

Jesus answered,
"The work
of God
is this:
to believe
in the one
he has sent."

JOHN 6:29, NIV

Curlew United Methodist Church

*where everyone is welcome and
where all can make a difference!*

Curlew UMC proudly celebrates 150 years of ministry.

Our Mission:

To Know, Love and Serve Jesus Christ by the grace of God through the Holy Spirit

Our Purpose:

Be the Body of Christ gathered in love. Worship God and Preach the gospel so that others may know the power of God's love through a personal relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. Grow in faith, knowledge and strength in order to do God's work in the community and in the world.

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Open minds
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Sunday Morning

10:15 Organ Selections
10:30 Morning Worship



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THE COURIER NEWSLETTER

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From Pastor Rachel ...

Dear Curlew Friends,

Among the many undisputed pleasures of summer stands one which might be considered more a curse than a blessing: the thunderstorm. Thunderstorms can be extremely destructive, yet they are also extremely common, occurring thousands of times a day over vast expanses of land and sea. They cause both fires and floods, yet they continually renew the face of the earth. They are wild and untamable, yet as predictable as the heat of a summer's afternoon.

How would you describe the peace of God? For me, it's often in the sounds that come after the storm is over: the song of the crickets, the rain gently drumming on the leaves. I feel it in the cool, fragrant air that drives away the heat of the day. I see it in starlight and moonlight illuminating the breaking canopy above.

Heat and pressure are inescapable, if we choose not to live out our lives in places sealed tight against the sky. Storms will come. They must. They can bring destruction of one kind or another. But they bring new life as well - even to the most arid of landscapes. That is why I love thunderstorms. They remind me of Who's really in charge of this planet: our wild, untamable, life-bringing God.

Peace to all of you as I contemplate taking some Sabbath time in my beloved East Tennessee Mountains.

*In Christ's love,
Pastor Rachel*



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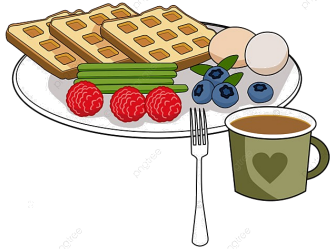
Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The People of The United Methodist Church



Forwarding Service Requested



The Curlew United Methodist Men continue to meet via ZOOM every Saturday morning at 8:00 am. If anyone would like to join us on Zoom.com, the ID sign-in code is: **714 5751 1391**. The password when prompted is: **umm**.



United Methodist Men's August Breakfast Schedule

All men of the church (and their friends!) are welcome to join the CUMM for breakfast any Saturday morning at 9:00!

August 7: Chatterbox North, 2710 Alt. US19, Palm Harbor

August 14: Johnny Grits, 857 E. Klosterman Rd., Tarpon Springs

August 21: Tiffany's. 35000 US Hwy. 19N, Palm Harbor

August 28: Chatterbox North, 2710 Alt. US19, Palm Harbor



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| 8/01 Gary Barth | 8/23 Donna Gibbs |
| 8/02 Phil Lemons | 8/24 Tess Griffith |
| 8/08 Janice Boorse | 8/26 Genevieve Tweedy |
| 8/10 Kitty Gray | 8/29 Doris Mann |



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| 8/03 Doug & Janet Hattan |
| 8/06 Marlin & Leatta Taylor |
| 8/18 Mark & Mary Smiech |
| 8/22 Richard & Linda Hicks |

(If you want to send a birthday or anniversary card, please call the church office if you need an address for any of the folks listed here.)

August 2021

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Book of Titus Bible Crossword Answer Key

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Be sure to go online to: members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and register to use our online directory. Only those in the directory can register, and then you'll have access to our most up-to-date information!

If you need information or assistance, call ...

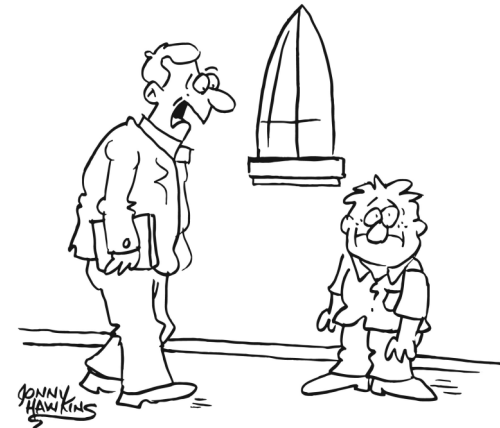
The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

A program of the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.

