

## ONE ISLAND FAMILY

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## MAY 2025

### MAY AND JUNE SERVICES AT ONE ISLAND FAMILY:

#### MAY

##### **4 Rev. Bob Murphy "Bread and Roses."**

How can a small congregation like One Island Family be helpful in its community? Rev. Bob Murphy and Lyn Dalzell will share stories about cooking, baking, and gardening during some challenging times. Today's menu includes joy and justice. Wear your aprons, if you like.

##### **11 Rev. Doug Slagle "How to Genuinely Honor Mom (and Dad)."**

Join Rev. Doug as he encourages moving beyond annual holidays that supposedly appreciate mom and dad. Instead, he will suggest ways to authentically love any parent every day of the year.

##### **18 Queer Keys**

The political realignment in 2025 presents a significant challenge to LGBTQIA+ Americans, particularly our most marginalized community members. Join Chris McNulty from Queer Keys for a lesson and discussion about queer identities in 2025 and how we can build a more resilient community.

##### **25 Annual on site potluck picnic with SHARING of thoughts and plans**

#### JUNE

##### **1 Rev. Bob Murphy "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion."**

The first day of hurricane season. Unitarian Universalists work with others to provide safe places. We defend community programs for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Why are these concerns important in our faith tradition?

**Thereafter One Island Family will ease into the 'off months' for our local community.**

Have an idea for a fun get-together? First Sunday/free day excursion for locals?  
Picnic at Ft. Zach? UU's who lunch date?

Reach out to [oneislandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:oneislandfamily@gmail.com) and let us know!

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

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## MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SERVICE

**Our service this week**, presented by our Affiliate Minister, Rev. Doug Slagle, will be **“How to Genuinely Honor Mom (and Dad).”**

Doug will be in person at One Island Family, AND we plan to Zoom the service as well, we will do that at this Zoom link, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Feel free to join us!

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

## OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The One Island Family Board will meet on May 14 at 1 PM in the sanctuary. Any and all are welcome to attend.

## PRESIDENT’S NOTE

Greetings, all!

Ever have one of those mornings—you know, the kind where you get up but you are having a hard time self-motivating? To be fair, I have been fighting the prevalent “Key West crud” and getting lots of overdue sleep. Dragged myself through my morning coffee, got around to chores (you know: change the bed, laundry, run the dishwasher, start to return to normalcy!) and somewhere in the process thereof life as usual was reaffirmed. Time to refocus! Time to be positive!

We are winding down our regular services’ year at One Island Family and I already miss all of the wonderful ‘snowbirds’ and the energy they bring to us! So thank you all—and see you in the fall! In the meantime, we have some great services lined up through June 1 and I hope to see our Key West regulars these Sundays! Additionally

we will of course be participating in the Pride parade, scheduled this year for the last Sunday in June (6/29) so watch for the upcoming details about that!

We are small but mighty, gang—and I am heartened by newer members taking participatory roles in several arenas! Again I encourage any and all to join in the planning, to put together an impromptu gathering over the summer or in the fall, to share your news and travels with us via CARING CONNECTORS (and pictures are great!). We scatter but we are forever One Island Family!

Well, there you have it. My day is begun and I face it with the conviction that life is inherently good.

Look To This Day  
For it is life,  
The very life of life.  
In its brief course lie all  
The realities and verities of existence,  
The bliss of growth,  
The splendor of action,  
The glory of power . . .

For yesterday is but a dream,  
And tomorrow is only a vision.  
But today, well lived,  
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness  
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.  
Look well, therefore, to this day.  
Such is the salutation to the ever-new dawn!

*(Kalidasa)*

Joy Brown Taylor

## A FOND FAREWELL UNTIL FALL:

Our much beloved and appreciated Music Director, Nancy 3. Hoffman, is heading north to her home and Umbrella Cover Museum in Maine. We will miss her smile, her enthusiasm and her caring and already will be looking forward to her return!

