



# Worship

**Sunday services are now hosted on Zoom.  
Please read our weekly eletter for updates.**

## **ONE ISLAND FAMILY SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2021:**

**3 Ellen Paul “UU Hysterical Society”**

**10 Grant Couch “What is your Original Race? “**

**17 Heidi Golightly "Kindness Matters--a look at Keys to Be the Change"**

**24 Amelia Hanley and Nancy Hoffman “ The Wonderments of UU”**

**31 Erin Walter “The Spiritual Practice and Poetry of Rilke”**

**ONE ISLAND FAMILY's Unsung Hero 2021-** Your Board is proud to announce that we have selected AMELIA HANLEY our nominee for the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys' Unsung Heroes Celebration. Our application says "*In addition to serving on the 2020 One Island Family board of directors, AMELIA HANLEY, has consistently shown initiative and enthusiasm for serving our congregation. She has generously donated her time to coordinate Sunday zoom programs, to lead our recruitment of new members, and to find community resources for us.*" The CFFK is planning this as a virtual celebration at noon on February 5, 2021. It will be free and livestreamed on Facebook. Congratulations, Amelia!!



# News & Notes

## One Island Family- President's Message January 2021

Happy New Year! As we enter 2021, I feel hopeful. Our country has started to distribute the vaccine for COVID-19. Our island home is showing signs of stability with a curfew in effect for the New Year's Eve weekend. One Island Family has launched our annual pledge drive to create our budget for the coming year, and will be hosting our annual congregational meeting on February 7th. What have we learned from 2020 and what's ahead?

Our congregation has stayed connected through the ups and downs of the past year. We met virtually by zoom for Sunday services. Our members with northern homes continued to tune in with us far and wide. Program presenters invited friends and family members to listen in with us and they did. We even gained some regular listeners who started with us first by zoom and who hopefully will join us in person once we open our doors again to meet in our physical home at 801 Georgia Street. I recognize with gratitude the hard work and creativity of Nancy S. Hoffman, Joy Brown Taylor, Astoria Nickerson and every member and friend of One Island Family who made engaging, interesting Unitarian Universalist Sunday services possible throughout 2020.

Our board continued to govern by meeting monthly, either by zoom or in person with masks in our spacious sanctuary. I am proud of the dedication of those who served with me this year: Keri O'Brien as vice president, Claire Hurd as secretary, Dave Arnold as treasurer, and Amelia Hanley as director at large. Thanks, board members, for monitoring your email, voting on important decisions, and staying connected to guide the path of our One Island Family's governing policies while your professional and personal lives were being re-invented by the global pandemic.

So what's our future? I predict that One Island Family will grow, inspire and thrive. Within a few months of 2021, your new One Island Family board will begin to plan our reopening with in-person worship services and activities. We will need every person who benefits from our caring community to choose a way to contribute to our future. By signing our membership book, or continuing your status as a member in the New Year, your commitment will be needed to support us financially and with your special abilities. Here's a few ways I can think of:

- 1) If you are comfortable with computers/technology we need your participation in the Sunday worship team to zoom from our building.
- 2) If you enjoy writing, we need you to send a paragraph on a timely UU theme for our monthly newsletter.
- 3) If you read books, blogs, or websites with spiritual themes, we ask you to share ideas that inspire you in a Sunday service.
- 4) If you thrive on learning history, we ask you to help preserve the historical records of our congregation and our lending library.
- 5) If you are handy with tools, we need you to assist with minor upkeep around our building.
- 6) If you are willing to call or email members, you can become a Caring Connector to check on those we don't see regularly but hold in our circle of concern.

7) If you enjoy social gathering, help us plan ways of gathering for fun. I've heard of some wonderful ways of doing that virtually and we need leadership to make that happen!

Finally, if you are inspired by being a Unitarian Universalist, help spread the word of what we're doing locally and in the larger world. Tell young families about our children's religious education program, and invite them to join us as soon as we re-open our doors. Take advantage of the wonderful resources on [uua.org](http://uua.org) and explore the newsletters from UU Justice Florida and our UUA Southern Region Facebook page "Southern Region UUA", as well as our own Facebook "One Island Family Official" where Joy Brown Taylor posts regularly.

Thank you for being a part of our faith community. Happy New Year 2021!

Marilyn Smith, January 2021

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### **CARING COORDINATORS:**

Are you in need of assistance from our One Island Family? Or can you join our Team to help with errands, doctor appointments, or just a listening ear?

Please call the church office at 305-296-4369 and leave a message; or write to [office@oneislandfamily.org](mailto:office@oneislandfamily.org). One of our Team will get back to you!

### **PLANNING, PLANNING. PLANNING!**

Your friendly Service Coordinators are looking for your input! We are planning services through the spring and beyond. Do you have a favorite community contact who would like to discuss their program? Do you know a minister who would like to zoom with us, UU or any denomination? Do you have an idea for a service that you and others could put together with our team? Please contact our Coordinators via [jbt22ster@gmail.com](mailto:jbt22ster@gmail.com) with your ideas! Amelia Hanley, Nancy 3 Hoffman, Marilyn Smith, Joy Taylor.

**Election of Officers** On February 7, 2021, we will hold our annual meeting. The agenda includes, among other items, the election of a new slate of officers. The officers to be elected are the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and a director at large. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee to discuss the responsibilities of the office. The members of the nominating committee are: Toby Armour ([tobyarmour@att.net](mailto:tobyarmour@att.net)), Clare Angermann ([claresunshine@aol.com](mailto:claresunshine@aol.com)) and Liz Levi ([leastman7@gmail.com](mailto:leastman7@gmail.com)).

**Here's the link for the UU Justice Florida news letter:**

<https://uujusticefl.salsalabs.org/january2021-newsletter>.

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