

One Island Family May 18, 2022 Weekly E-letter

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Weekly E-Letter Deadline: Tuesday 5 p.m. Sunday Announcements Deadline: Thursday Noon

All One Island Family activities and events at the Fellowship Hall can be viewed at the following link: [calendar](#)

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OIF WORSHIP SERVICES MAY 2022

11 AM

MAY SERVICES will be held in person at One Island Family and also shared on zoom!

May 22: Jim Smith " A Memorial Day Message about Colonel Jimmy Thompson, US Army."

Come hear this story: the Colonel spent the last 20 years of his life in Key West, retired from the US Army. He was a Viet Nam veteran. Most people are unaware that he was the United States' longest-held Prisoner-of-War, not just in the Viet Nam war, but any war. He survived for almost 9 years as a POW, representing his country.

May 29:

One Island Family celebrates Memorial Day with a picnic!

Join us by East Martello (picnic tables) at our usual time, 11AM, for a bring-your-own style picnic! Everyone brings whatever they choose for their picnic lunch/beverage and we gather in community. Have a guitar? Have a story to share? Now would be the perfect time! Hope to see many of you there, IN PERSON ONLY (no zoom simulcast).

ONE ISLAND FAMILY NEWS: The Zoom recording for our Sunday, May 15, 2022 service with Paul Ward, PhD, "Activating Hope" can be found at this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/8SSu0qFIbYllhvMaXh_WrgOOvW1IIH4heMcrSW0rHXT42Rywe4mNoFMFYFHnC5X.Vdb40csPrRK134DC

Thanks to Paul Ward for this uplifting message offering ways of creating hope in this time when so much negativity seems to surround us. This is worth listening to more than once! Some quotes that he provided include "When the world says 'give up', try one more time!" (King Tutankhamun). And from Jane Goodall, "Together we can, together we will!" Claire Hurd read the Word For All Ages story "Whoever You Are" by Mem Fox, to recognize the United Nations International Day of Families 2022 and our own special Key West connection to "One Human Family". Our dedicated Music Director, Nancy 3. Hoffman, provided music from Peaks Island, Maine, through our Zoom connection and guided our production assistant Anthony Korzen in the sanctuary. Our gathered UU community included members and friends attending in person and also some with us by Zoom.

ONE ISLAND FAMILY CARING CONNECTORS:

Jude McClelland shared with us during joys and sorrows the news of the shooting in Buffalo where she lives. When we reached out to her by email, here was her response: Buffalo has had its share of difficulties in the past with the actions of police, but not this time. They acted quickly and with compassion. . . It was such a comfort to be with One Island Family and to hear Paul's talk about hope and what we can do as individuals. And, as I mentioned before, the whole thing has reminded me not to go down the path of hatred. I believe so strongly that hate does not conquer hate...only love does. I try to keep in mind the words of Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Dalai Lama and focus on what I am FOR not what I am AGAINST. The Key West UU family is such a refuge of love and good works. I am blessed to be a part of it. Jude

Karen Blackwell shared with us that she will be receiving medical care in a Miami Hospital this week for ongoing heart problems. We hold Karen and her wife Barb Goldworm in our circle of love and concern.

Debby Palmisano is now in Hospice Care in her home in Cincinnati. We include Debby and Bill Palmisano also in our circle of love and concern. Debby continues to amaze us by sharing her love and courage in her personal messages on Caring Bridge. She has been responding to comments left there and to email notes.

KEY WEST COMMUNITY NEWS: Thursday, May 19 at 5 p.m. The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton Street will be hosting "Words Against the Whirlwind" featuring poetry reading in Support of Ukraine. Free and open to the public. (Announcement from Toby Armour).

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READINGS FROM
UKRAINIAN
WRITERS

Thursday, May 19 at 5pm
The Studios of Key West
533 Eaton Street

Boris Khersonsky
Lyuba Yakimchuk
Halyna Kruk
Serhiy Zhadan
Marjana Savka
Oksana Lutsyshyna
Ostap Slyvynsky
Katerina Kalytko
Borys Humenyuk
Taras Shevchenko

Adopt a Highway. We have scheduled a cleanup on Jun 11 for our section of US1, mile 14 - 16. You may have noticed the signs at mile 14 and 16 announcing this section of the highway is kept clean by the Southern Most UU Congregation. So we want to make sure this area is neat and tidy. Thus, we'll get together Jun 11 at Baby's Coffee mile 15. Be there at 3PM to gather for social time and build your energy by having some of -Baby's coffee. Then at 3:30 we head out to pick up trash and recycle along the side of the road. We'll have gloves, trash pickers, yellow safety --vests, large trash and recycle plastic bags. We're all required to watch the DOT safety video before going out on the -highway: <https://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/aahinfo.shtm> If you need a ride please let me know. Dave Arnold 757-285-1609