



# Worship

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY: 11 AM

**May 5- Dave Arnold & Liz Levi- "Social Justice"**

**May 12- Marilyn Smith- " Celebrating Mothers"**

"Mothers come in countless forms and ages and times. Some are Moms and Mommies. Some are aunts. Some are sisters. Some are grand-mothers, even great grandmothers. Some are single; some are married; some are married to other Mothers. Mother's don't have to give birth to you to love you." (Rev. Jan Carlsson- Bull)

**May 19- Joy Brown Taylor- "Books that Have Inspired Us"**

"A house without books is like a room without windows." (Mann)Let's talk about the importance of stretching our minds with thoughts, inspirations and enjoyment! Please think about a book (or two) that has been influential in your life and why you remember it.

**May 26- Peggy Coontz "Key West Wildlife Center"**

Who you gonna call?? Find an injured pelican? Osprey entangled with a fishing line? Feral chickens needing relocation? Blue Heron with a broken wing? Peggy Coontz from the Key West Wildlife center has the answers! Come to hear about the remarkable mission of the Key West Wildlife Center serving our community from Indigenous Park, 1801 White Street, Key West. ([www.keywestwildlifecenter.org](http://www.keywestwildlifecenter.org))



# News & Notes

## President's Message MAY 2019

### "WELCOMING CONGREGATION"

Is One Island Family the Southernmost Unitarian Universalist Congregation a "Welcoming Congregation"? I think we are! It has always been our goal to be kind and "welcoming" to every individual who comes through our door. But for the Unitarian Universalist Association, there is also a special designation that can be earned by a congregation through the Welcoming Congregation Program. Its purpose is to help UU congregation become more intentionally welcoming and inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Historically our congregation has been proactive in LGBTQ events. We have marched in the Key West Pride parade, hosted a booth during Pride Week, supported the high school Gay Straight Alliance, and sponsored speakers who have shared messages of transgender identity and gay pride. But there's more to be done. I have learned that when a visitor searches the uua.org website, there is a filter to show "only LGBTQ Welcoming Congregations" or "wheelchair accessible" churches.

Several of our out-of-town speakers who gave Sunday services this season came to us from UU Churches listed as Welcoming Congregations. That includes Paul Ward, PhD, from First UU Congregation of the Palm Beaches (125 members); Joe Weinstein, Spirit of Life in Odessa, FL (52 members); Geoff Kaufman, All Souls UU Congregation of New London, CT (265 members); and Rev. Bob Murphy, UU Church of Tarpon Springs, FL (76 members). It also includes Friendship Fellowship at Pineda, FL (106 members) where our former member Cliff Saylor is, incidentally, president-elect of their board; as well as the UU Fellowship of Falmouth, MA (197 members) where our seasonal visitor Olive Beverly attends and Rev. Bob Murphy once served. In fact, the UU Fellowship of Bay County, in Panama City, FL (55 members) which received our special collection following Hurricane Michael, is listed as a Welcoming Congregation.

So I am asking for three or more members of One Island Family to join me in a task force this summer to learn what would be required for us to be recognized as a Welcoming Congregation by the UUA. I propose that we begin meeting in June to study what would be needed long term for our planning of adult education,

congregational life and community outreach. Eventually, when our goals have been met, we could request a congregational vote on the issue of One Island Family earning recognition from the Unitarian Universalist Association as an official Welcoming Congregation. What do you think? I'd like to hear from you!

Marilyn Smith, President OIF

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are available at the rear of the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make a cash contribution of record.

**We strive to be a fragrance free and smoke free environment in respect for people who have allergies.**

**Whoever you are, we welcome you.  
Wherever you come from, we welcome you.  
Whatever you worship, we welcome you.  
Whomever you love, we welcome you.  
We ARE One Island Family!**

One Island Family  
801 Georgia St. Key West, FL 33040  
oneislandfamily.org e-mail: office@oneislandfamily.org

Monthly Calendar: <http://www.oneislandfamily.org/calendar>