



SUNDAY SERVICES IN JANUARY: 11 AM

January 6, 2019- "Where Everyone Knows Your Name"

Marilyn & Jim Smith will facilitate this annual service of welcome and recognition for each new member who joined our congregation in 2018. We will be honoring: Kendall Cameron, Susan Darby, Gail Folaron, Elinor Gentilman, Rick Gentilman, Amelia Hanley, Nancy 3. Hoffman, Keri O'Brien, and Marion Wagner. Please join us for this special service followed by a get acquainted pot luck lunch!

January 13, 2019 - "Nature by Emerson" by Robert D. Richardson.

Bob Richardson is an esteemed member of our congregation who winters here in Key West. He is an internationally recognized scholar and author of biographies of Henry Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson and William James. He holds a PhD from Harvard, and has taught at Harvard, Yale, University of Colorado, Queens College, Wesleyan and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is married to Annie Dillard and serves on the Honorary Board of the Key West Literary Seminar.

January 20, 2019 - "American-ahh, The Spirit in Folk Music" by "Rev Faerie" Elaine Silver. Elaine Silver is a seasoned and consummate musician. She is an accomplished singer, songwriter, touring and recording artist. She is well-known in her original home state as "The Folk Music Queen of New Jersey," and since moving to Florida in 2000, she has developed her passion of metaphysics into a Musical Ministry.

January 27, 2019- "Cultural Travel in Asia" by Sanling and Greg Ran.

Followed by One Island Family's Annual Congregational Meeting and "Stone Soup" lunch. We request that you bring a vegetable to add to or brimming pot of veggie broth. Fresh bread and a dessert will be provided.

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 JANUARY 2019

As we plan for our One Island Family's annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 27, we look back with pride on a very good year. We hosted outstanding Sunday programs, balanced our budget from the generosity of our members and pledging friends, and strengthened our bonds as a caring faith community. As Board President for 2018, I want to personally thank our dedicated board members: Dave Arnold, Tami Forbes/Claire Hurd, Jim Smith and Joy Brown Taylor. I have been fortunate to have you as my UU "teammates" to share in the decision making, the labor and the fun of this year!

I have deep appreciation for our administrator, Pete Petersen, who throughout the year has kept up with production of our weekly e-letters, monthly newsletters, frequent community inquiries and much more. Thank you, Pete! Astoria Nickerson, you are a gift to us with your leadership of our children's religious education program. Thank you for guiding our youth and spreading UU wisdom and joy for young hearts and minds. Jaime Yerxa, we appreciate your kindness and dedication to our childcare needs. Nancy 3. Hoffman, we are so fortunate to have your creative talents as our music director. You know how excited we become, awaiting your return to Key West every season! Your contribution to our Sunday programs and our learning about all things musical is immeasurable. Thank you!

One Island Family's expectations for New Year 2019 are high! We have new opportunity for growing membership, encouraging young families, & gaining visibility for social justice issues. We will count on your contributions of ideas, commitment of time and generosity of funding. Be sure to return your pledge to Joy Taylor and make an initial payment by January 11 to meet our by-laws requirement for voting membership at the annual meeting. That's when we approve a new budget, elect a slate of officers and set visions for the coming year. Beyond balancing our budgeted expenses for the coming year, we anticipate some large capital expenses that will require us to have reserve funds. Our wish list includes repairing our building exterior, replacing our sanctuary chairs, and updating our audio system. Together, anything may be possible. Happy New Year 2019!

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

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2019.

FROM YOUR TREASURER:

Our PLEDGE SEASON 2019 is upon us!! Many thanx to those who have already sent me their commitment-and a gentle reminder to the rest of us that:

Per our By Laws, your pledge commitment for 2019 must be received by JANUARY 11, 2019(along with a good faith payment of \$5/ voting member, \$10/voting couple) to insure voting rights at our ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 27, 2019.

We are all in this fellowship together, dear One Island Family members and friends. It is in our togetherness that we derive strength and common purpose. As our Board plans our operating budget for 2019, we ask for your continued monetary support of our mutual goals.

Joy Brown Taylor, Treasurer

Voting Rights Restoration – here at OIF. Monroe County Supervisor of Elections, Joyce Griffin, will address a special meeting of the Florida Keys ACLU chapter with the Florida Keys League of Women Voters, Wednesday January 9th, 6pm at 801 Georgia Street, Key West. The self-executing amendment 4 - which restores voting rights to felons who have completed their sentences -- will go into effect Jan. 8th. The meeting will give you an opportunity to ask questions about the amendment and about voter registration in general.

Highway Clean Up. On Jan 12th we have a highway clean up scheduled. Can someone help by providing transportation? You'd pick up folks needing a ride at OIF at 9:00am and bring them to Baby's Coffee, 3180 US Highway 1, MM 15. Dave Arnold, 757-285-1609

ONE ISLAND FAMILY PROUDLY ANNOUNCES: "Mid-Winter Concert in Celebration of Love and Light" on Saturday evening, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. presented by "Rev. Faerie" Elaine Silver with James Alexander on bass ukulele at One Island family See poster attached.

CLAIRE HURD IS OUR ONE ISLAND FAMILY UNSUNG HERO/VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!

Claire Hurd has been chosen by the Board of One Island Family to be honored as our Unsung Hero at the Community Foundation of the Florida Key's Unsung Hero/Volunteers of the Year luncheon on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the Marriott Beachside, 3841 North Roosevelt Blvd, Key West, from 11 am-1 pm. Claire serves on our planning committee for Sunday programs, facilitates Sunday services with guest speakers, sings in our choir, hosts hospitality and recently stepped up to fill a vacancy as Secretary of our Board of Directors. Please sign up to help us fill our OIF table at the luncheon! Tickets are \$60/person payable to One Island Family by or before January 6, 2019. See Marilyn Smith or Joy Taylor.

Nancy 3's Winter Venture

I will be performing in the play "Indecent" in Coral Gables, Florida from January 26th through February 24th. I will look forward to returning to my One Island Family Music Directing post as soon as I return. If anyone wants to come up and see the show, it is at GableStage at the Biltmore Hotel. Here is the link: www.gablestage.org. Go to the Calendar section to see dates and times. There may be a special group rate if you decide to go up together. Matinees will sell out quickly I bet. There is one on Wed. Feb. 6th, others are on Saturday and Sunday. Let me know if anyone is coming! Love to all for a happy healthy, peaceful New Year! Nancy 3. Hoffman, 207-939-0301 or 3nancy3@gmail.com



Suggested Donation of \$20 per person includes a Complimentary CD or Download Card.

(No one turned away)

James Alexander on bass ukulele.

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Monthly Calendar: http://www.oneislandfamily.org/calendar