



GREETERS AND HOSTS

If you are volunteering to host please serve light refreshment.

If you arrive early and wish to greet - kindly welcome guests and invite them to sign the visitor's book.

All members are invited to serve your congregation by greeting and hosting. If you wish to volunteer, contact the editor or sign the sheet in the foyer.

Calendar

- Mondays: Pastoral Care
- Tues & Weds: Holistic Health Center
- Mon, Weds, Fri: Food Pantry
- Thursdays
Freethinkers AA-7:30
- 4/4 Step By Step-7pm
- 4/6 Good Friday
Labyrinth Walk-6pm
- 4/13 Seder-5:30pm
- 4/15 99% Training-12:30
- 4/21 Movie Night-7:30pm
- 4/22 Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/26 Poetry Night-7pm
- 4/28 LIAC Dinner 6:30pm

Submit articles for the next Newsletter by the 25th of the month to fscad@optonline.net
Submissions welcome!

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Statement of Mission

We, the Unitarian Universalist Society of South Suffolk, are a church fellowship that creates a safe home for all people in their spiritual search. We offer services of worship, religious education, and community outreach in an atmosphere that promotes serenity, compassion, mutual support and fun. We celebrate the inner spiritual spark that connects us all.

THANK YOU for turning off cell phones and please, no clapping during Service.

Worship begins at 10:30 A.M.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

April 1: Damon Governa – Palm Sunday

This is the day that traditional Christianity celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. But was it a triumph? If so, over what? Join us for a Unitarian Universalist look at this holiday, and maybe even we of liberal religion can find in it a reason to joyfully wave some palms!

April 8: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne – Easter Sunday

Resurrection cannot be denied. Neither can death. Is it possible to die, and live again all in the same lifetime? All faiths touch upon this question and story. Celebrate the possibilities of resurrection within your own life. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones in lieu of religious education classes.

April 15: David Chapman – Who's Right, Who's Wrong

The always-engaging Mr. Chapman joins us for some thoughts on comparing religion.

April 22: Earth Day with The Lorax - UUSSS Kids

Assisted by Rev. Karyn O'Beirne.

The religious education program will present The Lorax, which explores one of our principles: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

April 29: Jim Giarraputo - A Musical Journey From Early Negro Spirituals To The Present
Join Jim as we explore the origins of spirituals and how the music has evolved over the years to what is known today.

Events In April

April 4: Step By Step-7pm

Step By Step is a ministry for all people striving for spiritual growth. In UU-style services, we examine the twelve step program of recovery alongside teachings from the world's many faith traditions, in the hope that we may better understand each. Rather than focusing on any particular form of addiction or compulsion, Step By Step focuses on what we see as the root cause of them all: spiritual malady.

April 6: Good Friday Labyrinth Walk - Communion Of Soup And Bread 6-8pm

Readings, silence and reflection within our beloved community. Take an evening to grow quiet, slow down and resonate with the joy of the season. Our labyrinth will be available in the Sanctuary and a simple dinner of soup and bread will be offered in the RE room.

April 13: Passover Seder-5:30

Our former Caretakers Doug and Tamar Beecher have graciously offered to host our annual Passover Seder again this year continuing a tradition of our own. This will be a service and potluck dinner. The evenings experience will tell the story of the Jewish

people fleeing Egypt in the story of Exodus. When selecting your contribution to the potluck please keep in mind that during this holiday we eat unleavened foods, as the Jewish people would have as they left. If able, you are welcome to help set up early and break down. Please sign up in the foyer as place settings need be made for all celebrants.

April 15: Economic Justice Is Social Justice-99% Training

12:30 Pizza and sign in, 1:00 to 4:00 education and training. Inspired by Occupy Wall Street and the fight for workers in Madison, Wisconsin, the 99% will rise up this spring. In the span of just one week from April 9th to the 15th 100,000 people will be trained to tell the story of what happened to our economy, learn the history of nonviolent direct action, and use that knowledge to take action on our own campaigns to win change. 100,000 people will be gathering for trainings in homes, community centers, places of worship, campuses, and public spaces nationwide to learn how to join together in the work of reclaiming our country through sustained non-violent action. Be a part of the 99% Spring and find out how your rights can be defended and upheld. Join the movement to take back our democracy and our economic future. Let's make opportunity and justice 100% for all. Look for a UUSSS e-mail to register for this event or speak with Jack Finkenberg, Social Justice Chair, Rev. Karyn O'Beirne or Sea Singh Perez, event coordinator.

April 21:

Join us for our third Spiritual Cinema Night



at UUSSS. We continue our love of movies and discussion by allowing the audience to choose three short films from a pool of nine shorts. Come and help decide what subjects will delve into this night. Brief discussion will follow each short. Popcorn and discussion included with the movie!

