



## SUNDAY SERVICES 11 AM

**November 3- Julie McEnroe "Key West Cares"**- reflections on Key West's part in the ongoing Hurricane Dorian Relief for our Bahamian neighbors

**November 10- Jim Smith "Drumstick Communion"-** Physicists say everything can be explained by vibrations. Everybody has an instinct for rhythm. Music is a doorway to spirituality, especially the "beat". Come and play along, and understand how drums were the earliest form of communication. Tools will be provided!

**November 17- Richard Puente "Forever Families Built in Love"**- president of the Florida Keys Foster and Adoptive Parent Association sharing the story of his life experience as a foster father and adoptive parent.

**November 24- Rev. Doug Slagle**- By popular demand, this guest minister is returning to One Island Family from the Gathering at Northern Hills UU in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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!



## **President's Message NOVEMBER 2019**

Why are *you* a Unitarian Universalist?? We did a brief written survey during our "Getting Ready Sunday", October 13th, which began by asking:

am a member because:	
I am on a spiritual/religious journey	
I enjoy being with like- minded people part of a family	
I would like to make a difference with social or environmental problems	
I enjoy listening to/creating/singing music	
I enjoy attending Sunday services	
I enjoy being involved with Sunday services	

If you weren't with us that Sunday, please request a copy of the survey from Liz Levi so we can get to know your interests. That's a big help with our planning! In fact, we have begun to fill in several spots on our Leadership Team by matching the survey answers to the immediate needs of One Island Family. Also, as we plan Sunday programs and social events, we like to hear how you want to spend your time as part of our UU family.

I first joined a Unitarian Universalist church in the 1980's and have been a member in several congregations due to our many family moves. With each of them I have found a community of "like minded people" who are politically active, who are following their passion for social justice causes and who are taking positions of leadership in the community. How I admire folks who are activists and change makers!

Personally I am "on a spiritual/ religious journey". For me, Sunday services offer the hope of finding answers- not only to deep spiritual questions, but the practical path to guide me through the chaos of what I hear and see in the world around me. I was inspired by our guest speaker, JT Thompson's message about "Energy and Karma" and his commitment to inspiring positive energy through his world- wide campaign for "One Human Family".

The youth in our children's religious education bring me joy. On our first Sunday of regular services, Taylor and Sklyer welcomed us with bright smiles and an invitation to "Start with Hello" in many languages. Their lesson with Ms. Astoria that morning asked them to discuss what "Peace" meant to each of them. What a delight to be a part of opening hearts and minds to our UU tradition.

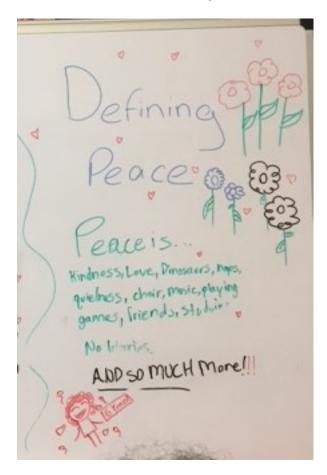
We invite you to become engaged with us at One Island Family on a "transformative journey of spirituality, study, service and fellowship." (Our Mission statement) How will you choose to engage in the joys and the tasks of being a Unitarian Universalist? We want to hear from you!

Marilyn Smith

**Change for Change**. We've sent \$100 from the Change for Change fund to Florida Keys Outreach Coalition for the Homeless (FKOC). The Change you put in the basket now is accumulating to go to Cooking with Love. They're a group of caring people that prepare, cook, and deliver lunches to members of our community who for age or disability reasons are not able to cook for themselves. See more on their facebook page and see some familiar faces.

https://www.facebook.com/Cookingwithlovekw/ or their web site: http://www.mcckeywest.net/ Please let me know if you have any questions or comments on Change for Change. Dave Arnold dave.arnold@netzero.net, 757-285-1609

## Here are some photos that Astoria took of children's religious ed.





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