



Friends of CRUMC,

Worship last weekend took us to a place where Daniel was now a man in his middle-to-late 90's. Daniel had been faithful to Yahweh, for 8 plus decades. He had been praying for years that Yahweh would allow the Jewish people to return to Israel. There had been little movement to allow people to return, with the exception of handful of people who sought to rebuild the Temple. They had met resistance and the Temple was not getting rebuilt. Daniel prays on, and looks to Yahweh, but now you might say Daniel is a little discouraged. Daniel had a dream, a vision, and it was not the dream he had envisioned. It was a dream that he needed God to interpret, because the dream showed the Jewish people would continue to be enslaved by the Babylonian empire. That would be discouraging for anyone who had prayed all these years, and the answer seemed never to come. Daniel could have given up, but he chose instead to continue praying, looking to God to set things right, even when it seemed God was nowhere to be found.

Have you ever experienced that with God? Have you felt like you were praying to a wall, and God was nowhere to be found, or at the very least He did not seem to hear your prayers? That seemed to be the way Daniel felt, but the difference for Daniel was that he did not give up. He kept on praying with the expectation that God would work it all out. I believe there is a lesson in this story for each of us. Daniel kept praying, God finally responded, but the response came not with Daniel telling God what he wanted, but with Daniel listening to what God wanted of Him.

Too often we are too busy telling God what we need or want and less time listening and waiting for God to tell us what He wants of you and me. Maybe that is why we believe God does not answer prayer the way we want Him too. We cannot hear the answer because we are too busy speaking, and spending less time listening. God answers prayer, but we need to listen more and speak less.

Daniel discovered this, but what made the difference was that Daniel never gave up on prayer. Had he done so, the results might have been very different. Remember "Prayer" changes the direction of

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your life, and it helps to determine your future. So if you feel as if you have hit a wall and God seems to be missing in action, keep on praying and seek to listen for His direction. Daniel discovered that, will you?

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend we are going to circle back to Daniel, chapter 3, and look at the story of Daniel's three friends who stood firm in faith, even when they knew death could come to them. King Nebuchadnezzar ordered that a statue be built to honor him. He also ordered that all people and nations were to bow down to this statue and worship it. Three of Daniel's friends said, "No." Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego told the king they could not violate their faith in Yahweh by worshipping a false god. The king said, "If you do not bow down, then you will be thrown into a furnace and die." They stood strong in their faith and did not waver, and God protected them. Could you and I stand "Firm" in the fire of adversity and maybe even in death? Consider the faith these three men exhibited! We will discover that a "Faith that can be Tested is a faith that can be Trusted." Join me as we close out this sermon series this weekend, maybe see how strong our faith might be in facing adversity.

NEW SERMON SERIES

Next weekend we will begin a four-part sermon series entitled: "Life's Healing Choices." This series is based on a book by John Baker. The basis for this series will come from the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:1-11. This should be a helpful series on how we all have choices in life, and the challenge is: How do you and I make good choices each day? What and who do you base your choices on? How do you find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups when you make poor choices? Join me as we will begin this new series next weekend. As always, invite yourself and your family and friends to join me in worship. Thank you for being a part of the CRUMC family.

Hope you had a great week. Hope you are making room for prayer in your life every day. Hope you are listening for guidance from the Holy Spirit. Keep praying and God will lead you.

Blessings,

Pastor David



9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

SEPTEMBER 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC**

FRIDAY- August 31, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- September 1, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Our Father's Table
(St. Anne's)
2:30 p.m. Celebrate Leadership
(RM 13)

SUNDAY - September 2, 2018

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 Scout Troop 415 (T)

MONDAY - September 3, 2018

Happy Labor Day (Office Closed)

