



Friends,

Easter was a great day and all three services were well attended. In our 10:30 service we were blessed with a great number of families with children, which I hope is a vision for our future.

As I have visited several people who are and were under Hospice care, I am continually reminded that "Death" does not have the final word, and that the Christian faith is centered on the Resurrection. It is central to our decisions, to our actions, to our future, and to our lives. Without the resurrection, we would not have the ability to make the world look more and more like heaven, because if this physical life we live here on earth was all there was, we would be without hope. Eternity gives us the confidence to know that, no matter what happens in this world, nothing can separate us from the God who is the only one who has the final word. Not even death has the final word.

So as Michele and I said goodbye to Barney McCollough on Monday, before his death on Wednesday, I knew where Barney was going and Barney knew as well. In fact both of us not only knew, we were counting on it. We will be celebrating his life at the end of April and will share those details as soon as we know them. Keep Sue and the family in your prayers as they deal with the loss of Barney. Praise God for the Resurrection of Jesus who makes the same promise to each if us.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

We will close out our current sermon series this weekend; "Peter Faithful, Yet Flawed." We will see the extraordinary faith that Peter exhibited after the resurrection of Jesus and the 40 days the disciples spent with Jesus before his ascension into heaven. We will see why Peter became the rock upon which the church was built, via his faith in Christ. Join me as we take a look at several significant times over the 34 years Peter continued to minister before his death. Hopefully Peter's life will inspire us to become more faithful in our faith walk.

NEW SERMON SERIES

We will begin a new sermon series entitled, "I Want To Believe, But..." This will be a four-week series and we will begin on Sunday, April 15th. Over the four weeks, I will discuss four different versions of a "god" that does not exist, except for the fact that we fabricate

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9:00 A.M.

these kinds of gods in our mind's eye. When we fabricate these ideas, we create our own understanding about God and what He is supposed to do for us. The four versions of God we will examine are as follows: 1) God On Demand, 2) God is a Kill-Joy, 3) God Does Not Give Me Goosebumps, 4) God Is Heartless.

It is often difficult to believe in a God we cannot see. We wonder why God did not answer our prayers, why God allows suffering, or why we cannot feel His presence. God may not meet all your expectations, but that is good news! Find out why in the series *I Want to Believe, But...*

Check out the promo video and share it with your friends and family on Facebook and twitter. Go to crumc.com and share.

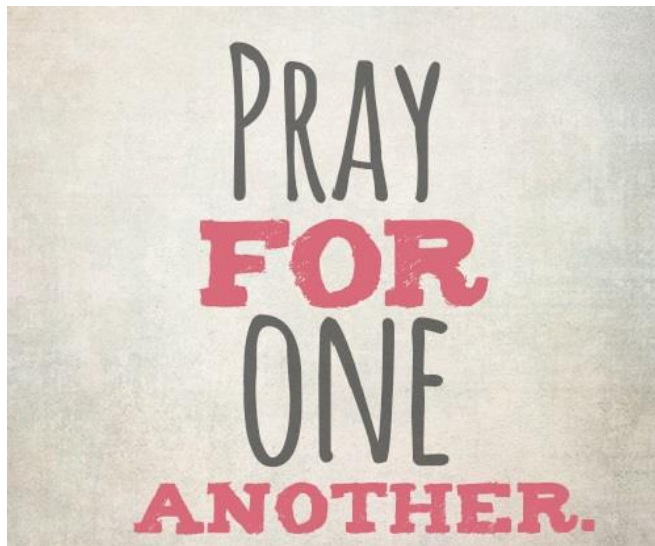
TOWN HALL GATHERING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH

We will gather in the sanctuary on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm. We will focus on three topics: 1) The Feasibility Study for a RV Park; 2) The Bright Beginnings Learning Academy; 3) The Way Forward. Each of these topics affects how we will "Engage Our Future," as a church and as a faith community. I hope you will come and be a part of this conversation. Part of what the disciple Peter gave us was the legacy of the Church. You have that same opportunity as a congregation to determine what our legacy will look like for Crystal River UMC. Hope to see you on Wednesday night.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you in worship this weekend.

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.

Virginia Dreher
Barbara Thomas

Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

APRIL 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- April 6, 2018

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

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)

SUNDAY - April 8, 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 - April 9, 2018

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

TUESDAY - April 10, 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- April 11, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)
6:30 Town Hall Meeting (S)

THURSDAY - April 12, 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)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
6:00 p.m. N. Citrus Civic Assoc(T)
6:30 BSA Comm Meeting (RM 18)
7:00 p.m. 4-H

FRIDAY- April 13, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
4:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (RM 16)
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)



SATURDAY- April 14, 2018
 Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Blue & Gold
 Banquet (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)

Church
Office Hours

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

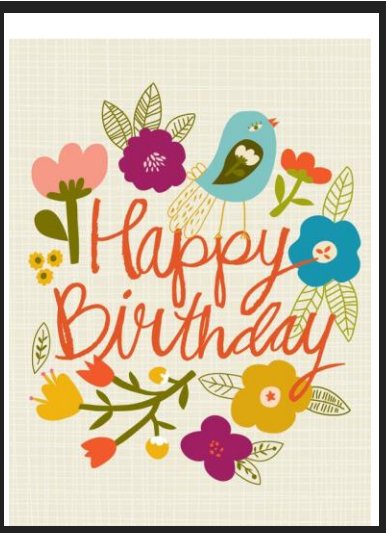
Divinely Unique
Thrift Store

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>





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

DISCOVERY GROUP

Wednesday, April 25th
May Stringer Historical Museum
In Brooksville

April 4
Sandy Tripp

April 7
Jean Lowe

April 8
Peter Ray Holmes

April 12
Pattie Mapes

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

careteam@crumc.com

**MEALS ON
WHEELS**

**NEEDS
COOKS**

Volunteer just
Once a month

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



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



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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Stephen
MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is an ongoing ministry to meet the needs of persons going through a crisis or in need of care.



April 1

Bill & Betty More

April 5

Barney & Sue McCollough

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

LIFEgroups

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

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.



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



Do you love discussing Scripture and offering your thoughts on it?

Then we have the perfect class for you!

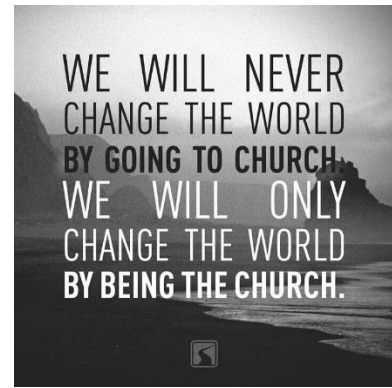
9:15 a.m.-Upper Room
Jesus Fellowship (Room 8)

10:30 a.m.- Kennedy
Discussion Class (Room 8)

We can't wait to see you there!



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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