



Worship

FULL SUNDAY SERVICES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

“Summer Gatherings” over the summer!

JULY 2017:

SUNDAY, JULY 2: 11:00 a.m. at Key West Aquarium

We will continue our fellowship events with a visit to:

<https://www.keywestaquarium.com>

Bring a local Monroe County ID for free admission - -and there is lots of good ice cream close by for after our visit!

SUNDAY, JULY 16: 11:00 a.m. at One Island Family

We will continue our look at Random Acts of Kindness with a round table conversation (with coffee and doughnuts) about our FREEDOM and how we can use it to the greater good:

We Unitarian Universalists have come to trust and place great value on freedom and individualism. What do we tend to forget? Our forefathers emphasized freedom in order to liberate themselves from bondage. Today our problem is not bondage, but bondlessness. Most of us are already free. We don't need more freedom. **We need the resolve to employ the freedom we have responsibly.**
(facilitated by Joy Taylor)

NO, IT'S NOT THE CIRCUS. . .

One Island Family will be tenting for termites--sounds like a local fundraiser, right?

On **SUNDAY JULY 9** we will add a "tent prep" meeting at the usual 11 A.M. to get our premises ready for the big event. All welcome to help empty the refrigerator, trim the bushes, open the windows and otherwise get ready. . .

And on **MONDAY JULY 10** we will be tenting. The premises will be closed from Sunday evening through Wednesday end of day.



News & Notes

Hello, everyone ...

We are enjoying our low-pressure summer season. I'm not referring to *barometric* pressure (as in Hurricane Season). I mean our "Summer Gatherings" events from June through September. Be sure to check the monthly newsletter for the actual schedule of events! We expect attendance to be on the LOW side, since there aren't many year-rounders here over the summer ... but, if you're in KW, pass the word and we'd love to see you!

On June the 4th, we assembled at the Botanical Garden for a tour and mini-picnic. When I was on the pathways deep into the garden, I could almost hear Martin Denny's *Quiet Village* playing! You remember, right? Try this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9C2tHYZ3R8> !

Photos from the Botanical Garden, Sunday 4 June 2017:





The day also happens to be the 48th wedding anniversary for Marilyn and me. What a lucky guy I am 😊.

Thanks to the hearty few who attended the Gay Pride festivities on 11 June!

Marilyn and I will be attending the UUA General Assembly in New Orleans LA from 21-25 June. There are many workshops, speeches, events and plenary sessions. We attended GA in Fort Lauderdale back in 2008. It was a good experience then, and we expect the same this time around. We will be taking copious notes, for sure ... and we expect to meet some of our Southern Region friends there, too. The next newsletter will mention the GA prominently! At least, the parts that happen between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The rest of what happens in New Orleans, *stays in New Orleans!*

Jim Smith, President
One Island Family

One Island Family Participates in Pride Parade



Our UU principles banner was carried by Liz Eastman and Dave Arnold in the Key West Pride Parade on Jun 11, 2017. They marched with the Women's March Florida Key Chapter supporting equality. Liz and Dave had to stop a number of times while folks in the spectator crowd took pictures of the banner. Even more spectators waved and gave them the thumbs up acknowledgement.

After the parade, the Women's March sponsored a rally at St Paul's Church. There were several speakers including Stuart Milk, nephew of the late civil rights and gay rights activist Harvey Milk. Stuart Milk gave an emotionally charged examples of the LGBT and human rights experiences he'd encountered around the world.

If you look closely at the photo you'll see our own JT Thomson holding, of course, the Key West One Human Family motto banner.



Joy and Cliff Spaced Out



Hi All. I have my own version of Dan's Cans. A gentleman comes on his bike every Sunday to collect cans from the town trash containers. I take my cans out Saturday night to help him out. Occasionally, I run into him and we talk. Just a reminder to help Dan also.

I had a wonderful visit from Joy. We went to the Kennedy Space Center and saw the Atlantis Space Shuttle. While staring at the engines, Scott Kelly walked past. What a synchronicity.

I attended the "Pulse" vigil with my UU friends. I am grateful to help a Fellowship close by. I would be lost without it. Happy Summer, Cliff clffrdkywstclff@aol.com





We celebrate creativity!

To learn more about the artist, Channing Lamar, invited by Astoria Nickerson for our Summer Gathering celebrating "Creativity" on 6/18/17, go to this website: www.paintingsbychanning.com

Voting Restoration Amendment: The UU Justice Florida Board has also passed a resolution in support of the Voting Restoration Amendment.

See <http://www.uujusticefl.org/action-network/take-action>.

700,000 signatures are needed by year end 2017 to place this on the November, 2018 ballot. Download the petition, make copies and ask your friends, neighbors and members of your congregation to sign. Attend the Florida Rights Restoration Convening in Orlando July 20-22 if you can. See <https://floridarrc.com/events>. If you haven't already sent in a petition you can download the petition at <https://www.floridiansforafairdemocracy.com/sign-the-petition>

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