The ADRC provides access to information and resources for:

- Adult Day Care
- Caregiver Support
- Food Resources/Meals on Wheels
- Housing Options
- Incontinence Supplies
- Legal Services
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Nursing Home and Assisted Living Placement
- Prescription Assistance
- and more!

Helpline: 1-800-963-5337 or 727-217-8111, 8 am - 5 pm; Online: www.AgingCareFL.org



"No, son — the love of Monday is not the root of all evil."



"I'm going into all the world to make disciples of all nations. So I might be a little late for dinner."

AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!

Rada Cutlery has all kinds of kitchen gadgets, food mixes and cookbooks available for purchase. In order to see what's available, go to :

www.Radafundraising.com

Once you're on the page, it will ask you to select a fundraising group by putting in the city, state and zip code. Once you enter the info, our church should "pop up". Just click on that and you're all set!

If you don't have a computer, we have catalogs available in the church office.



Altar Flowers

We still have 2021 dates available if you would like to reserve the altar flowers and commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one. The order forms, calendar, and flower catalog are on the bulletin board outside the church office.



People Needing Prayer

As the Body of Christ, we are called to pray for each other. What a privilege we have to go to God for the needs of our brothers and sisters!

As of the printing of this newsletter, we are in prayer for:
Ernie & Nancy Bear, Janice Boorse, Sandy Fika, Richard & Linda Hicks, Betty Johnson, Helen Kamp, JR Melvin, Joann Tilley, your Church Family and Church Leaders, the United Methodist Church, our country, and those across the globe fighting the coronavirus pandemic.



We are aware of several church families in need of prayer for loved ones, so please lift them up in prayer as well.

Let us help! **Please** be sure to call the Church Office when you or someone you know is in need of prayer. We want to know when someone is in the hospital or is in need of prayer for any reason, so please be sure to call the church office. If it's after hours, just leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible!

Pray for our Shut-ins

Esther Besch - 2851 Tampa Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684 (Manor Care, 787-4777)

Mary DeDea - 2655 Nebraska Avenue, #1002, Palm Harbor, FL 34684 (St. Mark, 785-2576)

Eileen Huntington - 2655 Nebraska Avenue, #1022, Palm Harbor, FL 34684 (St. Mark, 785-2576)

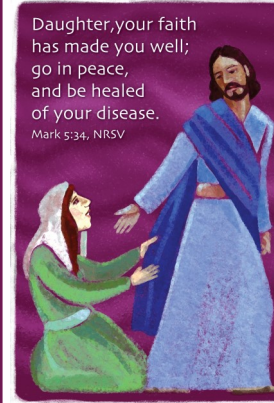
Barbara Bardua - 1212 Lanyard Street, Palm Harbor, FL 34685 (789-4313)

Kitty Gray - 750 Starkey Road - #225A, Largo FL 33771

A Crazy Hunch and a High Hope

by Max Lucado

www.biblegateway.com



"If I can just touch his clothes," she thinks, "I will be healed."
(Mark 5:28 NCV).

Risky decision. To touch him, she will have to touch the people. If one of them recognizes her ... hello rebuke, good-bye cure. But what choice does she have? She has no money, no clout, no friends, no solutions. All she has is a crazy hunch that Jesus can help and a high hope that he will.

Maybe that's all you have: a crazy hunch and a high hope. You have nothing to give. But you are hurting. And all you have to offer him is your hurt.

Maybe that has kept you from coming to God. Oh, you've taken a step or two in his direction. But then you saw the other people around him. They seemed so clean, so neat, so trim and fit in their faith. And when you saw them, they blocked your view of him. So you stepped back.

If that describes you, note carefully, only one person was commended that day for having faith. It wasn't a wealthy giver. It wasn't a loyal follower. It wasn't an acclaimed teacher. It was a shame-struck, penniless outcast who clutched onto her hunch that he could and her hope that he would.

Which, by the way, isn't a bad definition of faith: A conviction that he can and a hope that he will. Sounds similar to the definition of faith given by the Bible. *"Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him"* (Heb. 11:6 NCV).

Not too complicated is it? Faith is the belief that God is real and that God is good. Faith is not a mystical experience or a midnight vision or a voice in the forest ... it is a choice to believe that the one who made it all hasn't left it all and that he still sends light into shadows and responds to gestures of faith.

