

Crystal River United Methodist Church

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Date: April 14, 2017



Friends,

This weekend is Easter Sunday, one of, if not the, highest Holy day celebrations in the church. Remember we said that if you believed in and followed Jesus that you were considered to be "holy?" Holy in that you "Belonged to God." So Easter Sunday celebrates several things. 1) It celebrates the fact that, as a believer, you "Belong to God." 2) It celebrates that as a believer, you will not die because Jesus overcame death, and since He has overcome death, He promises you that you too will overcome death. These are two significant celebrations that we want to celebrate this Sunday. Belonging to God and having the gift of eternal life, if acknowledged and believed in, should make a difference in how you see and live your life.

I hope you will be present with your faith family this weekend to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ because if you accept Him, then you belong to Him, and if you belong to Him, then you too will have the gift of eternal life. Can it get any better than that? I don't think so. In my own life, it allows me to live knowing that whatever life throws at me, there is nothing that I cannot handle because I know the end of the story, and death will not and cannot have the final word. Why? Because I belong to God and he gives me the gift of eternal life.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

Over the past six weeks we have been studying The Apostles Creed. The Apostles Creed summarizes for Christians what we claim to believe in. The last line in the Creed is this: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." So the Creed ends where Easter begins, with the resurrection. I will be exploring several questions this weekend. 1) What Happens To Us When We Die? 2) Do I Get A New Body? 3) What Is Heaven Like? Simple questions, right? I think you will find it provocative and interesting, so I hope to see you in worship this weekend. Invite a friend and let's worship together.

LAST WEEKEND WORSHIP

Last weekend we looked at what is at the heart of what it means to live as a follower of Jesus. You might say this is where the rubber meets the road. I would call it the practical side of living out the Christian faith. This practical side of faith is found in 1) Accepting God's Forgiveness, 2) Receiving God's Forgiveness, 3) Offering Forgiveness to others.

You can accept God's forgiveness without receiving and forgiving yourself. Until you receive and forgive yourself, you are just 1/3 down the road. Forgiveness is a three-step process. If you then

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9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

come to a place and you receive the forgiveness offered to you, and forgive yourself, but you do not forgive others, you are still not where you need to be. You have to close the circle and forgive those who have hurt you. Until then you will be living in a place of self-denial to the reality of your situation. God clearly states over and over again that if you want to be forgiven, you must forgive others. Not easy, but being self aware of where you are in the process, and being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit can go a long way in helping you deal with un-forgiveness. Un-forgiveness only hurts you, not the one you think is being hurt by you not offering them forgiveness. In essence you may think you have them in a prison you have constructed, but in reality you have imprisoned yourself. Forgiveness from God to you and forgiveness from you to others is at the heart of living a Christian life. Give it some thought, because it can make a world of difference in your life.

PHOTO BOOTH

We will be offering a Photo Booth on Sunday where we will take your family picture and offer you a free photo of your family. Come and be a part of this wonderful celebration we call Easter. It is a great time to celebrate your belonging to God and the gift of eternal life.

See you this weekend,

Blessings,

Pastor David

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service



Join us for our Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:45 A.m. at our Outdoor Chapel located just North of the Church at 5015 N. Citrus Ave

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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- APRIL 14TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Meadowcrest Clubhouse
2:00 p.m. Bible Study (C)
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- APRIL 15TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY - APRIL 16TH, 2017
6:45 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Outdoor Chapel)
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 Scouts Troop 415 (T)

MONDAY- APRIL 17TH, 2017
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (C)

TUESDAY- APRIL 18TH, 2017
2:00 p.m. Worship Design (RM 16)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Joy Circle (RM 13)

WEDNESDAY- APRIL 19TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Please stop by and sign the prayer cards for the following people 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 this Sunday. Thanks for serving and caring together as the CRUMC family of faith.

- 1) Sandy and Sue Mirabile, Peace & Good Will.
- 2) Penny English, Healing prayers for her back.
- 3) Mary Strahin, Love and Support.
- 4) Ingrid B. in the loss of her husband.
- 5) Elaine Dick, for Strength and healing from her Cancer.



