



# Worship

## SUNDAY SERVICES 11 AM

**March 1, 2020- Pat Collins- "Water Communion"**

**March 8, 2020- Jim Smith- "e-Pearls and UU"**

What are e-PEARLS? Recall familiar phrases with (possibly) unknown meanings. The "e" is for eponymous. For example, "Murphy's Law". Who is Murphy? Does his law have any application to the UU movement, or to One Island Family? Think of two-word phrases where the first word may be a person who lends their name to a PEARL ... Principle, Effect, Adage, Rule, Law or Syndrome (or any other noun). Then how can you apply that e-PEARL to Unitarian Universalism or to One Island Family? Or any *member* or *friend* of OIF? Use your imagination! Be creative!

**March 15, 2020- Marilyn Smith- "Courage"**

Courage comes from the heart. Not as the seat of emotion, but rather as the source of inner strength, confidence, self-possession, trust --and, spiritually, faith. It is about that "somethingness" deep inside that you can absolutely rely on. It shows in the way we live our lives. Let's explore this topic (from *Faith Rocket*).

**March 22, 2020- Joe Weinstein " United Unitarian Universalists?"**

If the saying is true: "United we stand, divided we fall", just what is it that keeps Unitarian Universalist congregations upright and moving forward? Joe Weinstein is a member of the UU Church of Tarpon Springs. He has been a lay leader in the Spirit of Life UU in Odessa, FL and other UU congregations, where he helped to chair Adult RE "Interweave" (LBGT program) and served as a UU worship associate. As a teenager Joe lived in Islamorada and Marathon back in the 1960's.

**March 29, 2020- Babs Wade " The Importance of the Transgender Day of Visibility"**

Babs Wade from Equality Florida will be talking about transgender people who have played a big part in our history, those making a name for themselves today and reasons why many are still unable to come out of the shadows.



# News & Notes

## President's Message MARCH 2020 Marilyn Smith

This week I have been reading about "Courage" on a subscription service called "Faith Rocket" (from the Oak Ridge UU Church outreach ministry). I would like to share with you these passages from an essay by Rev. Meg Riley, senior minister, Church of the Larger Fellowship:

### "Courage 2020"

"I have been thinking about the courage I encounter every day in our far-flung religious community. What Paul Tillich called 'the courage to be,' as well as the courage to do—the courage to believe, the courage to hope, the courage to fight for justice, the courage to feel. I encounter courage every day as I interact with you. I've been reflecting on all the ways you've shown me how to be courageous:

You show courage when you embrace Unitarian Universalism, a faith without certainty, a faith which includes doubt, a faith which offers no easy answers.

You show courage when you claim this spiritual or religious identity which is not easily understood—in fact, is easily misunderstood—and still work to find understanding.

You show courage when you are willing to face history, even difficult history, rather than believe propaganda or lies.

You show courage when you acknowledge the pain that your privilege has brought to others, when you use your privilege to open doors for others, when you recognize that others suffer more even as you experience your own, real, suffering.

You show courage when you face illness, even chronic or terminal illness, with compassion for yourself and your loved ones.

You show courage as you age, when you let go of life as it was and accept life as it is today, relinquishing control and independence and surrendering to what is possible.

You show courage when you get out of bed when every cell of your brain, or body, or spirit aches, going through the motions when it is all you can do.

You show courage when you refuse to fulfill the negative expectations that others place on you, clinging instead to your knowledge of yourself as a spark of the divine.

You show courage when you acknowledge mistakes you've made, even terrible mistakes, without equating yourself with those actions, or believing that you are a mistake.

You show courage when you sink into the storm of deep grief, believing that you must go into its depths even as you fear you will never re-emerge.

You show courage when you insist on maintaining self-respect in relationships which diminish you.

You show courage when you are vulnerable with other people, even when you feel shame, inadequacy, or desperation.

You show courage when you love yourself after being told you are unlovable, and this allows you to love others who have been equally insulted or demonized.

You show courage when you do something you're not great at, but try it anyway—writing, or playing an instrument, or allowing yourself to love someone new.

You show courage when you speak up in rooms where no one will agree with you publicly, even if they do so privately.

You show courage when you walk away from security, let go of the familiar and accept that you must change.

You show courage when you watch vulnerable ones you love, be they children or friends or partners or parents, move out into a world which is often cruel and capricious, breathe deeply and allow them to go.

