

One Island Family December 29, 2021 Weekly E-letter

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SUNDAY SERVICES 11 AM

January 2- **"Rev Faerie" Elaine Sliver- "The Interdependent Web Through Song"** Join us to hear Elaine Silver's unique musical presentation with an inspirational spiritual message. Our congregation will meet in person in Key West (with masks and social distancing). We will also offer a Zoom link, and our guest presenter will be live streaming to us by Zoom.

January 9- **Grant Couch- "What is Zen?"**

We welcome the return of Grant Couch, who is a retired financial executive and long time student of many spiritual paths. He is a Zen sensei and he is a board member of Zen Peacemakers which is dedicated to sharing the Dharma of Buddhism in the West. Bearing Witness Retreats, social action and meditation are the core of his practice. (Grant will be with us in person and we also will provide our usual Zoom link for members and friends not able to attend in person.)

January 16- To be announced*- Who is ready to "Take a Turn for ONE ISLAND FAMILY"?

January 23- **Geoff Kaufman- "America, It's You: Seeking Truth"**

Although Geoff is best known to a lot of people for his 35 years of singing and organizing maritime music at Mystic Seaport Museum in CT, he has always maintained an active touring schedule featuring music from such formative influences as singers and songwriters from the "folk scare" of the 60s (Tom Paxton, Joan Baez, Steve Gillette...), songs collected in the Catskill Mountains where he grew up and his time as a Sloopsinger with the Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater* and Pete Seeger. Since his retirement from Mystic in June of '19, Geoff has turned greater attention to music that speaks to issues of social justice, the climate crisis and our need to find common ground. (Geoff will be with us in person for this service.)

January 30- **Jim Smith- "Short Bucket List"** There's a poster of a short bucket-list. There are only two items on the list. #1 was "Live by the Ocean". #2 was "Have no Regrets". Most of us have achieved the first item, but the second item is a more difficult challenge. Regret is wishing you had made a different decision in the past because consequences of that decision turned out to be unfavorable. Let's discuss. (Jim will be with us in person for this service.)

Pledge Season. Another year has gone by and here we are at the end of 2021 looking forward to 2022. This means the time to make our pledges for 2022 is at hand. I'm putting together a letter we'll send to you, like last year, with info on your 2021 pledge and contributions and asking for your 2022 pledge. It's important for me to receive your pledge and a payment by Jan 21. I need your pledge and a payment by Jan 21 so you'll be eligible to vote in the Feb 6, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting. Dave Arnold 757-285-1609