



The Lighthouse

Matecumbe United Methodist Church
"Bringing the Light of Jesus Christ to Our Islands"



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Office hours – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Worship Service Sunday - 11:00 am

YouTube Services

Don't miss any of the weekly services. [Click here](#) to select the Sermon you would like to hear.



Entering the Throne Room

Prayer is an approach to the throne of God. Prayer is not a trivial act but instead is an amazing privilege. God condescends to permit your approaching His throne. God has given you the gracious birthright of coming at any time and as often as you desire. The foundation of prayer is that God has given you constant, instant access to his throne and that he desires you to take a responsible and active role in his throne concerns.

On one hand, you should always remember that you are approaching the sovereign of the universe, seated in majesty on his throne. This picture is real, not merely symbolic. You are a kingdom official on kingdom business.

On the other hand, you should always remember how loved and welcomed you are. You disappoint the Father if you do not come often and freely. You disappoint the Savior if you do not speak His name.

Although it is shrouded in mystery, our creator longs to commune with his creation.

"... pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests". Ephesians 6:18A NIV

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Check your Sunday email for announcements and the sermon, from the previous week.

General announcements:

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Stained Glass: Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lady Card Players: 9:30 to 12 on Tuesdays

Men's Breakfast: Thurs 7:30 a.m. at Lorelei.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 7 pm with Rob Kolb in Fellowship Hall

Book Club: Noon on November 16, "Appointment with Heaven" by Dr. Reggie Anderson. Bring your own lunch. No meeting in December.

Children's Home: Please remember to bring in your loose change for the jar in the Narthex that goes to helping these children.

Prayer List: Barbara Haudenshield, Roy Lindback, Chuck Darney, Arlene Martin, Capt. Skip Paxton, Jack & Jean Munro, Susan Payton, Larry, Nadine Young, Robert Cummings, Tom Beck, Ann Matheus, Susan Payton, Abbi (Annette Pauli's family), Scott (Donna Ross' son), End of war in Ukraine.



**Next Church Pot Luck Lunch:
Sunday November 20**

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Shopping Boutique Day: Friday, Nov 18 at the nursing home. If you would like to help set up or be a personal shopper, please contact Nanette at **412-310-5001**



This is a regular event that the residents look forward to—volunteer! It will bring you joy to see the delight these events generate!

October Birthdays: 6 – Annette Pali, 13 – Carol Wagner, 16 – Alan Cockerham, 18 – Taylor Russell, 23 – Skylynn Lindback, 30 – Susan Bateman, Asher Cockerham.

Anniversaries: 3 – Ed & Victotia Kattel, 15 – Robert & Shirley Baad, 18 – Roy & Donna Lindback, 22 – Ted & Shirley Wilson, 24 – Bob & Marcia Pavey, 29 – Ron & Carol Wagner.

Become an official member of the Matecumbe United Methodist Church



MUMC will be continuing to receive new members into the church. You can pick up an application for membership in the Church foyer. Fill it out, fold and place in the offering plate if you'd like to officially join the church.

Baptism: We will also be sharing in a celebration of baptism for both children, **and also for adult baptism**, soon. Let us know if you'd like to know more about this.

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Fellowship Hall— New Beachy Blue Look

Thanks to a team of eight church members who primed and painted last Saturday and Monday after a prep team pressure washed the Fellowship Hall. It took 12-14 hours total, saving the church significant costs. Now the Fellowship Hall looks oh so beachy with the new color: "Beachside Drive!"



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Columbarium: Matecumbe Memorial Gardens

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a room or building with niches for funeral urns

Almost 20 years ago, a member of the church had a vision and gathered a handful of others from the church who enthusiastically joined her to plan, design and build a "columbarium." While it is an old term and an old tradition used for centuries in the world, many people ad-

mitted they had never even heard that word before! Architect, Mike Bier, offered his services to design the columbarium and garden, the Methodist Church provided the site, and other community members joined the initial foursome and worked tirelessly to make the garden a reality. And now the Matecumbe Memorial Garden provides a quiet spot for family and friends to visit to reflect and treasure beautiful memories.

Located on the grounds of the Matecumbe United Methodist Church, adjacent to the Historic Hurricane Monument, the columbarium is non-denominational, a place for the entire community.

See the following pages for more information and photos.

Go to www.matecumbeumc.org/memorial-gardens to visit the website.



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Columbarium Story, continued



Securing Memories

Blessing and serving the members of our community!

