



# Worship

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH: 11 AM

### **March 4- PAT COLLINS** "Do Minorities Have An Advantage?"

Pat Collins, Unitarian Universalist and long- time member of our congregation, is a licensed United Church of Christ Pastor who also served for 14 years as a Metropolitan Community Church Pastor at the Chautauqua Institute. She is a sculptor, musician (guitar and trombone) and a stand-up comedian at the Key West Comedy Club. Pat and her wife Judy Lawrence have 2 children and 5 grandchildren and spend their summers in Rochester, NY.

### **March 14- GRANT COUCH** "Mitakuya Oyasin" (Lakota for "All My Relations")

Grant Fuku Couch is a sensei in the Hakuyu Taizan Maezumi lineage and is a board member of Zen Peacemakers. He worked for over 40 years in the financial services industry, with a focus on commercial and investment banking. He is currently active with the Citizens Climate Lobby <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/> as the Co-Founder of the Conservative Caucus and he serves as a member of the Board of Zen Peacemakers <https://zenpeacemakers.org/>

**March 18- JOE WEINSTEIN** "Living Fully If Not Forever" (An ex-Jehovah's Witness shares his personal journey from fundamentalism to self-acceptance as a Unitarian Universalist) Joe is a lay leader in the Spirit of Life UU congregation in Odessa, FL He is also a Fountain Artist who lived in the Keys as a teenager.

**March 25- SUSAN DARBY-** "The Historical Jesus" Based on a bookazine article Susan wrote for the History Channel, she will share some historical facts about the man Jesus, away from the influences of Christianity.

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!



# News & Notes



## **OIF March 2018 President's Note:**

Yes, that's your new Board President with her head spinning! As proud as I am to be your elected leader, I must say that for a small congregation we sure are BUSY!! I have almost had to give up my retirement just to keep up with everything. Haven't been this busy since spending 2 days last month with my granddaughters in Islamorada, keeping them on their daily schedule. . .

So, what's been happening since the election of your new Board at the January Annual Meeting? Your team of devoted board volunteers has accomplished so much! We've done the Annual Certification of our congregation to the Unitarian Universalist Assn, renewed congregation's membership in UU Justice Florida, and delivered a OIF Change for Change donation to Cooking with Love. We've planned Sunday services, and even found ways to fill in for two invited speakers who cancelled unexpectedly. We've hosted a distinguished out of town minister, and enjoyed our impromptu choir on Sunday mornings. We've had contractors working on our building for power washing, staining the access ramp, inspecting our roof, and surveying our air conditioning systems. We've completed the annual Financial Audit, and held the February board meeting. We've had the fun of celebrating Chinese New Year with many of our seasonal visitors and community friends. Luckily we've also had the valued support our administrator, children's r.e. director, and music director! Wow, who knew how much happens at One Island Family. I'm proud to be a part of our dynamic congregation!

During this peak season with all our active members in town, we also need many helping hands. If you enjoy One Island Family as much as I do, please sign up to make coffee, sit at our greeters table, shop for needed supplies, or help with Sunday set up or clean up. Let us get to know you if you're new in town or new to our congregation. Share your ideas with us and help us grow! We are One Island Family.

Marilyn Smith

Hello, everyone ...

There is a new UUA program for "Legacy Giving". We've talked about Legacy programs before, but not really made a strong effort to pursue the idea. If you're in a position to consider Legacy Giving, please give this some thought!

(1) Community Foundation of the Florida Keys (CFFK) Fund (set up by Tom Clements): This is a Legacy fund. Tom gave a lump sum of money to CFFK, which they invest. It's arranged that an annual pay-out is made to OIF. Theoretically, the annual pay-out is less than the investment return on the principal. So, the principal should grow each year by a little bit. That's the beauty ... the Fund never gets depleted! It is *forever* (as long as we remain in good-standing w/UUA). And the OIF annual pay-out is also *forever*. The gift that keeps on giving!

So, Tom Clements gave us a tremendous legacy gift. Anyone can add extra money to the Clements' CFFK Fund ... one OIF member already has! That is one way to make a Legacy Gift to One Island Family. And the whole gift is tax deductible (after you check with a tax expert!).

(2) UUA Legacy program: The Shelter Rock UU church gets huge financial support from a very wealthy member. The Shelter Rock UU church offers a \$5 million program called "Wake Now Our Vision" (WNOV). It's a "challenge" gift for all UU church members to make Legacy gifts to support UUism for generations into the future.

A donor can designate any UU Congregation as beneficiary. So, for example, an OIF member can make a Legacy gift to WNOV. OIF would benefit with an immediate rebate of up to 10% of the gift (max of \$10,000)! This is made possible by the Shelter Rock donor. This program ends on 30 June 2020 ... in 2 years and 3 months!

This gives us TWO ways to make a Legacy Gift:

- **CFFK** ... if you want to leave OIF a gift of a *forever* annual pay-out of about 4% of your total gift.
- **WNOV** ... if you're the impatient-type and want to leave OIF an immediate, one-time grant of 10% of your total gift.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, please see Jim Smith for UUA references and information!

Jim Smith, Board member

**ONE ISLAND FAMILY- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** (See Marilyn Smith or any board member, or call the office 305-296-4369 to say "I volunteer!" )

**Finance Committee**- person with an interest or background in financial matters needed to serve on the OIF Finance Committee to meet a few times per year for long range planning and financial policy decisions.

**Membership Committee**- person to lead our membership team to welcome visitors, provide information about how easy it is to join, and to highlight new members in our newsletter notes.

**Building Needs Committee**- Several people with an interest or background in home repairs or construction needed to review building needs and bring recommendations to the Board.

**One Island Family  
the Southernmost UU Congregation  
Social Justice Report for 2018**

**January** On Jan 15<sup>th</sup> member participated in Martin Luther King breakfast sponsored by the Interfaith Ministerial Council to raise scholarship funds. Members also marched in the MLK parade that evening. The crowd's attention was captured by Nancy 3, our music director, playing the accordion and members sing along. The One Island Family banner and a banner with the seven UU principles were carried by members in the parade.

**February** One of members, Pat Collins, set up a table with information on several Social Justice issues. She provided paper, pens, talking points, envelopes, Congressional members address, and even stamps. After the service on February 18, members could write a letter to express their ideas on Social Justice issues in a letter to their legislators.

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:  
YOU ARE NEEDED!!**

As we head into the fall, your Program Planners are busy! We have some wonderful programming in place (and many gifted and talented UU ministers and lay leaders visiting over the winter months). Now we need YOU!!

- We need your interest in leading lay services of your own.
  - We need your connections to invite friends to come and share their passions and talents.
  - We need your ideas for discussions, fun programs, intergenerational and participatory services with our children.
  - We need your participation for coffee hour, for greeting, for hosting informal gatherings or dinners.
- It's time to get involved again!! Please contact Marilyn Smith, Claire Hurd or Joy Taylor.

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

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

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