



# The Lighthouse

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



May 29, 2020

## As of now... Church Services canceled until June 21.

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



### From the Pastor's Desk:

John Wesley described his conversion to Christ this way: "In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans... While he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ he said, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust In Christ alone for my salvation.

Notice what caught Wesley's attention: the change

that comes through genuine conversion. Wesley realized he had been changed. But after that night John Wesley became a different person, changing his world through the power and person of Christ living in his heart.

No one can meet Christ and stay the same; the old life is nothing like the new. Conversion is one instance in which change is not only good; it is required.



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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.

## Staying Connected ...

Click on the highlighted words to keep connected:

[Church website](#) – Don't 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

ONLINE Giving... to MUMC [click here](#)



## 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	Dawn LaVoice (C Wagner's niece)
Don Light	Elaine Vlaun
Alma Dalton	Vicki Clancy
Tania Martin	Ari Poholek and family
Ray Law	Eadie Sheilby and husband Ren
Karen Lucas	

## Do you know someone else who needs our prayers now?

Contact Jan Grewe at [jangrewe@bellsouth.net](mailto:jangrewe@bellsouth.net) or 305-393-6196 and she will notify the Prayer Warriors.

Or email the church: [matumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:matumc@bellsouth.net)

## Men's Breakfast

Green Turtle Thursday June 4, 7:30 am  
Join us!

## Lord's Super

Sunday June 7. You can pick up the elements ... bread and wine.. at Fellowship Hall next week Mon-Fri, 9 am to 5 pm. Or provide a substitute from home.



## 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.

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

## “LIVE” Book Club



Eight gals, donning masks, arrived for a meeting of the Book Club on Wednesday, May 20, just to reunite and discuss books we have been reading.

- Kathy Sills enjoys the Stephanie Plum book series by Janet Evanovich and Homer Hickman's "Carrying Albert Home" (Albert is an alligator).
- Emily Vecella likes whodunnits best.
- Kristin Hannah is Faye Harding and Barbara Haudenshield's favorite author, so we heard great things about "The Nightingale", "Waiting for the Moon" and "Night Road".
- Arlene raved about "A Well-behaved Woman" by Teresa Fowler.
- Judy Winstel read another of Rochelle Weinstein (local author), and liked "The Mourning After".
- Carol Wagner agreed with the others that "This Is Not How It Ends" by Weinstein is a good book.

The group couldn't do without lunch together so we ordered from Overseas Kitchen to continue our fellowship. (Thanks for Marcia's leg work.)

**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. We hope that Sharon Gofarth will be here.

## Queen-Sized Quilt... and the winner is!



**Lynn Balog... congratulations!!!**

Other winners – Ed Kattel won a cookbook; Donna Cockerham won a decorative glass



## Puzzle Time....

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

### Puzzle 5 – Women of the

Date: May 27, 2020

Names can be found going all directions (Top down, Bottom Up, Backwards)

Martha	Abigail
Mary	Deborah
Bathsheba	Ruth
Elizabeth	Tamar
Naomi	Esther
Sarah	Hannah

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## High School Graduation

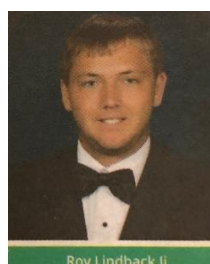
The graduating class of 2020 at Coral Shores will surely go down in history... long remembered as the class that graduated... “virtually.”

Senior Night and Graduation was held in a Virtual ceremony on the original dates: Senior Night – Tuesday, May 26th and Graduation – Wednesday Night, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Both were provided via YouTube video ...A memento that will be shared by these seniors for generations to come!

Project Graduation will be purchasing a brick for every Senior with their name engraved on it, and they will be placed in the center of the courtyard at Coral Shores. There will be a center brick plaque honoring the Class of 2020 with each personalized brick surrounding it. Local contractor, Roger Young, has offered to permit and install these bricks at no charge.

Canvas banners with individual senior photos adorning the power poles near the high school provided much deserved recognition for the seniors. [Click here](#)

Marlene Lindback’s two youngest grandchildren, Carly and Roy II, are in this graduating class. Jonathon Williams, the son of Debbie William, the previous church secretary, is also in the graduating class.



**Roy Lindback** was on soccer, track and tennis team. His science fair project showcasing how Australian pines affect water quality in the Florida Keys was selected for state finals. He has received numerous computer awards and hopes to pursue a career in technology.

**Carly Lindback** was selected to *The Florida Coaches Associations* All-State and All-Academic teams. [See more](#) about this outstanding young lady.

**Jonathan Williams** took college prep classes including digital video class for 4 years. He received several computer awards and video production awards over the years. As a member of the National Honor Society member, he will be starting college at Florida State in Tallahassee in the fall studying computer science.





## **Jenn Leak... Jenn's Got Talent**

Jennifer, soon shortened to just "Jenn," was born at the Navy Hospital in Pensacola when her father

served in the military. They lived in Pensacola until she was 7 years old. Jenn learned to read when she was just four. When she started kindergarten, the teacher checked to see how many words the children were able to read. Jenn's mother proudly reports that "After Jenn had read several times, the teacher finally opened the Bible and Jenn read one of the Psalms."

After Pensacola, the family moved to Chattanooga while her father attended Tennessee Temple University. When he graduated, they moved to Brazil, Indiana for a short time and then on to Marrowbone, Kentucky where Jenn finished her high school years. During high school she played basketball and ran track. She was able to go all the way to state competition in track.

Jenn attended Berea College in Kentucky where she received a nursing degree. After graduating, the College hired her to be the supervisor over all their dormitories.

