



Friends,

Today is Good Friday. Good Friday is the day in which Jesus was crucified for our sins that come when we rebel against God's will for our lives.

The word "Good" may be a misconceived word, considering Jesus suffered and died on this day. The word "Good" comes from the word "Pious or Holy," which then offers us a new perspective on the term Good Friday. So then we could say this is "Holy Friday," in that Jesus, who was God in the flesh, Holy and Perfect, came as a final and sufficient sacrifice to pay for our sins. The "Good" on this Friday then comes from the willingness of God to send Jesus as substitute for what should have been our punishment, but instead takes our place. That is a good thing, and I hope you know how good it is to know a God that loves you that much, that he would take your place for the things you have done.

Good Friday is only the beginning. What really closes the deal is that, through His sacrifice, Jesus then defeated death, and the real story is that you and I have eternal life. That is a big deal, because without the resurrection, there is no need for the Christian faith, and you and I are wasting our time to believe in a false God. Fortunately that is not the case. Jesus did defeat death, and you and I who confess Jesus as Lord over our lives have the gift of eternal life.

The Resurrection is the center piece of life itself. Why? Because the Resurrection, if you believe, shapes the way you think and live your life. For example, before Jesus rose from the grave, the disciples ran and hid from the Roman authorities, but after his Resurrection, the disciples stood strong and were no longer afraid. Why? Because they knew physical death on this side of eternity was not the end of the story, but the beginning of a life eternal. You see, the Resurrection allows you the freedom to know that not even death has the final word...only Jesus.

There is not only great Hope in this understanding, but there is the knowledge that life does have a meaning and purpose that goes way beyond this day and every day of our lives. Life matters, you matter and the world matters to God, and he desires for you and I to make a difference in our own lives, but also in the lives of others.

Today is "Good" in spite of the evil that the Romans fostered on Jesus. Why? Because no matter what happens in this world, Jesus has the final word, and that makes all the difference - or it should make all the difference - in how you live your life. I hope and pray it will make a difference in your life and in the lives you have influence over.

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WEEKEND SERVICES

We will open the morning with Sunrise Services down at the outside chapel at 7:00 a.m. Enter the property at the Thrift Store drive way and come to the chapel on the back side of the property. We will then celebrate Easter Sunday at the 9:00 Traditional Service followed by the 10:30 Praise and Worship Service.

Be sure to bring cut flowers with you so you might flower the outside cross before entering into the Sanctuary. We will be offering a free family photo at the Easter Photo booth this Sunday, so come prepared to offer your best smile. It will be a great day of worship, music, and the sharing of God's Word. Bring your family, and yourself, and let us celebrate the real reason we can celebrate in spite of the evil we see in the world. The reason is simple... death does not have the final word, only Jesus who offers you the gift of eternal life.

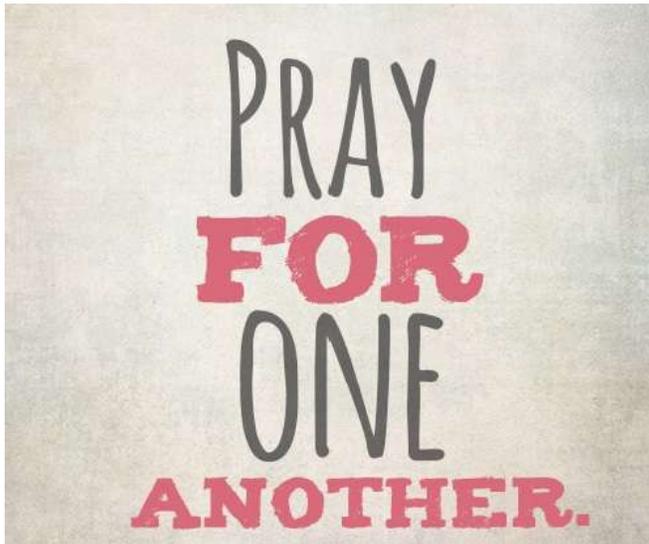
A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you for all your birthday wishes you sent my way this week. Michele and I are very appreciative of all you do to love God and to love each other, and we count it a privilege to serve with you at CRUMC. Forgive us when we do not always express this to you. I also want to thank all the staff and the other servants who have worked so hard to make your Holy Week and Easter Sunday a blessing to each of you. None of what goes on over the week or on Sunday morning could happen without a dedicated staff and other servants who serve God.

Enjoy your weekend, but make Jesus the center of all you do and say this week. Have a great Easter.

Blessings,

Pastor David and Michele Rawls



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.

Greg Hrbal



9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

APRIL 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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29	30					

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

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.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 1, 2018

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
(Outdoor Chapel)
9:00 a.m. Bring a Can Sunday
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)

TUESDAY - April 3, 2018

9:00 a.m. Worship Design (RM 13)
12:00 UMW Lunch (S & K)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- April 4, 2018

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

THURSDAY - April 5, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
9:30 a.m. Stitches for God (RM 16)

FRIDAY- April 6, 2018

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

Bev Dobbin
Connie Bretsik



SATURDAY- April 7, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Our Father's Table
(St. Anne's)

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)



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 Fri 9 - 4

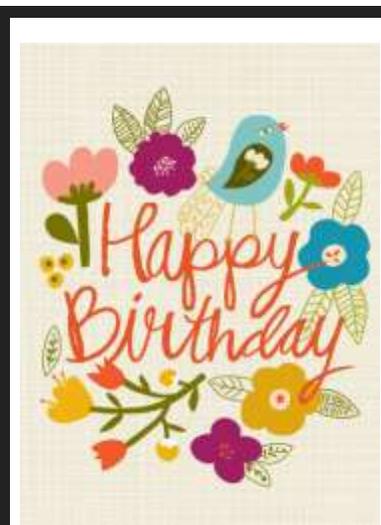
Saturday 9 - 2



Answering God's call
to serve others

A Ministry of Crystal River United Methodist Church

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





March 31
Genevieve Kennedy

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

careteam@crumc.com



NEEDS COOKS

Volunteer just
Once a month

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



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



March 8

Marion & Glen Corbin

Engaging the Future



April 11th @ 6:45

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

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



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.



Bright Beginnings Preschool

Infants through VPK
Hours are
6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Enrolling for VPK
Monday - Friday

LIFEgroups

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

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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**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



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

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BY BEING THE CHURCH.

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