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We welcome our **UUA AFFILIATE MINISTERS** on a regular basis:

Rev. Bob Murphy and Rev. Doug Slagle



**Your Search for Truth
and Meaning Begins Here**

Unitarian Universalists are people of all ages, many backgrounds, and many beliefs. Our community is held together by shared values instead of a single creed or set of doctrinal statements. Our Shared Values—interdependence, pluralism, justice, transformation, generosity, and equity—with love at the center connecting them all, are a collective reflection of the truths we hold sacred. The promises they inspire are powerful tools for nurturing one another and equipping us for faithful work in a hurting world.

NEXT BOARD MEETING, OPEN TO ALL:

Wednesday, October 8, 1 pm in our Sanctuary

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Greetings, all!

September has always been at the top of my favorite month list. While some may think of “fall” as decline, I have always thought of September as a time of new beginnings. Back in my ‘country of origin’ the air is slightly crispy, the trees sparkle with a special beauty, the full moon is magnificent, and one can enjoy the occasional sweater evening on the Jersey shore.

Here in Key West, September is a month when we dodge storm bullets, enjoy all the various specials that reward us as ‘locals,’ and begin to await the return of part year neighbors and snowbird friends. There is an element of excitement in all of that!

September is also a time for organizing. I use September to hold my yearly conversation-with-self, tackling the closets of my inner life: the people, the activities, the ways in which to spend my ‘free’ time.’ The same processes as closet cleaning work well: sort, remove clutter, reorganize. It’s time for my outer and inner worlds to reflect each other in the ways I choose for that to be. It is time to recommit to organizations; start and finish projects.

At One Island Family we get ready to reopen our sanctuary for regular services and activities. Every one of us can get involved with all of the facets thereof! If you have been sent our **Members and Friends Directory**, please spend a moment or two checking out YOUR listing and sending any new info to our admin Helen. It is accompanied by a survey re: Rev. Bob Murphy’s desire to hear what you have to say about his last season’s service offerings and he awaits your responses. Rev. Doug Slagle has been able to join us in person and will continue to do so—thus he hears your comments in person! These wonderful Affiliate Ministers are invaluable sources of spiritual sustenance.

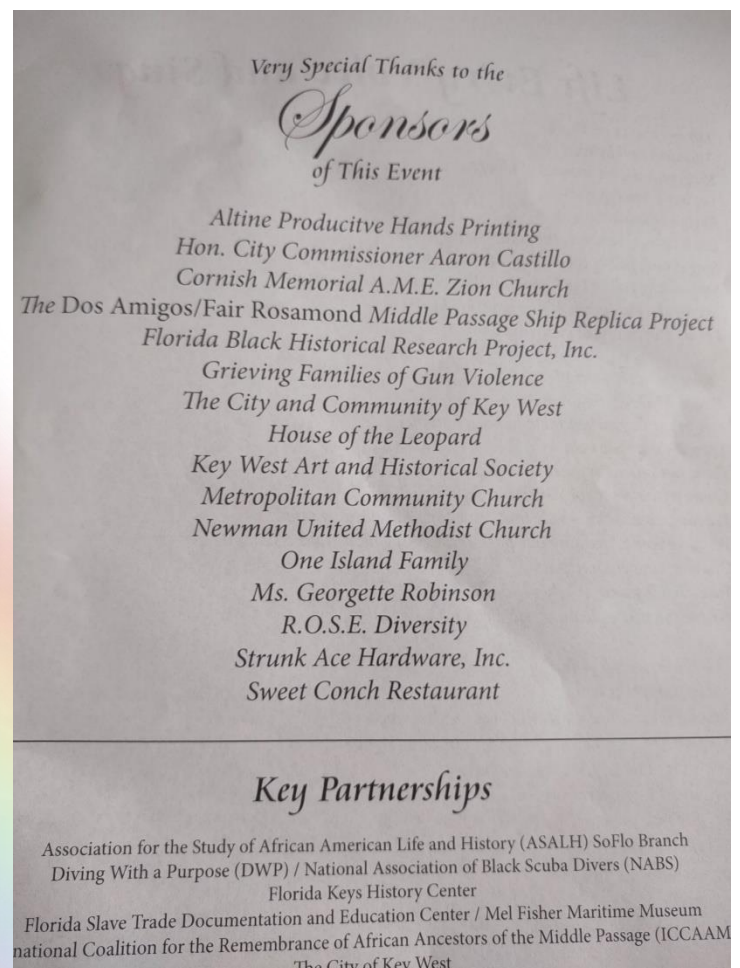
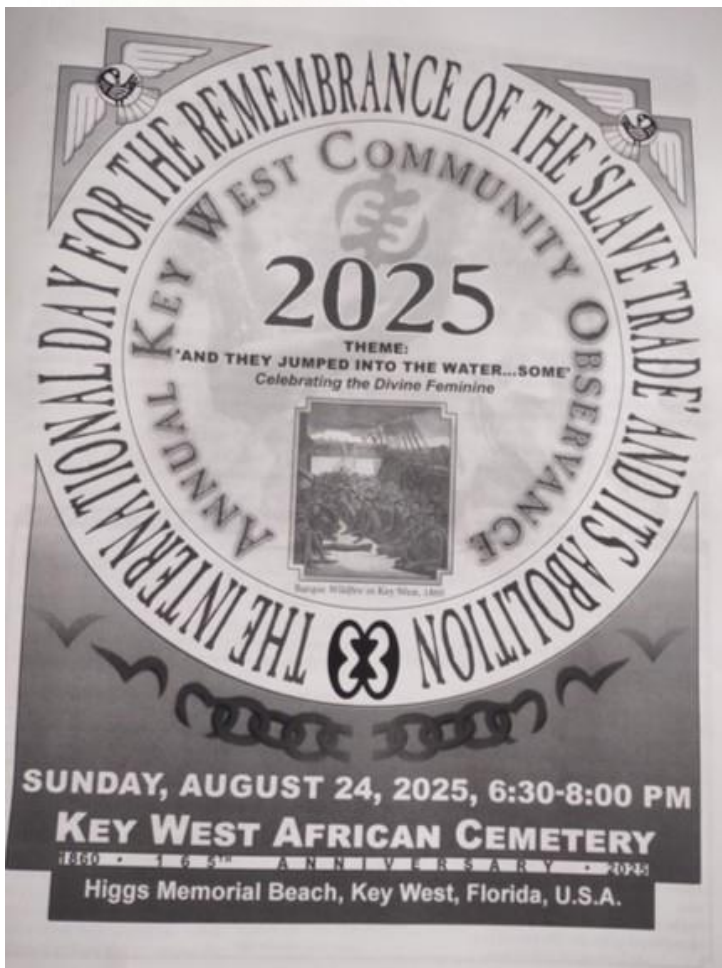
We are beginning our service planning for the next months and welcome ALL of your ideas! Reach out to our Service Planners via oneislandfamily@gmail.com and we will make it happen! Watch for announcements of other ways you can be an active participant, from helping us spruce up our space before opening to committing to cover our Welcome Desk, provide some snacks, organize a special event (UU’s who Lunch? Pool party? Locals free Sunday outing?). And Board of Directors membership? We need everyone!!

