



Worship

ONE ISLAND FAMILY Summer Gatherings SEPTEMBER 2021-

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th at 11:00 a.m. Join us at the beach! Sanling Ran is welcoming us to the beach outside her condo at 30 Hilton Haven Rd, Key West. (Bring sun protection!) Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th at 11:00 a.m. by Zoom- Small Group Discussion on the topic **Free & Responsible Search.**

" Many of us have found Unitarian Universalism by rejecting the religion of our parents, and have discovered a new home for ourselves where we have been accepted freely without demands to adopt a creed." Join us for a thoughtful session of listening to each other's life experiences through guided discussion. We will email the questions for discussion to anyone who would like to participate. Email Marilyn Smith. (marilynkw@bellsouth.net)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st from 8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE celebration at Higgs Beach

We are invited to join Unity of the Keys Spiritual Center as they gather just to the right of White Street Pier to construct a large Peace Sign Sand Sculpture. Bring buckets to transport water from the ocean to the sculpture, sun screen and drinking water. (One Island Family will be contributing a closing prayer for peace- suggestions are welcome!)

SUNSET WATCHING- Saturday evenings meet one hour before sunset at Fort Zach for harbor viewing. Weather permitting, we meet for sunset and quiet conversation under the trees. Bring a beach chair and a non-alcoholic drink (park rules) of your choice. Contact Joy Taylor with any questions about this or any of our Summer Gatherings!



News & Notes

ONE ISLAND FAMILY- President's Message

September 2021

"IMPACT"

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." Jane Goodall

As you may know, during the 30 years that Jim served as a US Coast Guard officer we moved many times. At last count, I can recall 14 or 15 moves in those years. After we had lived, worked and worshiped in a community I often wondered as we left if I had made a difference; wondered if my leaving would be noticed. Always hoped my contribution might cause someone to remember me and yes, to miss me, as I moved along. As we celebrated the leadership of Astoria Nickerson, at our farewell gathering on August 21st, the word "impact" came to me. We recognized the impact she made for the children who passed through our One Island Family's religious education program since 2016, by the lessons she created for our children about their inherent worth, and the UU values of acceptance and tolerance.

In my view being Unitarian Universalist offers that opportunity- to have an impact. Since I do not believe there's any guarantee of heaven, or reward after my time here on earth, I want to do what I can while I'm here. As a member of One Island Family I can have impact working with others in our community and in the world. Together we can magnify our impact by confronting racism, creating solutions for the climate crisis, standing up for LGBTQ rights, or advocating for voting rights. "Our open-minded, open hearted, spiritual communities help people lead lives of justice, love, learning and hope." (uua.org)

Blessed Be, Marilyn Smith

Astoria Nickerson sent this note on 8.22.21: Dear Marilyn, I'm touched beyond words by the generosity of OIF. Yesterday was such a beautiful expression of kindness and I'm so fortunate to have found this UU village of helpers. I'm lucky to have been welcomed by everyone at OIF and to have Joshua and Taylor grow up here. A hearty thank you to everyone for taking the time to care and for being present in countless ways. My heart just keeps thanking you and thanking you. Love, Astoria

RAY MCKNIGHT sent this on 8.23.21: Was hoping to be back in Florida by now.... Maybe Septemberstuck in Thailand still.... Am sending an update about Bob* to UUWorld. Am using your quote that his "death was noted around the world"! I did a review of UU World & found no mention. Hope to hear back.... Ray (*Refers to Bob Richardson. OIF sent notice to UU World in June, 2020 of his passing and how much he meant to our congregation.)

DEBBY PALMISANO has had a serious setback which required another hospitalization and further brain surgery. Her remarkable spirit comes through in the Caring Bridge posts that she and her family are writing to keep us informed. We send our love and support to Debby and Bill. We join Rev. Doug Slagle and the UU congregation, the Gathering at Northern Hills in Cincinnati with outreach to Debby.

COMMUNITY NEWS: KONK LIFE 8.23.21

"The **Community Foundation of the Florida Keys** is proud to announce that 34 nonprofit board and staff members from across the county graduated from its **2021 Leadership Success Academy**. This was the thirteenth year of the Community Foundation's signature training program, which was held on August 19 and 20 at the Tennessee Williams Theatre in Key West.

The 2021 graduates are: Holly Allen, Betsy Baste, Kevin Bowes, Sarah Brawer, Nancy Bunch, Leslie Calero, Fran Decker, Vivian Dodge, Grace Epperly, Richard Ericson, Katie Foster, Karen Frank-Noll, Abby Goldman, Chris Hamilton, Clare Keller, Tom Keller, Kris Kennedy, Elizabeth Lustberg, Steve Miller, Lisa Mongelia,

Vivian Morrison, Donna Mote, Mary Olson, Tim Peterson, Debbi Quinn, Mardee Rath-Eamilao, LouisRaymond, **Marilyn Smith, Joy Brown Taylor**, Susie Trost, Amanda Velazquez, Krissy Wejebe, Tami Wires, and returning alumnus Elizabeth Young.

"This is the 13th year of our program and we've trained more than 500 nonprofit leaders from throughout the Keys from over 100 different nonprofits," said Jennifer McComb, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys.

A highlight of this year's workshop was a special presentation from Bill Archer, former board chair of the Boys & Girls Club of the Keys, who detailed the story of the financial fraud that occurred at the Club during a four-year span and led to the arrest of its former executive director. Archer joined a line-up of seven speakers including nationally renowned nonprofit expert Alex Counts, servant leadership expert Dr. Susanne Woods, strategic planning expert Kimberly Matthews, fundraising expert Wendy Gentes, and the Community Foundation's CEO and CFO, Jennifer McComb and Elizabeth Miller, CPA."



Dear Marilyn,

As a Welcoming Congregation you are invited to a short information meeting about a critical, turnkey action your congregation can participate in allowing them to call their U.S. Senator to support our LGBTQ+ / same-gender loving family, as well as our wider community. [You can RSVP here.](#)

We know we are called to fight for equality and justice for all, including those in the LGBTQ+ community. Unfortunately, in 29 states, LGBTQ+ people lack full protections from discrimination. In addition, across our country, women, people of color and people of faith (especially minority faiths) lack modern civil rights protections. But we can change that by passing the Equality Act in the U.S. Senate (it has already passed the House and President Biden has committed to sign it).

Join us on August 31 (8pm ET) or Sept 1 (12pm ET) for a 30 min information meeting about what the Equality Act is, how the turnkey action works, and answer any questions so you can decide whether or not to participate. [Please RSVP here.](#)



Yours in faith and equality,

**Rev. Michael J. Crumpler :: He/Him/His
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