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MARCH SERVICES AT ONE ISLAND FAMILY:

2 **Rev. Will Green (zoom) "Gender is a poem."**

Rev. Green presents an expansive and affirming approach to gender, based on some stories from the book of Genesis. By "reclaiming" stories that have been used to harm people, this talk offers a fresh perspective on both gender and the ancient traditions in the Bible.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84213367628?pwd=bHlkN1E2ZjBpdHltdWwzbUIQQlFOdz09>

Meeting ID: 842 1336 7628

Passcode: 021079

9 **Rev. Doug Slagle "Life is a Cabaret - for Better or for Worse?"**

After recently enjoying the updated Broadway version of the 1970's musical "Cabaret", Rev. Doug reflected on the current one's very different message from the original. That difference is reflected by the times in which each was produced. It also speaks to an overall approach to life. Should we live fully and joyfully in the present moment, or should we spend time focused on troubling events? Rev. Doug will examine these different approaches to life and its dangers - while encouraging each person to choose one that works best.

NOTE: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS TODAY

16 **Rev. Lee Johnson "The Shenanigans of Resistance"**

Rev. Lee will share "What I Overheard at Irish Kevin's this Week."

23 **Thomas Masat "Love and Loss, An Understanding of Grief"**

30 **Boys and Girls Club**

Come and learn about this fabulous organization!

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

OUR BOARD WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 12 AT 1 PM IN OUR
SANCTUARY. ALL ARE WELCOME ANY TIME!

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Greetings, all!

What a busy and amazing month this has been! We enjoyed uplifting services. We celebrated our CFFK Unsung Hero Dave Arnold. We staged a Highway Clean Up. And we capped off February with our fun-and food-filled Chinese New Year Dinner! Major thanks to Sanling Ran for making those arrangements to bring us together. And while we are extending special thanx, let's not forget Janet and Godfrey Amphlett who spent many hours helping finish up the paint chores for Sandy's apartment while they have been in town. More examples of UUs who walk the walk and we are ever appreciative!

There is a lot of doomsday chatter lately and it is difficult to escape that language without having it permeate our lives and alter our decisions. Fear of the unknown, the different, things outside our comfort zone and range of experience is a potentially paralyzing emotion. As I write this message, Side With Love has sent an email update telling us to **"Remember: Nothing is inevitable."**

So I want to suggest that LIVING is about engaging in the present and looking to the future without that fear. Here come this month's quotes:

"The art of living successfully consists of being able to hold two opposite ideas in tension at the same time: first, to make long-term plans as if we were going to live forever; and, second, to conduct ourselves daily as if we were going to die tomorrow." (Sydney Harris)

"Living in the present moment means letting go of the past and not waiting for the future. It means living your life consciously, aware that each moment you breathe is a gift." (Oprah Winfrey)

As we look ahead to spring, I wish each of you a today filled with fearless and loving activity and a tomorrow that holds whatever you desire to plan!

Joy Brown Taylor

CATTLE CAR EXHIBIT

This Friday, February 28, Key West High School students will have the opportunity to experience the interactive **"Cattle Car Exhibit" by Hate Ends Now**. Their mission is to educate about the Holocaust in hopes of preventing hate crimes and promoting unity.

You are invited to experience the exhibit after school from 2:45-3:30. It is sure to be an impactful experience.

WEBINAR "GROUNDED, RESILIENT, AND RESPONSIBLE"

Grounded, Resilient, and Responsible:
Responding and Organizing in
Authoritarian Times

Tuesday, March 4 at 7pm ET/4pm PT

[RSVP to join!](#)



FROM AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT I'VE BEEN UP TO BY:

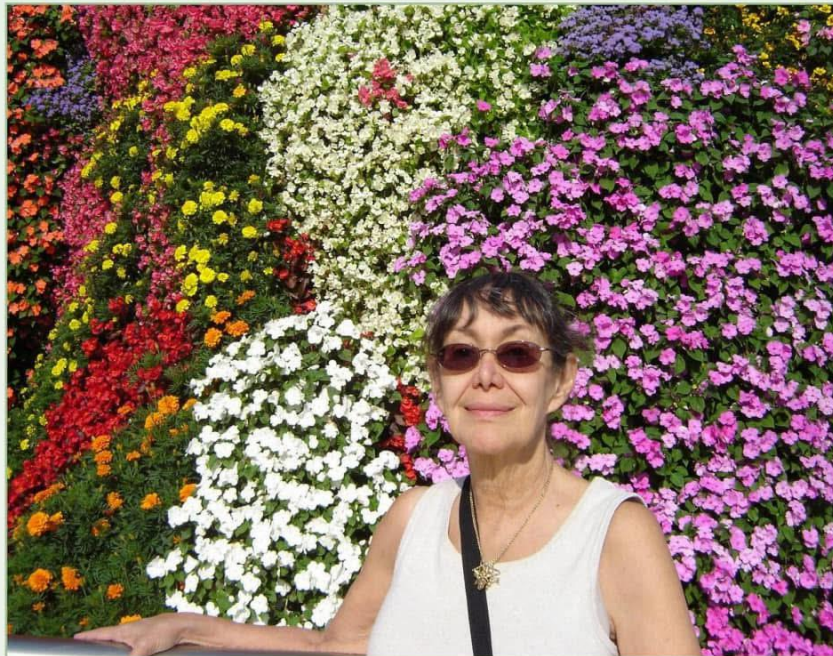


It was a good show (*in Key West* with jokes and poetry and a sexual awakening and pond hockey and the grimness of Ecclesiastes and the goodness of aunts and girl cousins, plus the singing and the buzzards, and I felt it was a genuine public service. No mention of Musk or Vance, no mention of constitutional issues, carbon emissions, climate change. Call me a coward but I saw my job as giving them an evening of freedom. When you can get Unitarians to sing joyfully about the Second Coming, you've accomplished some good in the world. I wish my mother had been there.

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Live Orchid Auction and Silent Auction
Music provided by Local Favorites
Plein-air Painting by popular Local Artist



MARCH 15, 2025
SATURDAY
2:00PM -5:00PM
THE GARDENS HOTEL
526 ANGELA STREET

In loving memory of Connie Gilbert and her remarkable legacy of advocacy
and support for those in need.

The Connie Gilbert Scholarship Fund provides Scholarships to women
in the Florida Keys who want to continue to further their education.

Sponsored by Key West National Organization for Woman
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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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