



Friends,

As we enter into July, thank you for your faithfulness in loving and supporting CRUMC. It only happens because you are willing to make it happen. Thank you for the privilege to serve alongside of each of you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Last weekend we closed out the sermon series with the Good Samaritan parable. The question was not so much about "Who is your Neighbor?" It was more about "Who are You?" Who you are determines who you see your neighbor to be. I John 4:20 sums it up this way: *"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."*

This passage says it all and it does not give us an excuse not to love because someone does not love us back. In fact, Jesus loved you and me before we even knew God loved us. Love is an action word; it is not an emotional word. Emotions are involved, but loving someone who is difficult to love has to be an action - an action of respect and setting boundaries with love. Like saying no to your young child when they want to run into the street. Love is an action of "Doing Good, and Doing No Harm," as Wesley would say. So let us love God and not hate a brother or sister, for if we do hate, then we are lying about loving God or, at the very least, we are lying to ourselves. Let us love God, and love our neighbor, and stop all the things that keep us from loving one another.

NEW SERMON SERIES

We begin a new sermon series this weekend entitled: "Miracles Happens When Pigs Fly." This will be a four part series on the belief in miracles. There are four miracles we will focus on in this series: 1) Miracles of Healing, 2) Miracles of Protection, 3) Miracles of Provision, 4) Miracles of Deliverance. We will delve into the Miracles of Deliverance this weekend. Go check out the promo video at crumc.com and share it on Facebook and with your friends. Hope to see you this weekend as we see if Miracles really do exist, and maybe, just maybe, Pigs really do Fly!

In This Issue

E Note From the Pastor

Care Notes

Bright Beginnings Learning Academy

Bright Beginnings Preschool

Thrift Store

Crystal River Primary Work Day

Food Pantry Closing

A Note of Thanks to the Musical Staff

Food Pantry Closing

Newsletter Announcements

Service Times

Week at a Glance

Summer Church Office Hours

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Discovery Group
4th of July at the Seagrass

Life Groups

Celebrate Recovery

Congregational care

Stephen Ministry

Sunday School



9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

Sunday morning. Then if you would, take the time to 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.

Fred Whetzel
Virginia Dreher



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy
is Accepting Applications
for Kindergarten and First Grade.
To apply call 352/795-1240



Preschool Hours are 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Infants through VPK

Now enrolling for VPK 2018/2019 School Year
VPK Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
with wrap care available

Call 352-795-1240
Lic# C05C10049

Kitchen- (K)



MON - THURS
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Closed Fridays



June 29
Harold Reeder

July 1
Ron Bray

July 5
Chelbe Camp
Kevin Camp

July 6
Janet M. Yant

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

careteam@crumc.com

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

Hello Church Family,

I hope you are planning part of your 4th of July celebrations at the store for a mega sale and fun time. I can even spill the beans now to let you know that the sale is 50% OFF STORE WIDE!!! So while we are celebrating freedom, feel free to come in to visit, purchase at a huge discount, purchase from the "back room" and that always means neat stuff cheap. Be sure to visit our produce vendor who is bringing all kinds of wonderful foods, much of it local. You can watch the process and maybe get envious of those of us who are the first to see the presents that appear every day. Hope to see you there as well as on Sunday as the worship design team presents our offerings of patriotism in the Sunday services.

Then, get ready for the Back-to-School Giving Tree to be up on July 8th, loaded with needs of socks and underwear for local students to start school and to make a supply for the school to keep for later uses. It will be in the sanctuary from July 8 until Teacher Appreciation/Prayer Day for our schools on Sunday August 12. You were incredibly generous last year and we have no reason to think we shouldn't be able to touch even more children this year.

Thank you for your support of your thrift store and all we are called by God to do for our church, community and world.

And now, another member of the store board whom we'd like you to know, Lucy Cook. Lucy is the newest member of the leadership team, is our Thursday afternoon lead and is especially gifted at pricing and displaying the more upscale items. She is also always cheerful and engaging with the customers and shows the face of the store we always intend. Thank you, Lucy, for all you do normally and extra, and the smile with which you do it

Blessings to all,
Pattie and Your Thrift Store board



July 1

Jerry & Barbara Miller

July 2

Richard & Susan Yerton

July 6

Chuck & Karen Thomas

July 8

Richard & Janet Yant

July 11

Ronnie & Paula Schmitt

July 13

Russ & Jo Steele

July 16

Ed & Marno Fagala

July 24

Mike & Donnie Brown

July 28

Charlie & Jill Jackson

July 29

James & Crystal Jefferson
Jr.

