



Worship

One Island Family OCTOBER 2021 FALL EVENTS

October 10 at 11 a.m. ONE ISLAND FAMILY LEADERSHIP RETREAT

In person with masks in our sanctuary for all current, past or future

One Island Family Board members. Let's get down to work on how to be the best UU congregation we can be when we open our doors for in-person events!

October 24-at 11 a.m. Small Group Ministry discussion group by Zoom After good response to our September SGM conversation, we offer another guided discussion for deep listening on the topic of our UU First Principle: "Inherent Worth and Dignity".

With all the uncertainty of COVID, we now expect to resume our regular schedule of One Island Family Sunday events in November. We may offer some events on Zoom and some in our sanctuary with masks and whatever protocol will be needed for the COVID rate at that time. (We will review the science provided by sources such as [COVIDActNow.org](https://www.covidactnow.org), [covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker](https://www.covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker) and [floridahealthcovid19.gov](https://www.floridahealthcovid19.gov).) Watch for our weekly e-newsletter for details.

SE CLUSTER UU NEWS

One Island Family is a member of the Southeast Cluster UUs, whose purpose is to encourage sharing and teamwork among the member congregations from Stuart to South Miami & Key West, as well as the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. (See [SEUUC.org](https://www.seuuc.org)). At this time there is an opening for a member of OIF to join their board. Here are details:

" We are so glad to welcome One Island Family back in the Cluster and hope that there is someone who can represent your congregation on the Board. Trustees serve a one-year term. We meet virtually. And generally have 3 brief meetings in the spring to plan the spring event and 3-4 for planning the Annual Meeting in the fall."

With gratitude,
Kathy Jens-Rochow
SE FL Cluster Nominating Committee

Please contact Marilyn Smith if you'd be interested representing us!



News & Notes

ONE ISLAND FAMILY President's Note

October 2021

"Side With Love Action Center"

As you may know, Unitarian Universalists have a long history of working for social justice. In keeping with that tradition, the Unitarian Universalist Association recently launched the [Side With Love Action Center](#), which they describe as place for folks to come together across differences, issues, and geography to end oppression and build democratic, sustainable, and thriving communities focused on four key issues:

- **Climate Justice**
- **Decriminalization**
- **Democracy & Voting Rights**
- **LGBTQ+ & Gender Justice**

This website offers multiple ways to stay informed and get involved, even while we are still somewhat isolated by the pandemic. For instance we can sign up to receive newsletters on any of these issues that we want to follow:

- Interested in **climate justice? Join Create Climate Justice**, a joint newsletter with UU Ministry for Earth;
- Interested in **decriminalization? Join Love Resists**, our joint campaign with UUSC dedicated to combatting criminalization, detention, and deportation;
- Interested in **protecting democracy and voter engagement? Join UU the Vote**, our campaign focused on national and state campaigns to protect democracy, combat voter disenfranchisement, and Get Out the Vote;
- Interested in **gender and LGBTQ+ justice? Join Uplift**, our newsletter focused on uplifting the LGBTQ+ experience and supporting gender justice in UUism and beyond.

We could join what they call a "volunteer squad" by matching our talents to tasks described on their website. Also we can host or join an event organized by UU's anywhere in the country. <https://sidewithlove.org/actioncenter>.

"Our lives and future are bound together, and *together* is how we move forward toward living out our faith in a just and loving world "

Marilyn Smith, OIF President 2021

One Island Family NEWS

As a follow up to our gathering by Zoom on Sunday, September 19, our **"2021 Summer Reconnection Small Group Ministry"** on the topic "Joy"

here's the link to the video <https://youtu.be/GBaHPND2QJg>.

This is the "Som Sabadell Flashmob" performing "Ode to Joy". (Do you see or hear joy on screen in this video? Does it stir joy in you?) Internet research tells us that "Ode to Joy" is a tune about peace. It's a melody from the final movement of Beethoven's final sympathy No. 9. He put to music a poem that praises and wishes for freedom and peace between all people.

Tuesday, September 21 was **International Day of Peace 2021**. Members of One Island Family accepted the invitation to meet members of Unity of the Keys at Higgs Beach and created a large Peace Sign Sand Sculpture.

CARING CONNECTIONS

We miss being together! ☐ ESPECIALLY until we are able to meet in person, do you have any updates you might want to share with One Island Family?

-travels and trips

-fun or funny news

-health updates

-an anecdote

-or whatever else is going on in your life?????

Please send anything you are comfortable sharing for inclusion to: jbt22ster@gmail.com

We have some news from outside the Keys--yes, life goes on there as well!

