Crystal River United Methodist Church

Date: MAY 5, 2017



Friends,

I attended The Wesley Covenant Gathering over the weekend in Memphis, Tennessee at Christ United Methodist Church. This is the church that Maxie Dunham served before becoming president of Asbury Seminary in 1994. Many of you have used his material for small group study. The Wesley Covenant is a group that is seeking to hold the line on orthodox biblical understanding on marriage and ordination in the United Methodist Church. This conference focused on the theme, "I Believe in the Church." Several memorable lines I pass on to you this week:

- 1) "The Church bears witness to Jesus, who then brings transformation power to people's lives."
- 2) "The Church is not self originating, therefore it is not self sustaining and is therefore not self directing. It all comes under the power of the Holy Spirit."
- 3) "You and I do not get to decide what it means to follow Jesus. That is reserved for the Holy Spirit.
- 4) "Your faith is not yours to do with as you please; it is to be passed on to the next generation."

The lesson for all of us is that the Church belongs to Jesus; it was God's idea. If you and I claim to follow Jesus, then we must be guided by the Holy Spirit, and not by what I want or desire.

May each of us be more connected to God and to one another through the Holy Spirit.

PAST WEEKEND WORSHIP

I saw from the Facebook postings and from others that Rev. Gene Strange offered you a great Word from God this past weekend. As it was reported by Frank Pifer in summary, Gene shared with us that we can face all of our trials and challenges in our lives through Christ's redeeming grace and unsurpassing love. At times we will be knocked down and things will seem beyond our comprehension. However, God is there to calm the storms in our lives. Anyone who has faith in Christ will be able to go on, knowing that you are not alone. We need to get out of God's way and turn over all our hurts, habits, and hang-ups, for Jesus is our redeemer and Savior in all circumstances.

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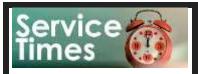
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9:00 A.M. Traditional Service

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend Rev. Bill Farmer will share God's Word. I hope you will be faithful and attend worship this weekend. I know Bill will have a great Word to share, and I know you will be blessed. Come and be a part of our fellowship this weekend and find a Word for your life. Have a great weekend.

Thanks for allowing Michele and me to serve as your pastoral couple.

Blessings,

David and Michele Rawls



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.

Betty & Bill Moore

Edie & Phil Thompson

Ruth Maughan

Jill & Charlie Jackson

Jerry & Mickey Mandel

Divinely Unique Thrift and Gift Store

Hello Church Family,

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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

SUNDAY - MAY 7TH, 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 (T)

MONDAY- MAY 8TH, 2017 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (Choir Room)

TUESDAY- MAY 9TH, 2017 11:30 a.m. Discovery Group Annual Picnic

2:00 p.m. Worship Design (RM16) 6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S) 6:30 p.m. Finance Mtg (RM 16)

WEDNESDAY- MAY 10 TH, 2017 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store 4:30 p.m. Stephen Ldrs (RM18) 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (S)

THURSDAY- MAY 11TH, 2017

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry (S)
3:15 p.m. BBP Chapel (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
6:00 p.m. N. Citrus Civic (T)

FRIDAY- MAY 12TH, 2017

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

SATURDAY- MAY 13TH, 2017

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store 8:30 a.m. WWFJ Breakfast (T)

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!

The store continues to amaze us daily in sales and new friends, on both sides of the counter. We do still need more help, especially for the summer to cover well-deserved vacations and we still would like to have a few more "lead" folks who will train to open and close. Please think about serving in this ministry.

Last week I suggested you speak to any of the board members to share your interest in working the store but have never printed a list of those who do lead this ministry, so now I will. These folks bring so many and such varied gifts to the store and are invaluable to its success. Hmmm. I think that's in the Bible somewhere, isn't it? Please speak to them about what the store needs and means to them.

Linda Bradley Jean Bush Donna Farmer Judy Fowler Linda McKeown Pattie Williams

The sale this week is BOGO on books, music, games, puzzles, toys. I expected to tell you of a windfall of Vera Bradley purses donated to the store BUT all 6 have sold in 2 days!!! I guess that's a good reminder to shop often as we never know what's coming through the door next. Thank you for your support always and in all ways.

Blessings,

Your Thrift Store Board



Sanctuary- (S) Bethel Chapel- (BC) Choir Room- (C) Tabernacle- (T) Kitchen- (K)



Happy Birthday

May 5th Ryan Knack

May 7th Barbara Lerman Bridget Merchant

May 8th
Arnold Camp
Ernestine Reeder
Nathan White

May 9th Billy Bechtold Becca Miller Peggy Pilon

> May 10 Mike Bell

May 11 Sabrina Baldwin Brett Miller

May 12 Pattie Williams

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

careteam@crumc.com





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 12th at 2 PM in the Choir Room and will go back to every 2nd and 4th Friday studying the Book of Ephesians.



May 24th @ 6:30 In The Choir Room



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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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 @ 352-7953148

or email careteam@crumc.com





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 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

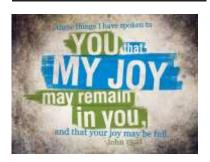
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

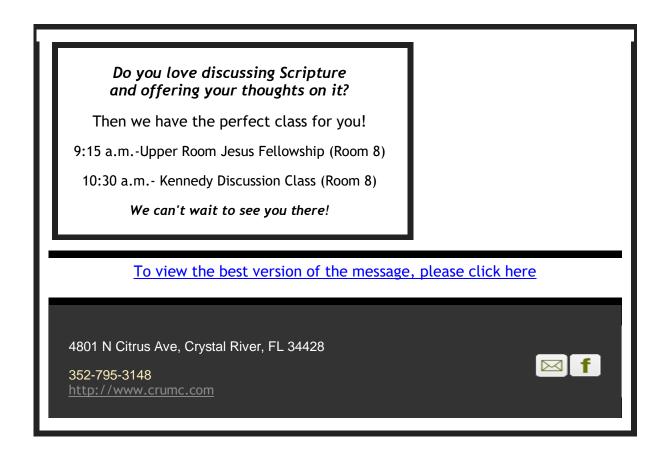
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