



Friends,

I have a celebration of life service this morning (Friday) at the National Cemetery for Donald Stevens. He was a winter resident and a long time worshipper with us here at Crystal River UMC. Don was a WW II veteran, and he flew the B-17 Flying Fortress during the war at the ripe old age of 22. He flew 35 bombing missions during the war, and in one mission they were hit by anti-aircraft fire, lost engine #3 and the super charged turbos to engines #1 and #2. They barely made it back to base, but for the grace of God. The stories of the men and women who have served this country in the armed forces to keep her free, make them heroes in my book. Don was one of them and at the age of 97, God called him home. Thank you, Donald Stevens, for your service to this country, your family, and to God. May you rest in peace.

LAST WEEKEND

Last weekend we looked at three stories in which Jesus performed miracles, and yet the disciples did not seem to get who Jesus was. Here he was, right before their very eyes, feeding and healing people, yet they seemed clueless. The book of Mark tells us about the confusion of the disciples, but it is also meant to tell us how the church today is just like the disciples at the time....clueless. If we are honest about our faith journey, we are clueless at times. The problems for the disciples, not unlike us, were that they had a vision problem, a faith problem, a trust problem, and a surrender problem. As Jesus said to them, you have eyes to see and ears to hear. Why are you not getting it?

Three quick thoughts:

1) Faith is not about getting your way; faith is about surrendering your will. If you are not willing to let Jesus, the Holy Spirit, lead and guide your life, then Jesus cannot do a whole lot for you. You have

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to be willing to allow Jesus to take the lead in your life. That means you have to make your will second to His will. That means you have to surrender your will to His will.

2) True faith reminds you that you are not in control, but it also reminds you that you have to stay close to Jesus who IS in control. Again, you're wondering if doing your own thing without the involvement of God is not going to have a good outcome. If you are allowing Jesus to be in control, then automatically it means Jesus is by your side. If you take over, Jesus will step aside because you have free will, but then He may be less and less close by, and it is not Jesus who has moved. Allow Jesus to be in control through your faith as you keep him close and rely on him.

3) Faith is not just asking....Faith is trusting. It is one thing to ask Jesus, but it is another thing to let go and trust in Him to guide you. Asking and trusting are two different steps. Ask, but then let go, if you are going to trust. Asking is a good first step to surrendering, which is followed by trusting, and in trusting, we keep Jesus in control and close by our side.

If we do as I have described, then there will be less confusion in our lives and there will be a whole lot more understanding. Give it a try.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

1) Tonight we have Celebrate Recovery, where you can discover how to surrender your hurts, habits and hang-ups to Jesus. We begin with a meal, followed by worship, and then life groups. It is a safe place where you can let go and learn to trust God more. We begin at 6:00, so come and join us in the sanctuary.

2) Saturday is the Breakfast with the Bunny. I hope you will come and have breakfast with us, even if you do not have young children. Breakfast begins at 9:00 and runs until 11:00. Come join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

3) We will continue in our series, "The Time Has Come." This weekend we will look at a story of how Jesus made a trip across the lake to do one thing. He went to heal the man who was possessed by a demonic spirit. He had no other mission or reason to go except to heal this man. This is the kind of love and mercy that Jesus offers all of us if we are willing to say "Yes." Jesus went out of his way for this man, and he goes out of his way for you and me. Join me as we explore this story and worship together this weekend.

I want to also welcome into the fellowship of this community the following people who joined the church last weekend. Paul and Jenifer Grogan. Milea and Ofa Latu. Kathy Kell, and Mike Self. Thank you for blessing us with your presence and your gifts of service. Welcome and pray for these folks as they have come to be a part of this faith family.

Hope to see you this weekend at one of our ministry events. I know you will be blessed.