DEBBY PALMISANO continues her courageous journey through brain cancer. She and Bill are surrounded by loving family and friends, with whom we share our supportive thoughts and positive intentions. Debby has a Caring Bridge page and posts just about daily. Her strength and ongoing sense of humor are downright inspiring!! Here are a few excerpts from today:
"Hello family and friends. Just got home from my second radiation treatment and appt with oncology. Two down, radiation that is, 28 to go. . . . As i was leaving radiology today the technicians asked if i had any questions. I said yes, Is it dead yet? Not that I'm anxious for it to be gone or anything. From radiology we went upstairs to my oncology appt. . . . (I was given) the go--ahead to begin the low dose of chemo meant to accompany the radiation tomorrow! So here we FINALLY GO. . . .Every now and then I feel a tingling in/on my head. It's probably skin continuing to heal, but I'm imagining it's the antibodies developing from the infection that are joining forces with the chemo and radiation to kill Drusilla. Pray that it's so! Thank you for following my posts!"

GAIL FOLARON reported in for herself and **MARION WAGNER:**

"We can't wait to get back to Key West so we can Zoom from there. LOL. We have had a busy summer. We spent a lot of time traveling back-and-forth between Indianapolis and Buffalo, New York. My mother is in Buffalo and in good health. . . . I was wondering if you're going to be doing an auction this year. I was thinking of making some gifts to donate. *(editorializing here: love this idea--watch for future thoughts or share yours with joy at jbt22ster@gmail.com)*

JUDY LAWRENCE reports:

" When **PAT COLLINS** and I returned to New York State this spring I was not well. As most of you know I've been in the hospital several times in Key West and was back in the hospital up here in March. However, it is now September and I'm doing much better and Pat and I are beginning to be able to enjoy our Northern home. We miss you all and are looking forward to sharing Sunday services when they begin again."

RON SELGE has a lot of fun updates!

"Our family has been a (longtime) "Friend" of the congregation; our home congregation is Sacramento, California. . . .In fact, we have memories of 2 different locations before Georgia Street. Our daughter **CHARLOTTE**, now just 23. . . , grew up with our periodic visits, as we'd drive down from our house on Big Pine. . . .

Like everyone, the pandemic has warped everything. **JORGE JIMENEZ** finally stopped teaching college. . . teaching biochem / organic chem via zoom was as frustrating to professors as it was to the students. Already retired, Ron also keeps busy. In a turn of bad timing, we were trapped 3 months in Spain in our condo during their strict lockdown. It was a gilded cage. We could gaze at and hear the Mediterranean, but not be outside. The bad timing didn't end there.

Charlotte was in London when the Donald announced the border closing and Americans literally stampeded home. Emory University – her university – simultaneously announced their physical closure, and she fled to Big Pine. . . .

When we all ultimately rendezvoused in California early that summer, she decided to donate blood, learning then that she was a rich source of COVID antibodies. . . .Graduating with a Physics / Poli Sci double major May 2020. . . , she worked remotely from her bedroom in Sacramento for the American Physical Society (Washington DC). She facilitates scientists (mostly Academics) to become advocates for Nuclear Threat Reduction. She now continues that work, but is located in D.C. . . . and in her spare time writes theater reviews for a local newspaper. . . .

Jorge and I were able to return to the Keys for a moment after the Big Pine house was locked up for more than a year. We hacked back the "jungle" which was about to swallow the place, and dealt with the family of raccoons in the attic that destroyed the A.C. ductwork, but we know we're fortunate. . .

Although missing much, we continue our various activities.

Wrote postcards to out of state voters in 2020 until our hands ached to change the course of events in the country. Found contentment with our little farm in Sacramento, enjoying the winter garden and orchard. This week, we were in NYC, enjoying the re-opening of Broadway. .. We saw "Hadestown." And we're left with a soaring line from the show: "**Let the world we dream about be the one we live in now!**"

SOCIAL JUSTICE ALERT- Key West NOW announcement:

"**Marches to Defend Our Health**" are being planning throughout the Country. The Key West March will also take place on October 2nd, gathering at the pocket park at 1400 Duval Street and ending with a rally and speakers at Mallory Square. The Event is posted on Facebook."

From **Women's March Florida** Facebook: On October 2nd we will begin to gather at noon and the MARCHING begins at 1p.m. Masks will be required. We're marching in every single state ahead of the Supreme Court reconvening on October 4. Women's March and more than 90 other organizations, including National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice, Planned Parenthood, SHERO Mississippi, Mississippi in Action, Access Reproductive Care-Southeast, The Frontline, Working Families Party, and SisterSong, are organizing a national call to mobilize and defend our reproductive rights. Thank you!

One Island Family Social Justice action: we need to contact our Florida representatives today!! Join us for the march if you can!

**ACT NOW: DON'T LET FLORIDA BECOME TEXAS
WE NEED YOU TO CALL THESE LEGISLATORS**

- **ANA MARIA RODRIGUEZ - (305) 470-2552**
- **RENE PLASENCIA - (321) 383-5151**
- **LINDA CHANEY - (727) 341-7385**
- **JACKIE TOLEDO -(813) 281-5549**

WHEN YOU CALL SAY

**"HELLO, MY NAME IS _____ AND I'M A FLORIDA
RESIDENT ASKING YOU TO STAND AGAINST ANY
EXTREMIST ATTACKS ON ABORTION IN FLORIDA.
BANNING ABORTION AT 6 WEEK IS A CONSTITUTIONAL
VIOLATION. THANK YOU"**

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