



Friends of Crystal River UMC,

This past weekend we looked at the notion that we are proud to be Americans, and for the freedoms this country has afforded each of us, but as followers of Jesus, America is not the promised land. As a follower of Jesus, we are called to be an ambassador representing a nation called Heaven. So as an Ambassador from Heaven, we are to serve as a "Diplomat" of Jesus, helping to reconcile the world to God and our neighbor to one another. II Corinthians 5:20 reminds us of this calling: *"20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."*

That is why, as an Ambassador from Heaven, you cannot compromise your witness by getting into the mud over politics. You are in the business of reconciliation, not causing conflict among your neighbors. John Wesley reminds us as to how we are to behave in this season of politics:

**I met with those of our society who had voted in the ensuing election, and advised them:**

**"1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy. 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."**

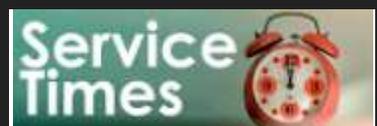
I believe this is good advice for all people, but especially for those of us who claim to be followers of Jesus. If we are to take our faith seriously, then we need to represent Jesus as best we can, with as much grace as we can, for as long as we can.

When you and I said "Yes" to Jesus, remember that God had been pursuing you with his Prevenient Grace, calling you to make a response to His offer of love. So as scripture says in John 15:16, *16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last-and so that whatever you ask in my name, the Father will give you.*

God chose you and He appointed you as an Ambassador to go and bear fruit that will last. The political season comes and goes, and

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**9:00 A.M.**  
**Traditional Service**

God is still in control, but the relationships we form as believers in Christ are eternal. So, our witness, our calling, our appointment have eternal consequences with other believers and non-believers. Why? Because you are a representative, an Ambassador for God, not from America, but from Heaven, called to bear fruit that is lasting.

So, remember this, you were not elected by People, but you were chosen and elected by God to represent your Nation, called Heaven. Represent God well this week and in all your weeks to come.

**WEEKEND WORSHIP**

This weekend we will have one service at 10:30 am. This will be a combined service of music and song, followed by a light lunch. This Music Sunday service is always a great time of celebration of God's presence in our lives through the gift of music. Join us, bring a salad or a dessert, and yourself and enjoy a morning of worship through music. I know you will be blessed.

We had a great turnout for the Fall Festival. I want to thank everyone who participated and served in this event. You are a blessing to this church and to this community.

This weekend is our Steeple to Street Flea Market event. I trust you will stop by and enjoy the many various vendors who will have things to sell. There will be great fellowship and food, so stop by this Saturday from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. It should be a great day at Crystal River UMC.

**NEW SERMON SERIES**

We will begin a new sermon series entitled "**More Than Enough**". This will be a four-week series helping us to discover Joy through Simplicity and Generosity. God calls us to be courageous in faith, so we might bear fruit that lasts. The fruit that God wants us to discover is the fruit of Joy, the fulfillment in simplicity, the strength in relationships, a clear sense of purpose, and the faith to be generous. These are the keys to experiencing the good life. This series will invite us to rediscover these truths for our lives. Join me as we begin this new series on Sunday, November 4th. You will be blessed as God reveals His Word to our hearts.

Have a great weekend. Thank you for being the church. Thank you for Loving, Serving, and Giving to God. See you in Worship this weekend.

Blessings,

Pastor David



Remember to stop by and sign the prayer cards on Sunday morning. Then if you would, take the time to

**10:30 A.M.  
Contemporary Service**

| OCTOBER 2018 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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**ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC**

**FRIDAY- October 26, 2018**

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch

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

**SATURDAY- October 27, 2018**

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch

2:30 Celebrate Leadership (RM 13)

**SUNDAY - October 28, 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)

12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch

**MONDAY - October 29, 2018**

9:30 a.m. Worship Design (RM 13)

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (RM 13)

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

**TUESDAY - October 30, 2018**

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch

6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)

6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

**WEDNESDAY- October 31, 2018**

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2:30 UMW Board Meeting (T)

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 13)

**THURSDAY - November 1, 2018**

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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

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.

