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NOVEMBER 2025

NOVEMBER SERVICES:

- 2 Rev. Steve Torrence “Don’t Dream it - Be It”**
- 9 Social Sunday "A Time to be Together and SHARE”**
- 16 Living Our Community.**
Join us as we talk about everyday life, support and our caring community. Amelia will be facilitating some meaningful efforts into your Sunday
- 23 Rev. Doug Slagle returns! “Pilgrims, Puritans, and Politics Today”.**
A brief history of politicized Christianity in America, where that “movement” is directed today, and how our nation might use some of the better sentiments behind the first Thanksgiving as a guide for us today.
- 30 Belle Jampol – “My Musical Journey... Not your average Hayride.”**

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

Rev. Bob Murphy and Rev. Doug Slagle

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS ('fall back'): Sunday, November 2!!

NEXT BOARD MEETING, OPEN TO ALL:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 12:45 (note the day and time change) in our Sanctuary
-- and WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER, RAY ATKINSON!

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Greetings, All!

I begin with words borrowed from dear Tosha--which moved me to tears:

"Today we return to One Island Family for the first time since June. The sanctuary feels new again. It is as if the walls themselves have been waiting to listen.

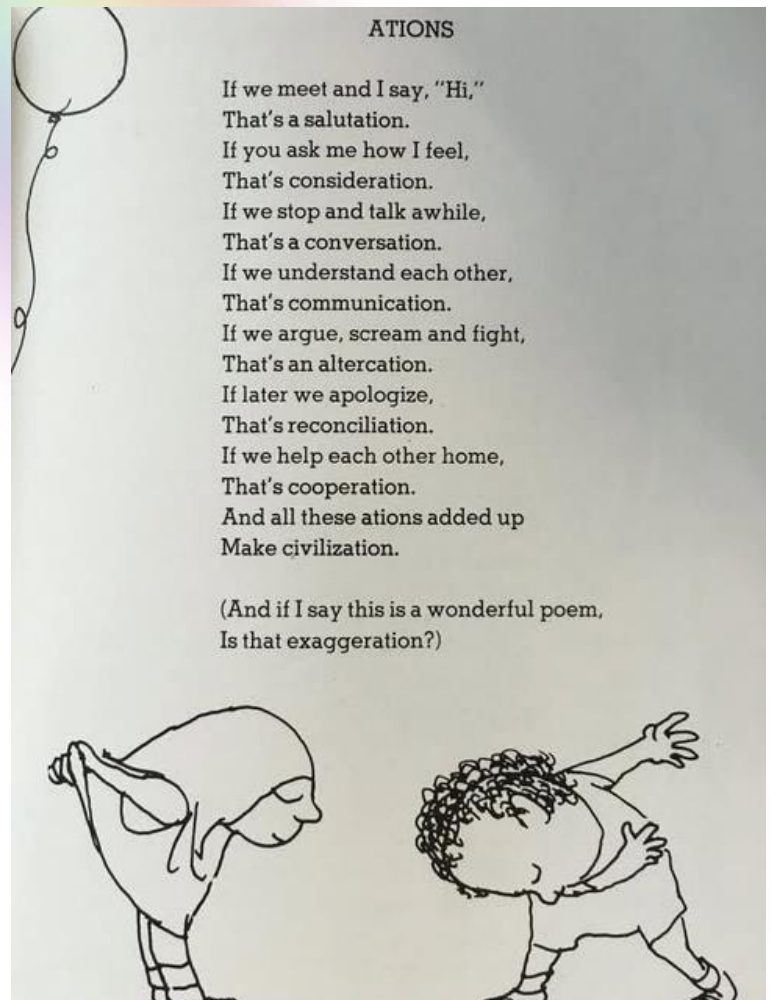
During Joys and Sorrows, we drop a stone into the water. Silence carries what words cannot. The ripples move outward, brushing against everything they meet. Even the smallest gesture — love spoken aloud or a message sent in time — can travel farther than we realize." (quote from Tosha Snyder 10/26/25 on Meta)

We embarked on our journey 2025-26 with joyous celebration of 25 Years of ONE HUMAN FAMILY, led by JT Thompson, our member and friend. UNITY is the ever-present message from JT; KIND CONNECTIONS were shared by many "the smallest gesture"; and JT reiterated his words from a local informational article: "I hope One Human Family can continue to unite people and bring down the artificial barriers that keep the world seeing situations as 'us versus them.' In reality, there is no 'them' — there's just the rest of us in another place."

So we at One Island Family launch into another year of living, breathing and sharing **our** welcoming and compassionate perspective, as articulated by our Principles. May we rise to challenges, may we assist as we are able, may we share and care, may we be the people we want to be!

I share the Shel Silverstein poem that was in the OOS this past Sunday for those not with us in person. Enjoy! and BLESSED BE!

