



# *Worship*

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

**“Summer Gatherings” over the summer!**

**September schedule listed below.**

Sept 2: 11 a.m. **Summer Brunch and work party** at One Island Family. Pancakes will be made to order- If you have any favorite toppings, bring them along! Also to help with outdoor cleanup, please bring gloves, hats and sun protection.

Sept 16: 11 a.m. **“One Shining Moment”** personal story telling- Come share with us a most memorable moment, personal achievement, or surprising event from your life that makes you proud to recall.

**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

## President's Message SEPTEMBER 2018

Have you done any summer reading? There surely are a lot of ways to excite us about books, e-books, audio books and more. Our Monroe County Library's website ([keyslibraries.org](http://keyslibraries.org)) has a link for "Books Librarians Love" and several Best Sellers lists. PBS has "the Great American Read", ([pbs.org/the-great-American-read/books](http://pbs.org/the-great-American-read/books)) and Oprah has her popular book club picks ([www.oprah.com/app/book](http://www.oprah.com/app/book)). We can also browse the new publications featured on our UUA bookstore website, "In Spirit". (Found at [uua.bookstore.org](http://uua.bookstore.org)).

I myself have enjoyed several books with spiritual themes this summer. One is Robert Wright's Why Buddhism is True. For children, I've previewed Breathe and Be (A Book of Mindful Poems) by Katie Coombs. Another summer read has been Testimony: The Transformative Power of Unitarian Universalism, Meg Riley, Editor. These engaging stories remind us of why having a UU community of faith matters. One essay tells of a gay man who with his partner, an atheist, attended All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington, DC for the first time. As they were making their exit after the service, one woman took the time to stop and offer a hug, and these words, "I'm so glad you're here, in our community. Welcome!" The author of that essay is today a UU minister, Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti. Another essay was contributed from prison by a man who used a Zen quote, "When the student is ready, the teacher will appear." By an inmate who introduced him to Unitarian Universalism and through the Church of the Larger Fellowship, he began a new spiritual path.

Another author tells of growing up with one parent who was Southern Baptist, and another Muslim. As a teenager she decided to try a nearby UU church in Bellevue, WA. When greeted at the door, she was asked what she was looking for. Her response, "Well, I'm kind of Muslim, kind of Atheist, and really confused, so. I guess I don't really know what I'm looking for." To her complete surprise, she says, the greeter put her arm around her, smiled, led her into the sanctuary, and said, "I think this is just the place for you."

So that's my pick for a good summer choice: Testimony by Meg Riley. What have you enjoyed reading this summer? Let me know! ([marilynkw@bellsouth.net](mailto:marilynkw@bellsouth.net))

Marilyn Smith, President, One Island Family

## **ATTENTION MEMBERS and FRIENDS:**

Your Program Coordinators are starting to organize for our regular 2018-2019 schedule of services. If you have an idea for a lay-led service; if you have a favorite local 501(c)3, the director of which you would like to make a presentation; if you have a favorite pastor/religious leader who might like to visit the Keys and share their message with us-- let us know! Contact any one of us!

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## **PLANNING AHEAD**

Our first "official" Sunday to return to regular 11:00 services will be OCTOBER 14, when we will welcome JT Thompson to get our season started as in years past! Looking forward to seeing you all again. . .

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