Jenn is the oldest of four sisters and the favorite aunt to her 11 nieces and nephews, but don't let the other sisters know! Her sister Rachel Ross explains what makes her so loved by all the kids... "I would say because she loves deeply, and she is so fun." Why wouldn't they love an aunt who approaches every challenge so cheerfully, takes pleasure from the unusual, deals with the kids in a playful way... teasing, loving to entertain.

And this lady has always been a genuine good person and a Christian through and through. She never seems to pass up an opportunity to help someone in need. She has been an inspiration impacting the lives of countless people on mission trips. Jenn was just 16 when she went on her first mission trip. She was fearless, sharing the gospel at places where it was not

the popular thing to do. On her trip to the jungles of Bangladesh she had her red hair put into corn rolls. The people there are still talking about that hair. She seems to jump into a crisis and handle it well! It explains her dream of being a flight nurse.

Following the September 11 terrorist attacks, Jenn went to ground zero in New York with the American Red Cross.

Jenn worked as a school nurse in the city of Nashville, Tennessee when a devastating flood hit the city in early May 2010, drenching the city but uniting the community as the area demonstrated its true strength ... and yes... she was part of the team working with FEMA to recover.

Once she had her nursing degree, she certainly widened her world view and learned to appreciate different cultures through frequent mission work. She went to Myanmar, in southeast Asia, to help train in the Christian clinics there. Other mission trips included journeys to Nepal, India, Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Bangkok.

Marcia Pavey first met Jenn on a mission trip to Myanmar, arranged by the Inner Light Ministries. Bob and Marcia later became good friends with Jenn, working together at the Inner Light Ministries Church Camp in Indiana.

In September 2017 Inner Light Ministries sent Jenn on a special mission.... to Islamorada to help the Paveys recover when the MUMC parsonage was severely damaged during Hurricane Irma. And the entire town is delighted that Jenn decided to stay and make this Islamorada her home.

Jenn is a volunteer with Islamorada Fire Rescue, but that is on hold for right now. Presently she is working as a nurse at Crystal Health & Rehab Center on Plantation Key, a place that certainly needs her full time help and all our prayers as they fight to keep their 182 quarantined residents safe during the pandemic. If you think you know all there is to know about Jenn, think again! Let's talk a bit more about all that talent and recognize that there is absolute truth in the headline... "Jenn's Got Talent."

She's worn so many hats:

- She has worn a hard hat... as an inspector on big steel works!
- She's flipped a few tiny houses.
- She can paint anything, a house, interior or exterior, any size canvas, and amazing murals,

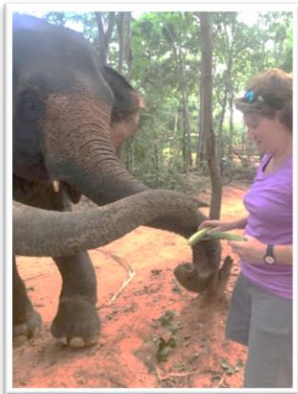
with the church being the recipient of several murals, inside and outside, at Fellowship Hall.

- Jenn is an excellent carpenter... just check out the beautiful serving/work table in the church kitchen in Fellowship Hall along with the coffee serving stand.
- What a great voice, singing with the church Worship Team, knowing every word without ever looking at the music
- Jenn can hunt and Jenn can fish

But most of all she is loved for being such a good and kind person.

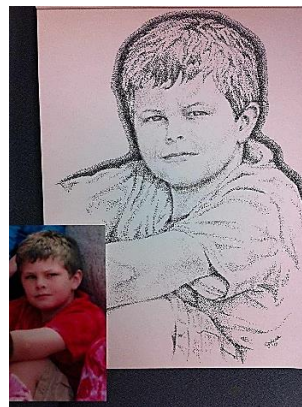
Her sister Rachael put it this way: "If I had something to say it would be this, Jennifer loves adventure and travel, she is always up for doing something fun. But she also deeply loves her friends, family and God. She is devoted and loyal."

Last year Jenn and Chris Zeher had an amazing experience volunteering at an elephant sanctuary in Surin Providence of Thailand. One more adventure off the long, long bucket list.



When we are all together

again you can ask Jenn to fill in more of the story. Don't you just bet there is so much more to learn!





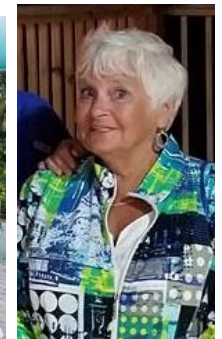
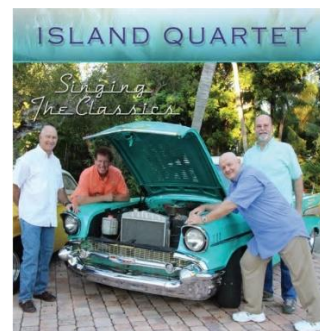
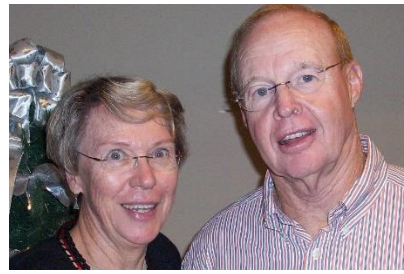
# More of Jenn Leak



Whether it is family time, work time, travel time, art or music time, time to help others, time on the water or in the woods, time for merriment (like dressing up as Minnie Pearl,) there is always a smile on Jenn Leak's face. She just plain loves life and the people in it! And everyone who knows Jenn loves her and appreciates all the good that happens when she's around.



# More Church Photos



**Knudson baby on the way!**