



# The Lighthouse

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

April 10, 2020

## Church Services and Activities Cancelled thru the end of April.



**From the Pastor's Desk:**  
***The Cross Was His Own***

They borrowed a bed to lay His head  
When Christ the Lord came down;  
They borrowed the ass in the  
mountain pass  
For Him to ride to town.  
But the Crown that He wore  
and the Cross that He bore  
Were His own...  
***The Cross was His own.***

He borrowed the bread  
when the crowd He fed  
On the grassy mountain side;  
He borrowed the dish of broken fish...  
With which He satisfied;  
But the Crown that He wore  
and the Cross that He bore  
Were His own...  
***The Cross was His own.***

He borrowed a ship in which to sit  
To teach the multitude;  
He borrowed a nest in which to rest,  
He had never a home so crude;  
But the Crown that He wore  
and the Cross that He bore  
Were His own...  
***The Cross was His own.***

He borrowed a room  
on his way to the tomb,

The Passover Lamb to eat;  
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave;  
They borrowed a winding sheet;  
But the Crown that He wore  
and the Cross that He bore  
Were His own...

***The Cross was His own.***

The thorns on His head were worn  
in my stead,  
For me the Savior died;  
For the guilt of my sin  
the nails drove in  
when Him they crucified.  
Though the Crown that He wore  
and the Cross that He bore  
Were His own...

***They rightly were mine.***

L.M. Hollingworth



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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"](#)

Let's  
Connect!

## Staying Connected

In an effort to assure our church family is feeling emotionally connected, especially during these troubled times, we are endeavoring to provide frequent communication via these emailed letters, our [church website](#) and our [Face Book](#) page.

***We may be physically distancing ourselves  
but let's not be emotionally isolated!***

(Click on any of the highlighted words)

[The Website](#) is being updated regularly. New features are being added.

We now have a "Bulletin Board" on the website where announcements, thank yous, and miscellaneous information can be posted. Let us know if you want to post something on the [bulletin board](#). When you check this page be sure that you page down to see all entries.

A [photo gallery](#) – still a work in progress, but check it out. Send us photos of our church, church activities, and church members.

["Our People"](#) is a new section of the website where we will be telling stories of the people that make our church special. Who would you like to see us add?

The new [calendar](#) looks a little empty right now but once this current crisis is over, this will be a great way to know what church events and activities are coming up so you all can participate with our church family regularly.

Check out [Links of Interest](#) too.

A [What's New](#) feature is on the [Welcome page](#) of the website so you can see what and when changes are made to the website.

## Stay Informed

Go to the links on the church website to keep up to date on corona virus news and statistics: [click here](#)

**If you need help in any way...  
let us know. Reply to this  
newsletter. <mailto:matumc@bellsouth.net>**



## About Church Finances

It is this time of year when we usually fill the pews as well as the collection plates each Sunday. We all miss being able to worship in person. In addition, the weekly collections are greatly missed as the church must continue paying the bills. Your contributions mean so much right now. If you are able, send a check...

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### Federal Loan Programs

To help the church with the salaries and utilities as well as a myriad of other expenses, two loan applications have been submitted by Cale Smith.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is a forgivable loan that would consist of payment for 8 weeks worth of payroll costs for Pastor Bob, Monica...plus our utilities.

The SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) would be a 30 year fixed rate loan with a 2.75% interest rate. Proceeds are to be used for working capital purposes. They may advance us up to \$10,000...that will not have to be repaid. Any other amount is likely to take several months to establish.

### Online donations coming soon

The church is excited to be working with our bank (First State) to establish a process by which members can make an online payment from our website, setting up one-time payments or recurring payments.



**Matecumbe United Methodist Church is so  
fortunate to have such generous members  
who always seem to lend a hand when  
needed most.**

## Special for Easter... Help!



A cross will be at the front door of the church sanctuary beginning at 10 am Saturday, April 11. It will be on the highway side of the church Easter Sunday, April 12. We hope you will drive by and add flowers or greens to our cross. Let's not let the corona virus take all our Easter away! Hopefully we will fill this cross with beautiful blossoms and greenery to bring some cheer to us all.

## Keys kids attending school online...



Sue Miller's granddaughter, Riley

Monroe County schools started spring break March 16 and school has not resumed. Students will not return at least through the month of April but on April 1, students began "online school." Teachers provide at least three hours of active engagement and delivery of online instruction each day ... just part of the teacher's day!

Students are expected to attend online classes Monday through Thursday, spending approximately 3 hours per day with live virtual instruction and the remainder of the school day on both interactive and independent work as assigned by their teachers.

Classes are conducted through a variety of platforms, including live instruction, recorded videos, interactive discussions, program work, small groups, independent work, and individual assistance via phone/email.

Parents are expected to monitor student attendance and engagement.

**Challenging times for the school system, teachers, students and parents!**

## Methodist Children's Home

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is one of the ministries that we contribute to regularly. Can you just imagine how they must be dealing with the current struggles.

The children at the Children's Home are practicing social distancing and attending school online, while still remaining active. The children have a garden they planted at the Madison Youth Ranch and they've started to harvest some items, including lettuce.



Rev. Madeline Luzinski, Director of Pastoral Care, asked the children to write notes to nurses and doctors, thanking them for keeping everyone safe and healthy during these difficult times of COVID-19. Here are some of the nurses at Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, showing off their thank you cards from the children.



The kids are also using sidewalk art to thank donors.



# Dealing with Distancing

## Claude Allen



Claude Allen is now living in Lake Park Nursing Center near Matthews, NC, just a mile from a daughter, one of Shirley Wilson’s sisters. He is celebrating his 85th birthday later this month. He is in good health and we are told a favorite resident at the nursing home as he continues to approach each day with a smile! They are taking all the necessary precautions there and not letting in visitors so Shirley and her sisters have been able to schedule virtual visits with him. Prayers for his continued good health and comfort are appreciated.

## Christina Kaya

Christina sent her best wishes along to our church family with some toilet paper humor (click video for a laugh!):

Wonderful to stay connected to everyone down there. Here's a little chuckle for you all ... <https://vimeo.com/403793421>

Stay well, Christina

## The Baads

Looks like Bob is relaxing while Shirley makes her garden grow! They report their son is doing well in a Miami Hospital.



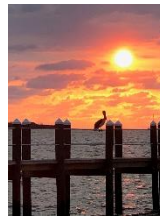
## Van Cadenhead.

Sitting at home, playing the guitar, watching the news as the death count goes up. Van admits “Watching this count is certainly not uplifting!”



## Sue Miller

While staying quite isolated at home, Sue continues to get up bright and early to watch the sun come up so she can share her sunrise photos:



## Nan Inches



What a lady... endless energy and talent! (Lucky Randy) And goodness has she and her team been busy. She and Lee Gannaway made Easter baskets for shut-ins and clever crosses out of clothes pins.



She worked with several other church members including **Betty Pfeifer and Ed and Victoria Kattel** to distribute 70 palm branches and personal notes on Palm Sunday to neighbors and members of the church. It was a huge undertaking just finding addresses...so please don't feel neglected if they missed you.

Nan has made nearly 100 masks for the convalescent center and friends, sharing different patterns and ideas with others who sew. \*\*\*\*If you have some narrow elastic in your sewing basket that you can donate to the cause, Nan would love it! If you'd like a mask, let us know.

From Nan: “I feel blessed that God has placed me here and is filling my mind with ideas to branch out and put a little smile on someone’s face. “

# Some of our Church Family.....



