

Crystal River United Methodist Church

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Date: June 2, 2017



Friends,

The Youth Group has been in Leesburg all week working at the Warren Willis camp. This week they cleaned up the grounds and they re-roofed 3 cabins on the property. Their work is a wonderful witness to the Warren Willis staff and to the folks who come to use the camp facilities. As your pastor and as a faith community the work of our youth and the adult counselors are a great blessing to each of us. I am especially grateful for the leadership of Scott and Marie Witte. Thank You for your service to the Lord.

PAST WEEKEND WORSHIP

We continued in our sermon series on Samson... "Chosen By God." What we discovered was that each and every one of us never ends up making bad decisions all at once. Most of the time we make bad decisions one step at a time. Samson had twenty great years where he listens to the Spirit of God and Israel and the Philistines lived in peace. Then somewhere along the way, Samson decided he would go to Gaza, which was a 25 mile trip, and get into trouble. Samson had 56,250 steps that took him to Gaza and 56,250 opportunities to change direction. You see he made this poor decision one step at a time and he never stop to reconsider his decision. This was not a one-step decision, because it never is for any of us. It is always a decision made one step at a time, and yet we never stop to reconsider our decision, and then we wonder why we get into trouble. Like Samson, we make our decisions one step at a time and we fail to listen to the voice of the Spirit and so we never stop to reconsider our direction. Here is the simple answer to this problem.... 1) Just STOP. 2) Listen to the Spirit of God. 3) If the answer is to go no further, then simply TURN AROUND, and move to where God is leading you. If Samson had done that he would not have ended up blind and a laughing stock of the Philistines. The decisions you make today determines the story you tell tomorrow. So consider each step you take as an opportunity to re-evaluate your decision, and then take some time to listen to the Spirit of God speak into each step you take. It will help you live a life that is much more attuned to God's will for you. Just a Thought!

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend we will see that even when we make poor decisions that God is still there for us. Now the consequences of our decisions will live on, but thankfully God's Grace is bigger than the sin within each of us. Once Samson was captured by the Philistines, and blinded by them he turned back to God. Unfortunately we wait until we have no one else to turn to before we turn back to God. So Samson turns to God and God gives him

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9:00 A.M.
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back his strength so he can defeat the Philistines. In the end Samson fulfilled his purpose that God had given him, free the Israelites from the Philistines. Samson took lots of twists and turns to get to his final destination, but because of God's grace he made it. What is God calling you to do for Him? Are you listening to his Spirit speaking to your spirit? If you will listen to God he will guide your steps and you will fulfill God's purpose for your life. Hopefully you and I can learn from the life and relationship Samson had with God.

NEW SERMON SERIES

"How Nehemiah Changed the World in 52 Days." Check out the promo video and share it on face book. We will begin this four week series on June 18th. Hope you will join me as we look at how Nehemiah changed the world in 52 days. I know there are lessons for us, and I know we too can change our little piece of God's world if we will follow his lead. Invite yourself and others to join me for this new series.

Have a great weekend. Thanks for being a part of the CRUMC family. Thank you for your gifts last weekend for the Jefferson family, and if you would still like to contribute come prepared this Sunday to share.

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.

- June Brownell
- David Dick
- David Dreher
- John Goode Sr.
- Lesley O'Dell

**This Sunday is
"Bring a Can Sunday"**

2017 JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY— JUNE 2nd, 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— JUNE 3rd, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Our Father's Table (ST. Anne's)

SUNDAY - JUNE 4th, 2017
"Bring A Can Sunday"
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- JUNE 5th, 2017
10:00 a.m. Disccovery Group @ Dakota Vinyards

TUESDAY- JUNE 6th, 2017
2:00 p.m. Worship Design (RM 16)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)

WEDNESDAY- JUNE 7th, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)
6:00 p.m Bethel Prayer Watch(BC)
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (T)

THURSDAY— JUNE 8th, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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— JUNE 9th, 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— JUNE 10th, 2017



Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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)



Discovery Group is going to

Dakotah Vineyards & Winery In Chiefland.

We will meet at the church by 10 a.m. on

Monday - June 5th.

We are requesting a \$5.00 donation for the bus,
there is no cost for the Winery.

We will stop first for lunch at The Gathering Table.

Please sign up at the Connection Point

or call Jean Bush, 795-6350

to reserve your seat on the bus.



Happy
Birthday

June 2
Sue Hansen

June 5
Terry A Gehring
Zachary Wan

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

careteam@crumc.com



June 1



CALLING ALL SINGERS!!!

ANNOUNCING "SUMMER SING" AT CRUMC!!!

The choir is taking a much-deserved extended vacation this summer, June, July and August. BUT, we must not let the worship experience suffer without the presence of "special" music to honor God. Our men are singing on Father's Day; other ensembles, solos and duets are in the works; and there is always room for any of you who are not currently in choir or those with whom we are not yet acquainted who might like to offer your gifts. Just let Pattie Williams know when and what and it can happen.

This is an exciting new concept for us. August 13 and 20 will be "Open Choir" Sundays at CRUMC. The choir members who are ready to come back AND, we hope, anyone else from the congregation who would like to join them, will be singing those days. We will use simple hymn arrangements that you already know. It's a chance to check out this ministry and maybe find it something you'd like to commit to, or just have fun singing for those two Sundays.

We hope you will consider SUMMER SING your CALLING!!

Pattie and Margaret



Join us Wednesday's at 6 P.M. for Prayer Watch in the Bethel Chapel

LIFEgroups

MEADOWCREST BIBLE STUDY

Friday's from 10 am till 11 am

David & Beverly Hickey

June 5
Eric & Richiko

June 12
Harold & Earnestine Reeder

June 18
Carol & Arnold Camp

June 19
David & Michele Rawls

June 22
Paul & Cristy Ingram

June 24
Peter & Janice Ray Holmes

June 30
Bill & Donna Farmer
Fred & Bonne Whetzel

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

careteam@crumc.com



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



Stephen MINISTRY

at the Meadowcrest Club house



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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Bright Beginnings Learning Academy is now Accepting Applications for Kindergarten. See Frank Pifer to apply or call 352/795-1240

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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***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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