Joy Brown Taylor



FINAL REMINDER - ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY:

We have scheduled our community service highway cleanup for Saturday, Nov 1. We'll meet at 10:30 AM at Baby's Coffee, 3180 US Highway 1, MM 15. Our cleanup area is from MM 14 to 16. You may have noticed the signs at each end of our area saying this part of the Overseas Highway is maintained by One Island Family. We need your help to help our community and our environment— please mark your calendar and come participate.

We all need to watch the safety video before going out for the cleanup. The video is on the Florida Dept of Transportation web site:

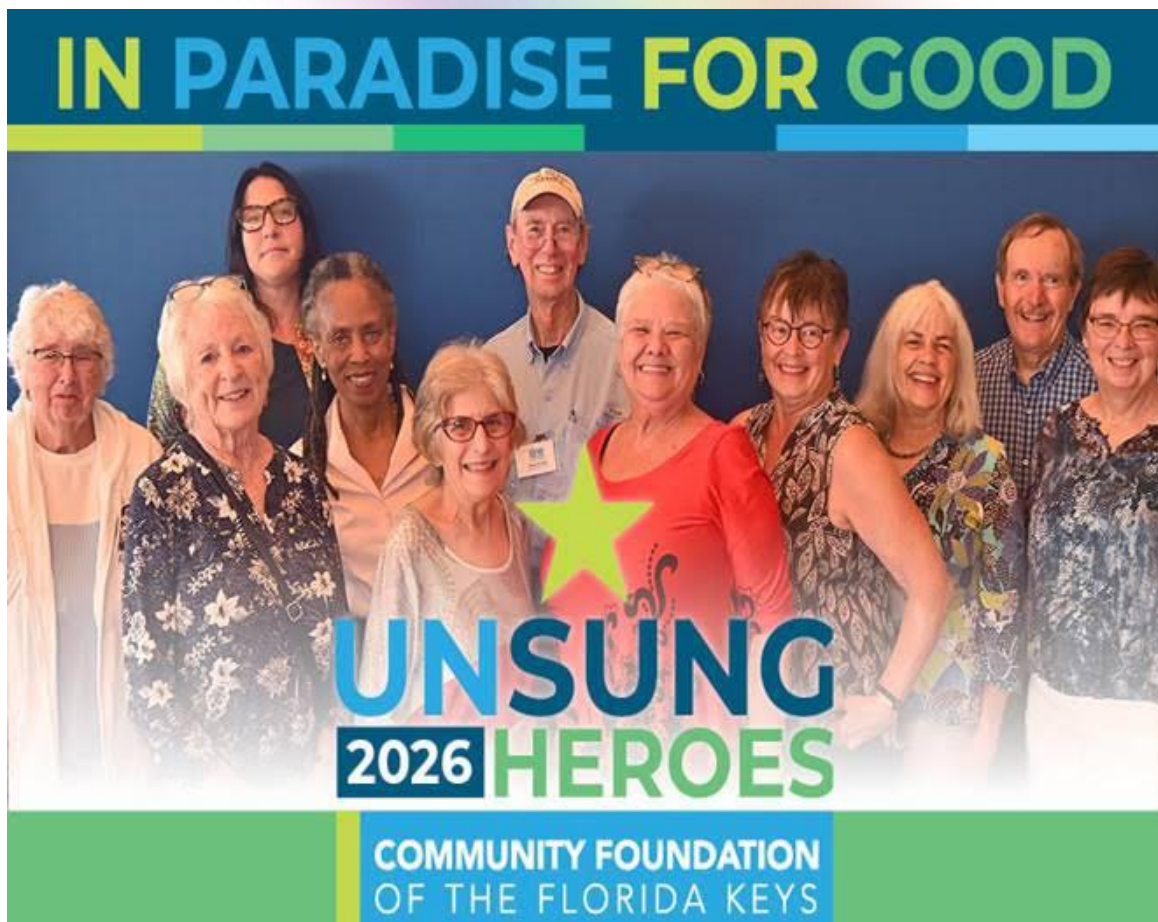
<http://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/aahinfo.shtm>.

If you need transportation, please let me know.

Dave Arnold, 757-285-1609, Dave.Arnold@NetZero.Net.

PLAN AHEAD:

Save the date for our annual *Unsung Heroes* Celebration, honoring the best volunteers in Monroe County. Friday, February 6, 2026



THANKSGIVING DINNER AT OIF:

We will be 'hosting'! Watch for more details in the coffee area and sign up to join in the celebration!

