

“... KNOCK,
AND THE DOOR
WILL BE OPENED
FOR YOU.”

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
Open doors*



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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,

We entered 2021 expecting a challenging year as we are finding new ways through this changing world. 2021 will continue to challenge us with change and we are finding different ways of being together in Christ. As the chaos caused by the pandemic has forced us to be separate at times, we seek ways to connect. We will seek ways to deepen and strengthen our connection despite the distances we feel.

We want to celebrate the ties that we have in the world as children of God. Truly God does connect us by love and by grace and will help us to overcome the chaos that swirls round us. Consider this a season of growth as we learn to be a bit more flexible, a bit more patient and a bit more alert for God’s presence.

It takes working together to share God’s grace and love for all people. We ask God to help us as together we celebrate the blessings and opportunities we have been given.

*In ministry with you,
Pastor Rachel*



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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**.



This is the last chance to stock up on our “world famous” Spaghetti Sauce until October!

Order by Wednesday, 3/10, and pick up your sauce on:

Friday, 3/12, from 4-6 pm or Saturday, 3/13, from 10 am-12 pm

Here’s how it will work:

- 1) Call the church office (784.3424) by Wednesday, March 10, and let us know how many quarts you would like to order. **Cost is \$7 per quart.**
- 2) Come pick up your sauce in front of Sutton Hall on Friday, March 12, from 4:00-6:00 pm, or on Saturday, March 13, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

There MAY be a few extra jars of sauce that will be available after worship on Sunday, October 11, but it’s not guaranteed ... so if you want to be sure that you have what you need, don’t forget to call and place your order!!!



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| 3/01 Eileen Huntington | 3/19 Betty Johnson |
| 3/02 Ann Krissing | 3/20 Jordan Theriault |
| 3/06 Alan Brand | 3/21 Al Van Patten |
| 3/13 Marlene Smith | 3/22 Carol Shank |
| 3/15 Shirley Swenson | 3/25 Mark Smiech |



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| 3/06 Pastor Pam & Steve DeDea |
| 3/18 Terry & Helen Hershman |

(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.)



Our deepest sympathy goes out to our Music Director, Ben Winkler, on the death of his wife, Kinsey, on Wednesday, February 24. Please keep Ben, his children Zachary and Conner, and their family and friends in your prayers.

Book of Mark 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 ...

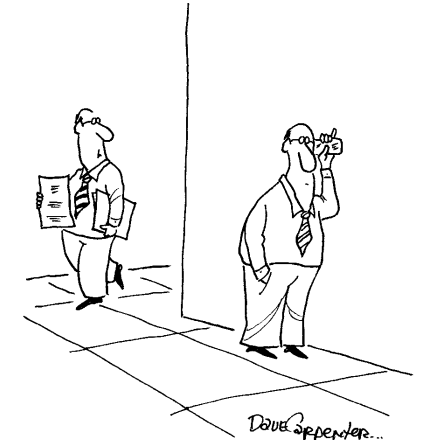
The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

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



"How's the church board meeting going, Ed?"



Options for Online Worship through Gulf Central District UMC Churches

Aldersgate, Seminole (Sun 10:30) <http://aldersgate.com/watch/>

Anona, Largo (Sun 9:30, 11) <http://live.anona.com/>

Community, Oldsmar (Sun 10) <https://www.facebook.com/pg/GrowWithCommunity/videos/>

East Lake, Palm Harbor (Sun 10:25, 11:35) <https://www.myeastlake.church/watch-live/>

First, Clearwater (Sun 9:45) <https://www.fumc-clw.com/>

First, Lakeland (Sun 8:15, 9:30, 11, 11:20) <https://www.firstumc.org/worship-now/>

First, St. Petersburg (Sun 8, 9:30, 11) <https://www.facebook.com/StPeteFirst/>

Heritage, Clearwater (Sun 9, 10:30) <https://heritageumc.com/watch-listen/>

Hyde Park, Tampa (Sun 8:30, 9:30 11) <http://hydeparkumc.org/watch-live>

New Hope, Brandon (Sun 9:30, 11) <https://www.findnewhope.com/watch-live-1>

Skycrest, Clearwater (Sun 9:45) <www.facebook.com/skycrestumc>

St. Paul, Largo (Sun 9, 10:30) <http://stpaulumc.sermon.net/Live/live/20007062>

Sun City Center (Sun 10, 11) <https://www.sccumc.com/services>

* Covenant UMC, Port Orange - Pastor B.J. Foster's church (Sun 10:30) www.jesusatcovenant.org

* Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS (largest American UMC church, Pastor Adam Hamilton) (Sun 10:15 am; 12:00 & 6:00 pm) www.cor.org

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, Mark & Mary Smiech, 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)

Evelyn Ralston - 2340 Grecian Way, Unit 20, Clearwater FL 33763

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two ...

