



Worship

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

ONE ISLAND FAMILY SERVICES BY ZOOM SEPTEMBER 2020:

SEPTEMBER 6 SERVICE: ROBIN ROBINSON "Braiding Sweetgrass" based on the teaching of Robin Wall Kimmerer and her best-selling book by this title.

"As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowledge together to take us on a journey that is every bit as mythic as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical, as clever as it is wise" (Elizabeth Gilbert). Guest presenter Robin Robinson is a Key West Master Gardener, author and columnist formerly for the Chicago Daily News and currently for the Key West Citizen.

SEPTEMBER 13 SERVICE: "Hurricane Hurrah!" For those of you who are counting, Hurricane Season 2020 began on June 1 and ends on November 30= 183 days Simple math tells me we have 105 days 'down,' and 78 to go. . . Must be a good Sunday to celebrate! SO pack your own picnic, settle in your virtual and socially distanced spot, and ZOOM along with us! This will be a Sunday of surprises: Nancy 3 on the accordion, a time for sharing and caring, love and laughter. See you 'there!!"

SEPTEMBER 27 SERVICE: NATASHA MARKOV- RIIS "TheIsraeli/Palestinian/American Conflict" A personal perspective gained while filming a student documentary in the Middle East. Two years later Natasha reflects on the region and the film. Based on the 21 minute film "Walled" which can be viewed at:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r8T4NRWmq6n2J900F8S_8CCzR7TS8jp3/view?usp=drivesdk

SEPTEMBER 27 SERVICE* NANCY 3. HOFFMAN "- Béla Bartók "- the Romanian/Hungarian Unitarian composer. A trail blazer in the world of classical music, Béla Bartók was raised in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He used folk melodies from around the Balkan countries for much of his music. He converted to Unitarianism from his upbringing as a Catholic. His music and faith will be explored, with many musical examples, by Nancy 3. Hoffman.

****This program is the next in our series "TAKING A TURN FOR ONE ISLAND FAMILY" Please contact OIF Program Planners (Amelia Hanley, Marilyn Smith or Joy Taylor jbt22ster@gmail.com) to take a turn! You are invited to 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.***



News & Notes

President's Message SEPTEMBER 2020

By the time you read this it will be September, 2020. From years ago when I was a teacher, and later as a parent and grandparent, I feel the expectation of new beginnings with the coming of fall. Although nothing is "as usual" with the pandemic happening, I'd like to ask you to give some thought to your expectations for the future of One Island Family. Since June we have re-invented our ways of being together by hosting Sunday services by zoom. We have drawn on the talents of our presenters, stayed connected virtually through our computers, and had more time to share email links and to check on each other by calls or Facetime or Zoom. How are you handling it all?

We have learned that we are connected by community, not by the building where we physically meet. We hope that belonging to our congregation has offered you some comfort, hope and spiritual connection. Moving ahead, I would like to ask- what do you look forward to and how can you help us get there? In coming months you will be asked whether the time has come in the Florida Keys for us to feel safe resuming in-person gatherings for One Island Family. To begin again will take everyone's participation.

I have drafted the attached "Contact List" of what we know and where your help is needed. How fortunate we have been to have a dedicated board and active members and friends whose participation has kept all the "wheels turning" and all our needs met. Please take the time to look it over and step up to lend a hand where ever you can. Let me know where we could include your name to fill in the blanks!

We're also attaching a copy of our July board minutes as approved during our August meeting. That will give you a more complete view of things we are doing behind the scenes, since our usual method of the bulletin board posting our minutes (for reading over coffee hour) isn't possible now. I am proud to tell you that we are moving ahead with getting estimates for some of the physical needs of our aging building. Keri O'Brien has taken leadership of researching replacement designs for our exterior building signs and front entrance door. Marilyn Smith and Dave Arnold have given time and attention to repairs needed for the back apartment and to keep everything running.

Pat Collins and Judy Lawrence are becoming our "go to" volunteers for Adult Religious Education. We are exploring the start of "Covenant Groups" for which Pat would facilitate a small group meeting to share our personal stories on a chosen topic from our life experiences. Please let me know if you have ever been a part of such a group in another UU congregation, perhaps, and whether it would interest you to join the new program at OIF when it begins.

Later this fall, we will be planning a Congregational Retreat to look back at where we started and look ahead to what's next. Mark on your calendar the date of **November 1st** as our tentative date for that celebration. Kendall Cameron, Jim Smith and I have begun a conversation to start that planning. We would welcome extra helping hands!

As Unitarian Universalists we hold a unique position as a strong liberal religious presence in the Florida Keys. Let's continue this journey together! How do you see your future with One Island Family? Contact me or any board member to share your views and then jump in and declare your intention to get involved!

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PROGRAM PLANNING:

Greetings, One Island Family! Your Program Planners are hard at work arranging for thought-provoking, meaningful and/or fun program ideas for this fall. If you have ideas for programs; are feeling like you could lead a program or presentation; know community leaders who could share presentations with us; any and all of the above: we need your help!

We anticipate continuing with zoom throughout the fall. Please contact joy at jbt22ster@gmail.com to share with us!

(Program Planners: Amelia Hanley, Marilyn Smith, Joy Taylor)

UU Justice Florida champions great causes! Here is their direct link: <https://uujusticefl.org/news-letters/>

AS WE EDGE NEARER TO THE GENERAL ELECTION:

here are some useful links for information provided by the candidates, registering to vote in person or by mail, all deadlines, etc.:

Lower Keys League of Women Voters:

<https://lowerkeyslwv.org/>

and we also have a FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LowerKeysLWV>

See your ballot as it will appear on November 3 (fill in your address and it takes you there!), as well as info re: amendments and referenda

<https://www.vote411.org/>

and our local Supervisor of Elections, Monroe County (Joyce Griffin):

<https://www.keys-elections.org/>

Attached is a flyer produced by the IMA (after consultation with our League Voter Services team). Lots of info and pertinent dates!

Finally, Vote by Mail window for the General Election: ballots will be mailed between 9/24 and 10/1. PLEASE complete your ballot and get it in the mail asap (and note the correct amount of necessary postage); and/or complete asap and hand deliver to the SoE office or any other drop off location as specified on that website.



HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?
Deadline is Oct. 5

Yes! Registering to vote is great....But....

- ⇒ Do you need to update any information?
- ⇒ Has your address changed?
Go to <https://www.keyselections.org/Voters/My-Registration-Status>
to check your voter registration status
- ⇒ Do you have a plan for HOW you will vote?
Early Voting begins Oct. 19
Vote by mail
In Person voting on Election Day is November 3

No, I'm not registered.

- ⇒ Register online at <https://registertovoteflorida.gov/home>
You can even register on your phone.
- ⇒ I need information about the issues.
The League of Women Voters is nonpartisan and has lots of
information at <https://www.vote411.org>
- ⇒ I need help getting the right identification.
Go to Vote Riders at <https://www.voteriders.org>
- ⇒ I need help restoring my right to vote.
Go to Florida Rights Restoration Coalition at <https://floridarrc.com>

OCTOBER 5 - DEADLINE TO REGISTER
OCTOBER 19 - EARLY VOTING BEGINS
NOVEMBER 3 - ELECTION DAY

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