



The Lighthouse

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



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Office hours – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Worship Service Sunday - 11:00 am

YouTube Services

Don't miss any of the weekly services. [Click here](#) to select the Sermon you would like to hear.



You are the light of the world

Matthew 5:14.

One of the things that happens when we begin to follow Jesus is that we pick up a sense of destiny and mission. When God placed his hand on Abraham, he never viewed his life the same way again. He knew God called him to a special mission and for a special purpose and understood that the nations of the earth would be blessed by his descendants.

When we come to Christ we begin to realize that God has work for us and it is important work. God took Abraham into the Kings Courts, to the centers of political power, and on many unexpected adventures.

Our world does not need to hear people talk about God if we do not have a lifestyle that reinforces the words we share. The closer we walk in intimacy with God, the less we need to say. Our very lives become a bold testimony to the purity and freedom and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Check your Sunday email for announcements and the sermon, on video, from the previous week.

General announcements:

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. iFellowship Hall

Stained Glass: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lady Card Players: 9:30 to 12 on Tuesdays

Men's Breakfast – Thurs 7:30 a.m. at Lorelei.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 7 pm with Rob Kolb

Prayer List: Jeanne and Jack Munro, Denise

Pratt, Russ Carnito and Sherry, Susan Payton, Art Bain, Sherra Woolet, Larry, Gail Feddern, Tony Kenworthy, Peggy Fletcher, Orville Slack, Nadine Young, Larry Whately, Kentrall Johnson and

Jennifer Collins

NOTE: Please provide prayer list updates!

Become an official member of the Matecumbe United Methodist Church

MUMC will be receiving new members into the church in several weeks. You can pick up an application for membership in the Church foyer. Fill it out, fold and place in the offering plate.



Baptism: We will also be sharing in a celebration of baptism for both children, **and also for adult baptism**, soon. Let us know if you'd like to know more about this.

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Is This You—Pastor Bob?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a local newspaper complaining that it made no sense to go to church on Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone to church for 30 years now, and in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the preachers are wasting their time by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today."

Just think about how lucky we are at the Matecumbe United Methodist Church. Pastor Bob provides us with the spiritual strength we need, Sunday after Sunday, with sermons that touch our hearts and our souls with messages that often are remembered for a lifetime.

Thank you, Pastor Bob, for the sermons that inspire us, week after week, and provide untold spiritual strength.

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Book Club: Wed September 14 at noon, lunch included!

On August 17, the book Club reviewed the first few chapters of Shannon Bream's book, "**Women of the Bible Speak.**" Next meeting will be September 14th at noon. We will share a cover dish lunch provided by a couple of members and then continue on our book, starting with chapter 4.

Thanks to Kim Youngblood for providing lunch at the August meeting. Delicious!



We will try meeting at noon this month, hoping that more folks will be able to join us.

The author of the book we are discussing, Shannon Bream, currently serves as anchor of FOX News @ *Night with Shannon Bream*. She joined the network in 2007 as a

Washington D.C.- based correspondent covering the Supreme Court.

"The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today" was 13th best-selling book in adult nonfiction in 2021, according to Bookscan, and spent 15 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list, five of which at number one.

Join us for a great lunch, a fascinating book discussion, and a chance to spend time with members of the church family.

Thank you Pastor Tony! We always love to hear your updates and words of encouragement. Come back anytime. The Methodists love to see you at the church where you grew up!



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Labor Day at the Monument

The Matecumbe Historical Trust will hold their annual Labor Day service on Monday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m. in memory of the civilians and war veterans who lost their lives in the Hurricane of September 2, 1935. The service will include the Invocation, Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, guest speakers, the History of the hurricane and monument, laying of the memorial wreath, taps, America the Beautiful and God Bless the USA followed by the benediction. The wreath is sponsored by Centennial Bank. For more information, please contact Barbara at 305-393-0940.

Thank you Rob Kolb We are so very lucky to have Rob in our midst. Not only does he lead Bible



studies on Thursday nights, but he did an amazing job filling in for Pastor Bob for two weeks, providing inspiration at our Sunday morning church service while the Paveys were out of town. Rob is also providing an evening of Bible study at the nursing home. [Click here](#) to read stories about church

members including the story of Rob Kolb.

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Joy Griffin is back!



Earlier this year, the congregation welcomed the Paveys' good friend, Joy Griffin, an internationally acclaimed missionary and inspirational speaker. Joy certainly left us all stirred by her enthusiasm, love and hope.