May you be blessed by God's Grace.
Pastor David

April 6th 9am - 11am

SUNDAY
WORSHIP TIMES



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



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

Friday- April 5, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store 9
a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Saturday- April 6, 2019

Our Fathers Table @ St Annes
Divinely Unique Thrift Store 9
a.m. - 1 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Breakfast
with the Bunny

2:00 p.m. Scouts
Pinewood Derby (S)

Sunday - April 7, 2019

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (S)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary (S)

10:30 a.m. Kennedy Discussion
(RM 8)

Monday - April 8, 2019

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

Tuesday - April 9, 2019

9:30 a.m. Worship Design (RM 13)

6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)

6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

6:30 p.m. Trustees (RM 13)

Wednesday- April 10, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

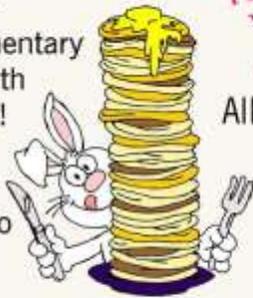
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 22)

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**

Thursday - April 11, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)

6:00 p.m. N. Citrus Civic (T)

7:00 p.m. 4-H (Y)

Friday- April 12, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store 9
a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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"

LIFEGROUPS

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



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



April 18th
MAUNDY THURSDAY
 Seder Meal at 6:30 p.m.
 with Service to Follow

Grade.
 To apply call
 352/795-1240

MAUNDY
Thursday
SOS SEDER DINNER
 Beef brisket, mashed potatoes, veggies, dessert

April 18th 6:30 PM CRUMC Sanctuary
 Donation: \$10 Children under 10 eat free



Proceeds for Bethel Chapel Restroom and Wood Floor



Bright Beginnings
Preschool

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



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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OFFICE

HOURS

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



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 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

Hello, Church Family,

Thank you, thank you to all 14 store folks who gave MANY hours in preparation and in working the Steeple 2 Street Flea Market last weekend. Because of their hard work, the store had its biggest one day sales ever, and the outside revenue generated by booth rental, food and sales made us some money we use for improvements around the store to keep expenses out of the church budget. We all are grateful for your continued support and patronage. Those of us working that day have agreed: we feel approximately 80% of shoppers that day had never been to the store before. That in itself, is a great success.

Thanks also to UMW ladies who provided such a delicious hot dog lunch and baked goods, and our young ladies who provided entertainment for the day. God provided a beautiful day, and great folks to share our neighborhood market. Most vendors did well,



MARCH 27
 Rev. David Rawls

MARCH 28
 Ron Bass
 Becky Mason
 Josh Vonderharr

MARCH 29
 Michael Brown
 Al Morneault

MARCH 31
 Genevieve Kennedy

APRIL 4
 Sandy Tripp

APRIL 8
 Peter Holmes-Ray

APRIL 18
 Mary Castell

APRIL 21
 Teresa Jenkins

APRIL 27
 Gerry Schabbruch

APRIL 30
 Wanda Morris

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

careteam@crumc.com

enjoyed the day and plan to return next time.

March proved to be a very good month in sales and we are up substantially from first quarter last year. All is well.

BUT, as we grow and do well, and as we continue to receive so much high quality merchandise, we DESPERATELY need more back room help and subs for store sales help. We are losing 4 regular processors to the lures of a northern home and family for the summer. We await their safe return, but last summer did not slow down in customers and sales so we need to be able to carry on even in the heat here. If you are a regular worker, I ask you to consider an additional day or shift and to be flexible in days so we can always be covered. If you have never worked the store, or if you have before and might like to come back, PLEASE pray on that and come see us. We consider ourselves a family of God and folks who try us out seldom choose to leave. Come have fun in fellowship while we work our buns off! We also would love one more Saturday crew of two so that all our Saturday folks could work just one a month. That's just front end sales and straightening and a little spiffing up on Saturdays. It requires making change, bagging merchandise, chatting with lovely folks, promoting our church, accepting compliments and sharing pride in the compliments we get for our beautiful store displays, clean and nice smelling clothing, wonderful needful stuff, all presented in a friendly atmosphere. We'd love to welcome you to the store family.

Well, no big events coming up. We have decided in respect for where our minds and hearts should be during Holy Week that the store will be closed on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If you have family visiting that week, make sure you bring them in on Wednesday or Thursday for one of our great surprise sales! Then share this most holy few days in preparation for the Biggest Day of All. As T. D. Jakes preaches, "Sunday's a'comin".

Blessings to all and thank you for your support.

Pattie and your Thrift Store Board



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APRIL 13
Bryan & Jean Bush

APRIL 16
Gary & Jayne Stanley

APRIL 25
Albert & Lynne Morneault

APRIL 26
Robbie & Linda Bradley

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

careteam@crumc.com



***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!***



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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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people in the congregation
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