There was no assurance, of course. She hoped he'd respond ... she longed for it ... but she didn't know if he would. All she knew was that he was there and that he was good. That's faith.

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that God will do what is right.



Summertime Prayer Revival

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

It is August and we are well into summer. With temperatures running well into the mid-nineties and the humidity running high (making us feel even hotter), it is a challenge to enjoy the outdoors or play any high energy games like volleyball, soccer or touch football. At times, it is even a challenge to enjoy a good outdoor picnic. What is the answer? The answer is a summertime prayer revival.

A good place to begin a revival is always with prayer. Personal, intimate conversations with the Father. Being honest, recognizing our sin, our shortcomings, and those things that distract us from God, from prayer. It is amazing to see what the Holy Spirit does when we spend time with Christ in prayer.

Things that will help you in effective prayer: Ask, Matthew 7:7; Believe, Mark 11:24; and, Claim and give thanks, John 11:41. It is important to set aside an early morning time with God (otherwise, the day goes marching on like the energizer bunny, you get distracted and another day goes by without prayer). It is also important to consciously remember Him in prayer throughout the day.

As you claim your summertime revival, please remember that **prayer is the only means of sustaining a living relationship with God, it is of supreme importance to Christians to have a living prayer life.**

I encourage you to make this a season of prayer for you individually and collectively as a church knowing that this summertime prayer revival will draw you closer to the One that matters the most - God.

Praising, praying and rejoicing with you.
Helen Hershman, Lay Leader

Yea!



The tape is down and the signs are gone!!! We are so happy to begin our return to what seems “normal” in worship. However, out of an abundance of caution, particularly with the increase in the Delta covid variant, we still ask that you use the hand sanitizer upon entering and wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated.



The Upper Room, July/August Edition

We have received both the regular and large-print editions of The Upper Room, July/August Edition. They are available in the narthex. If you are unable to attend church (but can still get out) and would like one, please stop by any weekday between 10:00-3:00. If that is not possible, just call the church office (784.3424) and we'd be happy to mail you one!



Prayer E-Mail

We have been sending out an e-mail that lets you know of the prayer needs in our church family. It's not on a regular schedule, but we're trying to send it out weekly.

Here's some info about the email you might find helpful:

- 1) If you have, or know of, a prayer need, please call or e-mail the church office.
- 2) If you do not receive the e-mail (but would like to) and have a computer, please call or e-mail the church office.
- 3) If you do not have a computer but would like to receive the information, please call and let us know. We'll either mail it out or leave it for you to pick up on Sunday.

Please note that this e-mail **DOES NOT** take the place of our Prayer Chain. That is used for immediate and/or emergency prayer needs, and is invaluable. Those prayer needs will most likely be included when the next e-mail is sent out.



At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and congressman and gave them their room assignments.

"Pastor, here are the keys to one of our nicest efficiency units. And for you, Mr. Congressman, the keys to our finest penthouse suite."

"This is unfair!" cried the minister.

"Listen," St. Peter said, "ministers are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first congressman we've ever seen."



We would like to thank you for continuing to support the church through your tithes and offerings, even during these uncertain times. Because of your faithful generosity we are able to meet our financial obligations. Pledge cards for 2021 are available in the church office and the narthex. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge!

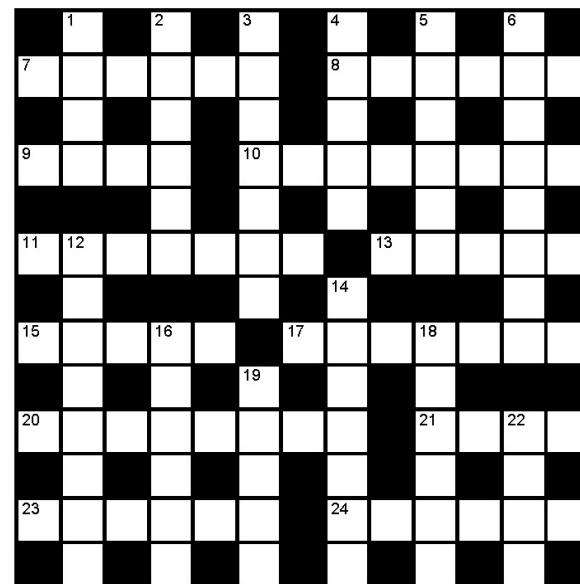
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(Wondering if anyone noticed that they misspelled Bethlehem?)