For an onsite visit or more information; to make niche or memory wall selections; or to discuss pricing plans, please contact:

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Columbarium Story, forever securing memories, continued



As we walk through the garden, the lives of those who have meant so much to Islamorada are remembered. Some just regular folks, having an exceptional impact on our lives and history!



Dave Roberts was a much loved volunteer firefighter and Assistant Fire Chief for Islamorada. He helped form a search and rescue dog team in Islamorada. Dave was a man of so many talents—he also worked in the IT department for the Village—best known as the man who recorded Council meetings a dozen years ago. For Dave, a most patriotic man, a highlight of his career was serving on the 9/11 Honor Guard for Fallen Firefighters at Ground Zero in Manhattan. When Dave died in 2011 the Islamorada Fire Department placed a plaque for Dave on the wall of the Matecumbe Memorial Garden, “within visual distance of Fire Station 20.” The entire fire department loved this special man and wanted to be certain Dave will always be remembered as a part of Islamorada’s history.



Ralph Harding died recently. His remains will be placed in the Memorial Garden. Ralph was such a well known and loved resident of Islamorada. Old timers will always remember “Rotten Ralphs” at Whale Harbor. You can read about his life with Faye at www.matecumbeumc.org/our-people1. There are so many people whose lives were impacted by the Hardings, two special friends with warm smiles and inspirational words.



Frank and Emily Vecella were part of the Islamorada community for many years. In a tragic diving accident off the island of Yap in Micronesia, son David, died in 2008. They placed a bench in the garden in his memory. Frank died in 2016 and Emily in 2022. Special memories of them will be revived with visits to the garden, remembered for their kindness and decades of contributions to our community and the Matecumbe United Methodist Church.



Thanks to all those who created the **Matecumbe Memorial Garden** so many years ago: a place to reflect on special memories and reminders of some incredible people in our lives.



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The History of the Children's Home

In 1908 The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was established in Enterprise, Florida as the Florida Methodist Orphanage. It began with the purchase of one building, eight town lots and a tract of forty acres of land purchased from Miss Emma Tucker for \$1,250 dollars. Articles of Incorporation were filed with the State of Florida on June 3, 1908.

Many important milestones of the 20th century are noted in the records of the Children's Home. During the Great Depression of the 1930's the Children's Home grew much of its own food, tended dairy cattle and raised a variety of animals. As many as 100 former residents of the Children's Home served in uniform in World War II.

During the 1940's and 50's the philosophy of child care began to change. Children needed much more than three meals a day, a safe place to sleep and basic care. The emotional and psychological needs of the children required a higher level of clinical care and attention. In 1955 the first two cottages were built. Before this time, the boys and girls lived in dormitory style buildings. There are now 14 individual homes that provide a family like atmosphere for each child. Every cottage is under the care and supervision of dedicated house parents and a trained therapist.

The Children's Home continued to expand during the 70's and 80's. A gymnasium was built in 1976 followed by a campus chapel in 1979. The Day Care Center began serving the community in 1982. The therapeutic ropes course was added in 1989.

A tremendous period of growth began in 1998 with the addition of the Bruton Counseling Center, Waller-Jeter Cottage, the completion of the Worrell Education Center, and the renovation of Hardin Hall, the largest building on campus.

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is now a diverse ministry that includes residential care, therapeutic group care, foster care, emergency shelter care, independent living assistance, and community child care center.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home

On October 9, Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer of the Children's home presented our church with an award for being a "Top 20% Per Capita Giving Church" for 2021.... \$10,727.50—a significant donation considering our size. But I bet we can do even better. Last Sunday (Fifth Sunday) we donated a little more than \$900 to the Children's Home.

Christmas Gifts—now it is time to assure the children get gift cards for Christmas!

Please consider donating a gift card in increments of \$20 to \$100. Especially useful are gift cards for Amazon, Visa, TJ Maxx, Walmart, or restaurant cards so the staff can treat children to meals throughout the year—Papa John's Pizza, Applebee's, Taco Bell, McDonald's and Chili's.



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Photos, Photos, and More Photos: Do you have some to share?



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year the church is filling 100 shoeboxes "to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth." Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, Franklin Graham, President.

A kickoff chili and cornbread lunch was held after church on October 16. Boxes were distributed and instructions provided. The world is a better place when we care. Thanks to Nan Inches for organizing this project.

The boxes, once filled are due on or before November 9. Bring to the Sunday service or them drop off at the church office or Fellowship Hall. M- T- Th 9—noon.



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In our last newsletter we reported on the Islamorada Pavey grandchildren's favorite part of summer in 2022.

We suspect the summer adventures were overshadowed by their October trip to Hawaii

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