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APRIL SERVICES:

5 **Rev. Steve Torrence “The Courage to Rise”**

In this Easter message, Rev. Steve Torrence reflects on what it means to “rise” in a world marked by uncertainty, division, and ongoing conflict. Moving beyond traditional interpretations, the message explores resurrection as a lived experience—found in acts of compassion, courage, and connection. While honoring the significance of the Easter story for many Christians, this message invites us to consider how we might close the gap between what we believe and how we live, and how hope can take shape in our everyday choices.

12 **Marilyn Smith “Let’s Celebrate One Island Family!”**

We have much to celebrate for the 40th anniversary of “birth” of our congregation on March 30, 1986. Let’s share some of the ups and downs of our history. Who were the founders who held a vision for a Unitarian Universalist community here? What did a sailboat have to do with it? Did the Key West community welcome us with open arms? Imagine what our founders might think of us now, as we celebrate being a Welcoming Congregation and Green Sanctuary starting our 40th year!

19 **Hannah Edwards - Let’s visit “CFFK”**

26 **Rev. Doug Slagle “Seeking Life Harmony”**

In a world that often believes power and wealth are the keys to happiness, might we consider better alternatives? Please join Rev. Doug Slagle in a Sunday morning exploration of ways to realize a *harmonious* life.

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

Rev. Bob Murphy and Rev. Doug Slagle

**We will be zooming all services from now on - THRU END OF SEASON -
please join us in person or via zoom:**

HERE is the reusable information and link for weekly attendance via Zoom:

Zoom Link - Meeting ID – 6164793132 Password – 018xPC

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6164793132?pwd=am5Cb3puRkFGOU8vNTA-vbjRHSVZWZz09>

WELCOME SHERRY BINGAMAN!

One Island Family is delighted to share that long time snowbird Sherry Bingaman officially signed the membership book this month. Sherry has been joining us for six years during the winter. She spends the warmer months in Stevensville, Michigan where she lives with her dogs Shadow & Caesar. Joining them a 4 month old golden doodle puppy named Copper.

Sherry has a son Matt, two stepsons Reed & Ehren, and seven grandchildren. In Michigan she is a member of the UCC, St. Joseph, Michigan, First Congregational Church. She also attends BUUF = Berrien Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, when the proposed sermon topic sounds intriguing.

Sherry enjoys travel— she has become intrigued by a cross-country train trip to visit family and friends in Oregon, Washington, and California, and international travel to Paris & Spain, possibly training around England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Wherever her adventurous spirit takes her, we are thankful that Sherry spends time in Key West with us here at One Island Family. We look forward to seeing her next December hands full of pictures, stories and camaraderie.



FROM ONE ISLAND FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

FROM JOY TAYLOR:



Joy Brown Taylor, our esteemed President, has sent a few photos from her trip Down Under. She sent these photos as she was docking in Tasmania. The first two are of the aquarium. The next is from Sydney, Australia - The Opera House. "We're actually going to hear Phantom of the opera on Friday evening, it will be staged in the outdoor theater directly across from the Opera House." And another of Joy and her friend on the dock in Sydney. Keep having fun, Joy!



FROM MICHIGAN:

Our Dear friend Clare Angermann had a call with Nancy 3. Hoffman on March 25th. It was so great to hear her distinctive voice. She is staying with her son in Michigan - where she admitted that it was REALLY cold. She sends her love to all.

NANCY 3 IN "ONCE":

One Island Family Music Director, Nancy 3. Hoffman, just finished performing at the Waterfront Playhouse in a production of ONCE. She acted, played accordion, sang and danced as the Czech grandmother, Baruška. And she is grateful that so many One Island Family members came to see her and to support her in that role. Here she is with the full cast.



FROM JANET AND GODFREY AMPHLETT:

(VIA NANCY 3. HOFFMAN - From Janet)

I'm so sorry it's taken us until now to reply. It's not a reflection of the warmth and connection we feel with you and One Island Family! We DO read the newsletters and loved your enthusiasm for our modest efforts in the closet (loved the picture of the skeleton!).

We haven't been streaming the service because our own church (First Church Belmont) streams at the same time. But I am starting to watch the replays. I watched Chris from Queer Keys this morning and learned a lot. We are loving babysitting our grandchildren twice a week, and it has been interesting being in Brooklyn. I have to say, twins are WILD!

Lots of love,
Janet and Godfrey



COMINGS AND GOINGS:

Our dear friends and members, Jorge Jimenez and Ron Selge, are leaving Key West to go to Spain and California. We have loved having them back at One Island Family. We also enjoyed and learned so much from each of their presentations. And loved their fruity desserts. We look forward to seeing and hearing from them next season.

They are pictured here with Brian Weller, age 90, who was visiting on March 22nd. He regularly attends North Hills UU in Pittsburgh, PA and was pleased to find our UU in Key West. Also pictured is Nancy 3. Hoffman, music director, in her new dress.



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	SAT	10 AM
Marjorie Paul-Shook	Senior Flexibility and Balance	WED, FRI	10 AM=

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OUR LAND AND WATER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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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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