Finally I encourage all to clean our inner closets. Question openly, prioritize constantly. Your ‘cleaned closets’ may just yield the gifts of empowerment, new beginnings, commitments waiting to be made.

BLESSED BE!

Joy Brown Taylor

WE WERE PROUD TO SPONSOR THIS EVENT!!



MESSAGE FROM SIDE WITH LOVE:



SIDE WITH LOVE

As we turn toward fall, the air shifts: cooler mornings, earlier sunsets, and the invitation to gather closer together. Autumn is always a season of change, of letting go and beginning again. This year, that truth feels especially sharp. And yet, in times of change, we're reminded of the power of solidarity-how drawing close to one another, widening the circle, and moving in step with our shared values of justice, compassion, and dignity can turn endings into beginnings, and uncertainty into hope.

We are living in a time of disorientation and disruption. Authoritarian forces seek to divide us, to tell us we are powerless, to make us forget the sacred worth of our lives and our

communities. Yet even in these unsettled days, we know another truth: we are not helpless, and we are not alone.

Fall is also a season of anchoring. Of remembering what grounds us. For Unitarian Universalists, our anchors are found in love, in relationships, and in the communities we dare to build together. We are called to be bridges between grief and healing, between isolation and belonging, between the world as it is and the world as it might yet be.

And as hurricane season intensifies, we are reminded in visceral ways of how deeply we depend on one another. Disasters-whether storms, fires, or floods-underscore the need for solidarity and mutual aid. Our calling is not only to respond in times of crisis, but to nurture the kind of resilient communities where no one is left alone in the storm.

This month, Side With Love is offering resources to help you and your congregation live into that calling. From public witness to spiritual practices to collective action, we hope these offerings give you courage to keep rising in faith, in love, and in resilience.

May this season of turning remind us that change is not only loss, but possibility.

Like the hymn calls us-"return again, return to who you are"-may we return to one another, to the wisdom of our ancestors, and to the work of repair that makes life whole. May we rise together, with fierce love and steady hope, to meet the world as it is and to remake it toward justice and joy.

With love and gratitude,

The Side With Love Team

EMAIL CHANGE:

Please note, that we are phasing out our *uufkw@yahoo.com* email.

Emails to contact our office are either office@oneislandfamily.org or oneislandfamily@gmail.com.

YOGA SCHEDULE IN OUR SANCTUARY:

Jan Bergh	Mindfulness Meditation Sangha	TUE	5.30 PM
Carl Ferrette	Yoga	MON, THU	6.00 PM
Mike Mulligan	Mindful Movement	TUE, THU	10 AM
Marjorie Paul-Shook	Gentle Pilates	WED, SAT	10 AM

OUR LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ADOPTED 11/10/24

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE LAND THAT ONE ISLAND FAMILY NOW STANDS ON AND THE WATERS SURROUNDING KEY WEST, WERE THE TRADITIONAL HOMES UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE MASCOGO, SEMINOLE, TEQUESTA, CALUSA AND TAINO PEOPLES. WE COMMIT TO SHARING THE HERITAGE OF OUR UNIQUE FLORIDA KEYS ENVIRONMENT, AND TO PROMOTING ITS PRESERVATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



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