



The Lighthouse

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



May 8, 2020

Church Services and Activities Cancelled Through May.



From the Pastor's Desk:

Today we honor Mothers.



My wife is a great mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Both Chris and Nicole were born with birth defects. Chris's required attention and Nicole required special care. Both are fine today because Marcia was a great and loving care giver (The doctors helped a little also.)

She swore she'd never be a minister's wife but she's been a good one. We have served four churches and she has been highly

involved in each one serving on two district boards and as director of district women among other things.

She loves God, her grandchildren and the sunshine of the Keys...and me. She is a great wife and mom and she is loved.



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YouTube Services

Pastor Bob Pavey is providing weekly services during these difficult times. Click on title you wish to listen to.

- March 22, 2020: ["We will not Fear"](#)
- March 29, 2020: ["Why Me?"](#)
- April 5, 2020: ["A Week to Remember"](#)
- April 12, 2020: ["The Price of my Salvation"](#)
- April 19, 2020: ["God's Heart Remedy"](#)
- April 26, 2020: ["Divine Design"](#)
- May 3, 2020: ["Going Through the Motions"](#)



Mother's Day Let's Celebrate Mothers

To Marcia from Nicole:



My mom is an amazing creature. Not educated in books the way some are but wiser than most. Born into a Christian home and raised by good parents, but not sheltered from the harsh realities that non-Christian families face. A woman who raised me to be independent and confident in my God and my faith no matter what else may fall away, no matter how many times I tried to sabotage it.

God was always the center of our home. But all kinds of people were welcome around our table. She was always up having tea and reading her Bible and writing in her journal before we were awake.

She always has a scripture to defend her thought or opinion. But she is real and funny and imperfect at the same time and doesn't apologize for it.

I learned, because of my mom, that the sign of a good mother is raising children that don't NEED you but always long to have you in their lives, to share success and failure, happiness and loss. I know that I will not always have her human presence and that hurts to imagine. But I will always have her because of the person she raised me to be.

There was a time when "you're just like your mom" made me roll my eyes. That's when I was an idiot child. Now it is one of the greatest compliments I could receive.

Thank you, Marcia Pavey, for always being sensitive to what God wants you to do and where he wants you to be no matter what anyone thinks. Love... Nicole

To Marcia Pavey from Chris Pavey:



Hello Mom,
I hope & pray you have a good day with dad, it would be nice to be there with you on Mother's Day, I'm sure it will be a beautiful day. I would like to say thank you for all the sacrifices you have made for me so I could grow up having all the things I needed and most of the things that I wanted, even a few things I thought I wanted, haha (Parachute Pants). I'm also thankful you raised me in a home where God was the focal point and doing things as a family were important. And if you ever wonder if you got it rightI wouldn't change a thing about the way I was raised, even though I probably did my fair share of complaining while going through the process of being raised. Have a truly blessed day!

I love you Mom, Chris a4C



Pastor Bob and Marcia Pavey... Their mothers!



From Pastor Bob, (his mother on the right):

You have often heard me refer to my mother as the ultimate worrier. She was, but I suspect as a teenager I added exponentially to that worry.

I will share just one of many things I could say about mother.

Before mom was a wife and mother, Margaret Miller and her sister Ruth were commissioned by the denomination as "Song Evangelists".

They were billed as "The Miller Sisters" and travelled the country as special musicians. They were a singing duet, both played piano and mom played accordion. She also played for church and camp meetings. In later years she joined ranks with me and my sister and we were a musical trio. She loved music.

I miss my mother but am happy that her days of worry are past.

Marcia Pavey (her mother on the left):

Martha Louise Jones Bradfield the 11th of 13 children was nicknamed Sparky because her brothers said she was no bigger than a spark plug. Her mother became an invalid and Martha and her sister stayed with her until she passed.

Martha was nearly 30 when she married Landis Bradfield who had just graduated from Ministerial education. Suddenly she was a minister's wife. She played piano, taught Sunday school and raised four children.

When mom was 40, she developed bells palsy. She went to a physician who was an atheist. He had stage four cancer himself and my mother led him to the Lord before he died. About 10 years later she was diagnosed with cancer. While receiving treatment she met another man who did not believe in God and introduced him to Jesus before he died. My mom survived.

When my friends came to see me they would rather talk to mom. She was so much fun. People always knew she loved the Lord and cared about them. She was the glue that held us together.

To Alma Dalton from daughter Marge (on rt)



Thank you Mom for all of the values you taught me growing up. They have served me well and I love you for it...Marge



From Brian Cone (Sue Miller's son)

Mom... I heard you were writing a newsletter with tributes to moms. I know

how much people love your newsletters.

