

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 ...

To all God's beloved at Curlew,

I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace given to us by God in Christ Jesus; I rejoice at every moment we have seen and see Christ in one another and in every person we meet and seek out in Christ's Name. I give thanks for the times we endured and listened to Christ among and within and when we dared to go to places only God could lead us. I am humbled by the privileges of pastoral invitation and trust you have given me at tender moments in your lives. I am made better by you and the shared ministry God has called us to. You are very dear to me.

I want to thank our Administrative Assistant Debbie, our church leadership, Management Team and staff for their unwavering and steadfast commitment to God's call and to all of us. The past months have been very troubling and trying for all of us to say the least.

I especially want to thank The Relics for the hard work and fantastic music they provide and for letting me a part of them.

I look forward to our conversations, waves, liturgies, and celebrations in these next weeks and give thanks to God always for each and every one of you.

*In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rachel*



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The People of The United Methodist Church



Forwarding Service Requested



Currently, the Curlew United Methodist Men have no plans to meet for breakfast during the month of October. A few of us 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**.

Election of new officers is coming up this month, so please consider serving in office next year.

Stay healthy and God bless! Winn

Sunday, October 25, 4:30 pm

Our annual **Charge Conference** is coming up! This year it will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. More specific information on that will be sent out to the church leadership as soon as it is available. *If you are given a report to fill out, please get it back to the office as soon as possible so we can have all paperwork in order.*

If you are feeling led to use your God-given gifts and graces in the church, please call the office and let us know that you would be willing to serve on a team or in a particular ministry in 2021. Everyone has something to contribute and we would love your help!



10/08	Jo Ann Tilley	10/18	Lois Anderson
10/12	RoseMarie Ash	10/21	Leatta Taylor
10/13	Shirley James	10/25	Margaret Kinser
10/17	Sharon Ellenwood	10/27	Doug Hattan
10/18	Christine Keller	10/31	Saiva Kaniasty



10/23	Ed & Dixie Ducker
10/28	Jim & Shirley Swenson

(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.)

Bible Trivia Answers

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| 1. Caiaphas | 6. Bathsheba |
| 2. 2 John | 7. 9 |
| 3. 8 | 8. Philadelphia |
| 4. Nothing | 9. Mount Sinai |
| 5. Malachi | 10. Samuel |



How many did you get right?

Book of 2 Peter 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

Picnics and Weddings



A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. They were at a community picnic one day and the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is simply delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why something as good as this would be forbidden to you. Why don't you break down and try one?"

To which the rabbi replied, "Sure, at your wedding."



A Child's Prayer

"Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and my cat and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."



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 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



When Storms Come, Hold Onto Hope by Max Lucado

www.MaxLucado.com

(This devotion was written last year during hurricane season, but it applies to all the storms of 2020, as well!)

We saw the storm coming. While it was still days away, the predictions chilled our spines and jolted our complacency. "It's a monster!" "Disaster is not only at our doorstep, it's coming in!"

Now it arrives and will it be as vast and terrible as advertised? It promises to pounce, then sit and sit upon vast swaths of our coastland – drenching, driving, and destroying so much of what we love.

Many on the East Coast are fleeing the flooding. And as images of destruction begin to roll across our screens, we are all tempted to worry, wonder and fret. What can be done? Where is God in the midst of this disaster? Where is he in the midst of the storm that threatens your own life?

May I remind us of one strong anchor that is hooked to at least four unbreakable lifelines? You see, God is a God of promises. From the first chapter of the Bible, Scripture makes a case for the dependability of God. Nine times the text reiterates "God said." And without exception when God spoke, something happened. By divine fiat there were light, land, beaches, and creatures. We are left with one conclusion: God's word is sure and his promises can be trusted. What he says happens.

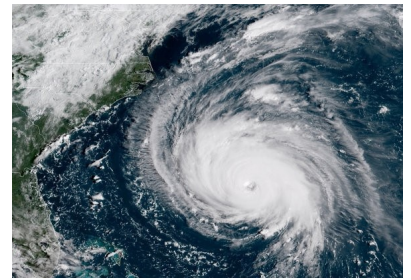
After 40 years in ministry I've seen a lot of storms. And I've learned that in turbulent times like this, there is nothing more secure than the anchor of God's promises. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19).

Could you use some hope in the aftermath of this storm, and in other choppy seas you may be facing? Perhaps the wind of change and challenge is blowing in your faith, your family, or finances. Anchor deep into the unshakable promises of God.

And hold on tight to these four lifelines – they can withstand the waves of worry and difficulty in your life.

Hang tight, God gets you! He's been there. He's been here – and he understands your pain. The stunning idea is simply this: God, for a time, became one of us. Does this promise matter? If you ever wonder if God listens, he does. If you ever wonder if the Uncreated Creator can, in a million years, comprehend the challenges you are facing, then ponder long and hard the promise that Jesus is "able to understand our weaknesses" (Hebrews 4:15).