Joy is returning and will be speaking at the service on Sunday, September 4. There will be a soup and sandwich luncheon following the morning service, for those interested in an update of the issues facing the United Methodist Church worldwide.



Winter Residents Checking in!

Jeanne and Jack Munro: Jeanne and I have both been dealing with ongoing health issues. We tell ourselves every day that we have been living blessed lives. Getting old is not for sissies.



Our family continues to prosper. Our oldest grandson graduated from pharmacy school and landed a great job. Our youngest grandchild is starting his 3rd year, his sister 4th. Two others are graduated.

I put on my big boy pants (with a hammer sleeve) and I am rebuilding a section of our deck. About at the half way point now. I'll try to remember to send a picture of the final product.

Then there's the Garden of Weeding. We really appreciate this time of year when every night's meal, and dessert depends on what's ripe and ready. Raspberry and strawberry jam, apple sauce and tomatoes for sauce to last till next season. Keeps me busy and focused.

We're planning on arriving in the Keys shortly after Thanksgiving. Till then, we send love.

[Click here](#) to read the Munro story and other stories about members of the church family.

Annette Pali: The view from our porch overlooking beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack is a joy. Bob and I have had a great summer here in Northeast Pennsylvania in the Pocono Mountains. I have my flower gardens and Bob has his herb garden and cooking.

I volunteer every Wednesday at a thrift store run by a local hospital. There are such wonderful people I volunteer with. Also helped out at the local Methodist Church Flea Market this past Saturday.

We sure miss the beach and our Church Family. Hope to be back down mid October if all of Bobs bi-yearly cancer check ups come out clear. God bless.

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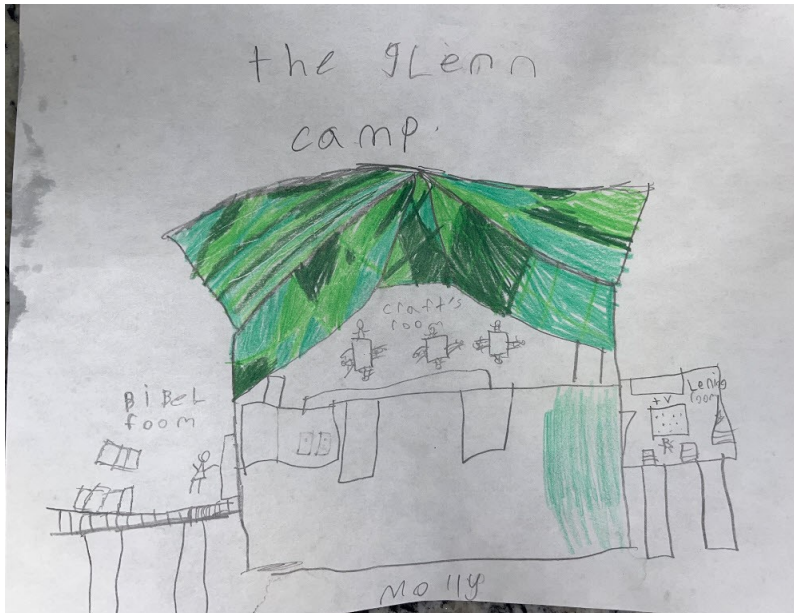
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Question posed to the Islamorada Pavey grandchildren:
What was the best part of summer 2022?



Sadie, 7, said her favorite thing this summer was going to the bookstore at church camp (Indian Springs Campmeeting) and she drew a picture to show the bookstore.



Molly, 9, loved going to her Bible class at the Glenn Tabernacle at camp. Molly drew a picture so we could see the Bible room she loved.



Jack, 11, said his favorite thing to do this summer was catching salamanders and snakes at the creek. Hmm— we guess he is all boy! No picture drawn, no live samples!



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The Iconic Methodist Potluck

Food unites us, heals us, and sustains us. Methodist churches today continue long-standing food traditions and innovate with new ways of bringing food and fellowship into their ministries. The church potluck or covered dish dinner creates a contagious energy about gathering together to share a meal. Everyone gets in on it, from our youngest members helping to set the tables, all the way to our (not as young) member, like Barbara Haudenshield who helps organize—and calls on so many who assist in so many ways— a real church family effort!



Thank you Gail Gargano for the darling patriotic decorations for our August cover dish meal after church.

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SHOPPING DAY at the Nursing Home

The next shopping day for the nursing home residents will be late fall. Clothes, hats and shoes are still being accepted!!

