



# Worship

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN November: 11 AM

### **11/5 Abdul Mateen, Drum Talk**

This talented musician is founder and writer for MAASAI reggae ensemble. We will gather to drum in a circle with others from the community. The drum circle offers equality because there is no head or tail. It's intergenerational with children welcomed and people of all ages. The main objective is to share rhythm and get in tune with each other and ourselves. To form a group consciousness. To entrain and resonate. By entrainment, we mean that a new voice, a collective voice, emerges from the group as we drum together.

### **11/12 Paul Ward, PhD- Waking Up- (Living consciously in our changing world).**

Paul Ward is President of the Board of Trustees of First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palm Beaches and President of Future Shapers Florida, LLC. which offers workshops on conscious leadership. To learn more about this UU congregation, see [1stuupb.org](http://1stuupb.org)

### **11/19 Rev. Bob Murphy, Thanksgiving Day Reconsidered**

Rev. Murphy is the part-time minister for the Unitarian Universalist church in Tarpon Springs. and is active in emergency services and social justice work in Florida. For several reasons, today's Unitarian Universalists are reinventing the traditional Thanksgiving Day holiday. Why?? To learn more about this UU congregation, see [www.uutarpon.org](http://www.uutarpon.org)

**11/26 Joan Higgs and Cherre Marchak “COOKING WITH LOVE”-** Our neighbors from Metropolitan Community Church have kindly agreed to join us for this service to share the story of their remarkable food distribution program that benefits over 150 households with a meal planned, cooked and delivered by volunteers in Key West every Saturday year round. See their Facebook page for [Cooking with Love](#).



# News & Notes

**Hello, everyone ...**

Let's start off with CONGRATULATIONS (and admiration) for Tami Forbes!! Tami has added US citizenship to her native Canadian citizenship ... all official, documented, sworn-to and proudly delivered! Joy Taylor was able to attend the Miami ceremony, along with Tami, Angel and the kids, Max and Julia and Christopher. I'm sure Joy will be adding a few words to this newsletter about the *big event*!

US Citizenship final exam question: Which US President is on the \$100 bill? We'll come back to that later.

The Keys are steadily recovering from Hurricane Irma. Soon it will be just a memory ... sooner for some compared to others in the Middle Keys. Marilyn and I were recently in Connecticut for a few days, and there was a LOT of concern shown for Key Westers' well-being, their Yankee perceptions being shaped by media coverage of Irma.

Fantasy Fest is ramping-up, just like this time every year. And also, this time every year, a One Island Family fundraising idea pops up!! It works like this:

- (1) Everyone is entitle to enjoy Fantasy Fest ... it's OK to be joyous and uninhibited!
- (2) But remember that everyone has a cell phone these days.
- (3) And all the cell phones have cameras.
- (4) Your joy and inhibitions could "trend" over social media ... and you could be accidentally famous!
- (5) To preserve your security, several OIF members will be under-cover during the festivities, armed with cell phones and cameras.
- (6) On Sunday morning, we will be happy to save-your-bacon by selling-back incriminating photos of those other members who were too *happy* the night before. Prices start at:
  - a. \$5.00 for still photographs
  - b. \$20.00 for videos (and probably a standing ovation!)
  - c. Proceeds will go to a local non-profit. Or towards bail, depending ...

We are definitely getting in-the-swing of full-time Sunday services, as our part-time residents begin to trickle back to Key West. Our Program Committee has lined-up an impressive array of speakers! And any of our members may volunteer to deliver (or coordinate) a Sunday service, too.

All for now! Oh, trick question ... Benjamin Franklin is on the \$100 bill, but he was not a US President! No soup for you ☹.

Jim Smith, President  
One Island Family

**Adopt a Highway Clean up.** The highway clean up program is on hold. I'd though we could get started on our comitment to clean the highway four time a year. I called the program managemnt company several time and finally got an answer – program is on hold and it could be on hold for several months. So no highway clean up on November18 as I had previously announced. Dave Arnold 757-285-1609

**WELCOME BACK TO OUR OWN NANCY 3. HOFFMAN ON NOVEMBER 19!! WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE HER MUSIC DIRECTION and HER SMILE BACK IN OUR MIDST!!**

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:  
YOU ARE NEEDED!!**

As we head into the fall, your Program Planners are busy! We have some wonderful programming in place (and many gifted and talented UU ministers and lay leaders visiting over the winter months). Now we need YOU!!

- We need your interest in leading lay services of your own.
  - We need your connections to invite friends to come and share their passions and talents.
  - We need your ideas for discussions, fun programs, intergenerational and participatory services with our children.
  - We need your participation for coffee hour, for greeting, for hosting informal gatherings or dinners.
- It's time to get involved again!! Please contact Marilyn Smith, Claire Hurd or Joy Taylor.

**ONE ISLAND FAMILY IS REACHING OUT!**

Some important contributions were approved at the last meeting of our Board:

- We have made a **contribution** from our Congregation to the CFFK Disaster Relief Fund to assist our friends and neighbors here in the Keys.
  - There will be a **dedicated collection** on November 19. All monies collected that morning will go to the UUA Disaster Relief Fund for other UU congregations in need in our district.
  - If you or another member or friend of the Congregation has an **immediate need**, please see President Jim Smith for confidential assistance.
- Blessed be!

**FROM OUR TREASURER:**

Greetings, members and friends! This is a 'gentle reminder' to please consider One Island Family as you come to the end of this fiscal year and start to plan for the next. There will be a mailing in December asking for your 2018 pledge year commitment so that we can plan our budget. We are all part of this One Island Family and every contribution of time, talents and money is important! Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2018.

**We strive to be a fragrance free and smoke free environment in respect for people who have allergies.**

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are available at the rear of the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make a cash contribution of record.

**On our Connecticut trip this past weekend,** Marilyn and I visited our former UU church in New London, CT ... “All Souls UU Congregation” [www.allsoulsnewlondon.org](http://www.allsoulsnewlondon.org). They have several hundred members now, and a new facility. That’s a big change from the early 1980s when we were 2 out of about 50 members in an old, dingy facility with clattering steam-pipes for heat during the winters! That’s Marilyn on the left with a few “Black Lives Matter” demonstrators!



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