You show courage when you live, every day. Thank you for showing me your courage, so that I may better know my own."

**Our next OIF Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24 at 12 noon.**

All are welcome to attend.

**CAN YOU GET IN ON THE PLANNING? OF COURSE YOU CAN!**

Calling all members and friends!! Here are multiple ways you can participate in our One Island Family:

- watch for the simple shopping needs on our bulletin board (coffee hour area), grab a post it note reminder and shop for paper goods
  - sign up to contribute a monthly birthday cake or Sunday goodies for coffee hour (that same sign up area)
  - have a special talent? an idea for a Sunday service? know someone whom you would like to invite to do a special service? know someone who could address us from a local nonprofit re: social, diversity, human need concern? Let us know: office: 305-296-4369 or Joy via [jbt22ster@gmail.com](mailto:jbt22ster@gmail.com)
- WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, dear friends. Time, talents, skills, resources!!**

**SAVE THE DATE AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS:**

We are planning a very special UU Passover Seder this year--so please mark **SUNDAY April 5 at 5PM** on your calendars for a UU Passover celebration, which will also be open to our whole island community!

Barb Goldworm and Karen Blackwell are sharing their experience, Jewish heritage, and UU customized Passover Haggadah which they developed with their Boulder, Colorado UU community. If you would like to be involved in helping plan and/ or organize food, please join Barb, Karen, Pat, Judy, Nancy 3. and Joy on the UU Seder planning team. Also watch for sign up sheets during coffee hour to either help or attend.

QUESTIONS: contact Barb during coffee hour or at [barbgoldworm@gmail.com](mailto:barbgoldworm@gmail.com)

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS.** We would like to introduce you to new members of One Island Family who signed the membership book recently. Be sure to welcome them when you see them!

**Jude McClelland**

Jude McClelland came to the Keys as a snowbird in 2008 and settled on Little Torch Key in 2015. She grew up in White Plains, NY, just north of New York City, pursued a career in early childhood education in Buffalo, New York and was a member of a UU congregation there. Jude has had many

exciting adventures including spending two months in pre-revolutionary Cuba as a teenager, exploring the Galapagos Island on an expedition with her granddaughter, traveling the country in a VW camper and running marathons! And if that were not enough, Jude is also an activist who in New York volunteered with Journey's End Refugee Services, the Western New York Peace Center and Women In Black. In her 'spare' time, Jude enjoys film, travel, reading, hiking and meditation. Jude was especially excited that she got to go to a climate rally with Greta Thunberg who she considers to be one of her heroes.

### **Karen Blackwell and Barb Goldworm**

Karen Blackwell and Barb Goldworm are happy to be official members of One Island Family, after having visited many times while living on their boat in Key West Bight for three seasons. In September, they made the leap to full-time Key West status and moved to land, and are feeling very "at-home" here. Barb and Karen most recently lived in (but mostly travelled a lot from) North Miami Beach for about 7 years. Prior to that, they lived in Boulder, Colorado for about 35 years, both working in many different aspects of the IT industry. They came to UUism while looking for a spiritual community to raise their daughter Lindsay (now 25 and working in MD as an aerospace engineer). With Karen's Episcopalian upbringing and Barb's Jewish heritage, they found the UU search for truth and meaning, inclusion of diverse religious traditions, and "Build Your Own Theology" concepts to be both inviting and challenging. In Boulder, they were active members of the UU Church of Boulder (UUCB), where they were very involved in social justice work, antiracism and the UU Welcoming Congregation. They were also founding members of a social justice congregation called Open Circle which later became a subgroup of the Boulder UU Fellowship. Barb and Karen met singing in choir at Penn State University in 1977 and became a couple in 1979. They had a wedding/commitment ceremony at UUCB in 1998, and were legally married in Canada 5 years later when it became possible. The Canadian marriage is now recognized by the U.S. (We hope it stays that way!). Barb grew up doing theatre with her mom, and was active in music and theatre with Karen at Penn State, and then again with Lindsay in Boulder, and most recently with Karen again in Miami doing community theater for the last 4 years. The whole family is still singing together whenever possible, and in addition to the OIF choir, you may find them singing around town at Bobby's Monkey Bar, Two Friends, the Little Jazz Room, or with the Key West Barbershop Harmony group.

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