



The Lighthouse

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



May 15, 2020

Church Services Cancelled Through May. Some activities resume.



From the Pastor's Desk:

Psalm 37:34 says, "Wait for the Lord and keep His way."

Life in the 21st century with its hustle, bustle and urgent demands can prove spiritually fatal unless we learn to spend time alone with God.

The challenge of the song writer is "Take Time to be Holy." That time is of eternal value.

"One hour of real communion with God is worth more than a lifetime of everything else." Waterbury



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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"](#)
- April 19, 2020: ["God's Heart Remedy"](#)
- April 26, 2020: ["Divine Design"](#)
- May 3, 2020: ["Going Through the Motions"](#)
- May 10, 2020: ["Things Mothers Need to Know"](#)

From: Faye Harding



Hello everyone!!
Thanks for the invite to tell the Hardings' story. Something about Ralph and me?

Well I was born in West Virginia and yes, I was a coal miner's daughter. I was raised in a tiny town that had a tiny country Methodist church and a pastor that came just once a

month. But growing up, all week long my life revolved around my family's religion and our faith. And then on Saturday night it was the Grand Ole Opry that was the centerpiece of our existence as we sat near the radio to listen as they instilled the love and purity of country life, humor and music.

I loved that my father had great talent when it came to performing country music himself. I love music and the pleasure of singing in church on Sundays.

Ralph was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. He served his beloved country in the Navy during the Korean War. He was medically discharged and came to the Florida Keys to recuperate in the soothing South Florida sunshine and fresh air. He loved the Keys and decided to stay. He got a job as manager of the Chesapeake restaurant and put down roots.

It was at the restaurant that we met 52 years ago. We both fell head over heels in love at first sight.

We were married by our beloved Methodist pastor in West Virginia ... the very last marriage ceremony he performed.

Ralph had a son, Jeffrey, from a previous marriage and I had a daughter, Carley.

Over the years, I worked at the Howard Johnsons restaurant serving breakfast and then as a hair-dresser at two different salons. As for Ralph, he spent several decades at the Chesapeake. Some of you surely remember when he started "Rotten Ralph's" at Whale

Harbor. It was certainly a tremendous hit. Ralph has been retired for about 25 years now.

Ralph and I clearly avoid change. We've been married to each other for 52 years, we have resided in the same town for 52 years, on the same street, in the same house... our lovely home in Tavernier, though now Ralph resides at Crystal Rehab.

This past weekend Ralph tested positive for the COVID-19 virus along with eight other residents at Crystal. Since I am unable to visit with Ralph, his phone calls mean the world to me as he assures me that he continues to feel better and has none of the usual symptoms.

I ask you to pray for us. Having so many people praying for Ralph's recovery strengthens my faith. The staff is working diligently to do all they can for those impacted. I believe that God is in control. And your prayers help. My faith tells me that when you have no one else to turn to, turn to God with absolutely all your heart.

Looking forward to hearing from our friends from our beloved church.

Our love for each other has grown over the years and remains firm. LOVE never fails.

Faye and Ralph... in Christ.



Giving ONLINE to MUMC

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It's safe and easy using your credit card.

Staying Connected ...

Click on any of the highlighted words – links to websites or pages of the church website – all intended to keep us connected:

[Church website](#) – Don't forget to check regularly.

[What's New](#) feature of the website to make it easy to see what and when changes are made.

[Bulletin Board](#) on the website where a variety of announcements can be posted.

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

[Links of Interest](#) – local news, missions, and more

[Church YouTube Account](#) - listen to any of Pastor Bob's recent sermons and a variety of spiritual music by Pastor Bob, Richard Russell or the Island Quartet.

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



Prayer List...

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

to them or to a family member. Your call, card or email may mean the world.

Rev. Dick Smith	Janet Lewis
Jay and Carol Richard	Randy Baad
Emma Kuchynskaya	Glennnda Whitman
Slava	Jim Reynolds
Larisa	Ron Valdes
Dorothy Hertel	Elizabeth Stanley
Anne Krampitz	Beth Nichols
Ralph Harding (and Faye too)	Gary Nichols Jr.
April Dugger	Susan Bateman
Sarah Belotto	Gretel Duncan
Don Light	Dawn LaVoice (C Wagner's niece)
Alma Dalton	Elaine Vlaun
Tania Martin	Vicki Clancy
Ray Law	and <u>also</u> all who work or
Karen Lucas	reside at Crystal Health and Rehab.

Do you know someone else who needs our prayers now? Let Jan Grewe know at jangrewe@bellsouth.net or call her at 305-393-6196 and she will notify the Prayer Warriors. Or email the church: matumc@bellsouth.net



BOOK LIST

We would love your suggestions of favorite books to add to the list of recommendations. If

there are any books you really loved, send us a review – just a couple sentences so folks will know why you liked the book.