Travel safely, dear Nancy 3. ❤️

## PRIDE PARADE

One Island Family will be marching in the 2025 Pride Parade Jun 29. Assembly for the parade is at Truman Annex. We'll have a golf cart available so you can get a ride. The Parade kicks off at 7:00PM so we'll all need to be there a bit earlier. More details later. Please mark your calendar to reserve the date.



Link for more information: <https://gaykeywestfl.com/pride/>

## JUNETEENTH

**Juneteenth** in Key West, FL, is observed on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Key West City offices are closed on this day, and the holiday commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, in 1865. More detail to come - past years there's been a observance ceremony at African Cemetery near White St pier.

## POETRY SUNDAY REMEMBERED!



-J.M. Varela, a/k/a Jean Gregory, Poet Laureate of the Conch Republic, with two longtime UU members, Tom Clements and Ray McKnight.



-L. To r. On Poetry Sunday: Tom Clements, Ray McKnight, Clare Angermann, Nancy 3. Hoffman, Amelia Hanley, Bill Palmisano, Jean Gregory, and Alana Robles in front.

## SIDE WITH LOVE



Join The Gathering, Side With Love's monthly virtual event to strengthen your spirit, make sense of the threats to democracy, and take meaningful action alongside others.

This month at The Gathering, we will be anchored in the poetry of Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto and Side with Love's Nicole Pressley will invite us into learning about strategy and what makes economic strategies like boycotts successful (or not!).

### Join The Gathering:

RSVP for [The Gathering Monday, May 12th](#)

8 ET, 7 CT, 6 MT, 5 PT

## ADOPT A HIGHWAY

It looked like our Apr 26 clean up would be canceled because of the rain showers early Saturday morning. But the storm moved out and the weather cleared in time to do our cleanup. With 3 of us, we picked up 15 pounds of recycling and 35 pounds of trash. We also found about 50 ft of multi-wire communication cable in the bushes beside the road. It was too much for us to handle but we did get it out of the bushes and on to the Navy drive way where it is visible and, we hope, properly removed and disposed of by someone with the required capacity.



Liz Levi and Grandson Tyro



## CARING CONNECTIONS

*This is an easy way to share and care! Send any announcements, pictures of travels, events etc. to [oneislandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:oneislandfamily@gmail.com) and let us all know what you are up to!*

This month **SEBASTIAN FLOWERS** and **JAIME YERXA** are getting married on May 15 at Disney World! Seems like only yesterday they were part of our One Island Family! Sending loving wishes for health and happiness to them both!

Here is an update on the travels of our dear **CLAIRE HURD**:

I arrived safely in Fairbanks, Alaska somehow enjoying perfect weather for two and a half weeks and 5000 miles by road and ferry across the country. Enjoyed coffee with OIF friend Marsha Sousa shortly after arriving, and on Sunday participated in an engaging service at UU Fellowship of Fairbanks on the subject of 'Cognitive Distortions.'

I am in the process of setting up housekeeping with two roommates (it's an adjustment, but

