

Crystal River United Methodist Church

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Date: April 28, 2017



Friends,

As we come to the end of April, public school is beginning to wrap up, graduation activities are being planned, summer vacations are in the works, and plans for the fall are being formed. As we move toward the summer, I hope all of you will continue to make room in your schedule for worship. God never takes a vacation, and He is always there for each of us. I hope we want to be available to God.

We had a gathering of Younger Adults this past week, (25-45) seeking to vision for the future. We want to see this group become more engaged in leadership, and in participating in the life of the church. We want to do whatever it takes to help all of us become more of a whole and healthy community. If you are in this demographic, let us know who you are and we will connect you to those who are working together for making this vision a reality. Call the church office or e-mail me at Pastor@crumc.com. The future is in this group taking authority and offering their gifts and graces to God and to those who will come behind them. Pray for this vision and those who will step forward to lead.

Last weekend we looked at "Thomas" who doubted the resurrection of Jesus, He was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared to them. I find it interesting that they call Thomas, "Doubting Thomas," when the disciples were just as skeptical. They had their doubts settled a week earlier than Thomas, but they were no great example of men without doubts. What that says to me is that it is ok to doubt. Jesus was more than willing to answer their doubts, and he is more than willing to answer your doubts. The question is, "Are you open to having your doubts answered?"

If you are, then you have taken a big step forward. Just like the disciples and Thomas, Jesus answered their doubts, but then there was an expected response. The response is this: "It is ok to doubt, just don't believe your doubts." Doubts lead to dead ends. Believe in God who can help to eliminate your doubts as much as is possible. Then the rest of our doubting can be managed by walking more in faith, and less in doubting, by believing that all things are possible with God if we will trust in Him to lead the way. Thomas and the disciples needed to see to believe. God said, "Blessed are those who have not seen yet still believe." May you and I be blessed by not believing in our doubts, but instead trusting in God, through faith in Christ Jesus. Believe more and doubt less and life will be full.

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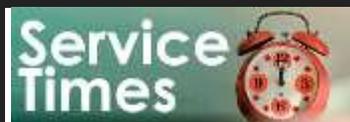
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9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

Have a great weekend. Rev. Gene Strange will be preaching. I am away at a Church Conference that is looking toward the future for the United Methodist Church. Keep Michele and me in prayer as we travel.

Blessings,

Pastor David



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.

- Patricia Mapes
- Barney McCollough
- John Goode Sr.
- Calvin Mulder
- Janie Hulbert
- Lynne Ann Penfold
- Marylee Mederer



Divinely Unique
Thrift and Gift Store

What an interesting and amazing week we've had at Divinely Unique! We arrived on Monday for our work and meeting day to a dead refrigerator. Knowing that repairing an older refrigerator is often more expensive than buying another used one, we set out on a path to find a reasonably priced small used refrigerator. Easier said than done. They are hard to find and go quickly. We prayed and discussed emailing a plea to our

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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- APRIL 28TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Meadowcrest Clubhouse
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- APRIL 29TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY - APRIL 30TH, 2017
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 415 (T)

MONDAY- MAY 1ST, 2017
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (C)

TUESDAY- MAY 2ND, 2017
12:00 p.m. UMW Lunch (S)
2:00 p.m. Worship Design (RM 16)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)

WEDNESDAY- MAY 3RD, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (S)

THURSDAY- MAY 4TH, 2017
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 18)
3:15 p.m. BBP Chapel (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)

FRIDAY- MAY 5TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Meadowcrest Clubhouse
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- MAY 6TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Our Fathers' Table at St. Anne's

if you have a change or cancellation of a regularly

church family to see if anyone might have an extra but decided to explore a repair.

Rex Williams took a look and felt it wasn't the compressor and just might be something small. Catherine McDonald recommended a repairman she had found to be reliable and reasonable, we called and he came the next day. He spent 5 minutes checking a defrost timer, got it up and running for us to watch for 24 hours. If it quits again in 24 hours we will need a new timer. His regular charge for that would be \$90ish but because we do good things it would be \$60 for us. And his charge for the service call? Nothing. Amazing!

It might seem odd to ask God to fix our refrigerator with a repair that we could afford but we did and He did and Richard from Affordable Appliance and Computer Repair did. We are very thankful to all who helped and the great blessing it meant to the store crew, the Scouts and all others who use the facility. Actually having the refrigerator back with so little cost and inconvenience was a great blessing but watching God add another good person to the store family was as great a gift.

Oh, yes. Store sales are back up, the store looks clean and bright for summer and the team has processed an amazing amount of donations this week. God is good, all the time. If you have a day a week or even half day to help get us through the summer we invite you to share in the blessings we see daily at Divinely Unique. Just see any one of the volunteers, see or call Lynne Ann Penfold or call the church office. Your time and gifts are always welcome.

Blessings,

Your Thrift Store Board

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 28th
Deborah Florence

May 2nd
Darin Copeland
Deven Copeland

May 3rd
Nancy Bacon

May 4th
Phyllis Lynch
Chris Untiedt (Delaney)

May 5th
Ryan Knack

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

careteam@crumc.com



The United Methodist Women would like to invite all interested to come hear about the signs of Heart Attacks in Women, as they differ from what you may think, and when to seek help. Our speaker from Seven Rivers Hospital will be here at 1:00 pm following our regular monthly unit meeting on Tues., May 2nd to re-educate us and answer questions. Please invite your friends to join us for this life saving information.

As always all women are invited to attend our monthly UMW unit meeting and share in our covered dish luncheon which takes place on the first Tues. of the month at noon in Fellowship Hall. (except during the summer months of June, July and Aug.)



Discovery Group



Annual Picnic

May 9th @ 11:30

Fort Island Trail Park

May 1

Hallie & Mary Castell

May 19

Lynne Ann & Richard Penfold

May 22

Earnie & Keri Olsen

May 28

Dennis & Tesa McClure

May 29

Tom & Jan Metcalf

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

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LIFEgroups

Meadowcrest Bible Study will be returning to study the Miracles of Elisha. Fridays @ 10 AM at the Meadowcrest Club House

Ms. Ruth's Study will resume May 11th at 2 PM in the Choir Room and will go back to every 2nd and 4th Friday studying the Book of Ephesians.



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



May 24th @ 6:30
In The Choir Room



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



Wednesdays 7:00 PM

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



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 there!



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!



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.**

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