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PETER

Book of Titus Bible Crossword (King James Version)



Across

- 7 Paul instructs Titus to ____ elders. Titus 1:5 (6)
- 8 In the beginning, God created this and the earth. Gen 1:1 (6)
- 9 Some profess to know God, but do this by their works. Titus 1:16 (4)
- 10 A friend and companion of Paul. Titus 3:12 (8)
- 11 Zenas and Apollos were going on this. Titus 3:13 (7)
- 13 "Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering ____." Titus 2:9 (5)
- 15 "And let our's also ____ to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." Titus 3:14 (5)
- 17 Older women are to teach younger women to be these at home. Titus 2:5 (7)
- 20 Along with love, this appeared toward man. Titus 3:4 (8)

Down

- 21 Paul instructs Titus that the elders he chooses should not have children that are "accused of ____." Titus 1:6 (4)
- 23 Heavenly creatures. (6)
- 24 "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou ____ constantly ..." Titus 3:8 (6)
- 6 God wanted to purify for Himself this type of people. Titus 2:14 (8)
- 12 "Exhort servants to be ____ unto their own masters." Titus 2:9 (8)
- 14 Anointed one. (7)
- 16 Christ came to ____ us from iniquity. Titus 2:14 (6)
- 18 Christ came to "____ unto himself" a people. Titus 2:14 (6)
- 19 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus, Chapter 2, ____ 11. (5)
- 22 "And let ____ also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." Titus 3:14 (4)
- 1 "This witness is ____." Titus 1:13 (4)
- 2 The profession of Zenas. Titus 3:13 (6)
- 3 "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish ... and hating one ____." Titus 3:3 (7)
- 4 "In hope of eternal life, ____ God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Titus 1:2 (5)
- 5 "This is a faithful ____ ..." Titus 3:8 (6)

Kids Thoughts about God

The following are actual statements about the Bible written by children.

1. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
2. A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.
3. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
4. Moses died before he ever reached Texas.
5. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
6. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
7. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives, and 700 porcupines.



Dear Curlew Family,

A recent testimonial from a former student at the United Methodist Children’s Home serves as a reminder to us of the good our donations are doing:



“The coolest part of living at the Children’s Home was having almost 100 sisters and brothers at the home. Cottage outings, recreation, church, choirs, and theme parks helped to round out my education while there. I graduated from high school while at the Children’s Home and purchased my own car with no financial help. Needless to say, I would not be the productive citizen, wife and mother I am today without this experience.”

Don’t forget that **August is a Fifth Sunday** month. We will be having a special collection for the United Methodist Children’s Home on Sunday, August 29. Thank you so much for your continued generous support to this mission of our church.

All God’s blessings to each of you,
Bob and Linda Floyd



For someone in the hospital?

There are **hand-held prayer crosses** and **New Testaments** on a table in the Narthex. If you or someone you know would be blessed by either of these items, please feel free to take as many as you need. And don’t forget, we have **prayer shawls** available in the church office!



Please note this new address:

Kitty Gray
c/o Grand Villa of Largo
750 Starkey Road, #225A
Largo, FL 33771
228-9603 (facility #)



God Is at Work

www.inspiration.org

“This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands. Judges 7:14 NIV

God told Gideon that He would give the Midianites into his hands. But to Gideon, this seemed impossible. This adversary seemed to have every advantage.

Despite God’s promise, Gideon was afraid and lacked confidence. So, God asked him to sneak into the enemy camp to listen to what they were saying. God knew he would be encouraged.

At first, Gideon remained overwhelmed. The Midianite army was vast and “thick as locusts” (v. 12). They were heavily equipped with more camels than could be counted. But then he heard a Midianite share a dream in which he declared that God already had given the Midianites into the hands of Israel. Gideon realized that Midian expected defeat.

It became clear to Gideon that God would accomplish what He promised. He still felt inadequate and overwhelmed at his challenge, but he was learning that his role was to trust and obey God and realize that God was at work.

You may have doubts about the challenges you face. The obstacles you confront may seem impossible to overcome. You may not see any indication that God is doing anything to answer your prayers. But the Bible assures us that you can always trust Him. His promises are always true.

Realize that God is at work in your life and the world. You may not see tangible results but have confidence. He is accomplishing His purposes. You can trust Him.

Prayer:

Father, I believe You are at work in ways that I do not always see.
I trust You. Help me be faithful. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in.
Aim at earth and you get neither.

CS Lewis