



The Lighthouse

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

April 17, 2020

Church Services and Activities Cancelled thru the end of April.



From the Pastor's Desk:

Jesus Loves Me

Karl Barth, whom is considered to be the greatest theologian of the 20th century, was asked to summarize his twelve volumes of "Church Dogmatics". He answered by repeating a line from an old children's hymn; "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so".

The legendary theologian, philosopher and Minister, Dr. Francis Shaffer has a favorite song. It was "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so".

Amy Carmichael, the Irish missionary to India was converted after hearing "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so" at a children mission in Yorkshire.

Most of us sang or heard this song as a child but few realized the magnitude of the message.

Jesus spent His short life spreading the

message of love. As we were reminded on Easter, He proved His love by His death and validated His message by His resurrection. "Jesus loves me this I know" is all I really need to know. Amen

Listen as Pastor Bob sings "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in the Place": [click here](#)



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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"](#)

Let's
Connect!

Staying Connected ...

Click on any of the highlighted words – links to websites that are intended to keep us all connected:

[Church website](#)

[Face Book](#) page.

[Bulletin Board](#) on the website where announcements, thank yous, and miscellaneous information can be posted.

[Photo gallery](#)

["Our People"](#) to read about people that make our church special. Who would you like to see us add?

[Calendar](#)

[Links of Interest](#) – local news, missions, and more
A [What's New](#) feature of the website so you can see what and when changes are made to the website.

[Church YouTube](#)

Yes... now Matecumbe United Methodist Church has a YouTube account!

If you are not already a subscriber to the MUMC account, please click [here](#) to register. This will give you full access to each of Pastor Pavey's recent sermons.

Additionally, you can access the [music video library](#) at the YouTube account. Rich Russell is working to grow this section systematically. Enjoy many of the spiritual songs, often creations written and performed by Rich Russell and/or Pastor Bob Pavey... two talented musicians!

There is also a "Playlist" that enables you to listen to all four sermons in succession or all of the songs.

Check back often as more and more music is being added – such wonderful inspiration!



The Island Quartet was a men's gospel group from Islamorada. Formed in 2000, the group included Jim Roper (tenor), Rich Russell (lead), Mike Young (baritone) and Scott Cavanah (bass).

Often the Southern Gospel songs they sang were composed by Rich Russell. While the group is no longer active, many of us will long remember their musical impact on our community.

One of their songs, "Jesus is Real" with words and music by Rich Russell, is available on the church YouTube account. [Click here](#) to listen.

Special for Easter...



Shirley Wilson said it best..... "One of my most favorite things all year is the cross at Matecumbe United Methodist Church that gets decorated by the congregation with local flowers in celebration of the resurrection of Christ. A much needed symbol of hope, peace and beauty."

This year it seemed extra special.

Birthday Celebrations....

Think how thrilled these people would be to get a birthday card from you!

April 22:

Alma Dalton, 206 Preston St, Islamorada, FL 33036

April 23:

Vicki Cochrane, 305 Gulf St, Islamorada, FL 33036

Toni Kenworthy, 6335 N Pagoda Tree Ter, Hernando, FL 34442

April 24:

Arlene Martin, 67 W. Plaza Del Lago, Islamorada, FL 33036

April 27:

Claude Allen, Lake Park Nursing Home, 3315 Faith Church Rd, Indian Trail NC 28079

So sorry we already missed birthday celebrations for **Donna Lindback, Monica Mendez, Nan Inches, and Joy Russell earlier this month!** So for you we offer this belated message:

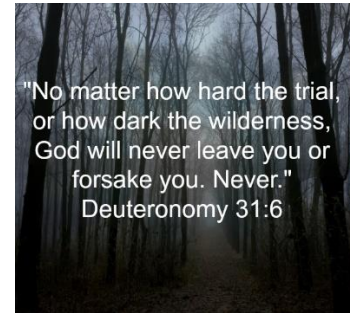


Wednesday April 22 is not just any day...It is Alma Dalton's 96th birthday!



She can't have the customary party with cake and candles, so at **4pm** next Wednesday Apr 22, there will be a surprise **drive-by caravan** to celebrate with Alma. She lives at 206 Preston St. There may be firemen and policemen joining in the fun. Please drive by so we can make Alma's birthday an event for the ages!

Words of Inspiration



From Victoria Kattel...

"Be Joyful Always Pray Continually Give Thanks In All Circumstances"

There are no better words to live by than at times exactly like these. Put your focus and trust in God alone, and not the difficulties and the trials we see before us. The more we put our focus on God, the easier it is to find some type of good in even the worst of times.

Prayer List...



Now more than ever, we need to pray for those on our prayer list. But not only that. If you know someone on the prayer list why not reach out to them or to a family member. Your call may mean the world during this very lonely time as people are often isolated from family and friends.

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 Ceil Raia, Beth Nichols, Karen Lucas, Janet Lewis, Randy Baad, Glenda Whitman, Jim Reynolds, Ron Valdes, Elizabeth Stanley.

(Please let us know of any updates)

Pastor Bob's Pictures!

