The Key West
United Methodist Church Newsletter
Our Vision Statement:
People alive in Jesus Christ,
growing through dynamic worship,
nurturing programs and loving service to others."
March 2014

THE RULES

When we studied Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount recently we realized that God set up the rules of his kingdom to benefit each other. As radical as they first sound when read (read Matthew 5), they are meant to change the world starting with “me” first. During one of the sermons I mentioned a list of rules, in the spirit of the rules for the Kingdom, to implement at home. Many of you have asked me to give you a copy of these rules. Now, I did not create these rules and from what I understand they come from several sources, but I believe they are in the spirit of what it means to live in the kingdom of God. We need to learn to be responsible for our actions and put others needs first. We do this not out of obligation, guilt or religion but out of love!

Rules for the Home (and church!)
If you sleep on it -- make it up.
If you wear it -- hang it up.
If you drop it -- pick it up.
If you eat out of it -- wash it.
If you spill it -- wipe it up.
If you turn it on -- turn it off.
If you open it -- close it.
If you move it -- put it back.
If you like it -- share it.
If you receive it -- give thanks for it.
If you lost it -- find it or replace it.
If you broke it -- repair it.
If you empty it -- fill it up.
If it rings -- answer it.
If it howls -- feed it.
If it cries -- love it.

In His name, Pastor Ruben
GENERAL PRAYER CONCERNS: George and Sylvia Rowland, Betsi Marsh-Mardeusz, Pam Szolga, Bart Francis, Marilyn Johnson, Dana (Carriage Trade), Lori Haynes, Mark Adams, Amanda Siglin, Donna Anderson, Toby & Mary Ellen Smith, Liam Reddy (kidney cancer), Steve Dickey, David Carone, Ally Sonstein, Rosie Jones (cancer), Catherine Duncan, Lance Dye, Brian Belanger, Cathy Jackson (breast cancer), Tom Love (Fran Kebschull's brother), Joyce Papaycik, Wayne Rankan (brain damage from motorcycle accident) Verna Marble, Thea Hyde, Marilyn Romeo, Leslie & Leah Blakely, Candace Seizer, Bob Lytkainen, Daniel McLeod, Homer Herrick, Caridad Beavers, Mary Anne Matchett, Brad Eggebraaten, Katherine Brown, Zona & Willard Harman, Linda Rysman, Katherine Doughty, Vicki Baker, Bret Murphy, Pat Wells, Jan Wallace (NOTE: If you would like someone put on the list, please contact the church office.)

MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN HARM'S WAY: Linda Herzog, Jason Berube.

OUR SISTER CHURCH IN CUBA: Entronque de Herradura, La Iglesia Methodista

OUR MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY SECOND MILE MISSION GIVING:
Rev. Fletcher Anderson (Cuba)  NURSING HOMES: Dorothy Edwards (Miami, FL)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday
10am  Happy Hearts Sewers

Wednesday
6pm  Wonderful Wednesday Potluck Dinner
7pm  Old Stone Bible Study
7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday
6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
6:30 am Women’s Bible Study
and Prayer Concerns

Friday
7 pm KWESST Youth Group

Sunday
9:30 am Children’s Choir Practice
9:45 am Sunday School

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers  All of Us
Pastor  Ruben Velasco
Financial & Office Mgr.  Nancy Loether
Administrative  Pat Gibson &
Assistants  Jeanne Tindel
Music Director  Dean Walters
Organist  Jim Cutty
Nursery Attendant  Kim Wean
Custodian  Bill Anderson

USHERS:

8:30 AM Service
Head Usher: Roger Miklos
J.W. Yongue, Mary Ann Causley,
Bob Pabian, Lisa Yongue

11:00 AM Service
Head Usher: Herb Kebschull
George Lindner, Bill Anderson and
Randy Velasco

ACOLYTE:
Nico Velasco
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1ST  Fred Losley
2nd  Lenna Burnham
3rd  Lexi Archer
4th  Claudette Getter
     Jason Johnson
9th  Connie Losley
10th Cristina Spottswood
11th Caridad Beavers
12th Terri Spottswood
16th Dan Mathis
18th Alice Jones
19th Scott Clemens
     Scott Loessin
20th Candace Kerns
     Lande Spottswood-Juban
     Jordan Haulbrook
21st Dallas ("Butch") Steely
23rd Paul Carmichael
25th Clarence Feagin
26th Rebecca Sachsenmaier
     Wayne Sorbelli
27th George Miller
28th Ann Domenech
March Anniversaries

1st  Christopher & Lori Mullins

2nd  Christopher J. Juban & Lande Spottswood-Juban

9th  Brenda Taylor Brye & David Brye

10th Clarence & Christine Feagin
    George & Virginia Miller
    John & Patricia Webb

19th Scott & Caroline Loessin

22nd Matthew & Nancy Dowling, Sr.

24th Beau & Katie Benoit

30th Derek & Grace Epperly

Happy Hearts 2014
Pictured Left to Right:  Ann Domenech, Angie Heinold, Lee Clyne, Pat Hilson, Audrey Allison and Janet Walton. (Missing: Mary Ann Riley.) The dedicated ladies of this Small Group meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the J.O.Y. Room and welcome all who would like to join them!
SHROVE TUESDAY IS MARCH 4TH! Please plan to come to our Pancake Supper at 6 pm on Tuesday, March 4th. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

PICK UP A BIBLE STUDY THIS LENTEN SEASON! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED SEE PASTOR RUBEN!!

ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCE, MARCH 5TH, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and prayer to begin the Lenten Season leading up to Easter. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer and the imposition of ashes from 7 to 8 am and again from Noon to 1 pm. THERE WILL BE NO FELLOWSHIP DINNER OR OLD STONE BIBLE STUDY THAT WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

DON’T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCK AHEAD 1 HOUR ON MARCH 9TH WHEN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

Memorial Gifts
A donation has been made to the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home in memory of Tio Acosta from Phillip and Maria Pierce.

New Young Adult Small Group
This newly formed group is growing every week and getting up and off the ground. They enjoy fellowship and seeking God’s will for their lives. They were recently studying what God’s Word has to offer about choosing a mate and partner. With the Lenten season, they will start a Bible Study focusing on Lent and the purpose of sacrifice. If you are a young adult, they are saving a seat for you! Join them on the second floor of the education building at 7pm on Thursday nights. Thank You and God Bless.
THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet Tuesday, March 18th, 7 pm, at the Wesley House Family Services, 1304 Truman Avenue, for their “Call to Prayer and Self Denial” meeting. If you would like to become a part of this fantastic group of women, please contact Pat at (305) 296-2600 or the church office (305) 296-2392.

Who is St. Patrick?

People all over the world celebrate on the 17th day of March in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Some cities have parades, most revelers wear green, and a few families commemorate the day with traditional Irish fare for their meal. However, not everyone may know who St. Patrick is.

Born in Britain during the 4th century, St. Patrick was kidnapped and enslaved by Irish raiders when he was a teenager. Although he was able to escape after six years and become a priest in Britain, he later chose to return to Ireland as a missionary, in order to help spread the teachings of Christianity to pagans. According to Irish folklore, he also used a shamrock to explain the Christian concept of Trinity to the Irish. In spite of continuous opposition from pagan leaders, he continued to evangelize for thirty years while baptizing newly converted Christians and establishing monasteries, churches, and schools. He died on March 17th and was canonized by the local church.

St. Patrick’s Day was first publicly celebrated in Boston in 1737 where a large population of Irish immigrants resided. Nearly 200 years later, the first St. Patrick’s Day parade in the Irish Free State was held in Dublin in 1931. During the mid 90's, the Irish government also began a campaign to promote tourism in Ireland on March 17th.

While many Catholics still quietly celebrate this day of religious observance by going to mass, St. Patrick’s Day slowly evolved to become a celebration of Irish heritage. Through the years, along with legendary shamrocks, many symbols were included in festivities that are reflective of Ireland’s folklore, culture, and national identity (think leprechauns, ethnic cuisine, and wearing green). Other places that join in on this celebration include Japan, New Zealand, Argentina, and Canada, along with many cities across the United States.
IT IS TIME TO
“GET OUT OF THE BOX”!!
JOIN THE 2014 KWUMC
RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM:
“CHRISTIANS OUT OF
THE BOX”

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
RELAY FOR LIFE
APRIL 25 AND 26, 2014
HIGGS BEACH PARK
“FINISH THE FIGHT”

We will be sponsoring a team again this year! Team leaders are: Fran Carlisle, Ann Domenech, Mary Ann Causley, Cyndee Michaud, and Michelle Heaviland. It is time to organize, select a team name, theme, and logo, set a goal and begin our fundraising!! We would like as many people as possible to participate this year. All are welcome, and team members can register online relayforlife.org or call the office.

Family Life and the Team Leaders have several events planned to this point. We will need many volunteers and ideas! A Fabulous Fundraiser Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, March 12 at 6 pm**. The menu is chicken with mushroom sauce, buttered noodles, seasoned green beans, dessert and drink. Cost: Donation of $10 per meal gratefully accepted. **Start now thinking of how YOU or YOUR group can help and have fun at the same time!**

Please call the church office for more information, or you can share your interests, ideas and ambitions with us at keywestumc@bellsouth.net or franc1513@aol.com.

**THIS IS OUR 19TH YEAR, SO LET’S MAKE IT THE MOST EXCITING AND PRODUCTIVE ONE YET!**
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On March 7, 2014, People Worldwide Will Again Unite in Prayer

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to begin planning for World Day of Prayer, which is celebrated on the first Friday in March each year. This is a worldwide movement of Christian women that began in the U.S. and Canada in the 19th century, and became worldwide in 1927. The continuing motto for this very special day is "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action".

This day is no longer celebrated only by women; many men participate, too. Each year, on this day, Christians of many cultures, traditions, and races, in over 170 countries around the world unite in prayer. Of course, all people are always welcome and encouraged to participate.

The theme for 2014 is "Streams in the Desert". Each year, the women of a different country plan and author the materials. Materials for 2014 were designed by the United Methodist Women of Egypt.

A note of thanks has been received from Key West Health and Rehabilitation for the Christmas gifts that were collected and distributed for the residents in need. These gifts helped make a difficult time a little easier, and they were really appreciated.