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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, August 27, 1 pm in our Sanctuary

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

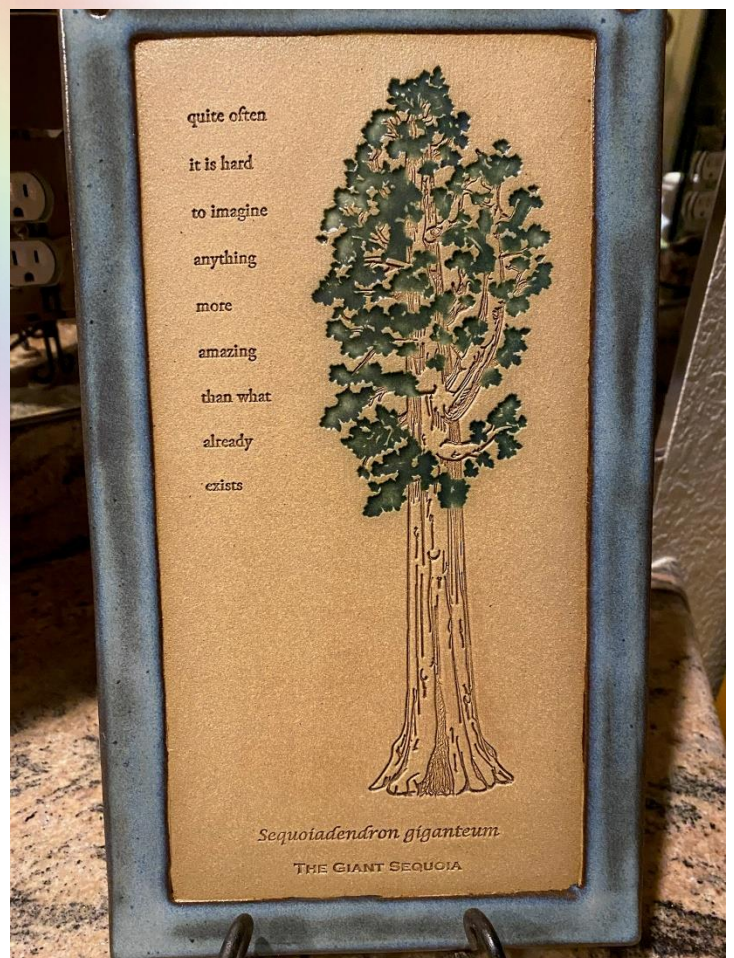
Greetings all!

I find myself in the Midwest: after 5 days in Minneapolis I am now on an idyllically situated lake in western Wisconsin. This is my definition of peaceful!

TREES have surrounded my travel friends and me everywhere. I have always had an affinity for the grandeur of nature, especially trees! Instead of words I share with you this month two photos from two past holiday messages sent to friends. May they bring you a bit of peace and laughter in these turbulent times.

Blessed be!!!!

Joy



SOME HISTORY, KEY WEST AND OUR BUILDING! (THANX TO DAVE ARNOLD)

I was over at OIF one morning and saw Mike Mulligan. He said he goes back to 1972 at 801 Georgia St. The Knights of the Cabaneros had meetings in our building.

I did a google search on Knights of the Cabaneros and came up with this information: The "Knights of the Cabaneros" in Key West refers to a group of early Cuban cigar workers who, in the late 1860s, fled to Key West to escape violence in their homeland's independence struggle. These refugees, including Knights of the Cabaneros, brought with them their expertise in cigar-making, which became a significant industry in Key West.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **Early Cuban Immigration:** Since the 1960s, numerous Cubans have emigrated, with many settling in the Keys and Key West.
- **Key West and the Cigar Industry:** The cigar industry in Key West had its origins in the 1830s, with early factories employing many workers.
- **The "Knights of the Cabaneros":** This term likely refers to a group of cigar workers, possibly with ties to a specific Cuban secret society, who came to Key West seeking refuge.
- **Impact on Key West:** The influx of Cuban immigrants, including these cigar workers, had a significant impact on Key West's culture, economy, and history.
- **Historical Significance:** Key West's close proximity to Cuba (only 90 miles away) has historically made it a destination for Cuban immigrants seeking a new life.
- ***This is also a timely reminder of the importance of our immigrant population!!***

SHARE YOUR TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES!

The City of Key West is creating a traffic safety action plan to improve safety for everyone. The planning process is funded by a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. Please share your traffic safety concerns on [this interactive map](#). Feel free to email multimodal@cityofkeywest-fl.gov with any questions.



KEY WEST RALLIES FOR ITS RAINBOW CROSSWALK

Hundreds of Key West residents took to the streets on July 26 to show their support for the city's rainbow crosswalk, which is being targeted by a new state transportation law banning "non-compliant" pavement markings.



Photo by Nick Doll

BUBBA AWARDS 2025



Kirby's Closet – winner of Best Local Retail Store
with our very own Amelia Hanley on the 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



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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