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JUNE 2024

WORSHIP

MAY SERVICES AT ONE ISLAND FAMILY:

JOIN US (LIVE OR ON ZOOM) SUNDAYS AT 11AM

26 Memorial Day: picnic onsite - bring something to share and your stories, travel plans, summer ideas, etc.!

JUNE SERVICES AT ONE ISLAND FAMILY:

(Pride 5-9)

2 **Queer Keys: "Pride Week 101!"**

We are thrilled to welcome our friends: Janiece Rodriguez, Chris McNulty and (surprise?) (Drag) Queen Mother Puddin'Taine

Janiece Rodriguez cofounder of Queer Keys will be joining us on June 2. She will be leading us in a LGBTQ+ information rundown. Queen Mother Puddin'Taine' will be joining us and giving us a sensational send off into Key West Pride 2024 🌈

<https://www.queerkeys.org/about>

9 **Rev. Doug Slagle: "Rainbow Diversity"**

Our Affiliate Minister Rev. Doug will discuss the wisdom and beauty of celebrating who one authentically is - vulnerable, joyful, straight, a person of color, other-abled, queer, atheist, non-binary...or whatever way one was wonderfully made to be. We are each unique creations who are intrinsically good and worthy of pride in who and how we identify.

Our "SEASON" officially ends with participation in the annual PRIDE PARADE: SEE DETAILS BELOW AND PLEASE JOIN US!

END OF Sunday services for OIF until we reconvene in October!

23 We will share the zoom link(s) to the UUA General Assembly (June 20-23) that concludes on this Sunday

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATORY IN SERVICE PLANNING, ORGANIZING, FACILITATING, SHARING and HELPING IN EVERY WAY!

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

SUNDAY PICNIC

Our ONSITE PICNIC happens this Sunday! JOIN US at the regular 11 am time to SHARE:

-a favorite something for munchie, brunch or dessert
-your stories 🙄 , travel plans 😊 , summer ideas for fun outings together 🥳 ,
anything else you choose 😊

SEE YOU THEN!

NEWS AND NOTES

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello One Island Family!

It's almost June already! Our last month of services before our seasonal break. Time really does seem to fly. June is Pride month here in town and we are pleased to have two Pride-related services. The first one is on June 2nd where we will have our good friends from Queer Keys joining us to help kick off Key West Pride week. Then on June 9th , on the closing day of Pride Week, our Affiliate Minister Rev. Doug Slagle will help



us to explore being our authentic selves. This is a very special Pride month for One Island Family as we celebrate for the first time being an officially designated UUA Welcoming Congregation! As I announced in last month's newsletter, we are very excited to have officially earned that designation from the Unitarian Universalist Association.

In other news, at the Annual Meeting in January, I mentioned that we had some significant repair work that needed to be done on the exterior wall of our building. We also found significant spalling (concrete issues) in the apartment that need to be corrected as well as kitchen cabinets that were deteriorating badly in the apartment. Over the course of the last 6 months the board has been getting multiple bids and reviewing the scope of the proposed work in order to maintain the safety and integrity of the building(s) at the lowest possible costs. I have summarized the projects and their statuses below. If you would like additional information on any of these projects, please contact me, Dave Arnold or Joy Taylor.

Apartment Kitchen – The old cabinets, counters and backsplash have been replaced. Most of the replacements were made using materials donated from a remodeling job at another client location which kept costs down substantially. We are investigating whether it will be possible to replace the kitchen floor before completion. It is currently a patchwork of 3 different linoleum tiles in a space of about 10 feet.

Apartment Spalling – We are waiting for a 2nd final estimate including the plumbing work to move exterior piping.

Exterior Wall – The initial estimate anticipated having to repair the entire wall. We have a 2nd estimate at a lower cost which only requires repairing a portion of the wall. This approach will save a significant amount of money if the demolition does not uncover issues that require the entire wall repair as anticipated in the 1st estimate.

All the repairs will be paid for from the One Island Family cash reserves.

I hope to see you at the Memorial Day picnic/potluck on Sunday and at our June Pride services!

In peace, Karen Blackwell

JOIN US FOR THE 2024 KW PRIDE PARADE: JUNE 9 AT 4.15PM

Join us to represent One Island Family UU in our community Key West Pride Parade to celebrate LGBTQ+ joy and pride, and stand together against hate.

