



Worship

WITH OUR SUMMER BREAK we will not be holding Sunday services during July. Please keep connected with One Island Family by following our newsletter posts.





News & Notes

ONE ISLAND FAMILY- July 2021- President's Message

It's official! Your One Island Family board, program planners, religious education director, music director and members are taking a summer holiday for the month of July. We've provided our members and friends a service by zoom ever Sunday since April of last year. Our administrator has circulated our weekly and monthly newsletters by email without interruption throughout the pandemic. Our physical building has been maintained, our board has met monthly, and our treasurer has kept our bills paid. And now we are taking time to look ahead.

During the summer months we are rethinking how to start meeting again in person. We have been gathering in small numbers to view the sunset at Ft Zach on Saturday evenings. For the first time we had a TWIS (or informal Happy Hour) on June 21. What fun it was to hear and see each other in my back yard, to laugh together and get re-connected in person! Who will host the next gathering?

What will you miss on Sunday morning if you do not have a One Island Family program to watch and listen to by zoom? Have you found inspiration in the messages brought from our guest ministers: Rev. Bob Murphy, Rev. Doug Slagle, Rev. Erin Walter, Rev. Stephen Blonder Adams, and others? Has your connection to our Unitarian Universalist history been enriched by hearing from our members about famous UU's (researched and offered in lay led programs by Toby Armour, Karen Blackwell, Astoria Nickerson, Nancy 3. Hoffman, Debby Palmisano, Jim Smith and Matthew Barton)? Have you been inspired by the dedication of local organizations whose missions were shared with us during their Sundays with One Island Family (Samuel's House, Keys to be the Change, the CFFK's Phyllis Allen Fund). What do you recommend as we plan future Sunday programs? How will you contribute?

Have you become engaged in the activities of our Unitarian Universalist Association by watching events offered during the 2021 General Assembly, exploring the website (uua.org), or registering for their many free webinars? Let's get together to share your impressions!

If your summer reading has inspired you to want to share a good book, how about leading a book discussion group? When we begin "summer gatherings" at 801 Georgia Street, do you know of a video or essay that would prompt a spiritual discussion? Would you like to join a guided discussion group ("Covenant Group" or "Small Group Ministry") to become better connected with other members?

We are ready and open to hear from you! What does being a UU and a member of One Island Family mean to you? We need help to do all that is needed to make these programs possible. Where do you fit in? Let's get going on our future planning!

Namaste, Marilyn Smith

to ONE ISLAND FAMILY members and friends:

It has been one unusual year and we want to thank all the many members and friends who made the continuation of our services flow smoothly! It does always take a village and we sure do have an awesome village!

So now we will take a bit of a rest--but are always storing up ideas for services and activities for early fall. Please reach out to any of the Program Committee (Marilyn, Amelia, Nancy 3, Astoria and Joy) with your thoughts. And if you can/want to host a summer gathering, we can make that happen also, appropriate safety measures to be observed.

You can reach any and all of us via jbt22ster@gmail.com and Blessed Be!

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