



Worship

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

ONE ISLAND FAMILY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2020:

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4:" Manish Mishra- Marzetti" This program is the next in our series "TAKING A TURN FOR ONE ISLAND FAMILY"

Marilyn Smith will share the remarkable story of this contemporary UU as told in Testimony: The Transformative Power of Unitarian Universalism,

by Meg Riley, Editor

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11: "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY"

We welcome the return of Rev. Bob Murphy who will remind us that spiritually minded folks have been in our region for thousands of years!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18: "ONE HUMAN FAMILY, revisited"

We are excited to welcome our guest presenter (and fellow UU), JT Thompson. Thompson's motto, ONE HUMAN FAMILY, was adopted as Key West 's official philosophy on October 17, 2000--what a celebration of 20 years!!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25: "ONE ISLAND FAMILY- What's our story?"

How did we get to be the congregation we are now? What were some of the milestones since our founding as UU Fellowship of Key West? Let's remember some of the talented people who made it all happen! What legacy are we creating for our congregation's future? Marilyn Smith



News & Notes

ONE ISLAND FAMILY PRESIDENT'S NOTE

October 2020

WHAT ABOUT BEING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST GIVES YOU HOPE?

Over the past several months we have learned new ways of staying connected despite all the physical restrictions of the pandemic. During our Sunday zoom services we have explored the lives of remarkable UU's including Albert Schweitzer, Frances E.W. Harper, Christopher Reeves, Thomas Jefferson, Maria Mitchell, Clara Barton and contemporary Rev. Richard S. Gilbert. Their lives reflected strongly held beliefs put into action. As Unitarian Universalists we say that we value "deeds not creeds". How they lived changed the lives of others.

How do UU's offer hope today? I see it in the action of our Unitarian Universalist Association, and associated programs of the UU Service Committee such as Side with Love and Love Resists. Across our country UU's are mobilizing to deepen our alignment to the movement for Black Lives, to understand the history of racism and oppression in our country, and to become informed of what modern day activists are doing to make a difference. There are abundant choices for webinars and zoom programs. Members of our congregation have listened to the series "Unfinished Business: A Study of Reconstruction in America to Now." We are now watching a series called "Taking a Collective Breath" focused on the Breathe Act. This program has offered a way to learn the language of those whose lives are dedicated to finding solutions. We've heard about "Police Free Schools" advocated by the Alliance for Educational Justice. Their vision is to create learning environments where all students can feel safe. The director of the Center for Popular Economics gave an analysis of the US government spending compared to other nations, and proposed rebalancing our national budget priorities for social change.

During another session, we heard about the Environmental Justice Practitioner's Network, working for climate justice. A Unitarian Universalist youth, age 13, spoke about being a plaintiff in a lawsuit with 21 other young people (Juliana vs.

United States) suing the federal government for failing to protect them from the effects of climate change.

These programs are offered to educate us individually and to build community around causes that matter to us. They may inspire us to action on our local level.

Personally I find hope in knowing that good people are dedicating their lives to find solutions for the overwhelming challenges of our nation and the world. Although the COVID-19 has kept me physically isolated and close to home, I hold out the possibility that as UU's we can change minds and make a difference. The time we take now to stay inform, engaged and connected with like-minded people offers me hope. How about you?

(Marilyn Smith)

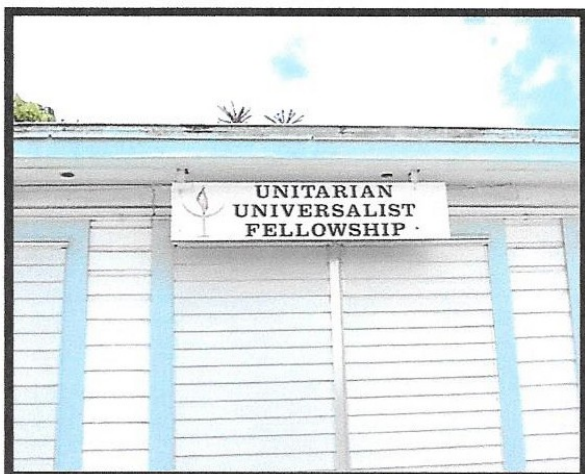
We are proud to announce that One Island Family has received a generous donation from a member for the purpose of improving the "curb appeal" of our building. After obtaining several proposals for replacement of the aging OIF signs, our board has selected the following design to replace the two hanging outside our building:

NEW DESIGN



CURRENT IDENTIFICATION SIGNS

at 801 Georgia Street & Petronia side of our building



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