Donation are also welcome for items such as soaps, shampoos, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, etc. The residents really enjoy browsing a table of these items. Drop of your donations at Fellowship Hall during office hours. Thank you!!!



It is that time!! Operation Christmas Child!!

We will be participating in this wonderful commission to share God's love and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need all over the world through Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox.

These simple gifts, packed with love in Jesus name, deliver hope and joy to children all over the world, regardless of their faith or religious background. Each child will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and receive a book prior to being presented with the shoebox. Many children and families go on to participate in programs to learn more about following Jesus.

Last year was our first year to participate and I was so very proud of the church community and the 55 boxes that were filled and distributed.

Every shoebox is an opportunity to reach a child with the gospel!! So start gathering items for your boxes and lets reach out to

friends and family to join in and make this a record setting year!! *The warmth and joy you feel by participating cannot be measured.*

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW, INCLUDING A DATE FOR OUR KICK-OFF LUNCHEON where boxes and packing information will be distributed. *Not a shopper – no problem.* We can shop for you and back a box in your name!!! If you have any questions or if this is your first time participating, see Nanette Inches nlemmon54@gmail.com or

412-310-5001



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Photos, Photos, and More Photos: Do you have some to share?



Jim & Judy Winstel visit Joan Larouche, our former church secretary, who is now in Lake Placid.



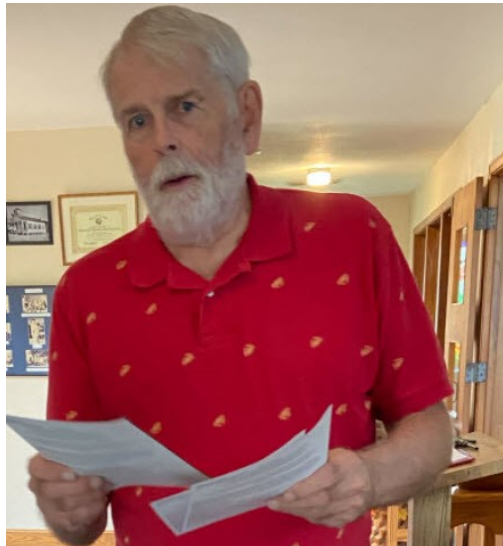
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A great grandson taking after Pastor Bob!



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Making a Difference: Nanette Inches and her loyal helpers continue to make such a difference to the residents of the nursing home on Plantation Key! On August 25 they did an "adopt a bear party" with stuffed bears Nan made from used baby clothes. Each of the residents got an adoption certificate so they could name their bear.

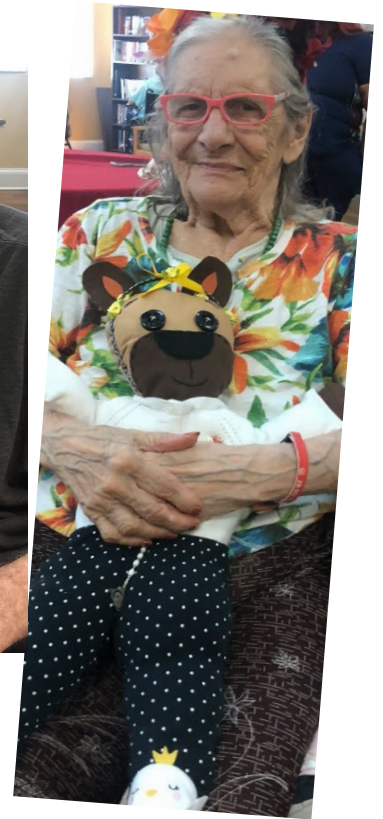
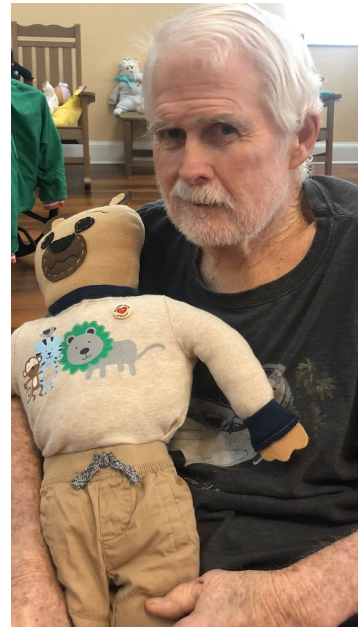


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I just wanna
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