You are the wisest woman I'll ever know and special in every way. And it has helped me become the person I am today. I was truly blessed to have such a caring and hard-working mother. You are an inspiration to me in so many ways! You have stood by me and have always been my biggest fan in life! From being the loudest fan at baseball games (Somehow I learned to block you out, lol) to supporting me in my life decisions.

It was because of you that I've grown to love fishing the way I do. From you catching that snook while 9 months pregnant with me, to moving Eric and me to the house on Columbus Dr with all the great fishing. Because of that, I still to this day love the sport of fishing and I even ended up choosing it as a career. Your best advice.... do something you are happy doing and it won't seem like work!

But most of all I am forever grateful for the love and support with our kids. It's truly a blessing to know you are always there to help on short notice. Denise and I are forever thankful. And the kids are too! Love Brian

Mother's Day.... Let's Celebrate

George Washington once said: "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother." So many of us feel that way about our moms.



Rich Russell provided a poignant story of his mother's life and faith along with a music video by the Island Quartet. Virginia was loved by all who knew her. [Click here](#) to read about her and listen to the music while viewing so many treasured family photos that are part of the video.

To Jan Grewe from daughter Renee:




"The church family knows my mom, Jan Grewe, as the music director. My family knows her as the music lover! Music has always been a joy and inspiration in her life, and I know she is blessed to have the opportunity to serve the church through the music program. Jan is one of the most caring, selfless people I've ever known. I am

thankful and fortunate to have her as my mother! We all love you very much, Mom!" Renee Grewe



From Gail Gargano: My mother, Rose Gargano. Even though she's been gone for fifteen years, she still is a constant presence in my life through her goodness and wisdom. Love you always, Ma

To Donna Cockerham (and Carol Majors too): With warmst wishes... I wish that your Mother's Day is wonderful like you... love Danny 



From Sue Miller: What a fabulous mother and grandmother! "Happy Mother's Day, Moo... How I miss you. I wish heaven had visiting hours so we could sit and chat, like old times"





To Chris Zeher from Samantha:

Happy Mother's Day to the best mom out there. I am so proud to call you my mother. My mom is the most amazing

women I know. She is strong beyond belief and unbelievably smart. My mom raised my brothers and me to be the strong willed, successful, independent adults that we are today. Without her being by our sides cheering us along the whole way I don't know if I would be where I am today. There were tough times but mostly fun times full of laughter and sunshine, (and lots and lots of salt water). Too many days at the beach and not enough in the library didn't hurt any of us. Mom taught us to love what we do with passion, smile and laugh often at everything in life and not to take anything for granted. She taught us to think on our feet and how to work smart so we could play hard. She was never afraid to get her hands dirty to show us how to change the oil in the car or build a shed from scratch. Most people won't ever learn how to do all the things that my mom has taught me to do. Of all the moments we have shared I cherish every one, there are too many to count. I am truly blessed beyond words to call her mom. "You the man mom!" Thank you for all you have done for me and my brothers through the years and for many more to come. I love you!!!!

From Barbara Haudenshield:



A thank you to not one, not two, but three mothers. My natural mother gave birth to three siblings in four years, who, incidentally all grew up to be fantastic people. About the time

the three children were getting pretty independent, oops, here comes another one.....me. Sister Sue (Sue Miller's mother) was at that age when girls enjoy their mothering instincts, so she did much of the entertaining, training, and diaper duty. Some years later, when the three older ones had pretty well left the nest, Aunt Lucille started sharing rearing of me duties. She was a young widowed mother of two rambunctious boys (living with my widowed grandmother). A timid little girl thrown in was supposedly no problem. So my aunt was my mother most weekends and summers. Fast forward a few years when Sister Sue was married and having her own babies, I moved in during the summers to "help" with her girls. I remained very close to Sue and her family to the point of following her to Islamorada, some time after Mother, Father, and Aunt Lucille had died. Sadly, Sister Sue also passed in 1994, but I am so fortunate to have Sue Miller and her family. I look forward to seeing those wonderful three mothers again, but not too soon.

To Judy Winstel from son Jim:



"Wishing Judy Winstel a great 49th mother's day! Thanks for all the love and dedication in raising us. Love you! Jim

Ron Wagner's Mom:



In our family, we were three brothers. But my mother always wanted a girl. So once we got married Carol became that girl. They got to spend so much time together. I know Carol loved her dearly. And oh how both gals loved to fish.