Great Events Catering “presents” Thanksgiving

Pick Up on Thanksgiving Day • 10am-3pm
\$160 (dinner for 4) • \$40 for each additional person

MENU

Rotisserie style oven roasted carved turkey
Traditional giblet gravy
Roasted green bean casserole with wild mushroom “gravy” & crispy onions
Homemade cranberry orange chutney
Garlic mashed potatoes
Cornbread roasted apple sage stuffing
Homemade potato rolls

Additional Sides • \$40 each • 1/2 Pan (6-8) Servings

Fuji Apple Salad, butter lettuce, pecan praline, smoked blue cheese,
dried cranberries, cider vinaigrette
Garlic herb roasted vegetables with maitre d’butter
Roasted brussel sprouts with bacon, honey and balsamic
Sweet potato hash with chorizo, grilled corn and caramelized onions
White cheddar mac and cheese, parmesan buttered breadcrumbs

Pre Dinner
Cocktail Party

Charcuterie Board \$175 (10 people)
assorted meats, cheese, and antipasti
traditional accoutrements, crackers, and crostini



Order by Monday November 24th, 2025
at 5:00pm

Pick up at 925 Truman Ave
(side entrance on packer street)

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GREAT EVENTS

A COUPLE OF NEW "ARRIVALS" IN OUR COFFEE AREA!

Paper Clip Protest

"Subtler than a red hat, more powerful as a CONNECTION."

Norwegian teachers and students wore paper clips to signal their opposition to Nazi occupation. They attached them to their lapels and wore them as jewelry, a symbol of solidarity binding them together as paper clips did with papers. **It was a quiet act of defiance**, expressing that Norwegians remained united against Nazi rule.

Our defiance can and must be loud and public at this point. But the quiet symbol of solidarity on someone's collar when you walk into a crowded room? Genius. And much better than a red hat.

HELP YOURSELF TO A PAPER CLIP!!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- serve as a Sunday greeter
- organize/host a TWIS, a potluck,
an old or new fund raising activity,
a community outreach event

SEE/CONTACT: Joy Brown Taylor
(305)587-7833; jbt22ster@gmail.com

A H MONROE:

Help Keep Our Community Fed 🍲❤️

With the uncertainty around SNAP benefits this month, our Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is already seeing a surge in need — including many first-time visitors.

You can help!

Donate non-perishable food items — especially peanut butter and jelly — any day between 9 AM – 4 PM at the Neece Center (2221 Patterson Ave, Key West).

Make a financial contribution at ahmonroe.org/donate and designate it for the Food Pantry — every dollar helps keep shelves stocked.

The pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 9 AM – 4 PM for anyone in need.

Thank you for helping make sure everyone in our community has enough to eat. 🍷

ONE ISLAND FAMILY CHOIR RETURNS:

Beginning on Sunday, November 16th, everyone is invited to sing with the One Island Family choir. No experience necessary. Just show up at 10:15 and we practice until a bit before the service, and then we sing! If you let me know ahead of time that you will be coming, I will send out the music and an audio/visual recording of the song(s). Every week the music is custom designed for the singers that show up. Please join us! Nancy 3. Hoffman, Music Director, 3nancy3@gmail.com

A couple of our musical endeavors can be heard at these Youtube links. <https://youtu.be/-8nSgh-M56k> and <https://youtu.be/ZEnjGPAKR>



Choir from November 2022. Nancy 3. Hoffman, music director; Toby Armour, Joy Wood, Marilyn Smith, Claire Hurd and JT Thompson.

WE ARE BACK!!!

And the pictures prove it! On October 26 we welcomed **LELAND HURD** as our newest member of record **and** we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of One Human Family with a rainbow cake--shared by all with **JT THOMPSON!!**



WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY ON KEY WEST CITY COMMISSION AGENDA:

The Key West City Commission will be discussing the proposed whistleblower policy on Wednesday, November 5th, item 46 on the agenda. You are encouraged to share your thoughts.



FROM SUNSHINE CLUSTER:

The Southeast Florida Cluster, dba The



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Leadership that Meets the Moment

Feeling the weight of these times?
Or maybe you're just wondering how to stay positive?

Our program is designed to help you:
Recharge with integrity and courage
Gain tools for today's congregational challenges
Build relationships in Florida
Reconnect with the heart of why we lead

*Whether you're on the board, greet at the door, run the tech, or
show up faithfully behind the scenes—this space is for you.*

Facilitated by Natalie Briscoe, Lead, Southern Region, UUA

Sat., Nov. 8, 2025 1-4 pm Zoom; Free

To register & receive the link send your name &
congregation to sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com

THE GATHERING: WHAT'S NEXT AFTER NO KINGS:

Monday, November 10 at 8pm ET / 5pm PT

Together, we'll:

- Build skills and strategies for strategic noncompliance.
- Trace our radical UU lineage of history-making action.
- Recommit to the transformative love that fuels our struggle for democracy.



[REGISTER NOW](#)

We've witnessed history — now let's shape what comes next.

In faith and solidarity,

The UU the Vote Team

Side With Love | Unitarian Universalist Association

UUA: SAVE THE DATE



Justice Summit

Nov 21 - 22, 2025

Fortify connection. Deepen learning. Take action.

A Training & Fundraiser to Benefit UURISE

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS IN KEY WEST LIBRARY:



Find the event calendar here:

<https://monroecountypb.librarycalendar.com/events/month>

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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