Overcome Despair with Prayer. When life overwhelms, pray to the one who is in charge, and know that he is praying for you. Will God do what you ask? Perhaps. Or perhaps he will do more than you imagine. Stand firmly on the promise that "when a



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believing person prays, great things happen" (James 5:16). And ponder this truth: Jesus, right now, at this moment, in the midst of whatever trouble you are facing, is speaking on your behalf. He is calling out to the Heavenly Father. He is advocating for a special blessing to be sent your way. You do not fight the wind and waves alone. Every day he speaks up for you. "He always lives to intercede for [us]" (Romans 8:34).

Pull together when life comes apart. In times of extreme challenge we can divide or we can unite. One of the beautiful things that can emerge from times of trouble is extravagant compassion and care for our neighbors – crossing lines and building bridges. Our pain bears fruit if it reminds us that everyone has value, and we were created by God, in God's image, for God's glory (Genesis 1:26).

Evil exists, but it does not win! Yes, we'd rather have a storm-free life, but we can count on the devil stirring up trouble and fear. Take heart, God has overcome! Satan's days are numbered. So in those moments when all that is good appears to lose, you do not need to worry. Remind the evil one, "The God who brings peace will soon defeat Satan and give you power over him" (Romans 16:20).

Hold fast to these lifelines and ask yourself this key question: Is what I'm anchored to stronger than what I'll go through? Sometimes it may be a calamity that thousands are facing together, or it may be a personal battle that no one else even knows you are dealing with. But God knows. He knows and he cares. And he wants to buoy you in the day-to-day difficulties and guide you home to safe harbor. When the storm hits, anchor to no one but God.

Storms will come, my friend. But when they do, filter them through the promises of God. And since his promises are unbreakable, your **hope** will be unshakable.

Bible Trivia

1. Who was the high priest of Jerusalem that put Jesus on trial? _____
2. What is the shortest book in the New Testament? _____
3. How many people boarded Noah's ark? _____
4. What did God create on the seventh day? _____
5. What is the last book of the Old Testament? _____
6. Who was King Solomon's mother? _____
7. How many fruits of the Spirit are there? _____
8. Which city in Revelation is also an American city? _____
9. On which mountain did Moses receive the 10 Commandments?

10. Which prophet was called by the Lord as a boy and anointed Saul as Israel's first king? _____

Look for the answers to these trivia questions in the back of the Courier.



Have you been missing our Spaghetti Dinners?

Are you craving that great spaghetti sauce?

Well ... crave no more!!!

By popular demand, the **United Methodist Men** have agreed to make a special batch of their world-famous spaghetti sauce!

Here's how it will work:

- 1) Call the church office (784.3424) by Wednesday, October 7, and let us know how many quarts you would like to order. **Cost is \$6 per quart.**
- 2) Come pick up your sauce in front of Sutton Hall on Friday, October 9, from 4:00-6:00 pm, or on Saturday, October 10, 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!!!



THE THRIFTY SPIRIT SHOPPE

**WILL RE-OPEN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10,
FROM 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.**

**WHILE YOU'RE PICKING UP YOUR SPAGHETTI SAUCE, STOP
BY THE THRIFTY SPIRIT FOR SOME GREAT BARGAINS!**

**PLEASE CALL JERRY NAHRWOLD AT 260.348.5559 IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE
TO HELP WITH THE REOPENING OR HAVE ANY DONATIONS TO DROP OFF.**



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Even though church is now open for worship, there are still many folks that are not comfortable venturing out. So we would like to thank you for continuing to support the church through your tithes and offerings. We are able to meet our financial obligations thanks to your faithful generosity!

Once again, thank you, thank you, thank you!



Autumn Harvest

When we think of Autumn, our thoughts almost immediately go to harvest time: apples, pumpkin, figs, winter cherries and the list goes on. It is a time of joy and abundance. During this corona virus pandemic, we have had a “harvest” of rest, which has given us plenty of time to reflect and deepen our relationship with God. It has also provided an opportunity for us to reflect on what we have stored up both individually and as a church to be harvested. What do we have stored up in our silos? The gift of hospitality, compassion, baking, note writing, music, visitation (where appropriate with current safety guidelines) administration, teaching, and the list goes on! It is harvest time! Empty your silo - your church family, your friends, your neighbors, and your pastor needs your gifts. **God needs your gifts.**

Luke 10:2 These were His (Jesus’) instructions to them: *“The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few. Pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest and ask Him to send out more workers for His fields.”* We need more workers, we need YOU!

On behalf of Pastor Rachel, Debbie and your entire Worship Team, we will see you out in the fields!

On our way - rejoicing!

Helen Hershman, Lay Leader

Special Days in October

Sunday, October 4: **World Communion Sunday**

Monday, October 12: **Columbus Day**

Saturday, October 31: **All Hallows’ Eve**

(The Church traditionally held a vigil on All Hallows' Eve when worshippers would prepare themselves with prayers and fasting prior to All Saints Day on No-



AND WHATEVER YOU DO, IN WORD OR DEED,
DO EVERYTHING IN THE NAME
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks
TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM.
COLOSSIANS 3:17



The Upper Room, September-October Edition

We have received both the regular and large-print editions of The Upper Room, September-October 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!



Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, October 15

10:00 am in Sutton Hall



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!



WE’RE SELLING RADA CUTLERY

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 and we’ll order it so that it can be credited to the church!



iGive.com is an online site that donates a percentage of your purchase to a designated charity. They have over 2,400 participating stores and are approved by the United Methodist Church. Just go to their site and sign up. Then when you visit a store online, if they participate you will see an “iGive” logo in the bottom right corner of your screen. Click on it and they will automatically make your donation. Some examples: Cokesbury, 7.2%; L.L. Bean: 3.2%; FTD: 8%; Lane Bryant: 3.2%; Personalization Mall: 8%. Questions? Call the church office.

Dear Curlew Family,

As the children at our UMC Children’s Home have started a new school year, they are doing their very best to acclimate themselves to the many tasks at hand.



The most requested items mentioned so far are ones that are basic needs. If our congregation would be willing to donate one or more of the items listed below, we will see that they are sent to the UMC Children’s Home in Enterprise, Florida.

This is a list of the items they requested:

- 1. Toothpaste
- 2. Male Deodorant
- 3. Sunscreen Lotion, sunblock SPF 50
- 4. Bath towels
- 5. Wash cloths
- 6. Hair Conditioner
- 7. Cantu Hair Products
- 8. Men’s Socks
- 9. Boxer Shorts (sizes S & M)

We will place a box marked for the donations in the church near the front door. All items can be placed in the box up to the service on October 25th.

Thank you for your support and prayers for the Children’s Home, and the support you continue to show Bob and myself.

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



Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 1.

Be sure to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31, otherwise you’ll be an hour early for church!

KATIE’S QUIPS



Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can’t have your kayak and heat it, too.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated in algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

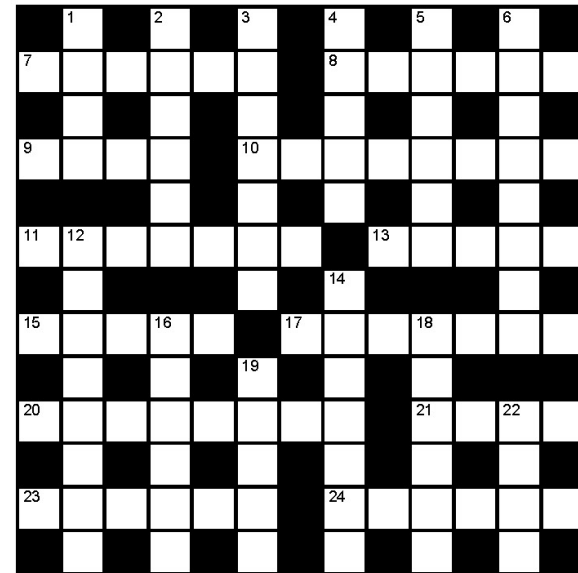


A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

(Please send any moans or complaints to Pastor Rachel.)



Book of 2 Peter Bible Crossword (King James Version)



Across

- 7 “Wherefore the _____, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.” 2 Peter 1:10 (6)
- 8 We have been _____ from our old sins. 2 Peter 1:9 (6)
- 9 A sign in the sky that announced Christ’s birth. (4)
- 10 One of the characteristics Peter urges us to add to our faith. 2 Peter 1:5-7 (8)
- 11 The archangel. Jude 1:9 (7)
- 13 Peter makes reference to Paul’s letters. He says that some people distort them, as they do _____ scriptures. 2 Peter 3:16 (5)
- 15 “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made _____ unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” 2 Peter 1:16 (5)
- 17 Peter wants others to remember his words even after his _____. 2 Peter 1:15 (7)
- 20 Christ has given us “exceeding great and _____ promises.” 2 Peter 1:4 (8)
- 21 2 Peter 2:15 says that some have “forsaken the right way, and are _____.” (4)
- 23 Heavenly creatures. (6)
- 24 The next word after the answer to clue 21 in 2 Peter 2:15 (6)
- 6 Peter gives warning of false prophets and _____. 2 Peter 2:1 (8)
- 12 “But, beloved, be not _____ of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” 2 Peter 3:8 (8)
- 14 Christ, the anointed one. (7)
- 16 “... Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the _____, fall from your own stedfastness.” 2 Peter 3:17 (6)

Down

- 1 To abstain from food as a spiritual act of worship. (4)
- 2 Synonym for the Body of Christ. (6)
- 3 Peter desires that we are mindful of the words that are spoken by the holy _____s. 2 Peter 3:2 (7)
- 4 Peter refers to false prophets as blemishes, or these. 2 Peter 2:13 (5)
- 5 Christ is both king and this. (6)
- 18 God saved Noah, the _____ person. 2 Peter 2:5 (6)
- 19 If one escapes the pollutions of the world and is entangled again, “the latter end is _____ with them than the beginning.” 2 Peter 2:20 (5)
- 22 A “preacher of righteousness” among the “world of the ungodly.” 2 Peter 2:5 (4)