My mother and I spent many days fishing on Florida Bay. I have a lifetime of wonderful memories with her on my boat. She has always been the perfect mom. How each day I miss you but know we will fish again. I love you Mom.

To Margie, From Cale:



"Whether hurricane or global pandemic, there is no one on the planet I'd rather be hunkered down with. Thank you for your consistent calm, for setting such a great example for the girls, and for all the beef stroganoff, too. Love you and Happy Mother's Day!"

To Mom, From Corley and Layne: "We love you, Momma! Happy Mother's Day! XOXOXO. Thank you for everything...and especially for keeping all the bad stuff we have done from Dad!"

To Mary Russell, from her kids:



"Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for being the most kind, patient, and compassionate woman we know! Your kids are sending you all their love—from the same home and from across the country!" Love, Zachery, Tayler, and Joy

To Judy Winstel:

"As a mom, as a mother-in-law and as a grandma you're the best and we feel so blessed to have you!"

Love,
Jeff, Krystee, Rylan, Rexton & Ridge

Richelle and K.C. remembering Juanita:



Our Mom

She loved us from the moment of her first thoughts of us. At first gaze, love beamed from her eyes to ours and we knew she was our world.

She held us as we took our first steps, was there to dry our tears, and introduced us to a loving father; both earthly and heavenly.

When as teens we would roll our eyes at her words of wisdom, she never faltered. She just kept loving us through those growing times.

Before we knew it, we became parents and she became most precious Lolli. The wisdom and the love kept coming; now even bigger.

Mom was the maker of holidays and birthdays. Not one passed without her going all out to make it special.

Visits from Santa and the Easter Bunny were memories made; but the real reason for those celebrations were never missed.

For all the unconditional love our mother showed to us; the most important thing she gave us was a legacy of faith.

She introduced us to our Savior, Christ, but told us we'd have to get to know Him personally for Him to make a difference in our lives; the way He had in hers.

This is the legacy of love. The one we hope to pass on to our own children as she passed on to us.

Our mother wasn't perfect, but she was the perfect mom for us.

- Richelle & K.C.

ONLINE Tithing and Giving... Now Available!

It's so easy! Please give it a try.

You can now contribute to the church, safely and easily using your credit card... with a highly secured encrypted system that the church has set up with the bank. [click here](#).

Staying Connected ...

Click on any of the highlighted words – links to websites or pages of the church website – all intended to keep us connected:

[Church website](#) – Don't forget to check regularly.

[What's New](#) feature of the website to make it easy to see what and when changes are made.

[Bulletin Board](#) on the website where a variety of announcements can be posted.

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

[Links of Interest](#) – local news, missions, and more

[Church YouTube Account](#) - listen to any of Pastor Bob's recent sermons and a variety of spiritual music by Pastor Bob, Richard Russell or the Island Quartet.

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



Prayer List...

If you know someone on the prayer list, why not reach out to them or to a family member. Your call, card or email may mean the world.

Rev. Dick Smith, Jay and Carol Richard, Emma Kuchynskaya, Slava, Larisa, Dorothy Hertel, Anne Krampitz, Ralph Harding, April Dugger, Sarah Belotto, Don Light, Alma Dalton, Tania Martin, Ray Law, Paul and Ceilia Raia, Karen Lucas, Janet Lewis, Randy Baad, Glenda Whitman, Jim Reynolds, Ron Valdes, Elizabeth Stanley, Beth Nichols, Gary Nichols Jr., Susan Bateman, Gretel Duncan, Dawn LaVoice (Carol Wagner's niece), Elaine Vlaun...and also all those who work or reside at Crystal Health and Rehab.

Do you know someone else who needs our prayers now? Let Jan Grewe know at jangrewe@bellsouth.net or call her at 305-393-6196 and she will notify the Prayer Warriors. Or email the church: matumc@bellsouth.net



BOOK LIST

For those who are now finding time to catch up on reading, our Book List of recommended reading continues to grow – but we would still love your suggestions to add to the book list. If there are any books you really loved, send us a review – just a couple sentences so folks will know why you liked the book.

[Click here](#) to go to the list of recommended books we have already compiled and some past reviews.

Judy Winstel recommends “Call of the Wild” - Jack London's classic of the Alaska gold rush and the fateful story of a dog named Buck whose life effected those he came in contact with. Great movie out on the book starring Harrison Ford, lots of adventure!

Birthdays....

[Click here](#) to go to the calendar on our website to see birthdays in May.



It's a Puzzle....

