



The Lighthouse

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



June 12, 2020

Church Services canceled until June 21

A few activities already resumed... check [calendar](#) in website for scheduled activities



From the Pastor's Desk:

"Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of a Ammon." (2 Chronicles 20:22)

When King Jehoshaphat faced the combined armies of Moab, Ammon, and Edom, he proclaimed a national fast and prayed for God's help.

"We have no power against this great multitude...." he prayed, "nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." (2 Chronicles 20:12)

A prophet named Jahaziel gave this reply: "Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's" (v. 15).

The Lord threw their enemies into confusion, and Judah won the battle...not with soldiers but with songs.

How often we need to echo Jehoshaphat's prayer. Sometimes there are problems we can't solve. Sometimes our pressures are too much. In those moments we can pray, "Lord, I don't know what to do but my eyes are on you".

God inhabits praise and Satan is allergic to praise; He can't remain where God is being glorified.



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YouTube Services

Pastor Bob Pavey is providing weekly services during these difficult times. [Click here](#) to select the Sermon you would like to hear.

ONLINE Giving to MUMC

Learn how... [click here](#)

Staying Connected ...

Click on the highlighted words to keep connected:

[Church website](#) – Do not forget to check regularly.

[Calendar](#) – for meetings, birthdays, etc.

[Church YouTube Account](#) - listen to any of Pastor Bob's recent sermons and a variety of spiritual music

[Facebook](#) – for Matecumbe United Methodist Church



Prayer List...

If you know someone on the prayer list, why not reach out to them.

Rev. Dick Smith
Jay and Carol Richard
Emma Kuchynskaya
Slava
Larisa
Dorothy Hertel
Anne Krampitz
Ralph Harding (and Faye too)
Sarah Belotto
Don Light
Alma Dalton
Tania Martin
Ray Law
Karen Lucas
Janet Lewis
Randy Baad

Glenda Whitman
Jim Reynolds
Ron Valdes
Elizabeth Stanley
Beth Nichols
Gary Nichols Jr.
Susan Bateman
Dawn LaVoice (C Wagner's niece)
Elaine Vlaun
Vicki Clancy
Ari Poholek and family
Ren
Joan LaRoche
Ron Wagner
Carlos Gil

Someone to add to prayer list?

Contact Jan Grewe at jangrewe@bellsouth.net or 305-393-6196 and she will notify the Prayer Warriors.

Or email the church: matumc@bellsouth.net

Men's Breakfast

Green Turtle Thursday June 18, 7:30 am

Historical Articles

Victoria Kattel, the church historian, would like any newspaper articles people have that mention the church, particularly from the years from 1956 – 1970. Please help if you have any articles. Contact Victoria (Vkat7597@gmail.com).



BOOK LIST

Whether you can join us for book club meetings or not, if you have read some good books, help us add to our Book List. If there are any

books you really loved, send us a brief review – just a couple sentences so folks will know what it was about the book that you loved.

[Click here](#) to see the Matecumbe United Methodist Church **Book List** and to read reviews.

“LIVE” Book Club

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 17, at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall** and again we will share our newest reads. Always glad to have new folks join us.

Tuesday Games

Time to get a little social? We will resume our gathering in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays to play Samba, Rummikub, or whatever. Always happy to have new attendees. All games are easy to learn.

Puzzle Time #7: Bible Trivia

The first book in the Bible is _____.

The last book in the Bible is _____.

There are (50, 66, 75) books in the bible.

The Bible is comprised of the _____ and the _____ Testament.

The Pentateuch is defined as the first (1, 3, 5) books of the Bible.

The Jewish people call the first five books of the Bible the (Law, Torah, Gospel).

Put the first five books of the Bible in the proper sequence

Leviticus, Exodus, Genesis, Deuteronomy, Numbers

The Gospels are located in the beginning of the _____ Testament.

Put the 4 Gospels in order

John, Luke, Mark, Matthew

The Bible is often referred to as the (Works, Word, Teachings) of God.

[Click here](#) to go to all the previous puzzles along with answers!

Colonial Dames.. help requested



Victoria Kattel is president of Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century lineage society which is chartering a new chapter for the Florida Keys. She has a large wall certificate to put all charter member names on. Victoria is hoping to find someone locally **who does calligraphy!** If you know someone, contact Victoria (vkatt7597@gmail.com).

This group is an organization of women who are lineal descendants of an ancestor who lived and served prior to 1701 in one of the Original American Colonies. There are women from all over the state who have joined or transferred membership in order to be part of history here.

Have you been counted yet?



