



# 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.



**For those not on social media! We got a FaceBook message from the Paveys last week as they enjoy a couple weeks away from Islamorada and their church family!**

Our "most excellent adventure continues." Ate too much with our friend Ed in St. Pete including Columbia and Berns steakhouse in Tampa. Also enjoyed Madeira Beach. Crossed the state to visit friends at Crescent Beach in St. Augustine...dinner with them at Corky Bells in E. Palatka. From there to enjoying God's handiwork at Indian Springs Holiness Camp grounds (below left). Enjoying all of God's gifts.



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Check the Sunday email for regularly scheduled events:

**Sunday School:** 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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

**Lady Card Players:** 9:30 to 12 pm on Tuesdays

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

**Bible Study:** Thursdays at 7 pm with Rob Kolb

Love: John - April - June 2022



**Prayer List:** Please add to your prayers: Margie Smith and family (death of her father) Carol Wagner, Candy Richard, Baby Henry Rolten, Susan Payton, Art Bain, Emma

Kuchynskaya /surviving under Russian aggression, Oleksandr and Ievgeniia/ disappeared in Ukraine, Sherra Woollet, Chris Johnson, Larry.

**NOTE:** Please update the names on the prayer list.

**Children's Home** – Please remember to bring in your loose change for the jar in the Narthex that goes to helping these children. Special 5th Sunday offering for the home will be **May 29**.



## Pot Luck Luncheon:

Please join us on May 22 after the church service in Fellowship Hall. Bring something to share if you like or just join us. There is always plenty of delicious food. Dessert will be provided.

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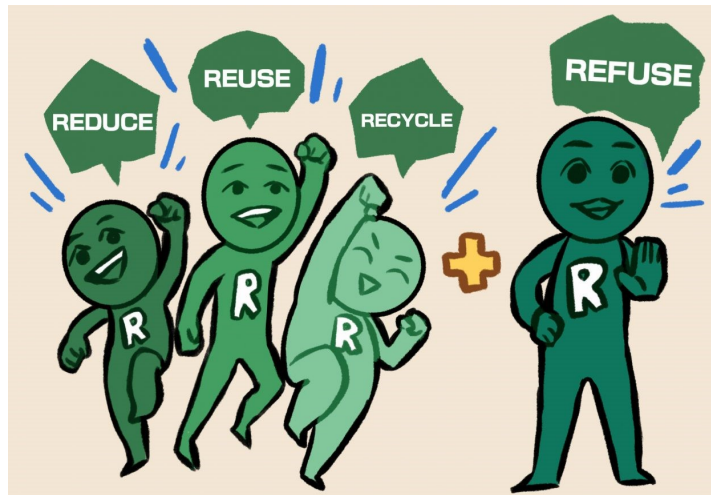
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### United Methodist Women— by Kim Youngblood

In the popular "reduce, reuse and recycle" slogan that Americans adhere to, "refuse" should be added to the phrase as habits of consumption play a significant role in the waste that's affecting the environment.



The United Methodist Women are committed to caring for God's Creation. Just like we Pledge our Prayers, Talent, Time & Treasures to the Global Ministries supported by the UM Women we Pledge to Protect our Environment.

In an easy ongoing effort to apply this simple practice, we encourage all that pass through the doors of our church to practice environmentally pleasing ways to do our part. This advocacy project does not cost anything. The United Methodist Women now known as United Women of Faith are strictly advocating for this change to take place. The churches in our community will soon Refuse to use one time use grocery bags, single use plastic products that are detrimental to our recycling centers and our environment. Thank You!

If you would like to know more about the FL Keys United Methodist Women Units please contact Mrs. Kim Youngblood, South East District Treasurer.

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**Emily Vecella:** On May 24 there will be a memorial service as we remember Emily Vecella. What a lady. In fact, what a family. Read about all three members of the family that we've lost. What special memories.

The memorial service will be at 11:00 am in the sanctuary. Guests are invited to a reception at 12:30 pm at the Islamorada Fishing Club.