Last week we provided **MUMC Puzzle #1** – cleverly developed by member Kathy Sill. And this week Kathy has provided both the answers for

Puzzle #1 and also a new puzzle – **MUMC Puzzle #2**. Try it – it is fun and challenging, [Click here](#) to go to this week's puzzle. You can also scroll down to see last weeks puzzle and then the answers for last week.

TIDBITS...



Russ and Sherry enjoyed having Carol's pumpkin-coconut donuts while watching Pastor Bob's sermon from the Wagner's patio last Sunday. They got back to Chicago Wednesday night, safe and sound. Before they headed back north, they created dozens of small stained-glass treasures for future sales. Thank you both.

Last Chance to Win... Queen-Sized Quilt



Drawing will take place May 22. Winners will be announced on the Sunday Church broadcast May 24. There will be prizes for 2nd and 3rd place too!

You can still buy tickets for a chance to win this handmade queen-sized quilt donated by Jo Coon in memory of her husband. Each square depicts a colorful reminder of the Florida Keys.

Contact Carol Wagner at 305-896-1812 to buy tickets. They are just \$10 each or 3 for \$25... proceeds to benefit future church projects. Take a chance... and help the church!

Our Missions and Outreach

The Matecumbe United Methodist Church has made great strides in supporting local and overseas missions and outreach.

Please consider helping them now during this time of great need. Your prayers and financial support are important to them.

"Rice and Beans Ministries"

PO Box 626
Petal, MS 39465

(Costa Rica) Attempting to provide a two-week supply of food for needy families. Currently no lunches provided at school.

"Innerlight Ministries"

Box 708
Frankfort, IN 46041

(Primarily Bangladesh & Myanmar) Providing food and financial support. Orphanage's in Myanmar are mixing grass with even less nutritious filler to feed the children.

"Blue Water Surrender"

PO Box 439
Tavernier, FL 33070

(Guatemala) Annual cost to Blue Water to operate "Casa Agua Azul" (children's home) is \$68,000

"United Methodist Children's Home"

Financial gifts may be written to MUMC stating "Children's Home" in the memo. A special offering is received every 5th Sunday. The fifth Sunday in May has no live church service for collections.

"Saints in Practice"

82909 Old Hwy #2
Islamorada, FL 33036

(Haiti) We continue to provide financial support as well as clothing and other items. Clothing may be dropped off at the church.

"International Leadership Institute"

PO Box 1005
Carrollton, GA 3011

(Worldwide) Currently numerous requests are being received for food.

"UMCOR"

United Methodist Relief
Please contact the church office for directions for providing support

All of these charitable/ministry outreach groups are feeling increased pressure as they attempt to provide relief.

The United States probably offers more assistance than any other country in the world. A Burmese man in Myanmar once told Marcia... "When America has a cold, we have pneumonia."

Thank you for your generosity,

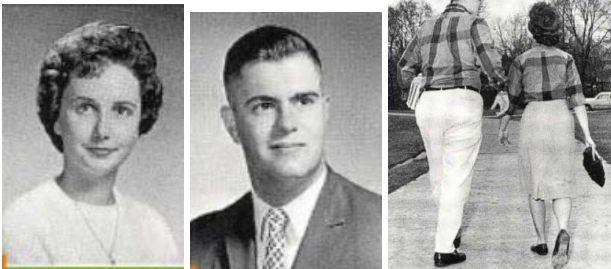
Pastor Bob

Peggy Buck:

Proud Mother and Grandmother

Peggy Susannah McCormick grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her high school yearbook makes it clear that she was a born leader, listing over a dozen activities including editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, Future Nurses, Speech Club, Student Council and National Honor Society.

Peggy's high school sweetheart... Byron Grant Buck, also had a long list of activities... football, golf, basketball, Math Club and National Honor Society. They were clearly movers and shakers at their school.



Peggy and Byron wearing "going steady shirts" and holding hands as seniors at Howe High School in 1962

Peggy and Byron were soulmates... made for each other. While they attended different colleges their first two years out of high school, they managed to visit each other every other weekend. And write letters! Peggy still has the collection of "love letters" from those two years. What a treasure.

In 1964 they got married in a ceremony that Peggy remembers well. When she was to repeat the words "until death do us part" she took a deep breath and said instead... "forever." And she meant it.

The Bucks had two children, Byron II and Susie. Peggy was an RN, working as an ER and pediatric nurse. When the children were young, they moved to Huntington, WV, where they lived for 17 years.

