



Worship

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

FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT

In one church it was meals,
prepared and frozen
to be shared with those in need.
Food was handed out at the door,
or taken to where it was needed.

In another church it was casseroles,
brought to families
whose strength was consumed
by illness or disaster.

Small gestures, these,
little hairs on the roots
of community, reaching into the soil,
drawing the nutrients of earth.

When we sing together,
share a meal together,
make soup together,
the hairs on the roots
reach out then, too,
nourishing us in ways beyond the ways
we may think we know.

The dark soil is full of nutrients.
We feed without knowing.



News & Notes

President's Message JUNE 2020

"Zooming With One Island Family"

One Island Family normally starts "summer gatherings" at the beginning of June. In the month of May we start to notice a lot of empty chairs in our sanctuary during in-person services, as our "snowbird" members leave for their northern homes. Our hard-working board members begin to leave on vacations and our program planners look forward to a much needed break. So instead of regular Sunday services, for several years our OIF summers have included informal social outings and outdoor events- "summer gatherings".

But June 2020 offers new opportunities! The Florida Keys have been closed to visitors since March 22 and we've all been sheltering at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We've had to learn new ways of being and doing. We have come together via Zoom meetings since April 12th. Attendance has been good and we have shared stimulating and interesting presentations from Rev. Bob Murphy, Jean Gregory, Grant Couch, Astoria Nickerson, Joy Taylor, Pat Collins and Jim Smith. Nancy 3. Hoffman has created music for every service and assisted with video links chosen for the themes of our speakers. Astoria Nickerson has led our children's religious education program with the "Word for All Ages" while she and Sonya Griffin have created their own break-out sessions for the children on Zoom each Sunday.

So we are venturing to continue our Zoom services on Sunday mornings at least through the month of June. Will you help? We're calling our new program

"TAKE A TURN FOR ONE ISLAND FAMILY".

a) **Tell about a Unitarian Universalist whom you admire.** This could be a person living or deceased. Research that person and share 10-15 minutes highlighting what they did or how they made the world a better place. (A sample of some historic UU's is at the end of this message.)

b) **Tell us about the first UU service or event you attended,** and what brought you back again. This time of sharing will help us get to know each other!

So I request that you let me know the name of your chosen UU and what Sunday in June you would volunteer for a Zoom talk. We have our first volunteer!

Toby Armour " Albert Schweitzer" on June 7

Nancy 3. Hoffman will be with us by Zoom continuing as our music director even when she returns to Maine! Astoria Nickerson will continue her leadership as director of children's religious ed. Help us continue zooming in June. Call me!

Who will be your chosen UU?? Marilyn Smith (marilynk@bellsouth.net)

Sample of Famous Unitarians, Universalists and Unitarian Universalists:

James Luther Adams, John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Margot Adler, Amos Bronson Alcott, Louisa May Alcott, Horatio Alger, Jr., Steve Allen, Susan B. Anthony, Arius (256-336 CE), Roger Nash Baldwin, Adin Ballou, Hosea Ballou, P.T. Barnum, Bela Bartok, Clara Barton, Alexander Graham Bell, Henry Bergh, Tim Berners-Lee, Ray Bradbury, Andre Braugher, Antoinette Brown (Blackwell), Olympia Brown, Diahann Carroll, Alice Cary, Phoebe Cary, William Ellery Channing, Lydia Maria Child, e e cummings, Nathaniel Currier, Charles Darwin, George de Benneville, Charles Dickens, Dorothea Dix, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Sophia Fahs, Fannie Farmer, Millard Fillmore, Robert Fulghum, Buckminster Fuller, Margaret Fuller, Elizabeth Gaskell, Horace Greeley, Edvard Grieg, Nina Grieg, Henry Hampton, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Samuel Hoar, Edith Holden, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., Julia Ward Howe, Thomas Starr King, Lewis Howard Latimer, Viola Liuzzo, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Horace Mann, Herman Melville, Maria Mitchell, Samuel F. B. Morse, John Murray, Isaac Newton, Florence Nightingale, Keith Olbermann, Theodore Parker, Linus Pauling, Beatrix Potter, Joseph Priestley, Christopher Reeve, Paul Revere, Malvina Reynolds, Ram Mohun Roy, Benjamin Rush, Albert Schweitzer, Pete Seeger, Michael Servetus, Rod Serling, Adlai Stevenson II, Lucy Stone, Emily Stowe, William Howard Taft, Henry David Thoreau, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., Mary Augusta Ward, Josiah Wedgwood, Mary Wollstonecraft, Frank Lloyd Wright, N.C. Wyeth, Whitney M. Young, Jr.

(From Building Bridges, Tapestry of Faith, UUA.org)

PLEDGE PAYMENTS - For our members and friends who are able to continue financial support for One Island Family during this difficult time for our community, please mail checks to: One Island Family, 801 Georgia St, Key West, FL 33040 (Attn: Dave Arnold, treasurer). All donations are appreciated!

UUA General Assembly will be a virtual gathering this year. June 24-28, 2020. "Rooted, Inspired & Ready". Check out details on uua.org. Virtual registration is \$150.

COMMUNITY NEWS - Lower Keys League of Women Voters has provided an email link to these events recently. Tune in if you are interested:

- 1) New York Time series about voting rights called "Unfinished Work" offered this live steam event on "The Road to Women's Suffrage": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIAubCIUsjo>
- 2) This video of a League "Lunch and Learn" offers good guideline for dealing with today's deluge of media.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18vU226FqNsikz09KD8NNBgKzZYnonT0d/view>

KEY WEST PRIDE 2020 is not happening in June because of COVID-19, but the annual parade and celebration have a new date of November 18-22, 2020. How will One Island Family participate this year??

INVITATION TO GROUPS:

With Board approval, One Island Family will begin on June 1, 2020 to reopen our building to the groups who previously held programs in our sanctuary (Forever Young , Mindful Movement, Pilates, Yoga, and Sangha). The invitation to return will require the leader of each group to read and follow the

Key West Directive on Gyms and Fitness Centers (https://www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov/egov/documents/1589807337_4794.pdf). That includes limiting class size, temperature taking, monitoring social distancing , cleaning equipment (chairs, table surfaces, etc.), providing water bottles, and disinfecting after each session. Each group will be asked to provide hand sanitizers and wipes for their class.

Before resuming the first classes, each group will be asked to sanitize any mats or equipment now stored in the building. After each session, the participants will be expected to take home any equipment such as hand weights, towels, or small cushions, so that these personal items are not stored in our closet.

By June 1, One Island Family will sanitize the chairs and table surfaces. Our professional cleaning service, Excel, will resume weekly cleaning as the activities begin again. We are mindful that many of us in the One Island Family congregation are part of the vulnerable population which has received protection from the stay at home orders initiated in March. So our invitation to groups is done on a trial basis as we monitor our community's progress with the reopening of the Florida Keys.

Marilyn Smith, for OIF 2020 Board

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Monthly Calendar: <http://www.oneislandfamily.org/calendar>