Barbara Haudenshield's recommendations: For those of us by the sea and to you northern folks who wish you were, I am recommending four books which happen to be in the MUMC library:

"Charlotte's Story" by Charlotte Arpin Niedhauk

"Unwritten" by Charles Martin

"The Light between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman

"The Woman in the Light" by Joanna Brady

[Click here](#) to read Barbara's reviews of these four books, our **Book List** and some past reviews.

Puzzle Time....

Thank you Kathy Sill for putting together these wonderful puzzles! [Click here](#) to go to all the previous puzzles along with the answers!

Puzzle 3

Stones related to the 12 tribes of Israel

Stones

Ruby

Topaz

Beryl

Turquoise

Sapphire

Emerald

Jacinth

Agate

Amethyst

Chrysolite

Onyx

Jasper

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A Few More Days... Queen-Sized Quilt



Tickets must be purchased by May 22. Winners will be announced on the Sunday Church broadcast May 24. Prizes awarded for 2nd and 3rd place too!

You can still buy tickets for a chance to win this handmade queen-sized quilt donated by Jo Coon in memory of her husband. Each square depicts a colorful reminder of the Florida Keys.

Contact Carol Wagner at 305-896-1812 to buy tickets. They are just \$10 each or 3 for \$25... proceeds to benefit future church projects. Take a chance... and help the church.

Pocket Change... For Methodist Children's Home



Just received a jar of coins from one of our snowbirds for the **children's home**. If you would like to save your change too and drop it off at Fellowship Hall the coin jar will be moved over there for the duration. The secretary is there Monday and Thursday from 8 am - 1:00 pm. Or save your change until we meet again in person.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 🍴

Men's breakfast
Green Turtle at 7:30 a.m.
Thursday May 21



Real Book Club Meeting

Wed May 20 10:30
Fellowship Hall

We will maintain a distance from each other, start out with masks, discuss what we have been reading, chose a new selection for next month, and if you want, order lunch to be delivered.

Our Missions and Outreach



Please consider helping the local and overseas missions and outreach we support now during this time of great need. Your prayers and financial support are important to them.

In months with five Sundays (like this month), we always take up a special offering for the Methodist Children's Home. We won't be passing a collection plate in May, so please consider sending a check.

[Click Here](#) for details about our missions

Van Cadenhead



was born July 11, 1948 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina, son of Master Gunnery Sergeant Thomas R. Cadenhead and First Lieutenant Elaine Cadenhead, delivered by Dr. Leon J. Tune, or so his birth certificate claims.

And so Van's early years were spent at a variety of military facilities from

Jacksonville, to Memphis, to Pensacola, to Opa-Locka.

When discussing his early years, Van remembers a day in Opa-Locka when his father, then a Marine Corps nuclear weapon expert, took him to see a nuclear bomb on the military base. Van laughs when he claims that experience was what turned him into a hippie. That huge black bomb, and the thought of what it could do, was terrifying to a 5 year-old.

It was in 1956 when his parents retired and the family moved to the Florida Keys where his father operated the Mandalay Fishing Camp at MM98 in Key Largo. It was those early years in the Keys when Van learned to love the environment and perhaps most of all the underwater world he learned to explore.

The stories of Van's childhood are certainly unique and explain his diverse talents. He learned the fundamentals of carpentry at age 5 from his uncle when he stayed with him when his father was shipped off to Korea. He learned diving techniques when he worked for the famous treasure hunter, **Art McKee**, for \$.25 an hour mowing grass and working on his boat, the *Treasure Princess*, starting at age 8. A few years later

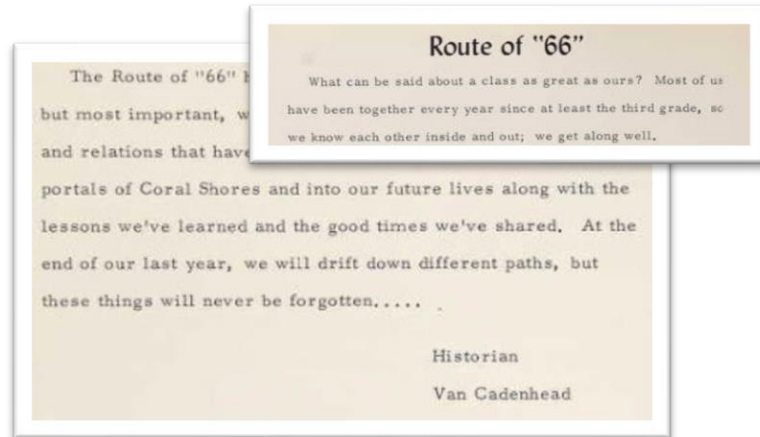


he worked as an assistant photographer to the famous **Jerry Greenberg** while he was chronicling "**Key Largo Reef: America's First Undersea Park**," the cover story about John Pennekamp State Park for National Geographic's January 1962 edition.