Peggy gave up her nursing career to stay at home with the kids. And to help Byron make specialty switches that he invented and made by hand in their garage... a lucrative side business Byron had established and Peggy was able to further expand. The success of this business provided the Bucks with superb opportunities to educate the kids and to travel.

Byron adored snorkeling and Peggy loved to sail so they often headed for the South Pacific or the Caribbean to enjoy each other and their love of the ocean.

Next move for Peggy and Byron... Texas, together with daughter Susie and her young twins. Tough times followed for Peggy as her husband, Byron, and later her daughter, Susie, died in Texas. And so Peggy continued child-rearing ... helping to raise her daughter's twins, Britt and Brianna.

For support, Peggy moved with the twins to Washington, IL, to be near her son, Byron II and his wife Ruth. Peggy was still quite young... and broken hearted. It was the grandchildren that kept her going.

Peggy still had a full "Bucket List" of the world wonders she dreamed of seeing... but had no one to travel with. Gathering up all her fortitude, she traveled to New Zealand. Being frugal, she arranged to share a room there with a total stranger! As it turned out, roommate Carol was a true blessing to Peggy. She provided much needed support for Peggy during difficult days as she mourned her husband. Carol and Peggy happened to live 100 miles from each other in Illinois. And they became the best of friends and traveling companions over the next 15 years.

Peggy's "bucket list" is now complete! [Click here](#) to read about some adventures she and Carol enjoyed.

Peggy is proud that she has been able to travel the world as well as having visited all 50 states. Traveling with her six grandchildren has always brought her much joy. Rule number one – the very first trip taken with grandma was always a trip to Washington, DC. Clearly Peggy loves that city and all its treasured museums, monuments and memorials.

In January, Peggy made an inspirational trip to Washington with her twins and son Byron II. Her dear brother, David E McCormick, a Colonel in the Air Force, was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington. As part of the funeral service, Peggy read the 23rd Psalm from the Bible that was presented to her brother and his wife by their church in Indianapolis when they were married. Peggy also has the Bible that she and Byron got when they married at the same church in 1964.



Happy Mother's Day!

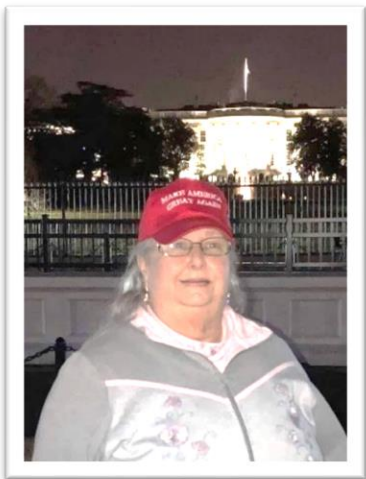
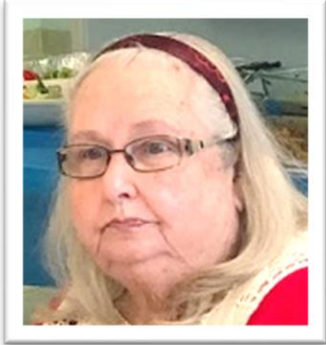


Talk to Peggy and you will quickly learn how much she loves her family and her six grandchildren. She was overjoyed to learn recently that her grandson, Christian, a straight A student graduating from high school, is planning to attend the college where his grandfather, Byron, got his degree, Rose Poly Technical Institute... now called Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. It is where Peggy and Byron lived the first two years of their marriage. Peggy has such exceptional memories of the school and the years with Byron in Terre Haute, IN.

Peggy has lived in Islamorada for several years now. She is a regular at Sunday services at the Methodist church and enjoys many of the church activities: church lunches, game night and she helps with the preparation for communion. Watch for her on Sunday mornings and be sure to tell her how much you appreciate the story of her life.



Brianna, Britt, Byron II, Ruth, Daniel, Christian, Byron III, Lissie



"Thanks for being the best mom! Love... From Your son..." **Byron II**

"Hope you have a wonderful day. Enjoy the ocean for me!" **Ruth**

"Happy Mother's Day Grandma! Thank you for everything. I wish I could be with you now. I love you!" **Britt**

"Happy mothers day to the most generous, kind and patient grandma / best friend" **Brianna**

"I hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day. Miss you, love..." **Daniel**

"Happy Mother's Day GMA! See you soon :)" **Christian**

"To a Mom that raised my great Dad, Happy Mother's Day Grandma!" **-Buddy (Byron III)**

"I hope you have a good Mother's Day Gramzy, I love you" - **Lissie**

Photos, Photos and More Photos

