



The Lighthouse

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



July 24, 2020



Pastor Bob and Marcia are on vacation. They will be back by August 9.

While the Paveys are on vacation, the church is extremely lucky to have outstanding stand-ins.



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Filling in for the four weeks:

July 11 and July 25: Rev.

Tony Hammon, retired pastor from Island Community Church. Tony spent his youth as a member of our church. Don't miss how Tony, author of the book, "Bone of My Bone," tells the stories of his youth and how he became the man he is today. He is such a dynamic speaker, you won't want to miss his memories of Islamorada that impacted his life.



Worship Service Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

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Website - matecumbeumc.org

Office hours – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

YouTube Services

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



July 18 and August 2:

Margo Murray, a regular substitute from Marathon Community United Methodist Church. Margo has filled in frequently at our church... we always look forward to her kind smile and such words of wisdom. Read her story in

our website – [Click here](#)

ONLINE Giving to MUMC

Learn how... [click here](#)

Staying Connected ...

Click on the highlighted words to keep connected:

[Church website](#) – Do not forget to check regularly.

[Calendar](#) – for meetings, birthdays, etc.

[Church YouTube Account](#) - listen to any of Pastor Bob's recent sermons and a variety of spiritual music

[Facebook](#) – for Matecumbe United Methodist Church



Prayer List...

If you know someone on the prayer list, why not reach out to them.

Rev. Dick Smith
Jay and Carol Richard
Emma Kuchynskaya
Slava
Larisa
Dorothy Hertel
Ralph Harding (and Faye too)
Ray Law
Randy Baad
Beth Nichols
Gary Nichols Jr.

Vicki Clancy
Carlos Gil
Major Mark Govea
Dick Chapman
Jeanne and Bruce Fausser
Jean Buckley
Anne Krampitz
Van Cadenhead
Susan Hampton
Zane Wampler
Joan Larouche

Special prayers and cards to Rev Dick Smith. He has pneumonia and is being treated at home.

Someone to add to prayer list?

Contact Jan Grewe at jangrewe@bellsouth.net or 305-393-6196 and to notify the Prayer Warriors.

Or email the church: matumc@bellsouth.net



BOOK LIST

If you have read some good books, help us add to our Book List. If there are any books you really loved, send us a brief review – just a couple sentences works fine.

[Click here](#) to see the Matecumbe United Methodist Church **Book List** and to read reviews.

Book Club

This past Wednesday, six gals got together, staying six feet apart: Judy Winstell, Faye Harding, Maria Lima, Carol Wagner, Kathy Sill and Barbara Haudenschild. There was a lot of chatting get caught up as the virus has been keeping us all at home. Eventually we discussed the many books read, collectively, by the group. some were highly recommended.

[Click Here](#) to go to the Book List on the church website. New additions are at the top of the list.

The next Book Club meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Don't miss this ...One of the books discussed Wednesday was Willie Drye's book **"The Storm of the Century: The Labor Day Hurricane of 1935."** Coincidentally, the Monroe County Library system has scheduled an online lecture by Mr. Drye.

August 1, 2020, 2 pm - 3:30 pm - Library Zoom Lecture
[\(Click Here for details\)](#)

The 1935 Hurricane was of great significance to our church as so many members of the church died in the storm, including the church's young pastor Rev. Robert Emmanuel Carlson and his wife Maud. Alma Pinder Dalton and Norm Parker are survivors of the 1935 storm.

Puzzle Time #9 Palms

Puzzle #9 Psalms Puzzle 2

Verse Complete the scripture using the available words

Psalms 37:3 ___ in the Lord and do ___; dwell in the land and enjoy ___ pasture.

Psalms 37:4 Take ___ in the LORD and he will ___ you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 91: 14 "Because he ___ me" says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will ___ him for he ___ my name".

Psalms 100:5 For the Lord is good and his love ___ forever; his ___ ___ through all generations.

acknowledges continues delight endures faithfulness
give good loves protect safe trust

[Click here](#) to go to all the previous puzzles along with answers!

Our Church Services Returned Sunday June 21

The sermons are being recorded live but are not available on Youtube until later – usually Tuesday.

The church services up until now have been pre-recorded so they have been available on Sunday. While recorded live, it will take time to get the service uploaded to the church YouTube account. You will receive an email when it is ready.

