



# The Lighthouse

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



## November 2020



Pastor Bob and Marcia are on a trip celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

With Pastor Bob unavailable to do words of wisdom for our front page... we thought you might enjoy a Bible lesson.

Most would agree the Bible is big and complex. From Genesis to Revelation, there are 66 books in all; 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. Don't you think it is handy to have it condensed into just 50 word?



### Matecumbe United Methodist Church

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#### Mailing Address

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Office hours - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#### YouTube Services

Don't miss any of the weekly services during these difficult times. [Click here](#) to select the Sermon you would like to hear.

God Made.  
Adam bit.  
Noah arked.  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled.  
Jacob fooled.  
Bush talked.  
Moses balked.  
Pharoah plagued.  
People walked.  
Sea divided.  
Tablets guided.  
Promise landed.  
Saul freaked.  
David peeked.  
Prophets warned.  
Jesus born.  
God walked.  
Love talked.  
Anger crucified.  
Hope died.  
Love rose.  
Spirit flamed.  
Word spread.  
God remained

# Welcome back .... Church Services Are Now Live

## *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

If you are not able to attend, the sermons are being recorded and are available on Youtube later.

While recorded live, it takes time and technical talent to get the service uploaded to the church YouTube account. We are attempting to have the sermons available the following Sunday morning.

**Javier Soltero-Brown**, the church's sound-media specialist, has done a remarkable job making the services available online since March, with assistance from Rich Russell. **A huge thank you to both... as well as Pastor Bob for his amazing messages!**

You can access all the YouTube services since March 22, 2020 by going to the church website:

Click ... [Sermon index on website](#)

## 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

## ONLINE Giving to MUMC

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



## 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  
Ralph Harding (and Faye too)  
Ray Law  
Randy [Baad](#)  
Beth Nichols  
Gary Nichols Jr.

Vicki Clancy  
Carlos Gil  
Major Mark [Govea](#)  
Dick Chapman  
Jeanne and Bruce [Fauser](#)  
Jean Buckley  
Anne [Krampitz](#)  
Van Cadenhead  
Susan Hampton  
Zane Wampler  
Joan Larouche

## Someone to add to prayer list? Or remove?

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

## Church website:

[www.matecumbeumc.org](http://www.matecumbeumc.org)

**What's New:** Keep well connected with the church. The website is updated regularly. On the **Welcome page** you can click on the link to see **What's new** since you last checked it.

**Newsletter Archive:** If you have missed any newsletters you can go to the **newsletter archive under News and Stories** menu on the website to access prior news.

**Our People, Our Stories:** If you want to look back and see about the people and other stories we have featured in newsletters, go to the **News and Stories** menu on the website.

**Sermons:** The sermons are indexed on the website under **About Us** and can be accessed from the index.

**Calendar:** Use the calendar on the website to find out about the activities that are scheduled as well as the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries of our church family.

## Book Club

On the very soggy morning of October 22, five of the book club gals met to discuss "I Dream about You" by Fannie Flagg. Known best as a comedienne on tv and for writing "Green Fried Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Cafe", she wrote many other books..... all with southern charm and wit. (Marcia reported that the Pavey's daughter, Nicole, lives close to the Whistlestop Cafe, that it is very much alive serving wonderful green fried tomatoes, and yes, an active train runs very close in front of it!)

Fannie Flagg could handle serious topics in an entertaining way and seemed ahead of the times on various issues. If you read one of her books, you probably will want to read more. Barbara told of two more she has read and added to our church library. See the website for some of the titles.

Again, the group did not choose a specific title to read for next month, but individual "reads" will be discussed at the next meeting on November 18 at 10:30. All are invited. Please join us.

[Click Here](#) to go to the Book List on the church website. New additions are at the top of the list.



### BOOK LIST

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 will work just fine.

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

## Church Library

Remember there is a great church library with quite a selection if you'd like to borrow some books. Many of the books on the book list are also in the library.



## Church Yard Sale

As a way of promoting our church and being of service to its members and the community at large, plans are in the works for our having a yard sale in January or February.

Many people can't or don't want to have their own yard sale, so they will be able to buy a table (s) at this community event. Or, folks will be able to donate items for the church's table (s).

Nan Inches and Barbara Haudenshield have volunteered to chair the committee needed for this event. We ask that many of you get involved with the project, as "many hands make light work".

Watch for an announcement of an organizational meeting to be held soon. Suggestions will be appreciated, but we will try to keep the first yard sale simple. We need your support.

## Used Refrigerator Needed

The church could use a used refrigerator for Fellowship Hall ... let us know if you have one you'd like to donate.

## Welcome Kim Youngblood... a lady of many talents



Kim Youngblood is a recent new member of Matecumbe United Methodist Church. How excited we all are to have her officially join our congregation.