### Emily H. Vecella

November 26, 1934 - April 13, 2022

[Emily H. Vecella Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information \(stubbssconner.com\)](http://stubbssconner.com)



### Frank Joseph Vecella

April 26, 1932 ~ February 13, 2016

[Obituary for Frank Joseph Vecella \(beyerfuneral.net\)](http://beyerfuneral.net)



### David Vecella

November 2, 1965—November 13, 2008

[David Vecella | November 2, 1965 – November 13, 2008 \(wordpress.com\)](http://wordpress.com)



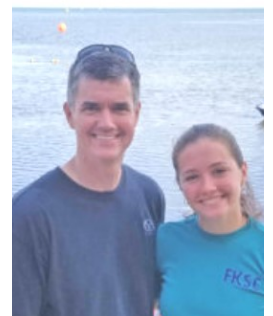
### ***The Cale and Margie Smith Family :***

In a recent issue of Keys Weekly, Margie described a bit of the background of the Smiths.

"My husband, Cale, and I moved to The Keys from Washington, D.C. in 2005 with my first child, Corley. I have a bachelor's in aviation management and a master's in public administration with an aviation concentration. Cale received a new opportunity, which led us to move to the Keys, and his father

lives in Key West. Cale is now the owner of Islamorada Investment Management. " Read more of Margie's story at [IN THEIR WORDS: MARGIE SMITH MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE FLORIDA KEYS - Florida Keys Weekly Newspapers](#)

Margie isn't the only celebrity in the family. The two daughters are outstanding competitive swimmers. Read about Corley here: [CORAL SHORES JUNIOR SWIMMER PLACES TOP 5 IN SWIM TO LIGHTHOUSE - Florida Keys Weekly Newspapers](#) There will surely be more stories to come!



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### **Pastor Tony**

*When the Paveys take time off, retired Pastor Tony Hammon sometimes fills in for Pastor Bob.. So just who is Tony Hammon? Hammon spent much of his youth in Islamorada. In fact he wrote a book about his early broken life, his family, and the impact it had on him: **Bone of My Bone: Journey to Reconciliation.***

*He graduated from Coral Shores High School and then came back to town a few years later to teach marine biology at the local high school. But soon he learned what his real calling would be: a lifelong journey in Christian education.*

Hammon founded Island Christian in 1973 and has worn multiple hats as an pastor, educator, principal, coach, superintendent and so much more. He retired a couple years ago but seems just as busy as ever doing important mission work.

President of the Matecumbe United Methodist Church Council, Rich Russell, has known Tony Hammon most of his life. In fact he was one of Hammon's students at Coral Shores. Over the years, Russell reports that Tony Hammon's messages during his Sunday sermons were often the inspiration for the lyrics of some of the inspirational song lyrics that have made us love Rich's musical compositions.

"Tony is an icon in this community," Russell said. "He was not just Island Christian's pastor, but in a larger sense, he was this community's pastor for so many decades."

Tony was a member of MUMC in his youth. We are all happy to see him return when the Paveys are out of town. Thank you Pastor Tony.



### **Rich Russell**

Rich Russell is the great-great grandson of Islamorada's original settlers, Richard H. and Mary Ann Russell. A 1975 graduate of Coral Shores High School, he has been an educator and coach from 1979 until he retired from that a few years back, but continues to serve as athletic director.

His is a graduate of the University of Miami, where he was on a football scholarship and remains a vocal UM alum! He is owner of First Family Rental and RCR Enterprises (lobster and stone crab business). He wrote music and for a number of years, sang in the Island Quartet, a Southern Gospel Quartet that thrilled audiences with their amazing sounds and refreshing humor. Mr. Russell has been involved in local Village government citizen committees; co-founded the Upper Keys Foundation (a not-for-profit underwriting athletic expenses at Coral Shores) and is President of the Board of the Florida Keys History and Discovery Center. It is always a special treat when Rich sings a song he wrote during a Sunday church service.



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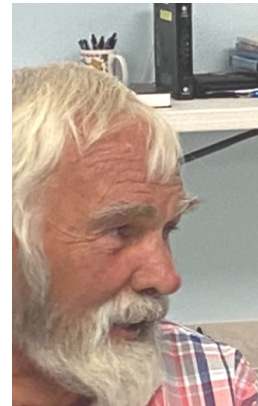
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### Making a Difference in 2022

What is your plan to help the church in 2022? What can the church do to help you?



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Nan Inches—created "hair day" at the nursing home to make some of the residents look and feel especially beautiful! Good job Nan!