TUESDAY - September 4, 2018

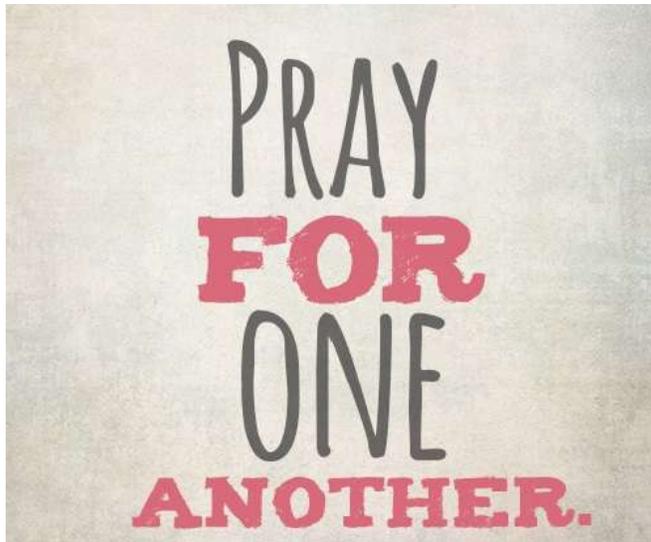
9:30 a.m. Worship Design (S)
12:00 UMW Lunch (S)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S) 6:30 p.m.
Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- September 5, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Bereavement Class (S)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 13)

THURSDAY - September 6, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store



Remember to stop by and sign the prayer cards on 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.

Paul Belhumuer
Mrs. Mulligan

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)

FRIDAY- September 7, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- September 8, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Celebrate Leadership
(RM 13)

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!

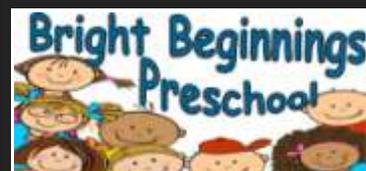
Sanctuary- (S)
Bethel Chapel- (BC)
Choir Room- (C)
Tabernacle- (T)
Kitchen- (K)



Join us Wednesday, Sept. 5th
@ 6:30 P.M.
for a Presentation



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



Preschool Hours are 6:30

A Note of Thanks

From Crystal River Primary School

Dear Congregation:

On behalf of the entire staff at Crystal River Primary, I appreciate all the hard work you did over the summer making our school look better for the upcoming school year. Your generosity in providing all the school supplies to our staff and students will help ensure all students have what they need to be successful in class. The students will truly benefit from the socks and underwear that you donated as well.

The staff would also like to thank you for the invitation to attend services at your Church.

Your generous donation of supplies and your time is greatly appreciated by the entire staff and students.

Thank you for your support of our school.

Sincerely,

Donnie Brown
Principal

Thank you so much for your donation of school supplies to our classroom. They will really help us out this year

~Tiffany Swain

~Andrea Renkin

Thank you for your support at Crystal River Primary School, it does not go unnoticed. We (teachers) appreciate your willingness to help out on work days, mentor the students and provide supplies for both teachers and the students. Thank you for your care and the impact you make in the community.

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

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



September 2

Cynthia Avery

Karen Janota

Mary McClean

September 4

Lee DeGraff

September 5

Doroth Witcher

September 6

Bob Boleware

Sincerely,
Sarah Stapley



United Methodist Women

All women of the church are invited to attend the upcoming meeting of the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN on Tuesday, September 4, at noon in the church sanctuary. We begin with a luncheon and ask each attendee to bring a dish to share. (Dessert will be provided by "Friendship" the hosting Circle.) After the luncheon, we will hold our business meeting, and this month's meeting will include a brief presentation about this past summer's "Mission U", by Marta Valette.

Come and discover this group of hard working, dedicated disciples of our church as we plan our activities and fund raisers for mission - especially geared toward women and children - local and worldwide.

Call Lois Bump, Secretary, at 352-249-1196 if you have questions.

If we have missed your Birthday, please contact the Care Team at careteam@crumc.com



September 1

John & Marj Morrison Jr.

September 3

Bill & Gail Easley

Roger & Betty Schooly

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

careteam@crumc.com





Bereavement Classes on how to deal with grief will be held on Wednesdays from 10 - 11:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary Sponsored by Hospice



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

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,

What a great 50% off furniture sale we had last week at the thrift store! Our Friday and Saturday crews outdid themselves helping folks furnish their homes, making Saturday our biggest non-event Saturday in the history of the store. God's blessings abound.

