

Crystal River United Methodist Church

<http://www.crumc.com>

Date: March 23rd, 2018



Dear Friends,

Last weekend we experienced the restoration of Peter's relationship with Jesus. Jesus asked him three times if he loved him, just as Peter said three times he did not know Jesus around the charcoal fire.

We find in Greek there are different words for "love." The first word for love is **Agape**. **Agape** means a kind of love that refers to unconditional love we are to have for God, for our children, for our spouse. It is the highest kind of love we are to have for one another, just as God loves you and me unconditionally.

The second word for "love" is **Philia**. **Philia** is an affectionate love for a friend, a brother, a sister. It is the root word for the city of Philadelphia...the city of brotherly love. It is a love of loyalty for another person who is a friend.

The third kind of love is called **Storge**. **Storge** is a love for parents, children. It is mainly a word used for the love of one family member for another. It is used for the love of country or your favorite sports team. It is a love meaning the acceptance of your situation.

The fourth kind of love is referred to as **Eros**. **Eros** is a love of a sexual nature. Eros is the root word for erotica or pornography. It is having a physical passion for another person.

So when Jesus ask Peter the first two times, "Do you love me?", He used the word Agape, meaning, "Peter, do you love me enough to not set conditions on loving me and loving others." Peter answered using the word Philia, meaning he could not love on an unconditional level, but he could love as a brother.

Jesus then asked a third time, "Do you love me?" and this time Jesus moved to Peter's level and used the word Philia. Peter again answered using Philia. To me, g this shows how Jesus meets us where we are. Jesus seeks to love us unconditionally even if we cannot come to his level. He, in essence, said, "Ok, Peter, if you cannot come to me, I will come to you." I am so grateful that God loves us so much that He is willing to meet us where we are. But know this: God will never leave you where He finds you. He is always seeking and encouraging you to grow deeper in your relationship with Him. God wants all of us to move closer to Him so

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we may be more Holy for Him. In other words, our holiness will help to make the earth look more and more like heaven.

Whatever is going on in your life today, my prayer is that you too will meet people where they are with unconditional love, because out of that, God will work through you to draw them closer to Him. May we all seek to love others with Agape love.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend we will examine the night Jesus was arrested and see how that played out with the disciples, Peter, Judas, and the crowd. The question we will consider is, "How would you have responded?" Hope you will join me on this Palm Sunday to celebrate the beginning of Holy week. Invite yourself and your friends and family to be with us this weekend.

HOLY WEEK

This week we will gather for worship on Thursday for Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will participate and hear how Jesus and the disciples experienced the Seder meal that Jesus instituted as Holy Communion from this ceremony the Jews had been celebrating for thousands of years. I hope you will join me and the worship team as we celebrate this night before Jesus was crucified on Friday.

We will follow that service on Easter Sunday morning with a Sunrise Service at the outdoor chapel next to the Thrift store. You will enter the property at the next drive way north of the main entrance to the church property. The Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00 am. Then we will follow with our Traditional Service at 9:00 and the Contemporary Service at 10:30. We will offer a free photograph for your family if you will stop by the Photo Booth in the court yard. Make it a great day and have your family picture made to remember this day in the years to come. It will be a full week and a great week.

This is the last week to order your Easter Lily as well, so make sure you place that order this weekend as you attend worship. Have a great week. I know it will be Spring Break next week. Be safe and have fun and I look forward to seeing you in worship on Easter Sunday.

Blessings,

Pastor David

Academy



9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				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- March 23, 2018

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

SATURDAY- March 24, 2018

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

PALM SUNDAY - March 25, 2018

8:00 a.m. Lifesouth 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 - March 26, 2018

