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JANUARY 2026

JANUARY SERVICES:

- 4 **"Rev. Faerie" Elaine Silver "Sacred Activism."** (*zoom available*)
Sacred activism is the practice of aligning our values with meaningful action for justice peace, and the Earth. It honors both inner integrity and outward engagement, reminding us that how we act matters as much as what we seek to change. We punctuate the material with music and singing, which helps to better embody the ideas presented, creates a higher group and individual frequency, and just plain feels good. :).
- 11 **Rev. Bob Murphy "American Revolution: Work in Progress"** (*zoom available*)
- 18 **Geoff Kaufman "From The Diggers to No Kings: The Power of Song in Social Movements"**
- 25 **Rev. Doug Slagle "Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Power of Understanding, Forgive and Loving Our Enemies"**

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

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Greetings, all!

Another year dawns—in which I wish you all time to live, learn and laugh daily.

I invite you to '***COME CLIMB MY HILL***' (*Winston O. Abbott*):

"because--
you have listened
to the heartbeat of the earth
you are especially invited to—
come climb my hill
and share with me--
the quietude of woodland paths--
the friendly patter of the rain--
evening skies splashed with the crimson fires of sunset--
vesper songs and wishing stars--
moon drenched meadows and the majesty of storms--
come share these things of beauty--
come -- come climb my hill--
.....

it is the sense of mystery--
that gives to life--
its majesty--
for it comes--it goes--
it is the song of bird upon the branch--
it is the silence when the song is gone--
it is as fragile as a spark before the wind--
and yet its light may rise to be another star--
it is the radiance of the dawn--
and the mysterious pathway to the dark--
.....

do you not know--
that our lives-- both yours and mine--
are woven into one
by countless fragile threads of different colored dreams--
.....
live slowly--
through each fleeting day--
remembering--
always remembering--
that a life is but a footstep on the journey toward perfection--
each day a tiny speck upon the vastness of eternity--
each hour a grain of sand beneath our faltering feet--
for time is of man's own dreaming--"

May we all find HOPE, PEACE and LOVE in the coming days!! BLESSED BE.
Joy Brown Taylor

PLEDGES AND ANNUAL MEETING:

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGES!!!

Our annual members meeting is coming up **FEBRUARY 1, 2026**. To be a member qualified to vote at that meeting you must have signed our membership book by 1/2/26.

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 1/17/26.

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE ANNUAL MEETING:

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!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS:

WE PARTNERED with MCC for GREATER GIVING in greater numbers DURING THIS SEASON OF LOVE AND CARE! The thank you is below from our FOOD PANTRY ADDITIONS and the folks who received our GIFT CARD DONATIONS through Cooking with Love were equally appreciative! Thank you to all who were able to participate!



2026 UNSUNG HEROS CELEBRATION:



2026 Unsung Heros Celebration is Friday, February 6th, 2026, Beachside Resort, Key West. Additional tickets are on sale now.

Participating nonprofits can now purchase up to 10 additional tickets each. Support your Hero and their organization at one of the most inspiring events of the year.

- Extra tickets are \$65 and include lunch.*
- if you need assistance with this amount, please see Joy
- Each organization can purchase up to 10 additional tickets. (12-top tables)
- First come, first served.

SEE THE SIGN UP IN THE COFFEE AREA!

MLK JR. SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST:

The annual IMA MLK, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast is fast approaching on January 19, \$25 per ticket! See info below. Joy has tickets ;-)



Martin Luther King Jr.
BREAKFAST SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



"We must forever
conduct our struggle
on the high plane of
dignity and discipline."
-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Key West United Methodist Church
600 Eaton St

MONDAY ~ JANUARY 19th
9:00 am

TICKETS \$25

 **ALL proceeds go toward funding
Key West High School Scholarships**

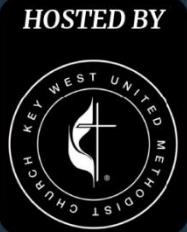
FEATURED SPEAKERS

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INTERFAITH
MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
ONE SPIRITUAL FAMILY

Rev. John Hill
&
Rev. Leo Green

For tickets, please call
305-296-2392

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VIDEO OF DR. KERZNER'S PRESENTATION:

Dr. Arnold Kerzner spoke about "Recovering from Trauma" on December 28th. Here is the link to the video of that very enlightening talk.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1scA-h_awji32AJKs-9S1PV8iBK2cn5ye/view?usp=sharing

BOARD MEETING:

Our illustrious Board at the December meeting - from left around the table, Claire Hurd, Amelia Hanley, Joy Brown Taylor, Alana Robles, Dave Arnold, Ray Atkinson. We thank you for all your hard work to make One Island Family an active, welcoming and compassionate congregation!



MUSICAL JOY:

Claire and Leland Hurd treated us to gift kazoos, and a group rendition of "Joy to the World" on December 21st. Here is a photo and link to the video, <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/hddufyszzke>.

With rev. Bob Murphy in the background





David Lightman sang an original song Entitled Merry Christmas to open our Service on December 21st. It was a beautiful and heartfelt piece of music. Here with Amelia Hanley.



Karen Grant Margil brought us more holiday joy and music with her song "Lala's Holiday Song." Assisted by Nancy 3. Hoffman. With dr. Arnold Kerzner behind.

BENEFIT FOR JAMAICA:

Local musicians will perform at a musical benefit for hurricane ravaged Jamaica from 5 to 10 pm, Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Key West Cultural Center Music Scene at American Legion Post 168, 803 Emma St. Bill Hoebee will serve as MC and catering will be provided by Yahman Jamaican Restaurant.

For tickets, visit keystix.com

NEW EXERCISE OPPORTUNITY:

At One Island Family!

Join MARJORIE PAUL-SHOOK to build strength and prevent injury through SENIOR FLEXIBILITY and BALANCE! Starting January 21st, this class will meet twice weekly, \$15/class, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY MORNINGS at 10AM

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 AND WATER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

ADOPTED 11/10/24, AMENDED 12/7/25

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.

WELCOME!

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