



The Lighthouse

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



Matecumbe United Methodist Church

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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.

The Miracle of Asbury



It was 53 years ago that my life changed. The company I worked for employed college students for summer help, including Andy, a football player from Anderson University. One evening, Andy told me he was going to request some time off to attend a revival. I laughed and wondered why he was willing to lose pay for something like that. My parents had taken me to revival meetings. They were OK, but didn't rise to that level of importance.

The revival Andy spoke of became known as the Asbury Revival and took place at Asbury College in 1970. It was an unplanned, unscheduled worship that started spontaneously during a chapel service and lasted 185 hours.

From that revival experience many Asbury students were invited to share their story about the revival at other universities and churches. One of those groups came to the Church of God in Anderson, Indiana. At that Sunday morning service the attendance was 515, and at the evening service 500. There was a tangible presence of God as the students shared their testimonies and thoughts. The leadership of the church decided to open the sanctuary on Monday, just in case some people might want to return for worship. By 6 PM more than 1000 people arrived for worship and these services continued every evening for 50 days.

There was a splash over effect in churches in the community, one of which I attended. It affected the very fabric of society. I am a product of that revival. I became a Christ follower March 1, 1970 and I was forever changed.

The Bible tells us that we walk by faith, not by sight. But God also promises times of refreshing. Once you experience God, in such a tangible way, the ranting of doubters, atheists, agnostics and intellectual skeptics mean absolutely nothing. Please pray for the 2023 Asbury Revival. Satan will try in many ways to disrupt it. Only God can save America.

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
Beatitudes/Sermon on the Mount starts Jan 15.

Stained Glass: Tuesday 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 4:30 pm with Rob Kolb in Fellowship Hall, currently the book of Acts.

Methodist Children's Home: Please remember to bring in your loose change for the jar in the Narthex that goes to helping these children. Next offering will be April 30

Prayer List: Jack & Jean Munro, Susan Payton, Becky Hindes, Cummings's Family, Scott Ross, Lea Hillman, Ann Marie Leblanc, Carol Reinken, Ann Matheson, Tom Beck, Candy Richard, Theresa Lepski, Carley Poore, pray for the Ukraine, along with the Turkey & Syria victims of the earthquake.



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On Sunday, March 5th Rob Kolb will give a sermon addressing lessons learned during his recent trip to Israel. Rob also would love to answer questions about Israel and his trip after church or anytime you want to talk about it.



Thank you Victoria and Ed Kattel and Randy Inches, chefs extraordinaire, for providing a feast for the Islamorada Firefighters: fresh caught fish, hush puppies, slaw, black beans, brownies, pineapple upside down cake, and turtle brownies.

Congratulations to Frank Meulenberg, now working for the Village of Islamorada as their Audio Visual Tech. Frank promises that he will still have time to provide our church with video assistance every Sunday morning.



February Birthdays: 5 – Rich Russell, 6– Kathy Sill, 17 – Linda Balog, 18 – Yana Pate, 19 – Mark Cockerham & Jan Grewe, 24 – Layne Smith, 27 – Zachery Russell & Glenda Whitman.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



What a fantastic stained glass treasure the church ladies made as a goodbye gift when Chris, a favorite postal employee, retired and headed to the Philippines to run a resort he owns there.

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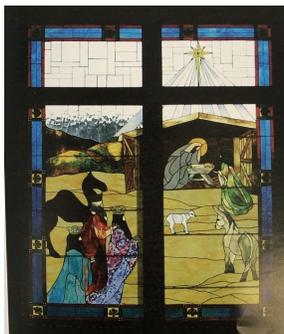
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We welcome new members to the family:

- ◆ Chris Zeher
- ◆ Jackie Tilton
- ◆ Barbara Crampton
- ◆ Chet James
- ◆ Karen Buono
- ◆ Renee Gomila
- ◆ Nicole Butler
- ◆ Ray and Mary Tacoma
- ◆ Jay and Diane Ammon
- ◆ Dave and Susan Pamperin



Our Stained Glass Windows



Celebrate a Legacy: We all have so much reason to be proud of the work of our church members who have been diligently creating stained glass masterpieces for over 20 years. The windows created for the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are breathtaking. They truly *"bring the light of Jesus Christ to our islands."* There's a window in Fellowship Hall and the 3 Panel Window in the Narthex available to be sponsored in memory of a loved one. A plaque will be placed next to the window. There is surely no more beautiful way to celebrate and honor the legacy of your loved one's life. Contact:



Judy Winstel: 305-304-4945

Susan Bateman: 305-942-6854

Carol Wagner: 305-896-1812



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An email from Praygod!

Praise be to the Lord, I miss you all! I have had a very good time as the Lord fights for me. I am safe and I will come back any time to greet the Islamorada church. December 2022 I talked to my family, they prepared to celebrate Christmas together without me. My mother and father, brothers and sisters are safe and they sent me pictures of Christmas and New Year since I couldn't go to celebrate with them.

Before I left America they asked me to support my young brother TAZAMAELI NNKO to pay for the program so he can come to America. I had to make decision to save my fare money and send it home so that my brother could pay for the program to come to America. And later I left Florida on December 22, I came to Seattle, Washington. When the year 2023 started, I joined

Nursing Assistant training and during extra time I work at a Nursing home. I have been asking God to give me the grace to convey this information to the Matecumbe Methodist church for a long time. Today I have been able to help my family to a large extent and my brother TAZAMAELI NNKO has successfully obtained a visa. He will come to do a hospitality internship at the Playa Largo Hotel located in Key Largo. He will start the program February 23rd 2023.

