



# Worship

**Sunday services are now hosted on Zoom.  
Please read our weekly eletter for updates.**

## **ONE ISLAND FAMILY SERVICES FOR MAY 2021:**

**May 2 Rev. Stephen Blonder Adams: "Living at the Threshold."**

"Our views on life, death and afterlife, directly impact our quality of life, here and now." Rev. Adams is a Spiritual Care Coordinator with Hospice of the Western Reserve. He has worked in End of Life Care for over 29 yrs.

**May 9 Toby Armour: "Mothers and Fathers Helping Mother Earth."**

We celebrate Mother's Day with this: Individual community activists here and abroad working to create a more healthy sustainable environment.

**May 16 Peggy Coontz: "Wildlife"**

Let's take a real or virtual walk around the Wildlife Center!

**May 23 Christine Godlewski: "Increasing Diversity"**

Our presenter saw an opportunity to improve diversity in the Monroe County School system ... and she took action! She partnered with the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys and established a fund. Let's hear about it!

**May 30 "Sunday Fun Day!"**

It's always a good Sunday to celebrate our Beloved Community! This Sunday we invite you to share a meaningful connection, a moment of fellowship, a happy story or song.



# News & Notes

## ONE ISLAND FAMILY May 2021 President's Message

### "WHAT's NEW for OIF UU's?"

Now that we're in our Spring season, many One Island Family members are celebrating the availability of vaccines and the hope that we will once again, in the not too distant future, be able to gather in person.

At the present time we plan to offer zoom Sunday services through the end of May. Please see the program announcements in this newsletter for highlights of the speakers who will be joining us. We are proud of what we're bringing to you on Sunday mornings!

When our members and friends present programs, they do that without charge, and we acknowledge that that is a generous contribution to One Island Family! Also, as you may know, we offer a speaker's fee to visiting presenters and ministers. Some donate that back to us, and others accept the fee personally or for a charity of their choice. We believe we are making a difference and spreading the good word of Unitarian Universalism. In fact we have heard that some of our community non-profit organizations presenting programs to us have received additional financial contributions or volunteers from those who heard about their mission from our Sunday services!

By early June it is possible that we will have some outdoor informal gatherings, like the "Summer Gatherings" in bygone years. That may include outings to the Key West Botanical Garden, the Wildlife Center, or Ft. Zachary Taylor. As we begin to feel comfortable and ready to throw open the doors of our homes, we may plan small yard or garden gatherings such as a TWIS ("Thank Whomever It's Sunday") or a beach picnic. Check our newsletter to find the latest from our OIF Board and planning team!

By May 1st we expect that two of the outside groups that had met regularly in our sanctuary before the pandemic, will be restarting for their members who are fully vaccinated. We will need a "Clean Up" day at One Island Family to pull weeds, and spruce up our interior. Look for a date to volunteer!

We are seeking bids for some of the exterior repairs to our building and expect to have some needed work by licensed building contractors underway by summer. Large projects require City and HARC permits, and quality licensed contractors are very much in demand right now!

Next we look forward to several important events in June. KEY WEST PRIDE 2021 will be June 2-6th. Although there is no parade, where we have marched in previous non-COVID years, there is an entire week of activities and parties offered locally. On Saturday, June 5th, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. the Pride Street Fair will be happening in the 700-900 blocks of Duval Street. We are exploring the idea of joining with another community organization to assist with a booth at the street fair. Volunteering as One Island Family could give us visibility in the community! There is an MCC Church Pride Service at 10 a.m. on June 6th as well, and we're going to ask Rev. Steve Torrence about joining their celebration that day.

Finally the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly will be a virtual event held June 23-27th. One event at the opening of every GA is the parade of banners for which every UU group proudly displays the banner identifying their congregation. This year the banners will be displayed virtually, and I have contributed a photo of the banner that proudly hangs in our sanctuary. But in all honesty, an up close viewing of our banner reminded me that it could use an update. Let's have a contest to design a new banner. Anyone with artistic or sewing skills, please call me!

Also, on June 26 at 5 p.m. at GA One Island Family will be appearing on a panel with Rev. Bob Murphy on "Mutual Aid". Astoria Nickerson and Nancy 3. Hoffman have been leading the planning for that. If you enjoy watching the GA events, you also may want to mark your calendar for June 26 at 7 p.m. to hear special guest speakers Stacey Abrams and Desmond Meade give the Ware Lecture. Please note that GA registration (\$200/person) is required for these events. Our One Island Family Board has some scholarships available upon request for registration.

Marilyn Smith, May 2021.

### UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY BANNER PARADE



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