July 31

Robert & Tonya Briggs

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

careteam@crumc.com



Hi, my name is Lucy Cook and I participate on the board for Divinely Unique Thrift store. Pattie Williams asked each volunteer to tell a little about our lives so here goes.....

My husband Tom and I moved from Tampa to Crystal River in April of 2016. At the same time, I also retired from working in telecommunications. I worked 37 years for GTE/Verizon as an engineer/planner designing survivable fiber optic networks for major accounts throughout the Florida area. I participated in the planning and implementing FiOS, a fiber optic network that supported voice, data, and video to the home. I loved my job. Tom, my husband, also worked for GTE/Verizon as a cable man and Outside Plant Engineer. GTE was a family company and both Tom and I made friends that we will keep in our hearts forever. So.....now I move away from family and friends to Crystal River.....

This was a big move for me. I knew in order to make this move and my retirement successful, I needed to meet folks and make some friends. Tom and I joined the YMCA and started attending CRUMC in October of 2016. Our plan was to try out several churches in the community but we got hooked on Pastor David's sermons. One Sunday morning Mary M asked if I would be interested in working at the Thrift store. I replied with a hesitant yes.....My first day working the thrift store was spent in the processing room, fortunately with Pattie Williams doing her best to train me. What I like best about working the thrift store is the variety and volume of work that needs to be done. Processing donations is like being on a treasure hunt. I enjoy our customers and want them to have a nice experience when they come to our thrift store to shop. The thrift store suits me and I feel blessed and proud to be part of Divinely Unique Thrift Store.

Fun Facts about Me:

Born and raised in Florida
Tom and I meet in high school and have been married 42 years.
We have one son Thomas Oliver Cook III who is 27, lives in Land O Lakes, and we absolutely adore him!
We have a Jack Russell named Yogi.
And yes we absolutely adore him too!
The past three years I have struggled with Vertigo. UHG!!!!
In my forties I ran five half marathons.
Favorite food is cherry pie and white wine.

Well, this pretty much sums up my life. Oh yes, I have one more fact. Tom and I love living in Crystal River and consider this our home. We also feel fortunate that we chose to check out Crystal River United Methodist Church.

<https://www.facebook.com/Divinelyuniquethriftstore>

 **July 4th**
Discovery Group
Seagrass Waterfront
Restaurant and Resort



Come celebrate
Independence Day with us
11:30 AM- July 4th
@ the Seagrass 

**Sign Up At The
Connection Point**

LIFEgroups

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



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**

Crystal River Primary Work Day July 19th



arrangements!

[Click to like](#)
(Click banner below)



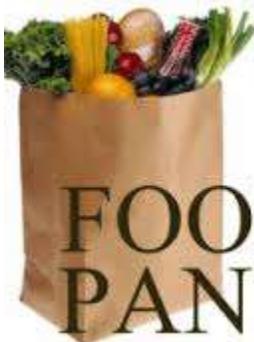
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

The Giving Tree



Coming July 8th



FOOD PANTRY

We have come to a decision to close the Food Pantry for the summer

*A Note
of Thanks*

To The Musical Staff

Your Memorial Day opening of the service with all the military service music was beautifully done. Thank you so much for remembering our Military in such a grand way.

Sincerely,

Kitty Ebert

This decision is due to a couple of reasons: 1) to conserve finances and 2) the lack of volunteers needed to run the pantry.

That being said, our reopen target date is the second Thursday in September. If you are able and would like to support and volunteer your time, please contact the front office Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 12 PM. We need drivers with a truck and hitch to pull the trailer on Wednesdays prior to Pantry Day. Along with a driver, we also need someone to go with the driver to help load the trailer. An additional crew is then needed to wait at the church to unload and stock.

We also need helpers to pack and distribute food on Pantry Days which are the second and fourth Thursday each month.

This is obviously a mission we all feel strongly about. Please consider volunteering your time this fall to help make it a success.

Thank you,
Tonya



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.



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!

[To view the best version of the message, please click here](#)

4801 N Citrus Ave, Crystal River, FL 34428

352-795-3148

<http://www.crumc.com>

