



# *Worship*

## **FULL SUNDAY SERVICES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL**

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# News & Notes

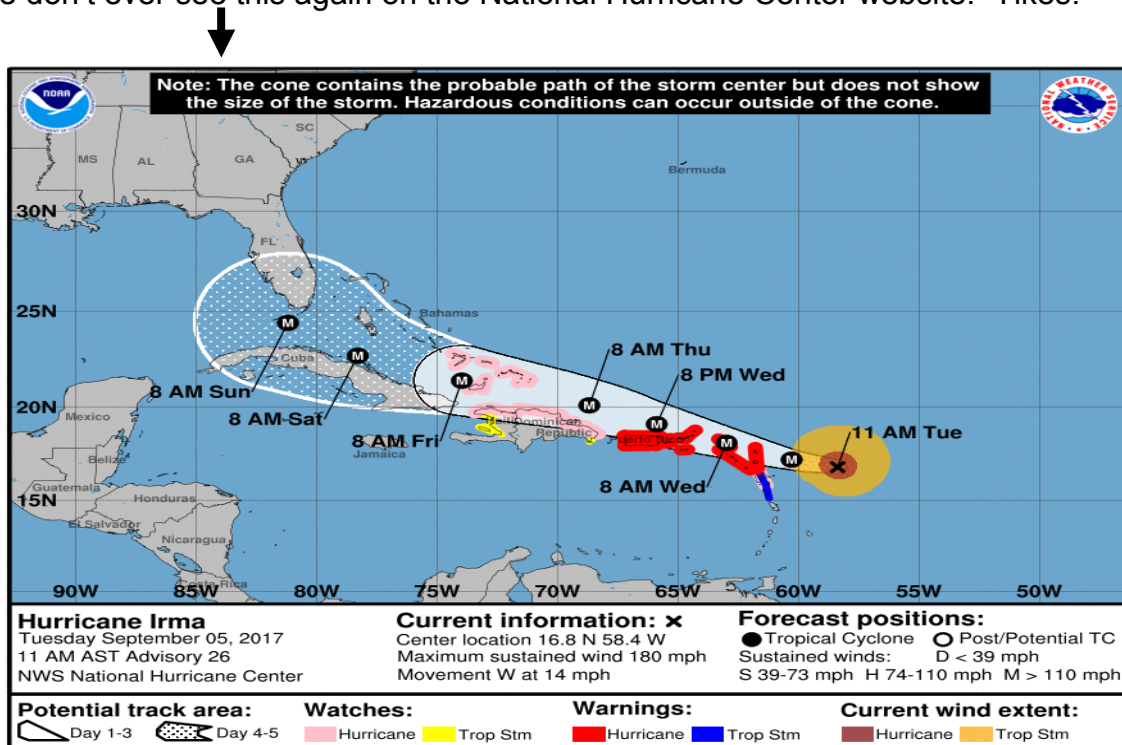
Hello, everyone ...

Well, except for the Labor Day weekend picnic and kayaking in Key Haven, September has been a fine mess!

Hurricane Irma was an unwanted disruption in our Plan-of-the-Month. I suppose we can be proud that Irma, while still several days away from Key West, was the strongest Atlantic hurricane in recorded history, a Category 5 “plus”. Then it cooled-off to a *mere* Cat 4 before making landfall in the Lower Florida Keys. We were very fortunate twice:

- (1) Although it had Key West in its cross-hairs, the eye went over the area between Big Coppitt and Big Pine, putting us on the “good side” of the storm.
- (2) The predicted 5-to-10 foot storm surge did not materialize, assisted no doubt by the timing of a low tide.

We hope we don't ever see this again on the National Hurricane Center website! Yikes.



I think most of our members and friends evacuated the Keys in time to be safe-and-sound. Thank goodness Tammy and Astoria (and all the kids) were safe, having stayed behind!! Our OIF facility weathered the hurricane well. The next time we are all together, how about a big “Group Hug” to welcome everyone back?

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Hurricane Irma also put-the-kybosh on our September Board meeting, scheduled for the 19th. I’m sure many tears were shed over that! We will just have to double-up ☺. I think we will all be doing a lot of doubling-up as the Keys recover from Irma ... a name that will surely be “retired” by the National Hurricane Center ☺. Good riddance!

Jim Smith, President  
One Island Family  
The Southernmost UU Congregation

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: YOU ARE NEEDED!!**

As we head into the fall, your Program Planners are busy! We have some wonderful programming in place (and many gifted and talented UU ministers and lay leaders visiting over the winter months). Now we need YOU!!

- We need your interest in leading lay services of your own.
- We need your connections to invite friends to come and share their passions and talents.
- We need your ideas for discussions, fun programs, intergenerational and participatory services with our children.
- We need your participation for coffee hour, for greeting, for hosting informal gatherings or dinners.

It's time to get involved again!! Please contact Marilyn Smith, Claire Hurd or Joy Taylor by simply emailing [office@oneislandfamily.org](mailto:office@oneislandfamily.org) attn: Program Planners. We promise speedy response!

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

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