Come show our support for diversity and creativity in Key West, and our UU belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

When: Sunday, June 9 . Staging and decorating of our golf cart at 4:15 PM, parade steps off at 5:00 PM sharp.

Where: Staging at Truman Waterfront Park, finishing in the 1300 block of Duval St.

Why: To celebrate PRIDE and being part of One Human Family and One Island Family.

We have a golf cart for those who can't walk all or part of the parade route. We also have walkers who will carry our newly updated banner!



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The inherent worth and dignity of every person

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth

A FREE AND RESPONSIBLE SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND MEANING

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process

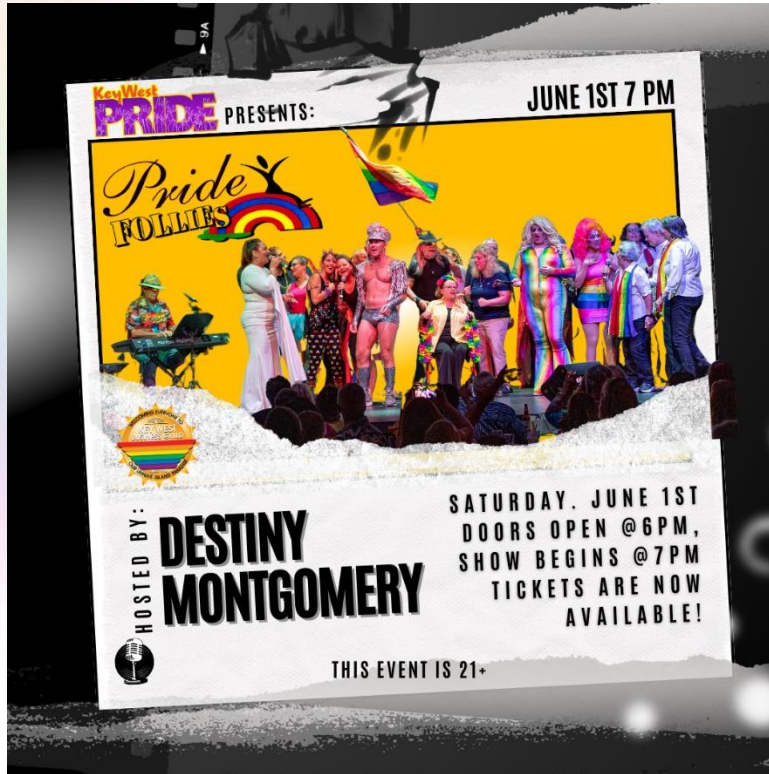
THE GOAL OF WORLD COMMUNITY WITH PEACE, LIBERTY, AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

OUR OWN PARTICIPANTS:

Karen Blackwell, Barb Goldworm and Alana Robles will be vocalist participants in PRIDE FOLLIES on Saturday, June 1: 7 pm, Key West Theater



EQUALITY FLORIDA IS PARTICIPATING IN THE KEY WEST PRIDE CELEBRATION.

The Equality Florida, Key West Representative was one of our OIF members while she was here in Key West and organized these events in the past. Our members have volunteered with Equality Florida in the past. We are trying to extend our support of Equality Florida as Equality Florida promotes many of the same ideals we have as Unitarian Universalist.

From Equality Florida: We're so excited to be celebrating **Key West Pride** with our beautiful community this year! We have an immense opportunity to change the tide in our Sunshine State - and engaging folks at Key West Pride is a critical way for us to build our grassroots community in the Keys so we can help make that change a reality. Join us as we collect Pledges to Vote for Equality, recruit new volunteers, and March in the parade! Take a look at the details and sign up at the link below!

Event: Key West Pride

Date: June 8th - June 9th, 2024

Time: 4PM - 9PM

Location: 800 Duval St.

Sign Up Link: [Sign Up to Collect Pledges with Us on Saturday June 8th!](https://www.mobilize.us/equalityflorida/event/622837/)

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LOOKING AHEAD:

The Board is seeking to keep up our exposure to, announcements of, and participation in various SOCIAL JUSTICE issues of interest to us all. To that end, we are seeking a dedicated SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAIR to keep an eye on and report all opportunities as they arise locally. INTERESTED? Please contact President Karen Blackwell at kblackwell07@yahoo.com or leave a message on our One Island Family office number: 305-296-4369

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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