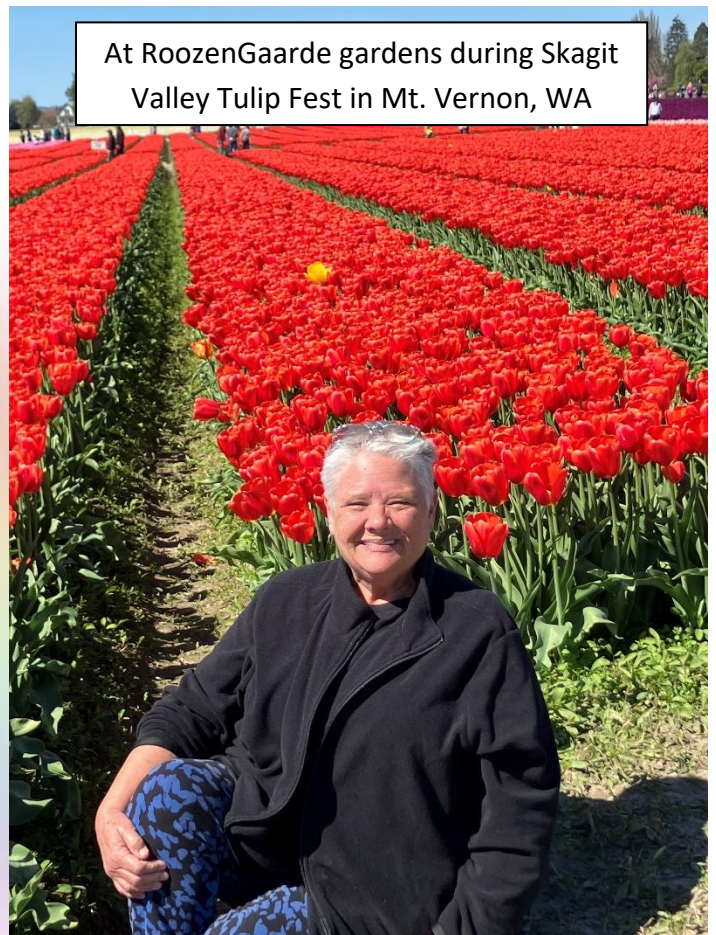


hey we may become a modern version of 'The Golden Girls' by end of summer), and going through training classes to be a guest services host. The sun sets around 10:30 pm in late April here, but temps still dip to freezing at night. Heaps of snow are melting in the corners of most parking lots around town. Daytime is in the 50's — 'mud season' in local parlance.

View from apt balcony in Fairbanks



At RoozenGaarde gardens during Skagit Valley Tulip Fest in Mt. Vernon, WA



Love to all at OIF!

Claire

News from **NANCY 3.**

It is time for me to be a snowbird and fly north. It has been another wonderful, warm and musical season here at One Island Family. I truly appreciate all of the support, enthusiastic singing, and encouragement I get from all of you. I look forward to our return in the fall.

### NANCY 3. in NEW YORK CITY

Dear One Island Family - I made my 54 second Off-Broadway debut on Sunday 5/4 in a show called 54/54/54. It was 54 performers, each with 54 seconds to sing, at 54 Below (club) on 5/4. It was exciting and fun! I thought you might like to see it. There is another version on Facebook. Feel free to share as you wish. Or to play it whenever you miss me this summer. See you in the fall when I return!

Here is the video, which starts at my performance:

[https://youtu.be/r\\_KhCFkmHlo?si=w1tbXprAqhJOjY-t&t=2m30s](https://youtu.be/r_KhCFkmHlo?si=w1tbXprAqhJOjY-t&t=2m30s).

You can watch the other three performers on this short film if you start back at the beginning.

AND right after that, my Klezmer Band, The Casco Bay Tummlers, is having a CD release party on May 17th in Portland, Maine. If you know anyone near there, pass on this flyer, please. I will let you know when those tracks become available to download as well.

FINALLY, The Umbrella Cover Museum will be reopening for its 29th season on May 24th. There will be a new exhibit of international flag umbrella covers, and we will work hard to maintain our Guinness World Record for the most umbrella covers. You can see more at our website [www.umbrellacovermuseum.org](http://www.umbrellacovermuseum.org), or [www.Facebook.com/umbrellacovermuseum](https://www.facebook.com/umbrellacovermuseum), or on Instagram @umbrellacovermuseum.

*Wishing you all a wonderful summer. As Roy Rogers and Dale Evans sang, "Til we meet again!"*

*Nancy 3. Hoffman, Music Director, One Island Family*



#### THE CASCO BAY TUMMLERS WITH JAMIE SAFT ALBUM RELEASE PARTY

SPACE

538 Congress St., Portland

Saturday, May 17, 2025

8:00pm (doors at 7:30pm)

\$20 advance / \$25 day of show / SPACE members \$2 off

<https://space538.org/>

[info@space538.org](mailto:info@space538.org)

207.828.5600

## FEAR AND LOVE IN A RED STATE – A MESSAGE FROM BRAVER/WISER

*“Love is stronger than fear, but only if we participate in love.”*

—Amy Julia Becker

Read the article by Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti [here](#)

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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**



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