and did happen. When Jesus makes a Promise, you and I can depend on the Promises of Jesus. Especially when he is in the same boat.

The second thing we can depend on is the **Presence** of Jesus. Now Jesus may have been asleep in the stern of the boat, but he had not abandoned them. He was simply resting from a long and exhausting day. The disciples felt Jesus did not care, because he did not seem to be too worried about the storm they were in, but that was not the case. The very Presence of Jesus is the anchor we can depend on and hold onto whenever you and I encounter storms in our lives. The Presence of Jesus in our lives, in our boat, can be an assurance that Jesus will be us as we go through the storms, that scripture promises us will happen in each of our lives. Storms are not an if we will have a storm, they are a when we will have a storm, for we can depend on the presence of Jesus. Invite the Presence of Jesus into your boat.

The third thing you and I can depend on are the **Purposes** of Jesus.

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God tells us we were created for a purpose. So when the storms come along, as we know they will, we need to remember that the storms come not because we are out of God's will, but because we are in God's will. The very Promise and Presence of Jesus will lead us through the storms so that the Purposes of God will be revealed to us. It is the storms that come through our lives that make us stronger. It is the storms that reveal the greater truths of Jesus once we get through them, and are able to look back, and see where we have come, and what we have learned. Jesus promised us that we will have troubles, or storms in our lives, but Jesus also said that we can depend on His Promises, Presence and Purposes to see us through the storms.

The question for all of us is this: Will Jesus be invited into your boat? Consider your response.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend we will continue in our series as we look at the story of how Jesus challenges his disciples to tell him: "Who do People Say I am? He then challenges the disciples to answer that question on a more personal level. "Who do you say I am?" Jesus then goes on to predict his death, and the expectations of what it looks like to follow Jesus as a disciple. Challenging words from Jesus this weekend. Especially if we are going to grow in our Christian walk. I hope you will join me as we are challenged by the question: "Who do you say Jesus is?" Invite your neighbor to join you this weekend as we worship together.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

The Bright Beginnings Preschool and Learning Academy will be hosting a breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday April 6th from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. The event will include breakfast with the bunny, a family picture with the bunny, face painting, and a bounce house activity. This cost is \$25.00 for a family of four. \$5.00 for any additional family members. \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 per child if less than four in a family. This is a great opportunity for you to invite family, grandchildren, and friends who have children to this family event at Crystal River UMC. This is also a great way to support the ministries of our Bright Beginnings Preschool and the Learning Academy. Contact the school at 352-795-1240 for further information. Hope you will join us for Breakfast with the Bunny and support this important ministry to our church and to our community.

We had a great Town Hall meeting, if you missed it and have any question get in touch with me so I might provide you with an answer. Have a blessed week and I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Don't forget to stop by and visit our **Steeple to Street** event this Saturday, March 23rd from 8:00 until 2:00. There will be great stuff for sale, great food, and wonderful fellowship. Come out and meet your neighbor.

Blessings,
Pastor David

SUNDAY
WORSHIP TIMES



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

MARCH 2019

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

FRIDAY- March 22, 2019

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

SATURDAY-March 23, 2019

Scout Yard Sale 8:00 a.m.
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2:30 p.m. Celebrate Ldrship (RM 13)

SUNDAY - March 24, 2019

9:00 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. Upper Room (RM 8)
10:30 a.m. Contemporary (S)
10:30 a.m. Kennedy Discussion RM 8)
6:30 p.m. Scouts roop 415 (T)

MONDAY - March 25, 2019

9:30 a.m. Worship Design
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

TUESDAY - March 26, 2019

6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- March 27, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
2:30 p.m. UMW Board
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 22)

THURSDAY - March 28, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
10:00 a.m. S.M. Sprvision (RM 20)
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)
7:00 p.m. 4-H (RM 20)

FRIDAY- March 29, 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.