The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of

dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

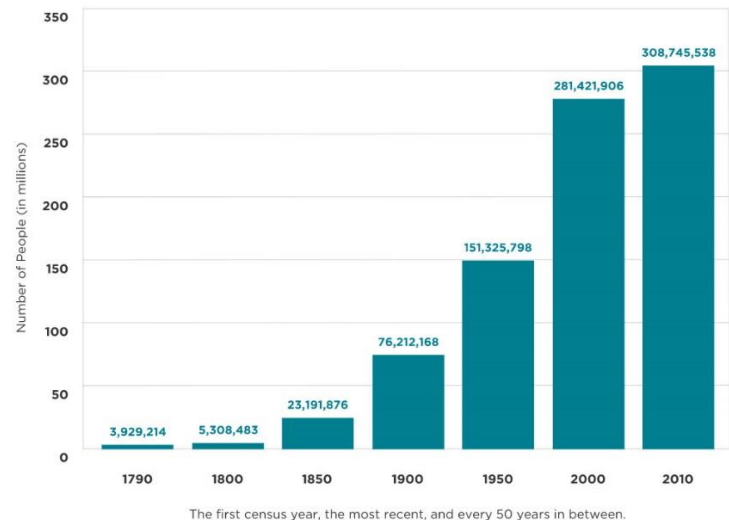
It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Participating in the census is required by law. If you haven't been counted yet [Click here](#) to complete the simple questionnaire. They need to know where you were residing on April 1, 2020 and who resided at the same address with you. It only takes a few minutes.

Our Growing Country

The census has counted the U.S. population every 10 years since 1790. Here's a look at how the country has grown.

The U.S. Population



Happy Flag Day: June 14



In 1885, Bernard Cigrand, a small-town Wisconsin teacher, originated the idea for an annual flag day, to be celebrated across the country every June 14. That year, he led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday.

Our Church Services Return June 21

Suggested guidelines for returning to the sanctuary:

- Wear masks at least until seated
- Maintain 6 feet between individuals or family groups.
- Refrain from hugs and handshakes
- If sick, stay home

Story of Captain Ted Wilson

From his website:

<https://captaintedwilson.com/meet-captain-ted/>

Sometimes truth really is more novel than fiction. In the story of Islamorada fishing guide Captain Ted Wilson, the truth is about resolve and dedication, as would be applied to his professional guiding career. You see, before Captain Ted would accept one penny from an angler for a fishing trip, he pledged to fish every single day for two years. And, as painful as it could be at times, especially with his captain's license in hand, Wilson held to his convictions.

Over 25 years later, Captain Ted is recognized as one of the finest backcountry fishing guides in the Keys. Captain Ted was quickly drawn back to his Florida roots and finished his college career at the University of Florida, majoring in zoology in 1993. Two days after graduation, Captain Ted moved to Islamorada, fully intending to become a full-time professional backcountry guide. It was then he made his pledge. He took a job at H.T. Chittum & Co., selling clothing and fine fishing tackle. Hal Chittum, an extraordinary guide himself, was one of a handful of people who helped



Captain Ted launch his fishing career.

"I learned so much about the backcountry from Hal, I could never thank him

enough," said Captain Ted. "Another man who I learned from was Dick Pope, Jr., who held several world records and pioneered many fishing tournaments in the Keys. He's a fantastic fly fisherman! Being from Florida, I have been catching redfish, snook and trout for as long as I can remember. As a youngster I would fish from the pier, in the Indian River as my mother always felt that was a safe haven. She also told me to do in life whatever would make me happy and believe me, I'm happy now! Thanks Mom!"

Fishing out of Bud n' Marys Marina, Captain Ted enjoys the incredible variety of people he gets to bring onboard and introduce to the wonders of fishing the

Florida Keys. No one enjoys exploring the Islamorada fishing grounds with him more than his wife Shirley, who he married in 2005, and his daughter Ali Beth (born July 2007.) In addition to fishing, Captain Ted is an avid hunter. If he is not on the water in the Florida Keys, chances are you can find him several hours north in Moore Haven, Florida, running his airboat across the marsh of Lake Okeechobee hunting ducks, gators and frogs.

To many of the island kids, Captain Ted is known more as Coach Ted. One of his greatest passions is taking off his captain's hat and putting on his coaching hat to

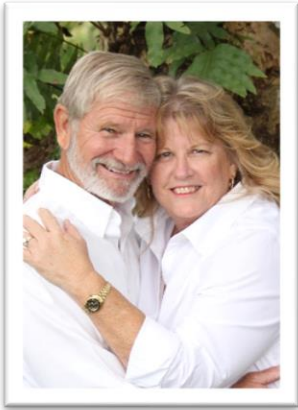
coach his daughter's soccer teams.



And when he finally makes it home, he stays busy with the family's 4 dogs, 3 cats and thousands of bees! Yep! Be sure to ask Captain Ted about his beekeeping and a

taste of his "MatecumBEES Honey" harvested right in the heart of Islamorada. [Click here](#) for story





The Knudsens

Though Kenneth Carll Knudsen was born in Miami, he learned to love the Florida Keys at an early age as his family brought their 16' boat to the Keys nearly every weekend. They explored up and down the chain of islands, often camping in tents on secluded beaches. In 1960, when he was 10 years old, his parents bought a six-acre bayfront tract of land at MM81 for \$35,000 and began developing the Kon Tiki Resort and by 1961 it was ready for the first guests.