Mark 6:7, ESV



And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ... So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. (Mark 6:7-9, 12-13)

Vulnerable

by Dr. Kari Vo
lmh.org/dailydevotions

Jesus is in a hurry to get the Good News out - and so He sends out His apostles to preach and teach and heal. And to make that possible, He gives them the one thing He knows they'll need - authority over demons.

But look at what He does *not* give them! No duffel bag or suitcase. No food for the road. No wallet. No extra clothes - I suppose they must have borrowed from others on laundry day! No authority over human beings - if they didn't listen, the most the disciples could do is walk away.

That must have made them feel incredibly vulnerable. And there are times Jesus does this to us, too. He sends us to show God's love to people in situations where we feel terribly vulnerable - confused, afraid, untrained, not knowing the right things to say or do. He says, "I will be with you," and that is enough.

And it *is* enough - because we soon discover that He gives us what we need when we need it. Looking back weeks or years later, we see that He had control of the situation the whole time. He was using us to bring others to Himself - to the One who made Himself vulnerable so that we would be saved even to the point of suffering, dying, and rising again.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to trust You when You send me into difficult situations. Amen.



From Your Thrifty Spirit

Lots of things are happening here at the Thrifty Spirit! We have just received a large amount of brand name clothing and small kitchen appliances (such as a new food processor and a very nice microwave), as well as new purses and a wide variety of other household items.

Since we have a lot of merchandise, we'll be having a BIG yard sale on Friday, April 16, and Saturday, April 17. **Please note the date change.** In order to coordinate the sale, we'll need a lot of volunteers, so if you can help - even for a few hours - please call me at 260-348-5559 and sign up. And you don't just have to come browse for bargains, you can be a vendor, too! If you would like to set up your own space, you can do so for just \$5 if you bring your own table, \$10 if you use one of ours.

Thanks for your continuing support of the Thrifty Spirit ... and be sure to tell all your friends about our yard sale!

As always, doing this for God,
Jerry and the Thrifty volunteers

Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.



- colt
- confess
- cross
- crown
- crucifixion
- death
- denial
- donkey
- forsaken
- Gethsemane
- Golgotha
- hosanna
- kiss
- lots
- palms
- penance
- Pilate
- prayer
- repent
- silver
- sins
- suffer
- thorns
- vigil

THRIFTY SPIRIT YARD SALE

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, & SATURDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



**FOOD CLOTHING JEWELRY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
AND MUCH MORE!!!**

RENT A SPACE OF YOUR OWN FOR ONLY \$5!

RENT A TABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$5

**TO SIGN UP FOR A SPACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL JERRY NAHRWOLD AT 260-348-5559**



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!



Spring Has Arrived

Spring has arrived! I love spring, don't you? God uses this time to awaken the beauty of the earth once again. The grass is green and lush. The flowers are beginning to bloom in colorful profusion. This year more than ever they seem to have a depth of color that we do not always see, they seem more fragrant, probably because we have been experiencing a long, dark winter of apprehension and uncertainty. But now, we are taking an awesome journey, a journey of faith.

As we walk this beautiful journey of Lent, let us experience the hope, joy and peace found in Jesus presence and let us prepare ourselves with humility, courage and grace to walk the Via Dolorosa with Him, to witness His suffering, remembering He was never once resentful, never counted the cost because His love for us is so great.

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:13 NKJV

Remember that the "Way of Sorrow" will give way to a day of great joy as we wait with great anticipation to see that the stone has been rolled away, and hear those beautiful, precious words, "He is not here. He has Risen!"

May God guide you quietly, lovingly through Lent as you seek to draw closer to our Savior, trusting in His unfailing love for you.

