



The Lighthouse

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



April 3, 2020

Cancelled All Church Services and Activities thru the end of April. We hope to bring the church to you with YouTube sermons and our email updates.

- When you pray always begin with praise.
- Make your petition to God
- Always thank God for hearing your prayer
- And certainly thank Him when your prayer is answered.

It is always the right time to pray



From the Pastor's Desk:

The Faith of Charles Finney

The summer of 1853 was unusually hot and dry. The pastures were

scorched and there seemed likely to be a total crop failure. That Sunday under a clear sky as the church gathered, Finney's burden was to pray for rain.

His prayer: "We do not presume, O Lord, to dictate to thee what is best for us; yet thou dost invite us to come to thee as children to an earthly father, and tell thee our wants. We want rain. Our pastures are dry. Unless thou gives us rain, our cattle will die and our harvests will come to naught. O lord send us rain and send it now. Although to us there is no sign of it, it is an easy thing for thee to do. Send it now Lord for Christ's sake. Amen."

Finney began to preach; but in a few moments he had to stop for the noise of the rattle of the storm. He paused, and said, "We would better stop and thank God for the rain."

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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?"](#)

Help Spread Hope

With so much despair... let us all be part of the effort to spread hope and faith by helping those who are struggling.

Church: Your regular Matecumbe United Methodist Church offerings mean more now than ever as church expenses continue and bills are still being paid.

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Free Lunches - Mike Forster of Mangrove Mikes is providing free meals from 11 am to 1 pm. at the café. He is providing over 300 free meals every day. If you can help, send a check today!

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P.O. 1459
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<https://www.mangrovemikesendeavors.com/>

Food Pantry at Baptist Church: Our church has always helped with the important food pantry and free dinners available on Tuesdays to locals needing help. With businesses closed we can help.

[Donate to Baptist Community Food Bank](#)

Stay Informed

To keep informed – the newspapers are posting online updates often and are not requiring a subscription: Click here: [Miami Herald](#) [Keys Weekly](#) or [Free Press](#)

Up-to-date COVID-19 Data for Florida and Keys: [click here](#)

Select Monroe on the right side and “cases by county” at the bottom of page

If you need help in any way... let us know. **Reply to this newsletter.**

<mailto:matumc@bellsouth.net>

Church Library



While the public libraries are closed, our church library might be the perfect place for you to find reading material. Contact Barbara Haudenshield at Barbhaud@gmail.com

Prayer Warriors



Contact Jan Grewe, jangrewe@bellsouth.net or 305-393-6196 to become a “Prayer Warrior” so you can help us pray or have us pray for you.

Holy Week

A CELEBRATION OF HOPE

Holy Week is the week in the Christian year which begins with Palm Sunday, the day of celebration of the triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem for the last time (Mark 11:1-10), and ends with Easter Sunday, the celebration of His resurrection (Matthew 28:1-10). According to the Gospel records several memorable events happened during this week.

Sunday: The Triumphal Entry, Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19)

Monday: Jesus curses the fig tree. (Matthew 21:18-19; Mark 11:12-14)
Jesus cleanses the temple. (Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18)

Tuesday: The authority of Jesus questioned. (Matthew 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8)

Wednesday: The plot against Jesus. (Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6)

Thursday: The Last Supper. (Matthew 26:17-29; Mark 14:12-25; Luke 22:7-20; John 13:1-38)

Jesus comforts His disciples. (John 14:1, 16:33)

Gethsemane. (Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:40-46)

Jesus' arrest and trial - Thursday night and Friday. (Matthew 26:47, 27:26; Mark 14:43, 15:15; Luke 22:47, 23:25; John 18:2, 19:16)

Friday: Jesus' crucifixion and death - Golgotha. (Matthew 27:27-56; Mark 15:16-41; Luke 23:26-29; John 19:17-30)

The burial of Jesus - Joseph's Tomb. (Matthew 27:27-56; Mark 15:16-41; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:31-42)

Saturday: In the tomb. Jesus' body was placed in the tomb before 6 P.M. Friday night, when the Sabbath began and all work stopped; and it lay in the tomb through out the Sabbath.

Sunday: The Resurrection - The empty tomb - Jerusalem. (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10)

Mary Magdalene sees Jesus in the garden. (Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18)

Jesus appears to the two going to Emmaus. (Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-35)

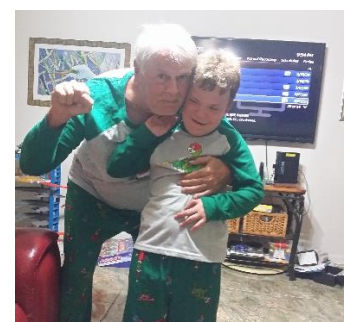
Jesus appears to 10 disciples - Jerusalem. (Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25)

Stay Connected.... Many of us are physically isolated right now But it is so important for our mental health to stay and feel connected. Keep in touch with those you care about via phone calls, text messages, emails.

April Birthdays: 3 Donna Lindback, 9 Nan Inches and Monica Mendez, 11 Joy Russell, 16 Don & Sheila Janda, 22 Alma Dalton, 23 Vicki Cochrane, 23 Toni Kenworthy, 24 Arlene Martin, 27 Claude Allen.

Do you wonder how friends are dealing with social distancing?

The Grewe's and Gomila's are on lock down. That's us at the table playing Yatzee, eating home-made cookies with Uncle Michael. Plus we've been watching Puss in Boots, Toy Story 3, Despicable Me 3, multiple times. The cookie chef, Renee, is working from home. The dynamic duo back together again. Missing everybody. Praying much. God Bless and love.



Ted, Shirley and Ali Beth Wilson – From Shirley... “Makeshift dance studio in the living room! Does my heart ♡ good to see Ali Beth dancing again! The dogs enjoy the entertainment too!” From Ted... “one person making the most of the Keys unfortunate current restriction to locals only — my wife Shirley getting to fish for tarpon.



Hardings ... Please add Ralph and Faye Harding to your prayers. Since he is on lockdown, it is not possible for them to be together. This is very hard for both of them.



Barbara Haudenshield – trying her best to comply with the social distancing! “The first jigzaw I have done since 1970, I think. Can’t wait to start another!”



Please let us know what you are doing during these weeks of social distancing. Send your photos and your explanation to us at matumc@bellsouth.net. Or just reply to our email.

Do you miss us as much as we miss you!

