



# Worship

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY: 11 AM

**Feb 3, 2019 - Geoff Kaufman** "Reaping What We Sow: The Power of Our Hearts, illustrated through Song" We welcome the return of Geoff Kaufman, an annual visitor to our congregation from All Souls UU Congregation of New London, CT who during his time in Key West also showcases his musical talent playing sea chanties aboard the Schooner Appledore in Key West Harbor

**Feb. 10, 2019- Jeff and Kathy Smith** have accepted our invitation to share with us the story of their faith pathway in the Mennonite tradition. See <http://www.thegatheringtreekw.org/>

**Feb 17, 2019 - Toby Armour** "Celebrating Susan B. Anthony" To commemorate the 199th anniversary of Susan B. Anthony's Birthday on February 15, 1820, Toby Armour is writing an original one act play! Join us for this unique play reading, and see Robin Robinson and others in this premier!

**Feb 24, 2019 - Rev Doug Slagle-** "The Humanism Paradox" Rev. Doug Slagle, guest minister from The Gathering at Northern Hills UU Community in Cincinnati, Ohio, will make the case for liberal optimism as a way to counter politicians and others who falsely claim we need to return to bygone eras.

**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 FEBRUARY 2019

**“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” — Mary Oliver**

I learned this week that Mary Oliver, one of my favorite poets, died on January 17, 2019, so I have chosen to share with you this quote, from her poem "The Summer Day." I've been thinking about *choice* and feeling grateful for the choices that many of our members and friends have made for One Island Family over the past year; you've chosen service, generosity, and commitment. As you know, ours is called the "chosen faith." We have chosen to walk a spiritual path together and gathered as a community of caring Unitarian Universalists. At our annual meeting, you have approved our new budget and elected our Board of Directors for 2019.

So what's ahead for One Island Family? I see challenges for our future. How do we expand our cadre of active members doing the tasks required to maintain us? More and more we are a seasonal congregation. Attendance at our events rises and falls like the tides. During the winter we are blessed with members who stay in the Keys for several months, and then return to their northern homes. We receive the benefit of the ideas and inspiration they bring from other UU congregations around the country. However, a core of year round members carry the responsibility of planning programs, maintaining our physical space, and keeping us connected by email and Facebook with our long distance members and friends. And we need help! We look forward to mentoring future leaders. We welcome young families with dreams for raising their children in our liberal religious tradition. We want to learn more about new technology, modern music and forward thinking initiatives. What do you plan to do to make One Island Family the faith community you dream it could be?

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

**FROM YOUR TREASURER:**

Sincere thanx to the many of you who have entered your pledge commitments for 2019! Your time, treasure and talents add up to our One Island Family!  
Joy Brown Taylor (305-587-7833)

**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!

**Key West NOW announces:**

Connie Gilbert Scholarship Fundraiser (2<sup>nd</sup> annual) on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm, in the Blue Room at the Bottle Cap (1128 Simonton Street). "We will again be raising money to offer an educational scholarship to a local woman. If you or someone you know would like to donate for the silent auction, please contact Lizzy Hoke at [kwnowinfo@gmail.com](mailto:kwnowinfo@gmail.com).

**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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Monthly Calendar: <http://www.oneislandfamily.org/calendar>