Van spent a summer in California as a stunt double

for Tommy Kirk (from the "Spin and Marty," Mickey Mouse Club series) in the movie "Catalina Caper."

Van graduated from Coral Shores High School in 1966 in a class of 42 students. The yearbook his senior year contains a several multi-page stories about the class of '66 written by Van... philosophical then, just like today.



Following Coral Shores, Van went to Indian River College. And then came the summer of 1967 – known in history as "The Summer of Love" in the hippie world. Though Van always considered himself that hippie... it was a "Summer of Boot Camp" for him as he wanted to make sure that his military parents always would be proud to have him home for Thanksgiving dinner... something he'd just not want to miss. He didn't want to kill any Vietnamese so he joined the Navy and became a sonar technician.

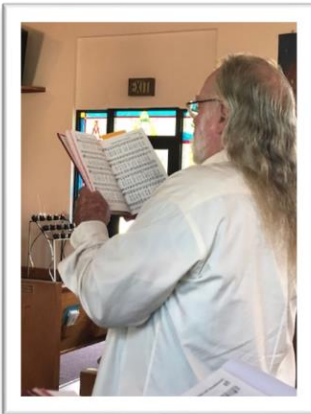
Van put in four years in the Navy and then returned to his life in the Florida Keys. He first lived in Key West, a city he loves. He worked for Mel Fisher during the early years of Fisher's quest to find the wreck site of the *Nuestra Senora de Atocha* which sank in 1622. Van left the treasure salvor two weeks before Mel lost his son and daughter-in-law when their boat capsized and sank in 1975... and long before Fisher discovered the wreck in July 20, 1985 with its estimated \$450 million cache known as "The Atocha Motherlode." But while Van was diving with Fisher in 1975, they were already on the trail of the Atocha... finding gold coins, gold chains, a sword and whistle where the ship had broken up and was dragged by the 1622 hurricanes.

As a young man just out of the military, Van was married and had a young daughter. He needed to find a job that paid better than treasure hunting, so off to the Upper Keys he went to find work in the construction industry putting his carpentry fundamentals to work... first learned as a young child. To be able to live in the Florida Keys, he often worked more than one job at a

time. Van worked on dive boats at Holiday Isle in Islamorada and at the Holiday Inn in Key Largo. And he was a scuba instructor.

What about his music? That started when he entered first grade at W. J. Bryan Elementary school in Miami. There was an audience of 500 when Van started first grade and the young students were invited to come up on stage to entertain classmates. Van immediately headed for the stage. The music teacher asked if he would like her to accompany him on the piano – “No, I will sing a cappella.” And he sang the only song he knew from beginning to end – the Marine Corp Hymn... “From the Halls of Montezuma, To the shores of Tripoli...” Van loved the applause and attention and thus began his love of performing.

At age 14 Van played at Sunday jam sessions at the Caribbean Club in Key Largo and at 16 he started a band, the Velvetones,” while a junior at Coral Shores High School. He was the lead singer for his growing band, often entertaining classmates with the likes of “Hang on Sloopy” and the popular Beatle’s songs during the time period when “[Beatlemania](#)” was raging.



In the late 1970s, Van sang at some of the local venues, like Papa Joe’s. Soon he added other musicians and they became known as the Matecumbe Minstrels... and he called himself Dr. Tune... yes, after Dr. Leon J. Tune who delivered him in 1948.

Van also is well known around Islamorada for his outspoken political views. Ever since Islamorada incorporated, Van Cadenhead frequents Village Council meetings, speaking up during Public Comment, in his attempt to be a voice of reason in his determination to save every tree possible and to assure development is handled appropriately when it comes to protecting our environment and the legacy of Keys residents... often bringing his guitar and singing his own musical parodies to get his points across.

Church... he attends numerous churches in the Keys from time to time since he believes that “all prayer goes to the same place no matter which church.” He especially likes the Matecumbe United Methodist Church since he knows so many of the people in the congregation. And we sure love Van... and his guitar.

**TELL US WHAT
YOU THINK**

**We hope you are enjoying the weekly newsletters and Sunday YouTube Sermons
Let us know if you have any requests!**

From... Susan Dilks My husband and I are ‘snow birds’ at your church in Jan./Feb./part of March. We left Islamorada just a couple days before things were closed down there - flying home from Key West to Phila. We are so thankful for our traveling mercies as we reached our home in Cape May, NJ, safely and have been hunkered down here ever since. But on Sunday mornings we listen to the beautiful music and the inspiring message from Pastor Bob and so still feel connected in a way. Thank you for putting the service on line and hope it will continue beyond the end of our shutdown. Please thank Pastor Bob, Rich and all the others involved in this time of sharing. Really means a lot to us - thank you.