Divinely Unique Thrift and Gift Store

Hello Church Family,

Blessed Holy Week. The store is open Good Friday and we are using it as a special opportunity to share Holy Week with our shopper family and share the good news and invitation that **SUNDAY IS COMING!!!**

This week's sale continues to be Easter items and some clothing. Next week's "sale" is a free table. Not saying yet just what all will be on it, but it will be worth the trip just to find out. I think I'll put FREE on the sign out front and see how many people we can cram inside the store!!

We are in need of an electric leaf blower for the shop. Anyone have an extra they'd like to send to a new home? We'll treat it kindly.

Continued thanks for your support in all ways and hope to see you soon at Divinely Unique.

Blessings to all,

Your Thrift Store Board



Earth Day is coming...Earth Day is coming...Earth Day is coming...

CRUMC is celebrating Earth Day by making available reusable grocery bags with our name on them. We hope you will purchase several at \$2 each and use them proudly every time you shop. They save trees and keep plastic out of our waters and landfills and might even begin a conversation about how great your church is.

So don't forget. Bring your dollars on Sunday, April 23, Earth Sunday. A table will be ready for your purchase in the courtyard before, between and after services. Be kind to God's great creation.

The Earth says "Thank You".

12:00 p.m. Friendship Circle (RM13)
3:00 p.m. WWFJ- Blessings
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)
6:30 p.m. The Creed Small Groups
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (S)

THURSDAY- APRIL 20TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
3:15 p.m. BBP Chapel (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
6:00 p.m. Mini Farms (T)

FRIDAY- APRIL 21ST, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Meadowcrest Clubhouse
2:00 p.m. Bible Study (C)
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- APRIL 22ND, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Alzheimers/Dementia Workshop (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)



Happy Birthday

April 14th
William More

April 17th
Conner Briggs




April 18th
Mary Castell

April 20th
Barney McCollough

April 21st
Teresa Jenkins

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

careteam@crumc.com



SPPRC
Staff Pastor Parish
Relations Committee

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1Thessalonians 16-18 NIV).

Part of the duties and responsibilities of the SPPRC is to continue searching for ways to improve the Ministries of the Church and to keep the congregation advised of our current activities.

Because of the current financial status of our Church, we were not able to increase (or decrease) the salary of any of the paid employees this year. We are not happy to report this information, because our paid employees are performing their duties in an outstanding manner.

We will continue to search for ways to improve the ministries. God be with you during these wonderful times that we celebrate God's Feast Days.

Dana A Froe, Chairperson



APRIL 1
Betty & Bill More

APRIL 5
Sue & Barney McCollough
Mary Ann & Jay Osborne

APRIL 13
Jean & Byron Bush

APRIL 16
Jayne & Gary Stanley

APRIL 25
Lynne & Albert Morneault

APRIL 26
Linda & Robbie Bradley

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

careteam@crumc.com

Welcome to our Church Family





John & Marg Morrison
Ron & Cheryl Bray
Bob and Abby Madeiros

**Gulf Central District
Training Event for
Lay Servants
April 22nd & 29th, 2017**

**MUST attend both
Saturdays
to be certified.**

**Location of Classes:
Faith United Methodist
Church
7215 1st Ave West
Bradenton, FL
34209**



**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

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Workshop
with 3 Speakers
April 22nd
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
in the Sanctuary
Please sign up at the Connection
Point**



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.



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy is now Accepting Applications for Kindergarten. See Frank Pifer to apply or call 352/795-3148



Join us every Friday night for Celebrate Recovery.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.
The cost is \$3 per plate.

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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Stephen Ministers meet every fourth Thursday of each month for continuing education and supervision.



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 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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SMALL GROUPS

Wednesdays @ 6:30 P.M. @ CRUMC

Fridays @ 10 @ Meadowcrest Clubhouse

Fridays @ 2 P.M. @ CRUMC

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