

UUFKW January 25, 2012 Weekly E-letter

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Weekly E-Letter Deadline: Tuesday 5 p.m. Sunday Announcements Deadline: Thursday Noon

Sunday, January 29, 2012 Service:

THE JOURNEY WE SHARE - Water Communion and New Member Sunday

Bring some real or symbolic water from your journeys of the past year to mix with all of the water/journeys of others in our community. A joyous celebration of individual and collective lives. We will also honor those who have chosen in the past year to officially join their life journeys with ours through membership in the congregation.

Our Minister, Dr. Becker, enjoys his Sabbath on Mondays. On other days, he is available by appointment for business or pastoral needs. He regularly checks email (minister@uufkw.org) and phone messages to the Fellowship Office (305-296-4369). In cases of emergency text or phone him at 305-407-7956.

Our **SCRIP Gift Card Program** is ongoing !! While you get full face-value of any gift card, a percentage of your purchase comes back to UUFKW. Pick up your order sheet any Sunday in the coffee area.

The Annual Reports for 2011 are now available. As part of our "green" agenda, paper copies will only be made available by request to the office. The full document is online at: <http://www.uufkw.org/annualreports2011.pdf> and there is a link to it on our website's front page.

Sunday, Jan. 29 - SAVE THE DATE reminder: We will gather for STONE SOUP and our Congregational Annual Meeting following the service. Please plan to join in the lunch (bring a veggie to add to the pot or bread to share) and fellowship.

Feb. 11, Lobster Dinner at the Fellowship. Tickets will be available at church beginning Jan. 22. Adults are \$35 and children are \$15. This is one of our major fundraisers. Please purchase a ticket and bring your friends. We still need volunteers for setup, takedown, wine (red and white), beer, soda, and appetizers. 872-3179

DIVINE DINING ALERT!!!! Save the date Saturday, March 10 for our fourth annual DIVINE DINING DINNER AND AUCTIONS event! Short organizational meeting will take place Feb. 12 after services. Thoughts and ideas: Joy Taylor at jbt22ster@gmail.com or (305) 587-7833.

CARING for UU is available to all! Do you have a special need? Do you want a buddy? Are you in the midst of an emergency? Do you want to involve our congregation in helping another? Our Caring Coordinator (Elissa Bishop-Becker) will respond asap to our church phone 305-296-4369 (leave a message); or e mail care@uufkw.org. Our CARING for UU Network can use your help, too: be on call to prepare a meal, provide a ride, be a listening ear, you name it. Please contact Elissa at care@uufkw.org with your contact information to join the Network!

"UU RIDES" Find yourself in the need of a ride in Key West?? Consider calling Janet (443-822-8677) or Joy (305-587-7833). We can give you the ride you need (to the airport, doctor's office, home from the party, etc) complete with help with your luggage, conversation and even a hug, if you like. Cheerful, helpful service. Then you donate what you would have paid for a ride to the congregation. An easy fundraiser!

FILMS OF SOCIAL WITNESS -

Mondays: January 30- February 6, 13, 20: 7pm-9:00pm Through a variety of film examples we will think about the role of social witness in not only the shaping of society but also the shaping of our own lives.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are available at the rear of the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make a cash contribution of record.

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm - All are welcome to join the **sangha** in mindfulness meditation, sitting and walking, in the tradition of Vietnamese teacher **Thich Nhat Hanh**.

Fridays, 5:30 pm – Zen Meditation

CHOIR - The choir will meet Thursday at 7 p.m.

SOMETHING NEW COMING: JAN.2012-- As you may have heard we are beginning a new group under our Spiritual Discernment Facet and it's my pleasure to be hosting the first meeting. It will be held at our Georgia St. location. We will meet the last Wednesday of each month at 7 PM, to discuss a book of spiritual interest. At our first meeting on Wednesday, January 25 the group members will be invited to share their proposed reading choices for the following months, as well as indicate their interest in rotating "hosting" responsibilities (i.e.providing nibbles and libations and facilitating the discussion). Please feel free to contact me with any questions at; debrene4@aol.com or 305-293-8460.

Our kick off reading experience is: " the 2011-2012 Unitarian Universalist Common Read: Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation by Eboo Patel. A remarkable account of growing up Muslim in America from one of the most prominent faith leaders in the United States, Acts of Faith is a hopeful and moving testament to the power and passion of young people, and of the world-changing potential of an interfaith youth movement." (description from the UUA Bookstore). This book is available in book and e book form.

As we approach our upcoming January congregational meeting, and final name change vote. The name committee wanted to provide our fellow congregants with a review of the previously (narrowed down and voted upon) 3 name choices. Also included are the rationales which give a composite of sentiments surrounding them.

1- Keys Kaleidoscope, a UU Congregation

Keys- gives a sense of the geography of the area and includes all the Keys. Also, it starts you thinking about all the beauty and colors of the keys that could appear in a kaleidoscope. Imagine the turquoise of the water, blue of the sky, all the shades of green, the brilliant oranges, reds, purples of the bougainvillea, poinciana, hibiscus, etc. and of course, the colors of the sunsets.

Kaleidoscope reflecting diversity and inclusion, that's not only about diversity of people (ages, gender, races, ethnicity, lifestyles), it is also about ideas, beliefs, skills, spiritual backgrounds. We welcome all. Each person brings a piece that makes the whole more beautiful and dynamic. The picture in a kaleidoscope is always changing. It is not fixed or rigid. It changes with time and movement and new energy. These are ideas we can embrace.

2- One Human Community, the UU Congregation of Key West

- It combines the ideas of " One Human Family " and " Beloved Community. "
- It communicates a sense of familiarity and welcome to the residents and visitors here.
- It expresses our own UU values of inclusion and acceptance.
- It connects the open and welcoming attitude of Key West with the UU Principle of " the goal of world community. "

It is a name that will speak to a diversity of people in meaningful ways, and one that will help us grow.

3- One Island Family, the Southernmost UU Congregation

One Island Family suggests not only the cohesiveness of our very special UU congregation, but also describes that wonderful unity of the human spirit that is pervasive on our island chain. The family of our islands include not only the incredibly diverse and accepting human family but also an incredible variety of all life forms which co-exist in harmony. The Florida Keys are unique, like our island UU family here in Key West. One Island Family exists to promote love, peace and a better world for all.