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

SATURDAY- March 30, 2019
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Steeple to Street
2:30 p.m. Celebrate Ldrship (RM13)

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)**

**Steeple to Street
Neighborhood Flea Market**

Saturday - March 23rd 8am- 3pm

LIFEgroups

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

**Divinely Unique
Thrift Store**

5015 N. Citrus Ave • Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 436-2221
Wed thru Fri 9 - 4
Saturday 9 - 1

Answering God's call to serve others

A Ministry of Crystal River United Methodist Church

Bright Beginnings Learning Academy
Learn, Pray, Grow

Bright Beginnings Learning Academy is Accepting Applications for Kindergarten, First & Second Grade.
To apply call 352/795-1240

Hello, Church Family,

It's Steeple to Street Weekend! Don't forget the S2S Neighborhood Flea Market this Saturday from 8-3:00. We have several vendors preparing their wares, store leaders and volunteers eager to greet

and serve you. Breakfast will be in the makings and UMW's hotdog lunch will be well underway in our little hut. The grounds are being spruced up for extra visitors. We have 2 new awnings and a beautiful new bright red door to catch the eye. There will be produce and plants from 4-Corners Market and haircuts by a new friend of the church (licensed beautician) who is cutting for a donation. We have entertainment this year, singers who will be performing near the store for your enjoyment. There's a MAJOR SALE. I heard it might be 1/2 off the entire store but you'd have to come to see if that could possibly be true! But I heard it might happen. Just ask any one of our hard-working board members and lead personnel if it's a fact!

We continue to be blessed by your donations of lovely things that just need a new home and our store is decked out in beautiful Easter clothing and decorations that you and others have offered. We have an upright freezer that we can guarantee is FREEZING cold as well as some other larger items to meet your needs. Why, we even have a 30' 5th wheel RV on consignment! Everyone needs an RV once in their lives! Just like everyone should own a retail store at least once to remind us to be kind to those folks behind the counters wherever we shop.

So,,,, See you all there to bring the CRUMC Steeple to Street as we meet, greet, invite to regular or Holy Week services, pray with and enjoy our neighbors.

Oh, yes. The store continues to do well in sales and opportunities to serve those in need. We had a little family Saturday in a terrible situation that we were able to help and minister to. It's the main reason we are there and delight in meeting needs in the name of Christ whenever we can.

Blessings to you all as we continue to serve God together,

Pattie and your Thrift Store Board



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

Call 352-795-1240
Lic# C05C10049

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Coming to the CRUMC Parking Lot This Sunday



OFFICE HOURS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 3
Jill Jackson
Ann Rochette

EGGSTRA! EGGSTRA!

**Crystal River United Methodist Church
&
Bright Beginnings Preschool, Bright
Beginnings Learning Academy**

Is hosting a super
eggciting complimentary
meet and greet with
the Easter Bunny!!

A pancake buffet
breakfast served to
you by our very
own eggceptional
Bright Beginning Students.



*1 Photo included
with purchase
Additional
photos \$5 each*

All you can eat
\$10 Adult
\$5 Child
Family
of 4 \$25
Additional \$5

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
PRESCHOOL & LEARNING ACADEMY**

PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 14TH

For our 9:00 A.M. Service our Sanctuary Choir will present
a Musical Program entitled

The Days Of Passion

Due to our Choir Presentation there will
be only one Sermon at 10:30 A.M., so please
join us for this spectacular performance and stay for
Part VI of our Sermon Series "The Time Has Come"



April 18th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service begins at 6:30 p.m.

March 5

Sondra Garrett
Vicki Reeder

March 7

Megan Swanson

March 9

Judy Fowler

March 14

Lynne Morneault
Cathy Murphy

March 16

Jean Bush

March 17

Lyle Dibble

March 18

Cathy Butler

March 20

Margaret Williams

March 24

Pam Bollin
Adrienne Kelly

March 27

Rev. David Rawls

March 28

Ron Bass
Becky Mason
Josh Vonderharr

March 29

Michael Brown
Al Morneault

March 31

Genevieve Kennedy

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

careteam@crumc.com

Easter Sunday ~ April 21st
HE IS RISEN
celebrate the savior

Sunrise Service at our Outdoor Chapel Begins @ 6:30 A.M.	Traditional Service at 9:00 A.M. In the Sanctuary	Contemporary Service at 10:30 A.M. In the Sanctuary
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Get Your Copy @ The Connection Point



*Join us for
Sunday School*

***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!



March 8
 Glenn & Marion Corbin

March 14
 Bobby Pate & Judy Fowler

March 18
 Robert & Nancy Slack

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



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