Kim's father was in the boating business. The family started vacationing in Islamorada when Kim was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade over 40 years ago. They would come by boat, their home away from home, staying on the boat at the marina at Plantation Yacht Harbor. Eventually her parents bought a home in Islamorada. Kim and her family had a long history of loving the Florida Keys and the marine opportunities here.

Kim and her husband of 31 years, Darryl, moved to the Keys in 2010. Moving to Tavernier with Darryl, who is also in the boat business, was like a dream come true for the Youngbloods.

When Kim and Darryl first moved to Tavernier, an elderly neighbor, Rosemary Olds, brought them a pie to welcome them to the neighborhood. She asked Kim what church she attended and when Kim said she was a Methodist, Rosemary informed her... "I'll pick you up at 9 o'clock Sunday for church." And for years after that Kim was a fixture at Burton Memorial United Methodist Church.

As a Methodist, Kim has been active in the national United Methodist Women organization. Through this group, Kim met and became close friends with Jane Cole and Marcia Pavey. They often invited Kim to special events at MUMC. Kim loved Pastor Bob's spiritual messages and the folks she met at our church. She decided to become an official member of our church family.

What a talented woman Kim is. She has had numerous careers in a variety of fields... medical, education, real estate, human resources. "I'm a Jack of all trades!"

While she says she is not a master of any, that certainly does not appear to be the case at all.

Now she volunteers to help do so many things in the community from working on the 2020 census to being a poll worker for local elections. And in the future Kim would like to get a chapter of the United Methodist Women started here.

Kim is also a local member of Zonta ... an international service organization with the mission of advancing the status of women. Currently the local Zonta chapter is participating in a mission to send used books to incarcerated women because these women have significant restrictions on social activities due to the pandemic.



*Kim would like our members to help her with this Zonta effort... If you have any wholesome, but not religious books, you would like to donate, bring them to church or the church office. Kim will do the collecting and shipping. Deadline – December 15, 2020.*

**We welcome you to our church family Kim!**



**Catching up  
with Jane Cole**

The **United Methodist Women** was founded in 1869. It is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members. It offers all Methodist women opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development, transformative education and service and advocacy.

Last year the organization celebrated its 150-year anniversary. Jane Cole was presented a medallion honoring her membership for 50 years! Kim Youngblood shared these photos from the event...



# Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bob and Marcia



On October 24, 1970, Bob and Marcia Pavey were married. And so it is that now 50 years later they took a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee to return to the special place where they spent their honeymoon 50 years ago.

When our church was looking for a new pastor a few years back, it was a trying time. Attendance had been dwindling and the church needed help. We needed a pastor with the right theology and skill as a preacher... a ministry philosophy and congeniality that would help build the church, and the experience to demonstrate to us that he

was the man for Matecumbe United Methodist Church. And we got that and so much more – we got Marcia too!

When looking for our new pastor there was a quality that may not have been considered. A pastor's ministry is never shaped only by experience, knowledge, and skill. It is also shaped by his heart. And did we ever get a bonus. Not only does Bob Pavey have an amazing heart...he is a loving, patient, forgiving, encouraging, and giving leader and so is Marcia! How we all love this very incredible couple.

Marcia and Bob grew up not far from each other in Indiana. They met at Frankfort Camp, in Frankfort, Indiana, the summer of 1970. At the beginning of summer Marcia left her "on again, off again" boyfriend not aware of how the summer and a new boyfriend would change her life. She and Bob began dating and by summer's end they were engaged to be married and just months later they married on October 24, 1970.

The Frankfort Camp website today has a message from the camp director – "I love what takes place at Christian Camps. Lifelong friendships are made, and lives are changed." I wonder if he was talking about Bob and Marcia Pavey!

Bob and Marcia were young and had no money for a wedding so Marcia sold her car and Bob sold his set of drums to pay the bills. Bob planned their Gatlinburg honeymoon. They would spend their wedding night in Indiana and then drive to Gatlinburg the next morning. He planned the time in Gatlinburg, but he failed to consider where they would spend their wedding night. There was a major convention going on and every hotel space in Indiana seemed to be occupied. Finally they found an empty room in a cheap roadside motel... only available because no one else would stay in room #13. Dinner that night was at White Castle – perhaps most famous for being the country's first fast-food hamburger chain.

Marcia grew up the daughter of a preacher and was adamant that she would never marry a preacher. And she didn't... but some years after they wed, Bob did become a preacher. But surely with Marcia's okay, for now so many years later she is still married to that preacher... a very special one. And Matecumbe Methodist is so happy to have these lovebirds a part of our church family.

# Through the Years with the Paveys

