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DECEMBER 2024

Happiest of Holiday Season to All!

DECEMBER SERVICES AT ONE ISLAND FAMILY:

DECEMBER IS FULL OF HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Hanukkah begins 12/25 sundown

Christmas 12/25

Kwanzaa 12/26

AND WE HAVE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS!!

- 1 Nancy 3. Hoffman - "Lessons Learned from Traveling"
- 8 Rev. Doug Slagle – "The Feast of the Immaculate Conception" and What It Can Tell Us About Modern Families."  
We welcome the return of Rev. Doug!
- 15 Joan Higgs - "Frangipani or ?"
- 22 Barb Goldworm - "Light in The Darkness: December Holidays"  
The Dark of Winter peaks at the Winter Solstice on December 21, inviting us all to celebrate light in many forms. The December holidays include many ways to ignite, find, and share the light. Join us to light the darkness, physically and spiritually, as we celebrate the light of Solstice, Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, and any other traditions you would like to share with us.
- 29 Rev. Bob Murphy - "New Year: Artists and Prophets"  
We welcome Rev. Bob in person!



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We welcome our **UUA AFFILIATE MINISTERS** on a regular basis:  
**Rev. Bob Murphy and Rev. Doug Slagle**

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## **PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

Hello One Island Family!

I hope everyone has had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. At this holiday time, I am trying to take special care to be grateful for all the things, people, and freedoms that I am able to enjoy, and to not take them for granted. As we move forward into a period of change and uncertainty, we will continue to work toward a fair and just world where diversity is valued and equal rights for all are upheld. As UUs, we continue living our values, first within our congregation, and then carrying them outward within our community, our country, and our world.

I look forward to spending the December holidays in Key West. Like many of our congregation members, we will be traveling for part of the holidays and will have family visiting for part. We look forward to seeing you, and any visiting family and friends, at our December services as well as the many festive celebrations going on in Key West this month.

I would also like to remind you that we will be holding our annual meeting after our service on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We will have a shortened service followed by lunch, provided by the Congregation, and then our annual meeting. We will send out materials regarding the meeting in advance of the meeting. We will review key milestones of the Congregation over the year and reports from the Board Leadership. Key votes on the Congregation will also be taken during the meeting including:

- 1) Voting on the Slate for next year's Board of Directors for the Congregation including:
  - a. President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and At-Large Directors; and
  - b. Nominating Committee.

2) Voting on the Annual Budget for the Congregation which is prepared by the Board and presented by the Treasurer for approval by the Congregation

- a. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee (Tom Clements and Clare Angermann).

As stated in our By-Laws, all members of the congregation are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting who have:

- Joined the Congregation (signed the book) at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting (by Dec 26, 2024)
- Made a contribution of record to the Congregation at least 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting

If you would like to join the congregation, please see me or Joy Taylor or another Board member at a service or contact the One Island Family office at 305-296-4369

In peace,

Karen Blackwell

President, One Island Family Southernmost UU Congregation

## **SPECIAL DONATIONS, PLEASE!**

One of our members has contributed \$5000 to help with the repair costs necessary to our sanctuary. If you can match any portion of those monies, please contact our Treasurer, Dave Arnold, at [dave.arnold@netzero.net](mailto:dave.arnold@netzero.net)

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED!!**

## **WE WELCOMED A NEW MEMBER:**

We welcomed **YVONNE THOMAS** on Sunday, November 24!

## WATCH FOR THE RETURN OF OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE ♡:

We will again be collecting gift cards on the mini tree in our coffee area - which we will donate to FKOC prior to the holidays! Please participate if you are able.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Our ANNUAL MEETING (with lunch) will take place on Sunday, January 26, immediately following the service.



## HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY.

In remembrance of the homeless people who have died in 2024 there will be a memorial service on Dec 20 at 3PM. The service will be held at the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition's vault in the Key West Cemetery. This community event is an annual event held on the first day of winter and the longest night of the year.

## 'LOVE WILL NOT DIE HERE TODAY':

UU Minister Delivers Powerful Post-Election Message of Resistance - UUWorld.org  
<https://www.uuworld.org/articles/post-election-sermon-dallas-uu-love-resistance-video-unitarian-universalism>

## 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	SAT	10 AM

## 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



We welcome diversity of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, culture, citizenship status, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, gender expression, family status, religious background, socioeconomic status, education, political perspective, age, and abilities.



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