Praising, praying and trusting with you,
Helen Hershman, Lay Leader



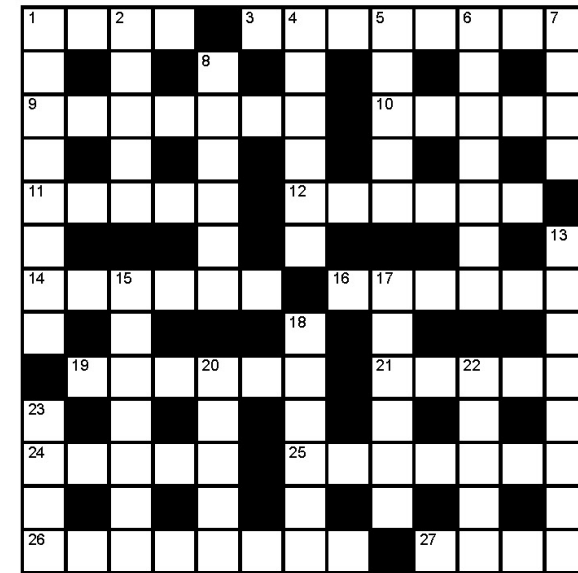
Thoughts for Lent



Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life. - Pope Benedict XVI

It is not just about giving up our favorite food but it's about going further and giving up things like hatred and unforgiveness. Fast from these things, for as Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven ..." Amanda Jobs

Book of Mark Bible Crossword (King James Version)



Across

- 1 No one could do this to the man with the unclean spirit in Mark 5:3. (4)
- 3 Betrayed Jesus. Mark 3:19 (8)
- 9 Jesus did this to try and explain the kingdom of God. Mark 4:30 (7)
- 10 "They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the _____ on thy left hand, in thy glory." Mark 10:37 (5)
- 11 "And he took a child, and set him in the _____ of them ..." Mark 9:36 (5)
- 12 "Render to _____ the things that are _____'s, and to God the things that are God's." Mark 12:17 (6)
- 14 "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion _____ them." Mark 6:34 (6)
- 16 One of the twelve disciples. Mark 3:18 (6)
- 19 "And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a _____ of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey." Mark 1:6 (6)
- 21 People struck Christ with this. Mark 14:65 (5)
- 24 "It is better for thee to _____ into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be
- cast into hell fire." Mark 9:47 (5)
- 25 "For I perceive that thou art in _____ of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity." Acts 8:23 (3,4)
- 26 Synonym for repentant. (8)
- 27 Pilate asked if Jesus was king of these people. Mark 15:2 (4)

Down

- 1 "And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it _____ unfruitful." Mark 4:19 (8)
- 2 "And they came to a place which was _____ Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray." Mark 14:32 (5)
- 4 When Jesus was on trial, Peter was recognized as a disciple by this. Mark 14:70 (6)
- 5 "And when he was _____, they that were about him with the
- twelve asked of him the parable." Mark 4:10 (5)
- 6 The son of Abraham that isn't in Christ's family line. (7)
- 7 "And when the unclean spirit had _____ him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him." Mark 1:26 (4)
- 8 This holiday celebrates the events in Mark 16. (6)
- 13 "And the _____ gathered themselves together unto Jesus." Mark 6:30 (8)
- 15 "All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is _____, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered." Mark 14:27 (7)
- 17 "And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should _____ unto him." Mark 10:32 (6)
- 18 Jesus tells his disciples that they will be _____ for his sake. 13:9 (6)
- 20 "And no man after that _____ ask him any question." Mark 12:34 (5)
- 22 A man shall do this and cleave to his wife. Mark 10:7 (5)
- 23 "Lord, I believe; _____ thou mine unbelief." 9:24 (4)

Dear Curlew Family,

The following is a testimonial from a former Children's Home woman who shared her heartfelt appreciation for the care she received in her earlier life.



I just want to express my gratefulness to the Children's Home by writing this note. Today I have three beautiful boys, own a house, have a college degree, and am getting married to the perfect man for me.

The fact is that, if it weren't for the Children's Home, I probably wouldn't have made it to age thirteen. It is due to the staff there that I know how to be a mother, and how a man should treat someone. This place not only saved my life, but it also ensured that I'm not spending my life in prison.

As we continue toward slow recovery from this pandemic, please keep the needs of the children in your prayers and consider how you can help support this important mission of our church.

All God's Blessings,
Linda and Bob Floyd

Holy Week at Curlew

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 28 @ 10:30 am

They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1 @ 4:00 pm

He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Good Friday

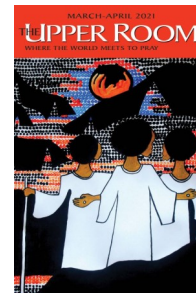
Friday, April 2 @ 2:00 pm

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Easter Resurrection Worship

Sunday, April 4 @ 10:30 am

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.



The Upper Room, March/April Edition

We have received both the regular and large-print editions of The Upper Room, March/April 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!



It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

TWO EASY WAYS 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. Pick one up, or we can mail it to you ... then keep it and whenever you want to order something, just call the church office



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