Comment from Sharon Neal Hucceby on Facebook re: Mother’s Day sermon: Thanks Bob and Matecumbe team for the precious message and songs today. Always a highlight of my Sundays!!!

From Vicki Clancy re:virtual sermons - I’ve listened to your sermons each week.....most excellent both in content of the message as well as music! Thank you so very much. I also learn things of a historical nature that you talk about from Bible passages. God Bless your church as time goes by. Hopefully we’ll be able to attend services in future.

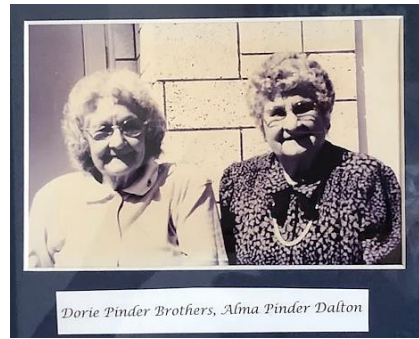
From Jeanne Munro: We love the newsletter! Thank you for the hard work of putting it together. Now that we are back in Seattle this newsletter is a good link to our friends at Matecumbe. We thank you all for the prayers for a safe trip home. The airports were very clean and so was the plane. We only had 42 passengers. Blessings Jeanne Munro

The Wilson Family’s Mother’s day tradition ... be sure to turn on the video sound

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Old Church Photos

L Side *Bernard Russell, Evenette Stone, Helen Stone Brand, Edia Sweeting*
 R Side *Laurette Pinder Russell, Nolen Parker, Dorie Brothers, Alma Dalton*

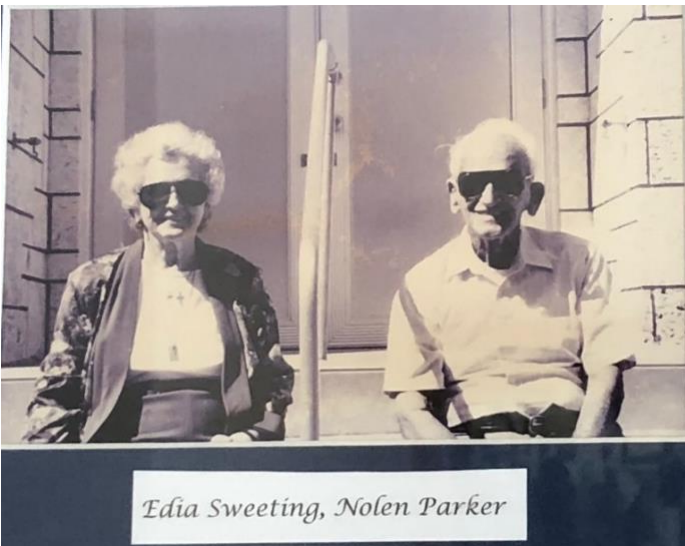


Dorie Pinder Brothers, Alma Pinder Dalton



Ground-breaking of church in 1957. Left to right:

Unknown; Warren Russell (Rich Russell's father), Rev. Kerrick, Walter Kirtley, Clifton Russell (Warren Russell's uncle), Preston Pinder (Alma's grandfather), Bernard Russell (brother to Clifton Russell, Warren Russell's uncle), Bert Pinder (Preston Russell's son, Alma's father)



Edia Sweeting, Nolen Parker



The new church in 1957



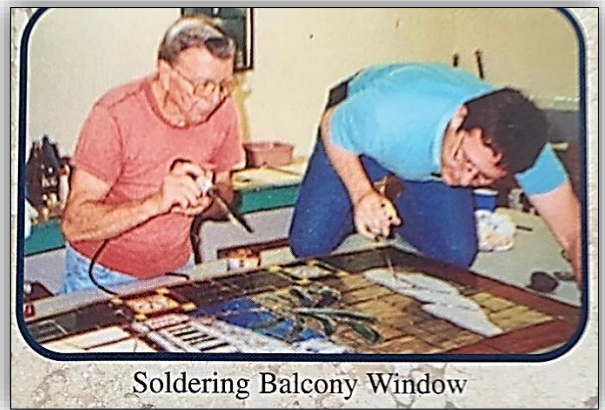
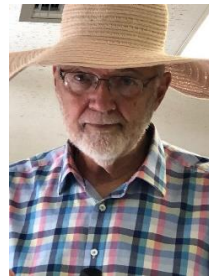
Bernard & Laurette Russell



Columbarium Ground-Breaking 2004

Donna Cockerham, Priscilla Grenfell, Russ Albury, Jim Winstel, Frank Vecella, Elizabeth Stanley-Keith, Judy Winstel

More Photos



Soldering Balcony Window

