



The Lighthouse

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



September 4, 2020



From the Pastor's Desk:

Wearing a mask

There is something in each of us that wants to look good all the time. I'm glad Christ can get us to the place where we do not have to look good all the time in our own eyes.

Have you ever lived around people who continually had to keep a mask on? Of course, the answer is yes. Everyone is wearing a mask these days. But I'm talking about a different kind of mask. No matter what event occurs, some people have to come out of it looking better than anyone else. There is no way to come to humility if you're constantly concerned with yourself.

Many of us have a fetish about appearance. I'm not talking about clothing and external appearance, although that can be part of it. I am talking about wanting to impress other people, refusing to lose in front of other people, choosing not to except even second best. What insufferable bondage it is for us and for those we love when we have to look good.

Saint Paul describes love as the person who does not have to boast and is not proud. Sometimes we even destroy priceless relationships just to always be right. Society today may like you better if you wear a surgical mask but they will find you easier to love if you remove the "I'm #1" mask.

In the words of Saint Paul, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud".



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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.

Church Calendar.... [Click here](#)



The church continues to need your help

Whether you are attending live services or watching the sermons via YouTube, please do not forget our church and the ministries the church supports.

ONLINE Giving to MUMC. Learn how... [click here](#)

Or send a check to the church:

MUMC, P. O. Box 905, Islamorada, FL 33036



Prayer List...

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

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

Vicki Clancy
Dick Chapman
Anne Krampitz
Susan Hampton
Zane Wampler
Joan Larouche
Randy Baad
Tony and Colleen Hammon
Patty Haase
Barbara Matensen
Diane Novac

Someone to add to prayer list?

Email the church: matumc@bellsouth.net

Church Library

With the local county library closed through the end of the year, remember you have an option – the church library in the church annex has a great selection of books that can be borrowed – some religious, plus many others.

You can get Monica to unlock the library during her office hours, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. She usually keeps her office locked when she's there so knock.

Book Club



On Wednesday, August 19, eight gals gathered in Fellowship Hall, six feet apart from each other, to discuss the various books they had been reading since the July meeting.

Many had read books recommended in July, so there were not too many new titles to recommend.

Judy added two reviews and Barbara, one, to the MUMC website... [click here](#) for interesting reviews.

At noon a few more church gals and Pastor Bob joined the group for lunch and birthday cake to celebrate Marcia's big day.

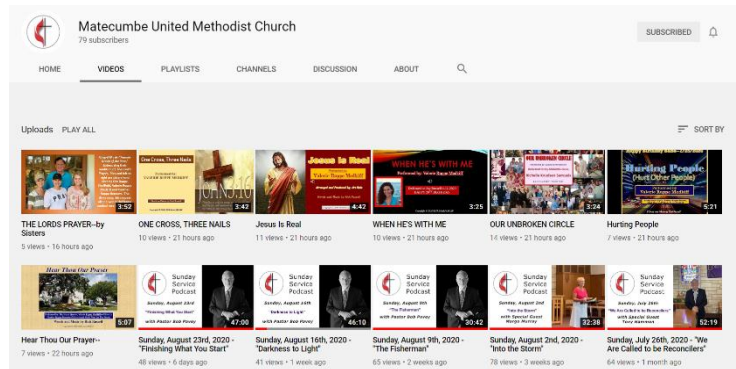
The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for September 16, and recent individual "good reads" will again be reviewed.

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 go to the Book List on the church website. New additions are at the top of the list.

Church YouTube Account



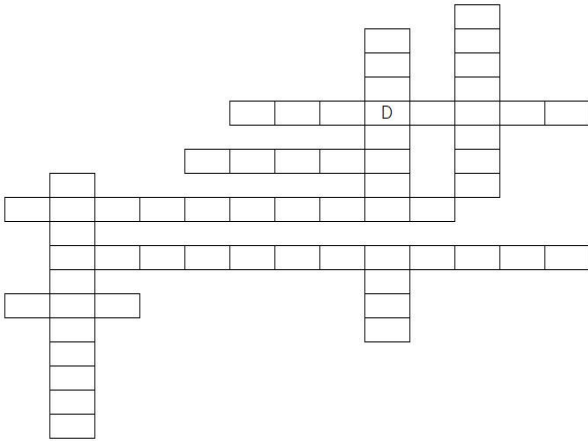
While church is back live, with proper social distancing, some members are still staying isolated and many of our snowbirds are greatly missed this time of year.