April 26: Poetry Night-7pm

Put a Poem in Your Pocket (or Purse, or I-Pad, or Smart Phone, or Laptop) and come down 7 pm to 9 pm to share poems. Be inspired, have a laugh, sigh a sigh, shed a tear. April is National Poetry Month, and April 26th is "Put a Poem in Your Pocket" Day. Find a poem you love, read to us, and share why you love it. Bring a poem of your own to share. Tell us about it. We'll try creating a short poem ourselves. Refreshments will be available to get those creative juices flowing.

April 28: LIAC Spring Dinner

Shelter Rock Congregation
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Speaker. Special guest speaker is the Rev. Randy Becker who led a standing-room only workshop on Emerging Technologies at the Fall Conference of the Liberal Religious Educators' Association. Take heart! Most of the emerging options do not have to be impossibly demanding nor unduly expensive (in fact, some could save you money!), and in the process of integrating them into your congregational life you will find that you expand your involved community of members. Our evening together will be more conceptual than technical, more inspirational than perspirational, more familiar than foreign. We might even have fun along the way! Tickets are \$20. per person. Reverend Karyn O'Beirne and Milt Schneider are going. Car-pooling may be available.

Pastoral care minister

Rev. Karyn O'Beirne

has regular office hours on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 in the office upstairs at UUSSS. Stop by or you can make an appointment for another time. Sometimes we need a caring presence to help us get through difficult or confusing times in our life. And sometimes it's good to share a laugh and chat. Drop in or call (631-748-5013), I am here to listen and help.

New T Shirts Still Available

The new T-shirts are available in S, M, L, XL and children's M and L. Only \$12. with proceeds toward more UU Pocket Guides for new members. See Jo-Ann Israel

Free-thinkers AA Group

The Freethinkers AA group meets Thursday's 7:30pm in the RE Room. Contact fscad@optonline.net or x54bassman@optonline.net for more information.

Recyclables

The congregation has private carting which precludes UUSSS from recycling. When possible please pick up a small batch of recyclables to include with yours at home.

Committee Vacancies

Openings are available for a Membership Chairperson. See any Board member with questions. If you would like to help with the Buildings and Grounds Committee or have any questions, suggestions or requests see Brian W, Carl R or Bill V.



Have something you want to get rid of but would prefer not to throw away? Do you like the idea of someone else getting use out of an item you don't need and having the congregation benefit at the same time? Please contact your editor with details regarding the item you wish to list.

Little Red Wagon

We are looking for a donation of a wagon for use as a transporter for bulky items from curb to foyer. If anyone has an old wagon wheel it down or we can pick it up.

The Eclectic Cafe



Saturday April 14th, presents Layah Jane. Sultry Blues, earthy Jazz, mellow Americana. Sit back, open your heart and flow with the music of Canada's own Ms. Jane. The perfect voice for our intimate venue. Open mic 7:30, feature performer at 8:30. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to our in house food bank. eclecticcafe.org

Let's Talk UU Principles

A fun and informative seven principles study/discussion group. Discussion will continue on Thursdays in June for those interested in learning more about our faith.

Social Justice

Do you have a Social Justice issue that is of particular concern to you? Would you like to see others moved to action regarding the issue? See our Social Justice Director Jack Finkenberg to coordinate possible further action. Information on social justice issues and community topics can be found in the foyer. Check the wire basket and bulletin boards and feel free to take any of the items that interest you.

Hosting

Think about signing up for hosting. It's easy to bring something to nosh on (home made is not a requirement but certainly welcomed) and get the coffee brewing. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Baby Naming Contest

Bring in a picture of yourself between the ages of 1 and 7 years old and write your name in light pencil on the back (or post-it). Our Program Director Jo-Ann Israel will collect all pictures and mount them on poster board (delicately, with removable adhesive gum). The person with the most correct names wins. We'll take a picture of ourselves with our pictures.

Friends and Membership

Thank you to all who have signed the information sheet in the foyer in order to be kept up to date on happenings and getting the Newsletter. For those who would like to inquire as to how to become a pledging member please talk with a board member, Rev. Karyn or a trustee.

Office Work

Recently much work has been done to clean up the UU office on the 2nd floor. We are currently looking for someone to volunteer their time to paint the office walls and ceiling. The paint and all supplies needed like a brush and roller will be supplied to the person willing to do the task. If you would like to offer to do this, please see Joe O'Beirne or email Joe at Joe.Obeirne@adp.com

From the Editor

Wow, busy month. That's a good thing of course. I'm real glad I picked up my new fangled computer glasses today, working great. Top is screen distance, bottom for reading. So what'll it be for you? We have two versions of recovery ongoing. Seder, Occupy training, Earth Day. Catch a movie, read a poem, walk the labyrinth. I bit the bullet and plunked down triple digits for Nick Lowe and Graham Parker up at Levon Helm's Ramble in Woodstock. Mom settled there and opened a stationary store in the early 80's. Should be interesting. As the flowers continue their confusement we seem to be rolling full steam ahead. Ed note: I am prone to making up my own words. Don't pay it no nevermind.

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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