Sue Kennedy

## Divinely Unique *Thrift Store*

5015 N. Citrus Ave • Crystal River, FL 34428

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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,

Well, the store looks like an ant hill this week with all the preparations for Steeple to Street coming up THIS Saturday, 8-3 around the thrift store. It's being advertised extensively and getting lots of interest so please don't forget to come out and meet our vendors and shop the store. This isn't being made public knowledge yet: it's a scoop for just our church family, but it's another 1/2 price STOREWIDE sale. That means great savings for you!

Another great reason to come by is our Christmas Preview! A year's worth of Christmas donations is being displayed as a famous Back Room Sale for just this Saturday during S2S. You'll find everything from trees to trimmings to Holiday table settings at greatly reduced prices. Why? Why a drastic sale so early? Because we don't have room to put it all in the store! It's a wonderland in there and in time for all your decorating. Come out and select from the first showing.

And, remember at our first S2S event last March how fun the silent auction was? This one is even more

**FRIDAY- November 2, 2018**

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

**SATURDAY- November 3, 2018**

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

9:00 Our Father's Table (St. Anne's)

2:30 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)



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To apply call  
352/795-1240



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

interesting with even more items and the list keeps growing! Some pictures are on facebook but here is a list as of Wednesday evening.

A kayak, a cartop carrier. A Cal Ripken, Jr. Collectible Framed Photo, a chalk painted end table, 2 blue Italian vases, a Vera Bradley bag, Michael Kors Girls Toddler Shoes, a fall harvest gift basket, a wrought iron table and chair, a Cobra stun gun, a rug from the Russ Steele collection, a large terra cotta flower pot, several succulent gardens, and a golf certificate from Black Diamond for a round of golf for 4 including cart valued at \$600. And there'll probably be more by Saturday!

It's expected to be a beautiful breezy cool day full of fun activities, great vendors, coffee and bagels and pastries in the morning, free hot dogs and lemonade for lunch and fellowship with your church family and community neighbors. Let's have a great day together sharing our church and store with the community.

Blessings to all and hope to see you there,  
Pattie and your Thrift Store Board

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2018/2019 School Year**

**VPK Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
with wrap care  
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**MON - THURS**  
**9 A.M. - 12 P.M.**  
**Closed Fridays**



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Our BSA Leadership Team is looking for Administrative Leadership.

If you could spare a hour or so, once a month to make a Difference in our children's future, please contact the front office at 352/795-3148 Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 12 PM

A colorful illustration of a busy flea market scene with various stalls, people, and a church steeple in the background. The text "Steeple to Street Neighborhood Flea Market" is written in a stylized font, and "Saturday - October 27th" is written below the illustration.

**Steeple to Street  
Neighborhood Flea Market**

**Saturday - October 27th**



Sponsored by the CRUMC Sanctuary Choir

## \*SOS DINNER

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

CRUMC Sanctuary

5:30 — 7:00 PM

Join us for dinner and help meet CRUMC's 2018 insurance premium.  
One hundred percent of your donation will go to that cause.

Smoked Pork Loin **OR** Roast Turkey Breast

Served with green salad, garlic mashed, hot veggie, roll and dessert

Beverages: Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Coffee

**Donation \$10 Children under 10 eat free**

**Tickets on sale from October 14 thru November 4**

\*Share Our Spirit

Tickets may be purchased at any time  
from choir members or between  
Sunday services at our patio table



### October 27

Gail Easley

### October 29

Masumi Palhof

### October 31

Crystal Jefferson  
Marjorie Morrison  
Yuri Palhof

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

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



### October 7

Beverly Nordlund

### October 10

Karen & Bob Anderson

### October 14

Sandy & Will Tripp

### October 20

Bill & Judy Surrick

### October 27

Sheryl & Bill Bartle

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

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## *A Note of Thanks*

Ms. Mary & Pumpkin Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity afforded to  
our school. You all have made such an  
awesome memory for the students at Crest.

Blessings to you all,

The Concreteables  
The 100 Building  
The 200 Building  
and all Staff & Students



Bright Beginnings would like to express a world of thanks to the CRUMC family who helped with their booths during the Fall Festival, a wonderful day for all!



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)



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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**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!**



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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