What fond memories Ken has of those years at the Kon Tiki where the family lived and worked. They had two 16' boats they rented to guests for \$8/day plus \$.22 per gallon of gas. Starting at just 11 years of age, Ken would often take first time guests out to show them how to navigate the shallow waters of the bay, through the tricky mangrove cuts. Occasionally they would "hire" him to take them fishing, though because he was not licensed, he could not accept payment. But that was the inauguration of a long career as a backcountry fishing guide!

Throughout his teen years, Ken worked as a part time mate on numerous charter boats, employed by some of the great local legends, learning techniques from the best. He continued guiding when he could in the back country, mastering his skills, studying the special environment of Florida Bay.

Ken went to Coral Shores High School where he played football, basketball, and baseball... an amazing athlete. Some say he was one of the best football players ever at Coral Shores. He still holds the season record for interceptions with 12 his junior year.

A strange thing happened to him one day when he was a senior. As he was walking towards the door to change classes, a lovely blond he did not recognize was standing in the doorway, almost blocking the students ahead of him. As he got to the doorway, she said, "Ken, I want to carry your books to the next class."



Ken was intrigued by this sophomore beauty who grabbed the books right out of his arms and walked him to his next class. When the class was over, there she was again waiting for him at the doorway. The day was January 3, 1968 and the lovely blond was Juanita Russell. Until graduation that year, Ken and Juanita were true high school sweethearts. After that meeting in the doorway, Ken and Juanita always referred to that day as their very first date. Sadly, fifty years to the day – January 3, 2018 – Juanita died. But sandwiched into those 50 years were so many remarkable moments that will be a part of the family memory book forever.



Juanita's family had a long history in the Keys... as she was the daughter of Warren and Virginia Russell, and the great-great-granddaughter of Richard H. Russell and Mary Ann Russell, who came to Islamorada from Key West in 1854 as one of the community's founding families.

After high school it took just a year of college for Ken to decide that college was not for him and off he went to the U.S. Coast Guard boot camp... right in the midst of the Vietnam War. Initially he was scheduled to head for Vietnam and a stint on a riverboat, boats often considered target practice for the Vietcong. His two years of Spanish at Coral Shores may have saved him. He thinks when the Coast Guard saw his familiarity with Spanish that they changed his orders and sent him to the Cutter Diligence in Key West. The Coast Guard was responsible for the interdiction of Cuban refugees and protecting U.S. from Cuban threats. Ken was thrilled... he would be close to the love of his life... Juanita.

Ken valued his time in the Coast Guard, quickly advancing because of his proficiencies on the water. He ended up an E-9 (Master Chief) and was the youngest chief in the history of the Coast Guard. In 1973 when he returned home to Islamorada after serving his four years, he joined the Coast Guard Reserve. Back in 1973 the Coast Guard Station in

Islamorada was a 12-man houseboat with one reservist. The current station was built in 1976. Ken remained in the reserve for 30 years.

His real love and fulltime profession has always been his backcountry guiding. The name Ken Knudsen and his boat, the Hubba Hubba, developed a great reputation in the fishing world. Ken seemed to have endless energy and determination to help his community. In addition to his time as a reservist with the Coast Guard, Ken was a volunteer firefighter in Islamorada from 1973 – 1977, just the beginning of community service that seemed to run in the family. For several years he volunteered at a weeklong muscular dystrophy camp. His friendship with a young camper, Darryl, has continued as Ken brings joy to the life of a severely handicapped young man in a wheelchair, taking him out fishing every couple months for the last 17 years. While Darryl does not talk, his smile when fishing on the Hubba Hubba says everything.



On the 3th of July, 1976, Ken married the love of his life, that lovely blond, Juanita, in a beautiful red, white and blue bicentennial wedding ceremony at the Matecumbe United Methodist Church... “Juanita’s Church” as Ken called it... the church where she had gone every Sunday all her life.

