



Worship

JANUARY SERVICES

1 "A RETROSPECTIVE APPRECIATION and *LOOKING FORWARD TO...*"

Joy Taylor and Nancy 3. Hoffman: Join us for fellowship and a POTLUCK brunch!

8 "POSITIVE INTENTIONS"

Rev. Steve Torrence: Intentions are about who you want to be, what you wish to contribute to the world, and how you choose to touch the lives of others. Words of wisdom!

15 "HABITAT FOR HUMANITY"

Learn more about this powerful force for good in our community!

22 "DISCOVER YOUR INNER POWER FOR A NEW YEAR AND NEW YOU"

Rev. Doug Slagle: At a time when aggression and verbal violence seem to dominate the social media, politics, and our culture, let's explore alternatives to such "hard" power and how we can use spiritual wisdom to discover and then promote a better and, indeed, stronger way to live.

29 "SEEKING TRUTH THROUGH SONG IN TURBULENT TIMES"

Geoff Kaufman: It seems these days that the very nature of truth and reality are being called into question. Geoff will offer a few songs that may help us navigate these troubled waters.

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News & Notes

PRESIDENT'S NOTE- January 2023

One Island Family UU's have many reasons to celebrate as we bring in the New Year! Looking back on 2022 we celebrate our congregation's passage through COVID, being closed to in-person services, and then open with Zoom services and hosting guest speakers from afar. We feel proud of our success with staying connected while we had to be apart! Since our re-opening in November we have returned to regular in-person services and welcomed the return of our members and seasonal visitors. Thanks to all who held on and held out until we could meet again.

We are now well underway with our annual pledge campaign. Dave Arnold, our hard working treasurer, has sent out notes to every pledging member with a year-end report of total financial contribution for 2022 and request for a renewed pledge for the coming year. Our growth depends on financial support and we ask every member and friend to consider a generous level of giving, by financial support as well as donations of time and talent. By the pledges we receive we will know who has chosen to continue as a voting member of our congregation. (You may recall that our by-laws say that once we sign the membership book, we need to renew a pledge and make a partial payment on that pledge before the annual meeting every year to be counted as a voting member!)

SAVE THE DATE to attend our Sunday service on Feb. 5, 2023! That's the day of our Annual Congregational Meeting. Our nominating committee will be presenting an outstanding slate of candidates ready for your vote and election to our 2023 Board of Directors. We will need a quorum of members to hold the election, approve a budget for the coming year, and conduct several items of business. Be there to celebrate our incoming President and the new Board. Let us know your dreams for our future and in what ways you will contribute to meeting the goals we create together.

As your outgoing president, I would like to acknowledge the dedicated people who made 2022 possible! Thanks so much to VP Karen Blackwell, Secretary Claire Hurd, Treasurer Dave Arnold, and Directors-at-Large Amelia Hanley, Joy Brown Taylor, and Barb Goldworm. Thank you for attending at least 12 board meetings, responding to frequent email requests and finding countless ways to step up and attend to the needs of One Island Family. Special thanks to Claire Hurd for exceptional dedication to recording and circulating the minutes of every board meeting. And to Dave Arnold for keeping our financial records balanced, our bills paid and our monthly financial reports circulated.

Thank you to our truly amazing Music Director, Nancy S. Hoffman, for the creative energy and fun she brings to our Sunday programs. Speaking of programs, we are so fortunate to have Joy Taylor, Amelia Hanley, and Nancy S. Hoffman choosing themes and speakers for our services and for handling all the coordination with guest speakers, orders of service and facilitating Sunday mornings. We also thank our dedicated office Administrator, Pete Peterson, for keeping us connected by sending out weekly emails and monthly newsletters, maintaining our directory of members, monitoring office mail and phone messages, and much more. In addition we say thank you to every member who volunteered to present a program, shop for groceries, set up or clean up our after service snacks. We are fortunate to have had volunteers to set up chairs before each service, sing in the choir, or sit at the front Welcome Table to greet our guests. May we continue to thrive in 2023 as

we celebrate Unitarian Universalist principles by how we live with each other and in the world. *"Happy New Year!"*

Marilyn Smith, Board President, 2022

JANUARY 1 "A RETROSPECTIVE APPRECIATION and *LOOKING FORWARD TO. . .*"

Joy Taylor and Nancy 3. Hoffman: Join us for fellowship and a POTLUCK brunch at 11! What will we focus on this week? "In a Word: Resilience."

A REMINDER FROM OUR TREASURER:

As we wind down our 2022 and look to our 2023, we renew our commitment to One Island Family! This is our PLEDGE SEASON.

With the Annual Meeting coming up on February 5, this is a gentle reminder to get those pledge commitments, along with a good faith payment of \$5, to Dave Arnold by January 20 to have voting status! Questions? treasurer@oneislandfamily.org or 757-285-1609 (cell)

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR GIVING TREE!

With the help of many, we dropped off gift cards in the amount of \$485, plus two for value unknown;-), to **FKOC!**

Adopt-A-Highway. We have scheduled our community service highway cleanup for **Saturday, January 14.** We'll meet at 3:00 PM at Baby's Coffee, 3180 US Highway 1, MM 15. Our cleanup area is from MM14 to 16. We all need to watch the safety video before going out for the cleanup. The video is on the Florida Dept of Transportation web site:

<http://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/aahinfo.shtm>. If you need transportation, please let me know. Dave Arnold, 757-285-1609, Dave.Arnold@netzero.com.