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FEBRUARY SERVICES AT ONE ISLAND FAMILY:

2 Grant Couch "Beyond Us & Them"

This non-profit is working to transform educational, law enforcement, correctional and other human systems by training all members to cultivate compassion and resilience. The practice focuses on the individual and collective - to support a deep sense of community and foster recognition of a shared humanity. Done well, this practice gives our individual hearts a chance to become one.

9 Rev. Bob Murphy "The Calendar of Food"

Food brings congregations together. It expresses religious values and identity. Rev. Bob Murphy will share some thoughts. We'll anticipate Mardi Gras and other mid-winter celebrations.

16 Rev. Doug Slagle (zoom) "Examining the Final Frontier of Immortality"

Rev. Doug Slagle will consider in his message the subject of immortality and various beliefs, theories and even scholarly research about it. What, if anything, can we derive from such an investigation that offers us peace in this life - and in the present moment?

23 "Rev. Faerie" Elaine Silver (zoom) "Spiritual Economics through Song"

This musical journey is based on Principles from Eric Butterworth's masterful book, Spiritual Economics.

We welcome our **UUA AFFILIATE MINISTERS** on a regular basis:

Rev. Bob Murphy and Rev. Doug Slagle

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Greetings, all!!

As I continue my personal journey with our Fellowship, and endeavor to lead us through the next year, I do so with the following thoughts:

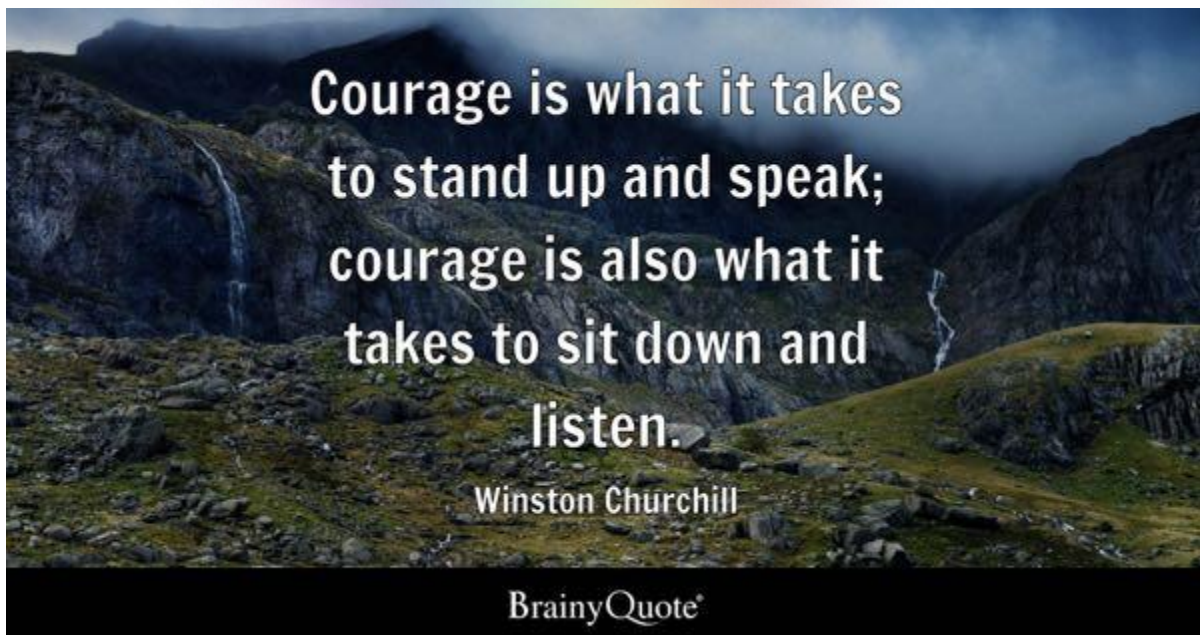
-A favorite quote from Winston Churchill: "I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else."

-Our UUA principles are intact and exemplary!

-Our OIF Behavioral Covenant is a set of commitments that challenges us all to profound and attentive conversation.

-Our membership is replete with caring, loving, nurturing human beings who focus on the journey, not the destination.

As I accept the presidency of One Island Family Congregation and all of the commitments we all have related thereto, I feel compelled to share also another quote from Winston Churchill:



Let us journey together in that spirit! Let us focus on all the positives we can bring to and contribute from our Fellowship!

And: SPECIAL THANKX to Karen Blackwell for all she has done—both seen and unseen—to steer us through the last 2 years!

