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SERVICES AT ONE ISLAND FAMILY:

ONE ISLAND FAMILY will RECONVENE for our weekly services on OCTOBER 27!

Mark your calendar NOW to join us at 11 am as we celebrate being together again. Our friend (and member!) JT THOMPSON will lead off our season, sharing his loving insights. SEE YOU THEN!

Our NOVEMBER welcomes back some familiar faces:

3 Rev. Steve Torrence will join us in person

10 SOCIAL SUNDAY *and*: We will be led in celebration of our researched LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT by Nancy Hoffman and Jorge Jimenez!

17 Joy Taylor, "What are we if not an ACCUMULATION of our MEMORIES?"

24 Rev. Bob Murphy, Affiliate Minister will zoom in

We welcome our UUA AFFILIATE MINISTERS on a regular basis:

Rev. Bob Murphy and Rev. Doug Slagle

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD: Your Service Coordinators continue to seek your ideas for unique services and your connections to invite guest presenters! Send your information to us via jbt22ster@gmail.com and we will do the follow up!

TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOU: We have a new viewing screen for zoom presentations and sharing. We also have completed the necessary repairs to our sanctuary, thanx to McKendry Builders!

ARE YOU GETTING READY TO VOTE?

The non-partisan League of Women Voters invites you to check out VOTE411 for a chance to 'hear' what the local candidates have to say! <https://www.vote411.org/plan-your-vote>



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello Fellow One Island Family Members!

As I write this, I am watching the hurricane models for Hurricane Helene looking like we should just receive a side-swipe in Key West. I hope that is true and I hope that all of you are safe and dry and do not have any damage from this very powerful storm. I am very far away from any direct impact as Barb and I are currently touring Romania. We have been touring Eastern Europe and have learned a great deal about the post WWII Soviet occupation in these countries, the Communist rule and leaders and the 1989 revolutions that brought about versions of democracy here. The dictatorships, level of freedoms now available and economic situations has been very eye-opening. I appreciate our democracy and economic opportunities even more now. As we will still be gone during our election, we will be voting by "mail" and I am grateful for the privilege and right to do so.

We met earlier this month as a Board, despite our varied locations, and I am very pleased to report that the Program Planning folks have already put together an amazing schedule of Sunday morning programs beginning in October. Many thanks to Joy Taylor and Amelia Hanley for that great work. In addition, through continued perseverance, it looks like we are going to complete some major necessary construction projects on the One Island Family buildings and Grounds before we start services in October. Specifically, - We have renovated the kitchen in the apartment to replace the cabinets and flooring that was literally falling off

the walls. The cabinets, counters and flooring were all replaced and look great with donated materials to keep costs low.

- We are repairing some significant spalling in the apartment to maintain the structural integrity of the unit
- We have had the exterior wall of the church building repaired to eliminate the gap which had developed between the floor and the wall in the main room and replaced a window on that wall.

These repairs were done by local contractors and overseen by Dave Arnold and Joy Taylor.

Many thanks to them for these efforts.

We look forward to starting services in October. Barb and I will be back in town and look forward to seeing everyone again in November.

In peace,
Karen Blackwell
President

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY.

We have scheduled our community service highway cleanup for **Sunday, Oct 13**. We'll meet at **10:00 AM** at Baby's Coffee, 3180 US Highway 1, **MM 15**. Our cleanup area is from MM 14 to 16. You may have noticed the signs at each end of our area saying this part of the Overseas Highway is maintained by One Island Family. We need your help to help our community and our environment— please mark your calendar and come participate.

We all need to watch the safety video before going out for the cleanup. The video is on the Florida Dept of Transportation web site:

<http://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/aahinfo.shtm>.

If you need transportation, please let me know.

Dave Arnold, 757-285-1609,

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"Sometimes it pays to clean the highway"

We Come Home Again

As summer winds down, we gather in from the many paths we've traveled, carrying the richness of our journeys. As we reconnect, we embrace the new congregational year and all of its potential, ready to refresh our spirits and reaffirm the values that unite us as a UU community.

@unit-sargkeww



We welcome diversity of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, culture, citizenship status, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, gender expression, family status, religious background, socioeconomic status, education, political perspective, age, and abilities.

WELCOME!

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