Javier Soltero-Brown (Javi), the church's sound-media specialist, has done a remarkable job making the services available online for the last few months, with assistance from Rich Russell. **A huge thank you to both... as well as Pastor Bob for his amazing messages!**

You can access all the YouTube services since March 22, 2020 by going to the church website

Click ... [Sermon index on website](#)

Welcome back to church....

Suggested guidelines for returning to the sanctuary:

- Wear masks at least until seated
- Maintain 6 feet between individuals or family groups.
- Refrain from hugs and handshakes
- If sick, stay home

Game Day Tuesdays

Game day has been canceled until further notice. Please check the calendar in the website for regular updates.

Go to the Church Calendar....

[Click here](#)

Communications

With church back "live," we will be cutting back on the frequency of newsletters. Tell us your thoughts on communications via newsletters, FaceBook and the church website.

We want to keep in touch with the church family... what do you appreciate the most – besides hearing Pastor Bob's sermons and the music provided via the YouTube account?

Church website

www.matecumbeumc.org

What's New: Keep well connected with the church. The website is updated regularly. On the **welcome page** you can click on the link to see what's new since you last checked it.

Newsletter Archive: If you have missed any newsletters you can go to the **newsletter archive under News and Stories** menu in the website to access prior news.

Our People, Our Stories: If you want to look back and see about the people and other stories we have featured in newsletters, go to the **News and Stories** menu in the website.

Sermons: The sermons are indexed in the website under **About Us** and can be accessed from the index.

Calendar: Use the calendar in the website to find out about the activities that are scheduled as well as the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries of our church family.

Church YouTube

Go to the MUMC YouTube account to hear any of the sermons since March 22, 2020. Also listen to some of the beautiful songs and hymns stored on this account.

[Click Here](#)

First Sunday Back...



Social distancing was the order of the day



The congregation did not sing, but these two were great!



Graduating seniors were presented Bibles
Cousins Carly and Roy Lindback and Yaxel Verdecia

Thank you Mangrove Mike



On Father's Day, boxes of produce were available at the church for our members from Mangrove Mike Endeavors:

mangrovemikesendeavors.com



Sunday
Service
Podcast

Sunday, June 21st

"The Letter"

with Pastor Bob Pavey



Pastor Bob's sermon available on YouTube if you did not attend the service:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Photo Gallery:

If you have photos, old or recent, of the church or the people of our church that you would like to share for future newsletters, we'd love you to send them to the church email:

matumc@bellsouth.net

Thank you to Victoria Kattel, our church historian, for these photos...



Nolan Parker on "Victoria's Secret" catching his first sailfish 2002



Laurette Pinder Russell and Evenett Pinder Stone in Fellowship kitchen 2001



Alma, Dorrie, Laurette and Barnard church 2001



Barnard and Laurette with Victoria and Ed in upper loft Ash Wed service 2000



Nolan at Victoria's bday at our house 2003



Alma and Leola on "Coolcat" with Ed and Victoria 2003



Laurette and Barnard at same party

A Bit of Our History

Hurricane Donna (from "Key's Historeum" presented by the Historical Preservation Society of the Upper Keys.)

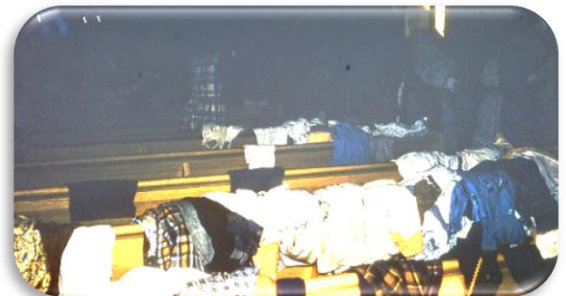
An African storm on August 29, 1960 caused an airplane crash that claimed 63 lives near Dakar, Africa. Three days later this storm system was officially named "Donna."

Hurricane force winds struck the Keys on the evening of September 9 and lasted through the night. The eye of the hurricane was about 21 miles wide, stretching from Marathon to Lower Matecumbe, and crossed land at about 2:30 A.M. on September 10. Tides at Upper Matecumbe were 9 to 13.5 feet.

The Tea Table Bridge between Upper and Lower Matecumbe Keys was washed out. Sheriff John Spottswood laid the law down with the help of the Florida National Guard. An 8:30 P.M. curfew was imposed and the sale of hard liquor outlawed, though beer sales were permitted. A travel pass system was established.



Hurricane Memorial and Methodist Church, 1960



The following photos are from Rich Russell following Hurricane Donna – 60 years ago!