No matter your circumstance, you can listen to Pastor Bob's sermons at your convenience. Go to the MUMC YouTube account to listen to the sermons and listen to some of the beautiful songs and hymns stored on this account... [Click Here](#)

Puzzle Time 10

Fruits of the Spirit

Fill in the blanks with the fruits of the Spirit - See Galatians 5: 22
 Bonus: Complete the puzzle without looking at the list of the 9 Fruits of the Spirit



Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control

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

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.

Our People, Our Stories: [Click here](#) to read about just a few of the people that make MUMC special:

Esther and Lee Dieujuste, The Knudsen Family
 Ted Wilson, Jack and Jeanne Munro
 Gerry and Jerry Ferris, Jenn Leak
 Faye and Ralph Harding, Van Cadenhead, Peggy Buck
 Virginia Russell Hollowell, Borden Makepeace
 Ron Wagner, Corley Smith, Margo Murray
 Javier Soltero-Brown, Alma Dalton

Advent Project

Kathy Sill is planning an Advent project! She'd like your help collecting materials... it's easy – the empty rolls from toilet paper or paper towels. Just hang on to them until she is ready to start the project in November.

Thank you!

August 30 Baptism



Baby Poppy Florence Shisler was baptized on Sunday August 30. Her proud parents.....Erik and Hannah Shisler and godparents Matthew Konopacki and Monica Aracena and numerous friends attended.

Pastor Bob's sermon was entitled "Principles of Parenting", a message appropriate for new parents and really appreciated by the rest of the congregation. Everybody seemed to love ending the service with a favorite Christian song of our youth "Jesus Loves Me."



Helping Haiti

Jan Grewe's Musik Garten for young children has been

discontinued for the time being. So what better use for the "Musik" room in the church annex than for a special ministry organized by Esther Dieujuste and her husband Leonel... **Saints in Practice Ministry.**

If you have clothes or household items to donate to the cause, you can drop them off at the church during office hours. The room next to the church office in the annex will be used to sort, organize and store donations until they are shipped to Haiti. Your help is appreciated more than you will ever know!

[Click here](#) to read about Esther and Lee Dieujuste

Henry Rosenthal



What an amazing person... Henry Rosenthal... A life full of major accomplishments yet a man so humble, supportive and genuine. And a man that has had such a positive impact on Islamorada.

Henry moved to the Keys from Maryland over 50 years ago with little money but a great vision. It wasn't long before he was the largest employer in Monroe County through his energy, his forethought, his fairness, and his keen understanding and love of people.

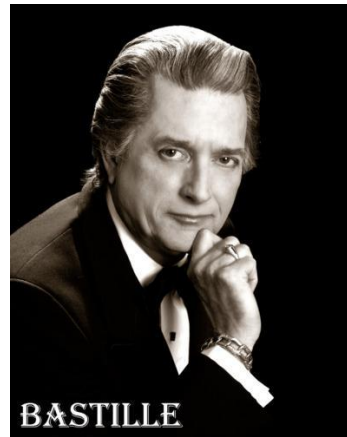
Not all who know and love Henry today realize that for almost 30 years Henry owned and personally ran a multitude of local businesses... the Green Turtle Restaurant and Cannery, Whale Harbor, Marker 88... some of the Keys most legendary restaurants. He knew how to hire the right help and how to invest in community! It was all "hands on" for Henry. He was often found ladling soup into the cans at the Green Turtle Cannery. At one time Henry had a taxi business... the Green Turtle Cab Company – primarily for the local advertising it provided. And occasionally, if the driver needed time off, Henry drove the cab.

For those who never ate at Henry Rosenthal's Green Turtle, what an experience that was. Many nights you'd sit on the porch waiting in a long line for a table – and it was well worth it. Great food, great entertainment, and Henry's congenial welcome always with a story, a history lesson, or a magic trick for the kids. No telling what famous athlete, actor, or politician would be sitting near you.

To Henry, the vitality of this community was critical. He worked endless hours through Rotary, the Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, and numerous other community organizations and government agencies to help Islamorada and its people do better.

Henry just retired after 5 years as president of Leadership Monroe, an organization whose mission is to build constructive relationships among Florida Keys leaders. Who to better teach about leadership than Henry, a man with a long history of leading the way.