This week's sale is 50% off kitchen things AND,,,,our famous bag sale of clothing and shoes as we prepare to change out summer to fall. Magically (with hours of effort from our store elves) we open next Wednesday, Sept 5 in fall mode.

LIFEgroups

Please Contact The Church Office for a Listing at 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)



I'm Lois Bump and I'm a volunteer at the Divinely Unique Thrift Store. I was born and raised - along with my twin and an older sister - in central MA. I met my husband and best friend Richard (Dick) in my teens and 3 months after I received my Associates Degree in Accounting at Becker Jr College and he graduated from N E School of Accounting, we were married in 1961. I worked for 2 years in a large law firm. After the births of our two children, I remained a stay-at-home mom for the next several years. During all these years I was an active member of a Community Church, singing in the choir from the age of 13, and involved in the Youth Group, and after our marriage I continued to be involved in many aspects of the church including serving on many committees, holding office in the Christian Women's Group, and singing with a group of women called "The Grace Notes" for 25 years.

In 1976 I got my Real Estate Broker's license and after working in the business for 4 years I opened my own independent Realtor office (Bump Realty Associates, Inc.) which I operated until 1994 When Dick and I Retired to Cape Cod and began doing extensive traveling, including visiting every county in continental United States over the next several years.

In 2000 we built a home in Pine Ridge after deciding that we preferred being away from the winter weather in New England. I joined CRUMC in 2001 and soon was singing in the choir, serving on committees, and involved with CR United Methodist Women. I also took up the game of golf, which I enjoy to this day!

When the Thrift Shop opened I began volunteering there mostly on Saturdays and occasionally filling in during the week. I feel blessed to be able to be a Steward for the church and always feel like I'm getting back more than I'm giving by interacting with the many customers who shop there, listening to their stories, and sharing my faith with them. The Thrift Store is a real BLESSING to me!

Lois is a valued Saturday face of the store. The Saturday crews seldom do backroom processing but do help keep the shelves and racks tidy and updated when not interacting with customers. Lois is also a regular on extra work days for cleaning or big projects. In all she does for us and other ministries of this church, she brings her smile and calm presence to her service and we treasure her as a very important volunteer at Divinely Unique.

Have a great weekend, maybe make Divinely Unique Thrift a part of it and definitely worship on Sunday a big part of it.

We can't wait to see you there!

CRUMC, BBP, & BBLA
fall festival
October 21st From 3-7



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 arrangements!

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Steeple to Street
Neighborhood Flea Market
Saturday - October 27th

Blessings to all,
Pattie and your thrift store board

Music Ministry

Hello, Church Family,

I know it doesn't feel like summer is winding down yet, but school has started and August is half over so it's time to be thinking about the seasonal activities of our church ministries, specifically the music ministry. Chancel Bells begin fall rehearsals on Monday, August 27 at 7:00 in the choir room. Every summer I plan to do a beginning bell class for those who may be intimidated by our ringers who have been ringing together for years and every summer has slipped away without doing it. SOOOO, here is your special invitation to come at the very first of the season to get very special tutelage from those experienced ringers, all of whom will welcome you with open arms and love to share hints with you as you learn and blend right in with the choir. We always let new ringers double an experienced ringer for a while before throwing you in to sink or swim. It is a group of people who love music, love bells, love serving God and love one another. Some music experience is helpful but not required so if you have Monday evenings and one Sunday a month free we'd love for you to come give it a try.

And, if you sing instead of ring, there's a place for you to serve God there also. Sanctuary Choir resumes Thursday evening at 6:00, August 30. This is another great "small group" dedicated to leading worship on Sundays at the 9:00 service with their joyful offerings of praise and sharing their gifts together on Thursday evenings as we all learn together. We sing almost every Sunday and rehearse almost every Thursday evening to be able to do that service for God and our congregation. There's absolutely a seat there with your name on it.

So, all current, former and potential ringers and singers, please join those who love making music to God and find out how much joy we find in serving together.
We hope to see you there.

In God's service,
Pattie and Margaret and our ringers and singers



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Advanced Classes
Saturday, September 8,
2018**

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Deadline for Registration:
August 28th, 2018

For full information on
classes, schedule,
directions and related
items, [click here.](#)

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Stephen
MINISTRY

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.

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