



Worship

SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL: 11 AM

March 3, 2019 Jim Smith- "The Four Agreements"

The topic will be "The Four Agreements", a book by Don Miguel Ruiz.

The most important agreements are the ones we make with ourselves. A practical guide to personal freedom, the book recommends breaking from old agreements with ourselves and others that create limitations and unhappiness.

March 10, 2019 Grant Couch- "The Way of Zen Peacemakers"

"Bernie Glassman, founder of Zen Peacemakers - and an early leader in socially engaged Buddhism - died late last year. Grant will be sharing a few stories of Bernie and the Way of Zen Peacemakers"

March 17, 2019 Rev Murphy- "Celtic Spirituality and the Unitarian Universalists"

"In honor of Saint Patrick's Day, the Sunday service will be about Celtic spirituality and why it matters for today's Unitarian Universalists. Our speaker will be Rev. Robert Francis Murphy, who is a Unitarian Universalist minister from the Boston area. Rev. Bob is now the minister in Tarpon Springs. Bob has developed Celtic spirituality workshops and other events for the national General Assembly for Unitarian Universalists."

March 24, 2019 , TBA

March 31, 2019 Joe Weinstein- "Sacred Touch"

"A mother embraces her newborn; a couple united 75 years hold hands. Touch. Sacred Touch. In contrast: news reports bombard us with examples of forced, profane touch. Our Unitarian Universalist congregations are safe places. Come explore ways various congregations engage in intentional, sacred touch." Guest speaker, Joe Weinstein, is a member of the congregation of the Spirit of Life Unitarian Universalists, Odessa, FL

**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

President's Message MARCH 2019



SUSAN B. ANTHONY
Feb 15, 1820- March 13, 1906

Who was Susan B. Anthony? What do we have to learn from her life of activism?

On Sunday, February 17th our service at One Island Family featured "Aunt Susan" an original one act play written by Toby Armour. Toby is a member who shares time with us seasonally from her summer home in Connecticut. For most of her professional life Toby worked in theater, from teen-aged stagehand at the Living Theater, to dancing, choreographing, directing her own company and now playwrighting. (She is also a mediator and a human rights observer!)

Her gift to us was an original script read by several volunteers from our congregation: Dave Arnold, Karen Blackwell, Barb Goldworm, Amelia Hanley, Liz Levi, and Astoria Nickerson. They brought to life several characters from Toby's historical research including Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Nellie Bly, Rev. Anna Shaw, Carrie Chapman Catt, Frederick Douglas, Susan's father and Susan B. Anthony herself. Toby chose the title "Aunt Susan" because that's what many people came to call Ms. Anthony during her lifetime.

Susan B. Anthony was a Unitarian, born to a Quaker family 199 years ago, almost to the day of our program. She fought against slavery and traveled America in the 1800's speaking out for civil rights and social justice. She mobilized women to demand the right to vote across the nation. Regrettably, the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was not ratified during her lifetime. The process of ratification described in Article V of the Constitution required passage by Congress and then passage by three quarters of the states as a path for national women's suffrage.

History and political climate caused many starts and stops for the suffrage amendment which became known colloquially as the "Anthony Amendment." ("The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.") Susan B. Anthony died in 1906 at the age of eighty-six. She had just returned home from Washington, D.C., where a birthday celebration had been thrown for her and she had given her famous "Failure Is Impossible" speech. "Failure is impossible" became a motto for the ongoing fight for women's suffrage.

Passage took forty years from its introduction in Congress in 1878 by Senator Sargent of California. Following the death of Susan B. Anthony, the final passage came on August 18, 1920 when one last state, Tennessee, voted in favor of ratification. Toby shared with us a story that Representative Harry Burn of the Tennessee House of Representatives cast the deciding vote after receiving a telegram from his mother urging him to do the right thing!

Following the play reading, Toby Armour opened a discussion of some of the issues related to Susan B. Anthony's legacy and passage of the 19th Amendment. Although the 15 Amendment to the Constitution in 1870 stated that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States of any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude", in effect many barriers to voting for Black Americans continued in American culture for decades beyond that date. (Prompting the Voting Rights Act of 1965 signed by President Lyndon Johnson and subsequent legislation.)

We shared the headline from a recent editorial in the New York Times reminding us that historically African- American women were written out of the history of the woman suffrage movement. And we spoke of the barriers for people of color to vote in recent national elections.

The front cover of our Order of Service included a photo taken by Joy Brown Taylor in Rochester, NY in "Susan B. Anthony Square Park", which shows Pat Collins and Judy Lawrence, two members of One Island Family, standing next to the bronzed sculpture of Susan B. Anthony. Perhaps the legacy of this courageous Unitarian feminist who lived more than a century ago, will guide modern activists in the struggle for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment during our lifetime. The ERA was first introduced in Congress in 1921, and then again in 1971. Several of us now in the congregation of One Island Family were active in the women's movement when passage of the ERA was a national legislative goal. Perhaps passage will take dedication to the belief that once again, "Failure is Impossible!" Let's keep this conversation going.

Marilyn Smith, President, One Island Family the Southernmost UU Congregation

CHOIR IS BACK! The One Island Family Choir will be re-convening on Sunday, March 3rd at 9:45 a.m. Music Director, Nancy 3. Hoffman, will be back from her adventures on the mainland with stories to tell. No tryouts or requirements necessary. Join us if you love to sing. Choir will meet on subsequent Sundays. Check with Nancy 3. if you have any questions - 207-939-0301 or 3nancy3@gmail.com

Attention Members and Friends:

Your Program Coordinators (Claire Hurd, Marilyn Smith and Joy Taylor) continue to work to schedule throughout the spring months of 2019.

If you have an idea for a lay-led service; if you have a favorite local 501(c) 3, the director of which you would like to make a presentation; if you have a favorite pastor/religious leader who might like to visit the Keys and share a message with us, contact any one of us!

Adopt-A-Highway. We have scheduled a highway clean up on March 23. We'll meet at 9:30 at Baby's Coffee, 3180 US Highway 1, MM 15. Our clean up area is from MM14 to 16. We all need to watch the safety video before going out for the clean up. 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

Change for Change - As you may know, four very worthwhile local charities have been approved for support by our Change for Change program. They are: 1) Florida Keys Outreach Coalition (FKOC), 2) Cooking with Love, 3) Boys and Girls Club, and 4) Habitat for Humanity. Here's how it works, you put coins in the offering basket Sundays and the money goes to support these charities. Each time the accumulated funds reach \$100 we will contribute the money to the next charity on the list. We've just sent \$100 to Habitat for Humanity so we're back to the top of our list. Thus, currently your continued support for Change for Change is accumulating and will support the important work of the FKOC.

Here's a little information about FKOC. Their important mission is to provide homeless individuals and families with the transitional resources and opportunities to attain residential, financial, personal stability and self-sufficiency. To support this mission the FKOC has housing available for up to 70 single men at four facilities. Additionally, there are case management facilities for single women, with or without children which can handle up to 52 women and children. The Peacock House supports homeless adults with serious mental illness.

More information about FKOC can be found at: <http://fkoc.org/>, and keysweekly.com

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments on Change for Change. Dave Arnold dave.arnold@netzero.net, 757-285-1609

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.

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