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

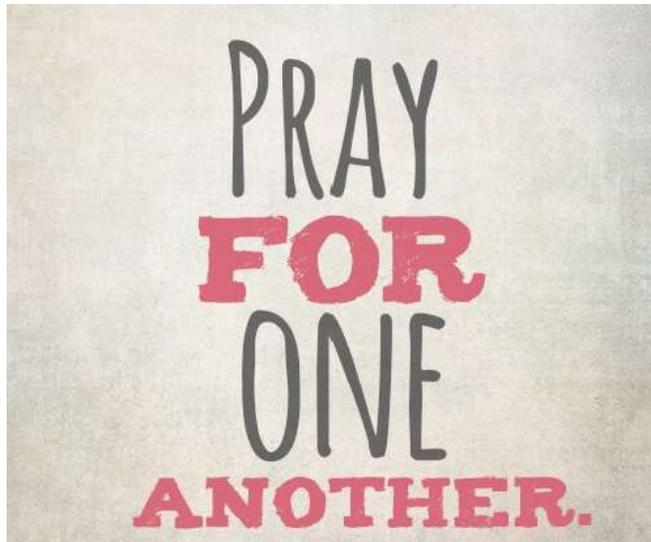
TUESDAY - March 27, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY- March 28, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
2:30 p.m. UMW Board (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)

THURSDAY - March 29, 2018



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.

Jim Rochette
The Goodes
Rusty Harry
Terry Rooks



Please don't forget to call the front office to let us know you are coming!

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday (S)

FRIDAY- March 30, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- March 31, 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

Many thanks

CRUMC received a note of thanks for the meal we served to the Crystal River Pirates football team



March 24
Adrienne Kelly

March 27
Reverend David Rawls

March 28
Ron Bass
Becky Mason
Michael Brown

March 29
Albert Morneault

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

careteam@crumc.com

Divinely Unique
Thrift Store



5015 N. Citrus Ave • Crystal River, FL 34428

(352) 436-2221

Wed thru Fri 9 - 4

Saturday 9 - 2

Answering God's call
to serve others

A Ministry of Crystal River United Methodist Church

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

Hello, Steeple People,

(I like that name, don't you?)

Well, it's the week after and we store folks are still talking about what a great day we all had working and fellowshiping together at our Steeple to Street Flea Market and Neighborhood Fair. We hope all of you who worked so hard to help make it a success feel good about it also. It was a financial success and, more importantly, a real coming together of lots of people and ministries.

Pastor David caught me so off guard Sunday in publicly thanking me for leadership that I totally failed to



**NEEDS
COOKS**

acknowledge the people who really made it happen: the store board, each of whom filled a specific leadership role; those who did such a fantastic job of advertising and promotion; all of you who spread the word among your friends and neighbors; all who worked the day of the event; and especially all of you who prayed for the weather, safety, spirit- filled Steeple People and unity in sharing our church with the community. It does take us all and the success of the day proved it. Thank you all for making it happen.

Now comes the fun of spending the flea market profits on signage to help us help our church and community better! Shop often and watch for the improvements to come.

Blessings to all,
Your Divinely Unique Thrift Store Board

Volunteer just
Once a month

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



HOLY WEEK

March 25th
Traditional Service
9:00 A.M.
Contemporary Service
10:30 A.M.

March 29th
7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

April 1st
SUNRISE SERVICE
7:00 A.M. in our Outdoor Chapel
North of the church - 5015 N. Citrus Ave
TRADITIONAL 9:00 A.M.
in the Sanctuary
CONTEMPORARY 10:30 A.M.
in the Sanctuary



PALM SUNDAY



Maundy Thursday



easter SUNDAY



March 8

Marion & Glen Corbin

March 11

Christa & Dan Starkey

March 14

Judy Fowler &
Robert Pate

March 18

Nancy & Richard Slack

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

careteam@crumc.com



Our FOOD PANTRY is in need of
Peanut Butter.
If you are able, please donate a jar
or two this Sunday.

Engaging the Future



April 11th @ 6:45



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.

LIFEgroups

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



*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

8th Annual
Sanctuary & Grace House
Fundraising Banquet

Please join us on April 5th 2018 at the
First United Methodist Church of Homosassa
For more information or tickets call 352-621-3277

DISCOVERY GROUP

Wednesday, April 25th
May Stringer Historical Museum
In Brooksville



Lunch at Buffet City (Late
Lunch About 3:00 p.m.)
\$10.00 (cash only,
includes bus & museum.)
Meet at the church by
10:30 a.m. To board bus.
Sign up at The Connection Point



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

there!



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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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**



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



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**

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