



Worship

SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY: 11 AM

May 6- MARILYN SMITH "Freedom" Does our Unitarian Universalist principle of a free and responsible search for truth and meaning give us freedom *from* religion? Let's consider this question from a sermon by Rev Victoria Weinstein, of the UU Church of Greater Lynn, MA.

May 13- MEGAN BURGESS "Wesley House Family Services and Foster Parent Recruiting" Megan Burgess , Foster Parent Coordinator, will share with us the story of the vital services that Wesley House provides to Monroe County families and what it takes to become a foster parent.

May 20- ROBIN ROBINSON "Roots, Rocks and Rain"

Robin Robinson , Key West Master Gardener, author and columnist, offers her wisdom from experience with the Key West Garden Club and the Earth's botany.

May 27- RAY MCKNIGHT, MD "The Varieties of Mystical Experience"

Ray McKnight shares time with us, the UU Church of Brevard, and the UU Church of the Philippines.

Whoever you are, we welcome you.
Wherever you come from, we welcome you.
Whatever you worship, we welcome you.
Whomever you love, we welcome you.
We ARE One Island Family!



News & Notes

OIF President's Note - May 2018

The seasons of our One Island Family congregation seem to follow the ocean tides. The incoming tide brings our members to Key West in late fall. They fill our sanctuary on Sunday mornings, add their voices to our choir, contribute financially and share their energy. But as summer arrives, many of our snowbird members leave us for their summer homes. By June we begin to feel the loss of their company on Sunday mornings.

This summer we plan to relax our schedule of regular Sunday programs and to have some fun. On the first Sunday of each month, starting on June 1st, we will meet at 11 a.m. at one of the Free for Locals attractions around town. The third Sunday of each month will be a planned activity to be announced. (Last summer we enjoyed a group painting party, an African drum lesson, a bird sanctuary briefing, a swim party and a kayak picnic.) We welcome your suggestions as we plan the 2018 summer calendar.

What's your favorite summer activity? I love beaches and picnics. When my granddaughters were just toddlers we explored the tide pools at Fort Zach and looked for shells. My interest in saltwater shores began during my childhood. Growing up in Amityville, Long Island, summers meant taking swimming lessons at our local beach year after year, and eventually becoming a swimming instructor. That served me well during my college years when I completed my phys ed requirement with the water ballet team. Then after marrying a US Coast Guard officer, I lived in many coastal places or islands such as Oahu, Monterey, CA, Cape Cod and Governor's Island NYC. The smell of salt water makes me smile!

As Anne Morrow Lindbergh says in "Gift from the Sea" "The beach is not a place to work; to read, write or think. . . One is forced . . . back into the primeval rhythms of the sea-shore. Rollers on the beach, wind in the pines, the slow flapping of herons across sand dunes, drown out the hectic rhythms of city and suburb, time tables and schedules. One falls under the spell, relaxes, stretches out prone. . . And then, some morning in the second week, the mind wakes, comes to life again. Not in a city sense- no- but beach-wise. It begins to drift, to play, to turn over in gentle careless rolls like those lazy waves on the beach. . . Patience, patience, patience, is what the sea teaches. Patience and faith. One should lie empty, open, choiceless as a beach- waiting for a gift from the sea."

While we are enjoying summer we can keep our UU connection locally by checking our website www.oneislandfamily.org or our "One Island Family Official" Facebook page. We can follow the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in Kansas City, MO from June 20-24 in person or virtually on the UUA.org website. We can attend SUUSI 2018 "The Light I Carry" from July 15-21 at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC (www.SUUSI.org). Or we can read UU World! And gather with our One Island Family friends for summer fun right here in Key West!

Stay in touch, and ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

Marilyn Smith

LOOKING AHEAD:

Effective June we go on summer schedule and invite your suggestions!

Like last year, we will do an *offsite gathering* the first Sunday monthly:

-To refresh everyone's memory, last year we visited the Botanical Garden and Aquarium (locals free the first Sunday monthly) as well as enjoying a pool party/picnic at a member's home and a patio picnic/kayaking at another.

and an *onsite gathering* the third Sunday:

-To refresh again, we painted, we discussed LIBERTY as UU's, we learned all about Nancy Forrester's bird sanctuary--and Irma forced us to reschedule the much-enjoyed Drum Circle till later in the fall.

Please put on those creative thinking caps and let us know your suggestions for this season (June through September). Contact your service coordinators Claire, Joy and Marilyn via jbt22ster@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS- We would like to introduce you the newest members of One Island Family who signed the membership book recently. Be sure to welcome them when you see them!

Susan Darby- shares her time with us in Key West in the winter and Colorado in the summer. As a freelance writer, her work has been published by The History Channel, National Geographic, Popular Science Magazine, and others. Her recent publication of a bookazine for the History Channel, *Jesus: His Life and Story* was the basis for her Sunday program for us on March 25th. Susan's children, Arlo and Summer, are just beginning their spiritual education through One Island Family.

Amelia Hanley- has been living in the Keys for about 20 years, and splits time between NYC, Brooklyn and Key West. Her spiritual path includes time attending Catholic elementary school and CCD for early religious education. She's visited our congregation for about 8 years, introduced to us by her cousin Tami Forbes. Her creative interests include making jewelry and designing shell mosaics. Amelia now does floral customer service for Kutchey's Florist so look for her warm smile and "happy birthday" solo on your next delivery!

Nancy 3 Hoffman- is our One Island Family music director while she winters with us in Key West. Her summer home in Peaks Island, Maine hosts the world's only Umbrella Cover Museum. Nancy 3 will proudly tell you that she holds the official Guinness World Record for umbrella covers, and she uses that record to remind us to celebrate the mundane! She is spiritually rooted in Judaism. Her creative gifts to our congregation this season included original arrangements of music for our choir, a Sunday morning of folk dancing, a unique concert ("No Foolin") and lots of fun for our members! We look forward to Nancy 3's return next season.

We strive to be a fragrance free and smoke free environment in respect for people who have allergies.

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



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