



# Worship

## AUGUST SERVICES

**WITH OUR SUMMER BREAK** we will not be holding regular Sunday services during August.

Please keep connected with One Island Family by following our newsletter posts

### OIF CALENDAR AUGUST 2022

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 at 12:30- "UU's WHO LUNCH"** One Island Family members and friends will meet at a local restaurant. Place to be determined but Salutes and Chicos have been suggested. Call Marilyn Smith by Monday 8/15!

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.** Meet at Edward Knight Pier to join our casting of flowers to remember Debby Palmisano.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>** - Celebration of Life for Debby Palmisano by Zoom link with Rev, Doug Slagle and her congregation from the Gathering at Northern Hills. (We will share the Zoom invite with OIF members who would like to join from home computers or mobile devices.) Let Marilyn Smith know by August 25 if you'd like to participate. We'll share the details when we receive them.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. ONE ISLAND FAMILY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** at 801 Georgia. We can make a Zoom link available for anyone who requests it. Anyone with items to add to the agenda, please contact Claire Hurd, secretary.



# News & Notes

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE AUGUST 2022

While we were resting from official One Island Family UU services during July we had an opportunity to raise our local profile when our Board agreed to open our meeting space to the Key West NOW chapter on July 20<sup>th</sup> for a Forum on Women's Issues.

KW NOW Thanks us!

**FROM DARLENE THOMAS, KWNOW** President 7/21/22: "The Women's Issues Forum held July 20th is garnering good feedback. Thanks to Adam Gentle, Democratic candidate for Florida State Representative, for cohosting and listening!! Presentations by Womankind, Domestic Abuse Shelter, Christina's Courage and the Guidance/Care Clinic enabled attendees to be informed of some of the Monroe County organizations available to support us. Thank you to all the speakers, attendees, and volunteers and a special thank you to One Island Family UU Congregation for providing the space for us to safely gather. "

**NOTE FROM MARILYN SMITH**, OIF President: Welcoming these diverse community groups to our meeting space allowed us to showcase our Unitarian Universalist principles (including advocating nationally for Reproductive Justice and LGBTQ+ rights). After my welcoming remarks, we received applause when we shared this news that Barb Goldworm and Karen Blackwell brought to my attention:

"Two religious leaders- a Unitarian and a Buddhist- plan to join a South Florida rabbi's legal crusade challenging a new state law banning abortions after 15 weeks, arguing it violates the state Constitution's right to privacy and freedom of religion. The retired Unitarian Rev. Harris Riordan and Buddhist minister Maya Malay confirmed they will file a lawsuit in state court next week, echoing arguments from Rabbi Barry Silver (of L'Dor Va-Dor synagogue in Palm Beach County.) . . ." (By Daniel Arkin, 7/13/22)

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/unitarian-buddhist-ministers-are-joining-rabbis-legal-fight-floridas-n-rcna37354>

About 30 people attended this forum at One Island Family. In addition to Adam Gentle, were candidates Daniel Horton-Diaz and Teri Johnston. We renewed friendships with NOW members, local advocates for women & children, mental health counselors, and ACLU leaders. We heard about the latest policies and practices of Womankind. We met a woman who volunteers with Queer Keys, supporting their fundraising & advocacy.

Katherine Pareizs announced that she and a partner are organizing a peaceful protest called "We Won't Go Back" on August 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 am- 2 pm. It's planned as a community event starting at Nelson English Park followed by a march down Duval St. to Truman Waterfront. Community groups are invited to "Stand together with us in support of Woman's, LGBTQIA & Trans Rights. Meet

community members committed to bodily autonomy and equal treatment for all people. Residents and supportive local representatives alike will be in attendance. This is a family friendly event and the whole community is encouraged to participate."

"STAY TUNED" and we will continue to share news with our One Island Family Social Justice team and with all members and friends by our e-newsletters!  
Marilyn Smith

### **SUMMER BRINGS SOME FUN REUNIONS!**

Do you all recognize these wonderful young folks?? Julia and Max Baeder (17 in March) in town to have a summer visit with their dad, Larry Baeder. Joshua Nickerson in town to celebrate his 17th birthday. Some of us UUs had a celebratory dinner for that event. And others of us were there to watch Max at the Hemingway 5K run where he finished first in his age group and fourth overall!

What fun!





## "Common Ground"

I want to elevate the debate  
to a level where listening lives

where nuance is known  
and we ask questions  
with no easy answers

I want to meet where we know  
that most perspectives  
contain only partial truths

where together  
we risk our rightness  
in service of a deeper wisdom

I want to release  
the reoccurring ideology  
wars that nobody wins

so we can drop  
from head to heart  
and produce a truce

Maybe down here  
beneath all the noise  
we will notice  
that our feet  
are standing  
on common ground

By Laura Loescher  
**(Creator of "Earth Altars")**