

ONE ISLAND FAMILY

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December 2025

DECEMBER SERVICES:

- 7 Jorge Jimenez: "Travels and Returning Home" and Our Land Acknowledgement renewal
- 14 Rev. Doug Slagle: "People of the Light"
- 21 Rev. Bob Murphy: "December: Back to Basics"
- 28 Dr. Arnold Kerzner: "Recovering from Trauma"



OUR WORSHIP SERVICES WILL ALL BE AVAILABLE ON ZOOM THROUGH THE HOLIDAY PERIOD - SO HOPE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM FOR THE 4 SUNDAYS OF DECEMBER!!

HERE is the reusable link for weekly attendance via zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6164793132?pwd=am5Cb3puRkFGOU8vNTAvbjRHSVZWZz09>

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

Rev. Bob Murphy and Rev. Doug Slagle

NEXT BOARD MEETING, OPEN TO ALL:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, AT 12:45 in our Sanctuary

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Greetings, all!

'Tis the season: the time of year when we can concentrate on thanksgiving, appreciation, counting our blessings: in a word, GRATITUDE. It's the time to set aside the dark and embrace the light, to forgive ourselves and each other, to focus on recognition and acknowledgement of all that is good in our lives. It's the time to be mindful, to be appreciative, to be thankful. Live, learn, laugh daily.

"Gratitude and attitude are not challenges; they are choices." (Robert Braathe)

What will you add to your gratitude list? I start with family. I add friends. I add the beauties with which we are surrounded in the FL Keys, starting with glorious sunrises and ending with spectacular sunsets. I add the richness of our local community, its cultural diversity, its talented artistic citizens, its appreciative audiences.

And I add our Beloved Community at One Island Family. We meet, we share, we listen, we respect, we play and work with and for each other.

"Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world." (John Milton)

In this, our season of gratitude and celebrations, I wish you all recognized blessings.

Joy Brown Taylor



WE CAN ALL HELP!

We are partnering with MCC for greater giving in greater numbers!

The BOGO Bag is now available in our entry room. That collection of BOGO and non-perishable food items will be delivered to FKOC Food Pantry as collected.

Both of our congregations will collect those non-perishable items AS WELL AS collecting \$25 gift cards that will go to the c. 250 Cooking with Love participants just before the holidays.

LOOK FOR THERED COLLECTION BASKET in the coffee area for those gift cards DONATIONS.

PLEASE BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY THAT CARES AS YOU ARE ABLE!

ONE ISLAND FAMILY CHOIR RETURNS:

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

PLEDGES AND ANNUAL MEETING:

Our annual members meeting is coming up January 25, 2026. To be a member qualified to vote at that meeting you must have signed our membership book by **12/26/25**.

Additionally, you have to have submitted a pledge for 2026 and made a good faith minimum payment of at least **\$5.00** on your pledge before **1/10/26**.

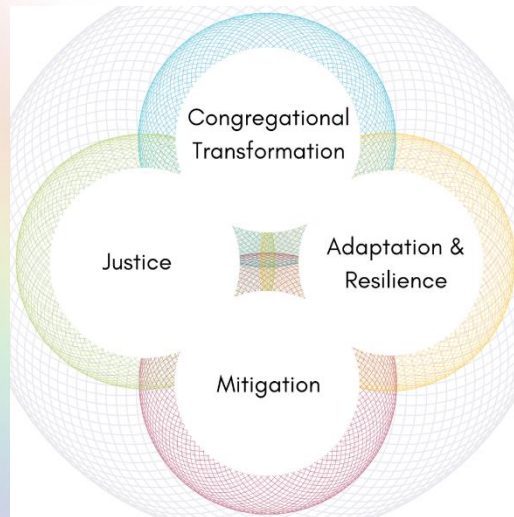
If you have any questions, please give me a call - Dave 757-285-1609

OUR CHANGE FOR CHANGE LIST IS UPDATED AND INCLUDES:

MCC (Cooking with Love); Habitat for Humanity; Boys and Girls Club; Keys to Be the Change; KWISN(Key West Immigrant Support Network). For every \$100 of loose change collected, we donate to one of our designated recipients--so please bring your change on Sundays!

GREEN SANCTUARY 2030:

One Island Family is preparing to apply by the end of December to become a [Green Sanctuary 2030](#), which is focused on mobilizing for climate justice. Ray Atkinson, who serves on the Board of Directors, is leading the application process.



If you want to help him or learn more, Ray can be reached at gismap1@gmail.com or 704-787-5859.

DUVAL LOOP SUSPENDED:

The Duval Loop will be suspended on January 1, 2026. Ray Atkinson, who is the Sustainable Transportation Coordinator at the City of Key West, is pursuing new revenues in hopes of being able to restart the Duval Loop by the start of the new fiscal year, which starts on October 1st. The City of Key West will be organizing public meetings soon to discuss how to make the Duval Loop and the overall transportation system operate more efficiently. If you have any questions, concerns, or efficiency ideas, Ray can be reached at ray.atkinson@cityofkeywest-fl.gov or 305-809-399.



KEYS CHORAL ARTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:

The annual Eaton Street Stroll is on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 3:30. The concert kick-off is at Key West United Methodist Church. This is a free event, where the audience 'strolls' from venue to venue. This family-friendly event is always fun! We hope to see you there!

Eaton St Stroll

SUN, DEC 7 2025
3:30PM - 7:00PM
KICK-OFF @ KEY WEST UNITED METHODIST

Join us for a magical holiday event featuring festive performances by local choirs, unique gifts & art at local galleries and holiday hospitality! Soak up the island cheer with friends and family all afternoon in the heart of Old Town!

Brought to you by Keys Choral Arts

Key West United Methodist Church 3:45pm Concert - 600 Eaton St	Keys Choral Arts @ The Studios 2 concerts: 5:00pm & 6:45pm
Tropic Cinema Christmas Short film - 416 Eaton St	Key West Woman's Club 6pm - Bahama Village Community Orchestra
Key West Theater 512 Eaton St	The Studios of Key West 533 Eaton St
Key West Fine Wines 700 Eaton St	Williams Hall 729 Fleming St
The Oldest House & Gardens 322 Duval St	Poco Pelo Chic 627 Eaton St

AND HOLIDAY CONCERT 2025!



Sunday, December 14 ♦ 4pm
Tennessee Williams Theater

Director: Timothy Peterson ♪ *Accompanist: Lou Ann Steely*

Tickets starting at \$25/adults, \$10/students under 18

visit our website at KeysChoralArts.org or find us on Facebook

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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