I will ask him to come to church and he will be able to join you. All the time that I have been in America, the Islamorada Church has raised me spiritually and I am increasingly following all the services through the YouTube channel.

Amen!

Attached pictures are my family.

(Praygodnnko02@gmail.com)



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Crystal Health and Rehab—A Valentine Day Dinner and Dance!

The Matecumbe United Methodist Church volunteers do a remarkable job making the residents at Crystal feel adored. Thank you to Nanette and her gang.



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Crafty Helpers for Outreach Events



The Florida Keys Children's Shelter—
a new outreach program—Valentines
Day pasta dinner for some very special children
at festively decorated Fellowship Hall. Games,
gifts, music and fun for all. The children love it!



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Barbara...

If you ever helped with an event at the nursing home, you were undoubtedly charmed by Barbara and her smile. A few days after the Valentines Day Gala, Barbara passed away.

And Heaven gained a true angel.



Book Club

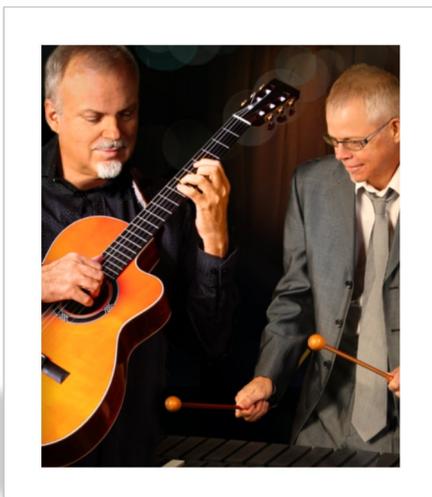
Nine gals met on February 15, first to discuss their pick for the month..... "Boys in the Boat", all agreeing it was an informative read about the sport of rowing and the American win at The Olympics in

Nazi Germany in 1936. Also, some members reported on other books they had read in the past month. Again, we will borrow multiple copies from the local library , reading " A Gentleman from Moscow" for the meeting on **Wednesday, March 15**. See Judy Winstel to borrow a copy. New participants are always welcome.

The Burchfield Brothers Concert February 12:

What a joyous event!

[Click here](#) to listen.



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In Search of Volunteers

Looking for someone to organize a yard sale at the church grounds —opportunity for members to “part with treasures” while helping the church raise money.

Everyone loves a yard sale. We just need a couple organizers. Call Barbara Haudenshield if you can help.

Church Library—

opened on Tuesday and Thursday. Loads of books: fiction, non fiction, craft books, travel books, and some religious books too.



Columbarium Open House after church on March 19. Step just outside the sanctuary to enjoy the tranquility of the Matecumbe Memorial Gardens. A quiet garden setting that provides an area of comfort and reflection to remember loved ones. You will see names that bring back fond memories.



Craig is the owner and guide for the Florida Keys Food Tour. His customers learn history, taste cuisine of award winning chefs and restaurants, and visit “local” places. One of the places he visits on his tour is the Matecumbe United Methodist Church—primarily highlighting the stained glass windows! Thanks Craig. www.flkeysfoodtour.com/

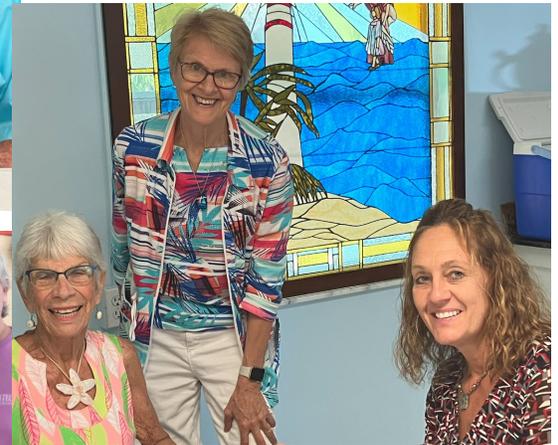
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Smile



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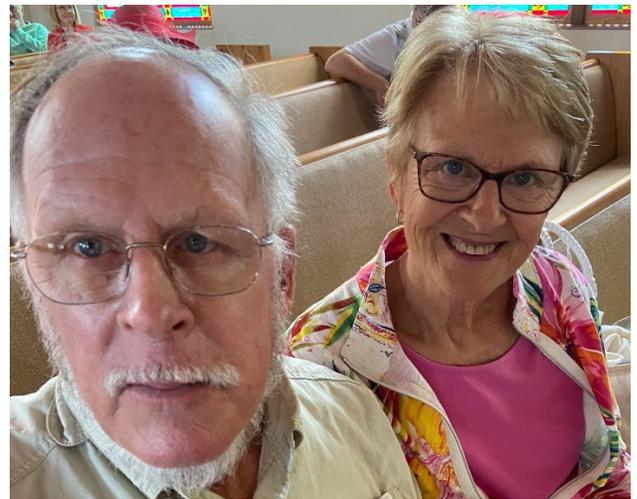
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Smiles of Joy



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Joy

