

# Crystal River United Methodist Church

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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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**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,

### 2017 MAY

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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](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)

A graphic for a picnic. At the top, the words "Discovery Group" are written in a large, red, serif font. Below this is an illustration of a picnic basket with a red and white checkered cover, a pitcher of lemonade, a stack of sandwiches, and a plate of food on a green checkered picnic blanket. At the bottom, the words "Annual Picnic" are written in a large, red, serif font. Below that, "May 9th @ 11:30" is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font, and "Fort Island Trail Park" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

**Discovery Group**

**Annual Picnic**  
**May 9th @ 11:30**  
Fort Island Trail Park



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

**CHURCH COUNCIL**



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

[careteam@crumc.com](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)



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](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)





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

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.



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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## 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**  
Lic# C05C10049

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***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!***

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