Joy Brown Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CFFK UNSUNG HERO:

One Island Family Board member **Dave Arnold** strives to meet each need of One Island Family and the community at large. Dave is the long-serving Treasurer for One Island Family. In addition to bean-counting duties, this year Dave oversaw complex construction projects on our building, and handled many smaller concerns himself. Yes -- Dave climbed up and chased critters out of the attic! He spearheads congregational participation in roadside cleanups (at MM14-16), and with his partner Liz Levi, keeps us informed and involved in wide-ranging social justice and environmental concerns. Dave truly "walks the walk" of Unitarian Universalism!

CARING CONNECTIONS:

TOBY ARMOUR

New address for cards:

Derfer Pavilion Rehabilitation

Fleet Landing Blvd.

Atlantic Beach FL 32233-7505

MARILYN SMITH

is recovering from knee replacement.

Address for cards:

87851 Old Highway P-2

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OUR BOARD WILL MEET ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY MONTHLY AT 1 PM IN OUR SANCTUARY. ALL ARE WELCOME ANY TIME!

YOGA SCHEDULE IN OUR SANCTUARY:

Jan Bergh	Mindfulness Meditation Sangha	TUE	5.30 PM
Carl Ferrette	Yoga	MON, THU	6.00 PM
Mike Mulligan	Mindful Movement	TUE, THU	10 AM
Marjorie Paul-Shook	Gentle Pilates	WED, SAT	10 AM

PHOTOS FROM OUR ANNUAL MEETING:



Members and attendees at our Annual Meeting and luncheon.



MUSIC VIDEO - our One Island Family Choir did a beautiful job of singing “Over the Rainbow” in a three-part arrangement on Sunday, January 26th. You can hear it at the link below. Choir members are Clare Angermann, Claire Hurd, Karen Blackwell and Barb Goldworm. Music Director and arranger is Nancy 3. Hoffman. We will miss Karen and Barb in our choir and our congregation - and wish them well in the months to come!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JTIOyqW1zURdsAR-MT89EFx6ALMHqc2B/view?usp=share_link

From left: Barb Goldworm, who worked to have One Island Family designated as a Welcoming Congregation; Karen Blackwell, outgoing President; Joy Taylor, incoming President; Nancy 3. Hoffman, who worked with Jorge Jimenez to create our Land Acknowledgement statement.

THE KEYS IMMIGRANT COALITION MEETING:

The Keys Immigrant Coalition will be hosting an in-person meeting at the Queer Keys Community Center (1100 Truman Ave) on February 5 from 5:30-6:30pm. Come to the meeting to learn about volunteer opportunities for an upcoming legal clinic and how KIC can improve outreach, programming, and community engagement in the Florida Keys.


BUSINESS GUILD'S LUNCHEON

One Island Family belongs to and supports the Key West Business Guild. If you are interested in attending this luncheon (\$35), contact Joy Taylor (jbt22ster@gmail.com)

KEY WEST BUSINESS GUILD CELEBRATES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH


SPONSORED BY:



FEB. 5TH **Beachside Resort & Residences Key West** **NOON-1:00 PM**
3841 N Roosevelt Blvd.


“RELICS OF A FADING COMMUNITY”
Special presentation by John Wilson Smith
President, FREDERICK DOUGLASS SCHOOL BLACK EDUCATORS MEMORIAL PROJECT

NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT



Keys AHEC
Health Centers

RSVP IS REQUIRED



UU MINISTER SHINES ON JEOPARDY!



While competing on the popular quiz show *Jeopardy!*, Unitarian Universalist Rev. Kimberley Debus wore a blue and gold chalice pendant.

For Debus, the exciting challenge was also an opportunity to represent Unitarian Universalism in front of a national audience. “I’m happy to be an ambassador for people who are curious,” she said.

“I was pleased to be introduced as a Unitarian Universalist minister, putting it out there and not hiding our faith”

Debus, an [entrepreneurial minister](#) who also serves the Cedarhurst Unitarian Universalists congregation in Finksburg, Maryland, won second place in the *Jeopardy* episode that aired on December 4. She earned \$3,000, the standard prize for the runner-up.

She ended the competition with a ratio of ten correct responses to three incorrect ones, leaving her “pretty proud” of her performance, Debus said.

Before becoming a contestant, Debus doubted her chances of getting on the long-running show, which broadcasts five nights a week to about 9 million people.

A little peer pressure helped convince her otherwise.

Read the full story here: <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/kimberley-debus-jeopardy-ken-jennings-trivia-unitarian-universalism-spirituality>

OUR LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ADOPTED 11/10/24

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE LAND THAT ONE ISLAND FAMILY NOW STANDS ON AND THE WATERS SURROUNDING KEY WEST, WERE THE TRADITIONAL HOMES UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE MASCOGO, SEMINOLE, TEQUESTA, CALUSA AND TAINO PEOPLES. WE COMMIT TO SHARING THE HERITAGE OF OUR UNIQUE FLORIDA KEYS ENVIRONMENT, AND TO PROMOTING ITS PRESERVATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



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