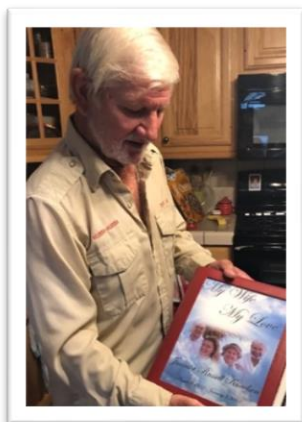
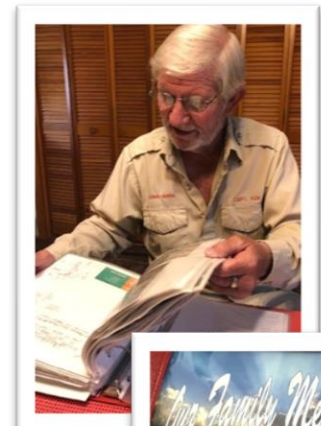


In February 1980, Juanita, almost 10 months pregnant with daughter Richelle, went into labor while Ken was sick as can be with a temperature of 104. Juanita’s mother, Virginia, would take the expectant mother to the hospital in Miami. But Virginia spent the trip laying in the backseat with a horrible migraine headache while Juanita drove herself up the 18 Mile Stretch to the hospital! The arrival of son Kenneth Carl Jr., K.C., three years later was not nearly so dramatic.

Ken always referred to Juanita as the “family planner,” as she always made certain the details of their life were carefully molded. Juanita worked for numerous local employers early in their marriage. But it was the volunteer efforts for which Juanita was well known and loved. She was a volunteer for 15 years at Island Christian School. For 21 years she was on the board of the Florida Keys Electric Co-op Charitable Trust... established in the 1990s to help fund the needs of those folks in the community who are struggling. Juanita was the perfect person for that... she was always anxious to assist. She served as chairwoman of Boy Scout Troop 914 for 14 years and as leader of Girl Scout Troop 104 for nine years. Knudsen also was active for 60 years with her Islamorada churches, Matecumbe United Methodist Church and Island Community Church.

The role that was without question the one she cherished most – mother and wife. And eventually grandmother too! [Click here](#) to read the 2020 Mother’s Day tribute from Richelle and K.C.

Ken and Juanita had such a happy life.... two extraordinary friends together forever. Ken was energetic and passionate about life and fishing. Juanita loved helping make the community a better place. But the Knudsens’ priority was always family. Ken was so proud of Juanita, the perfect mother and wife. He loved her with all his heart.



After Juanita died in 2018, a broken-hearted Ken wanted to find a way to share the wonders of their life with the kids and grandkids.... A permanent tribute. He decided to write a book of memories to present to the kids as a Christmas gift. The fact that Ken does not use a computer and has arthritis in his hands would not be deterrents. Even when he could only write for minutes at a time, he wrote page after page of the love story he had lived with Juanita. He wrote on lined paper and filled a large three ring notebook... eventually 200 pages of hand-written, poignant emotions.



But when he finished **“My Wife, My Love,”** he felt there was even more to tell. It was the family that made life so rewarding... so many special days together, family trips, fishing together, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts, sports. Ken set about to tell story after story of special family times.... **“My Family Memories”** this time another 150 hand-written pages of love and pride.

The book details so many incredible family trips to places across the country as well as a dream trip with Juanita to Norway to see the land of Ken’s ancestors. Perhaps most memorable are the pages and pages detailing the fishing exploits of Richelle and K.C.

When the kids were growing up, the Metropolitan South Florida Fishing Tournament (The Met) was considered the world's largest and most respected fishing event. It ran from December to May and included dozens of eligible species of fresh and saltwater fish in a variety of divisions, which included two divisions especially for youngsters.

Back in 1986, when Richelle was still just 5 years old and weighed in at 50 pounds, she was determined to catch “a big fish.” And that she did – a 101 pound lemon shark that she brought in, unassisted, a 2 hour and 10 minute battle, a Met record, and need we mention she made Ken one proud dad. And from that day in 1986 until Richelle and K.C. outgrew the Met youth divisions in 1999, the family set aside every possible Saturday for 5 months each year to have the kids compete in the Met... a real family affair. On Sunday mornings, Rev. Honaker would always tell the congregation at MUMC church services about the kids’ successes the day before.

Not to be outdone, K.C. was determined to land a big shark while still registered as a peewee. Though he had had so many outstanding records, it was the shark record he wanted. At age 9, K.C. was 4’ 5” tall and weighed 73 pounds. Aboard Capt. Roy Lindback’s Tiki, K.C. caught a tiger shark that was 11 ft long and weighed 475 pounds.

Ken’s stories of the kids’ fishing exploits demonstrate the joy and pride that fishing and family provided for the Knudsens. Now there are grandkids... and Ken has so many joyous memories to share with them. His pride seems to explode when he talks of Juanita and the family and all the friends they made along the way!



A family favorite photo – with Juanita – and two of the grandkids. There are two more grandkids and one on the way.

Photos: Photos here are primarily photos that you, our members, provide. If you like to see photos of your church friends, help by providing photos for our newsletters and our website. Everybody feels closer seeing friends photographically while distancing!

Send photos to Sue Miller
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Arlene's 80th Birthday Party

Grewe's custom made stained glass window



Kathy, Gretel, Lee and Carol
at stained glass



Tuesday cards resuming



Nan Inches fixed table centerpieces