Not only was Henry an amazing businessman, restaurateur, and community leader, he was quite a performer ... a hypnotist and a mentalist entertaining under the name, Bastille.



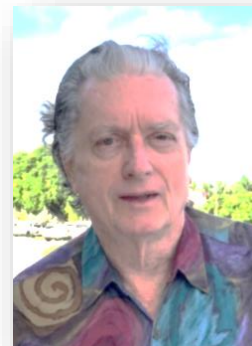
For 15 years he was under contract with Carnival Cruise Lines, flying to their destinations several days a month for three quick shows and then back home to run his Islamorada restaurants. Henry has entertained in 22 foreign countries and was the first "westerner" to perform in East Berlin

after the wall came down in 1989. He has been a headliner in Miami, Las Vegas and Branson. But Islamorada is lucky that Henry always comes back home to the town he loves dearly – Islamorada.

You can see Henry most Sundays in the back pew at Matecumbe United Methodist Church. He loves getting to church early and sitting where he can see everyone. He loves when people walk past and tap him on the shoulder to greet him.

In the 1980s Henry's father spent winters in Islamorada and attended the Methodist Church – always dressing up in his suit and tie for Sunday services. His dad loved to bowl, so Henry sponsored the Methodist church team at the Coral Bowl.

Fifteen years ago, Henry sold his restaurants to focus on philanthropy, civic endeavors, and entertainment. Just recently Henry entered the November race for a seat on the Islamorada Village Council. How lucky we all would be to have a man with his integrity, diplomacy, and insight helping to lead our local government!





From Susan Bateman

*To all my friends at
Matecumbe.*

*I have to tell you
how thankful I am.*

If you don't know, I've been out of commission since last year in July. I was able to make a few things happen, but I kept getting worse. I managed to drive back to Florida in October, but only barely. Then Brooks had surgery to get the metal out of his ankle from when he had surgery two years earlier. He got sick and I got that and after that, I just got worse. It has been a long tough road to get back on my horse. Actually, I'm still just hanging out with that horse and haven't been really riding.

In the fall, in between everything else, I started doing a stained-glass commission for my number one fan who bought 2 pieces of mine previously. I began two matching Tarpon panels for be cabinet doors. I wasn't able to finish it.

By April, my customer was getting impatient. I couldn't work on it. I didn't have the energy. I was having hypoglycemic events. Mostly I slept or watched TV. Brooks did all the cooking. I couldn't even do email until June. I have seen 9 doctors since last July. I had cat scans, MRI's, lots of bloodwork.

Thanks to God, I enlisted the help of a few key people who managed to get the first of two Tarpon panels done. Becky Swinney and Kathy Sill came over to my house and got it together. I had to work with them some of the time.

I found out about that time that I have bursitis and arthritis in my lower back and hips, which means I can't stand at the workbench for long. I had 5 cortisone shots in various places in May and June. They work for a bit.

There was a time I could barely walk. The shots took care of that for the time being.

After Becky and Kathy finished the first panel, I had to get it together so the glass groupies could work on the second one. I managed to get the reversed pattern done. Becky had to go back to Indiana, so I started to teach Kathy everything she needed to know to do the second panel. We cut out the pattern and selected the glass to look as much like panel one as we could. We cut out the glass using my saw when we needed

to. Eventually, we got it to the point we could move it all down to the church glass shop. Once there, it had to be framed on the table so it would come out the exact size. Brooks helped Kathy put the framing on the panel pattern to be square and the right size. Over the next weeks, Carol and Ron Wagner, Kathy, Lee Gannaway, and Gretel Duncan finished the second panel.



When it was done, Brooks took me down to church and we glued the panels into the door frames.



The attached picture is the final resting place of these two panels. The customers were very happy. I was greatly relieved to have it finished. I don't know how long it would have taken to finish this without the assistance of angels.

I was not sure I'd ever be able to do glass again. It looks like I might be able to do some things. I've tried doing some design work but it's not fast or great. I found a pattern for a small panel I had planned to do

long ago and have been working on it. But I don't work like I used to. I'm planning to get better and better, but I'm not promising anything. One day at a time. Right now I'm just so glad to have you all to take up the mantle when I can't.

Love and extreme gratitude,

Susan Bateman

For more about the Church's stain glass — [click here](#)