



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

- Tues & Weds: Holistic Health Center
- Mon, Weds, Fri: Food Pantry
- 4/3
Step By Step-7:30pm
- 4/13 Eclectic Café, 7:30
- 4/10 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 4/14 Live Poets, Islip
- 4/20 Sharps Film
- U-Share, BBQ Parts

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.

PLEASE NOTE There is no parking in the driveway during Service.

Worship begins at 10:30 A.M.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

April 7: Hollis Huston-The Best of Times

Human beings have been inclined throughout history to say that the world is going to the dogs. A search of the daily paper yields predictions of apocalypse from fundamentalists and atheists, the right and the left. This sermon refutes the apocalypse: human life has gotten better throughout history and in our lifetime. It is our duty to remember, protect and extend these hidden revolutions.

**April 14: Rev. Nancy Arnold
But Words Get in the Way**

Each of us has a religious past that we bring with us into the present. Often we speak different faith "languages" that may interfere with our desire to be open and accepting of each other's spiritual growth. How can we learn to understand another's language in order to be in a congregation that truly accepts and encourages one another in our spiritual growth?

**April 21: Greg Greenway
The Illusion of Separateness**

While the machinery of civilization is humming invisibly in the background, it easy to feel independent and self-sufficient. We work hard to create our success, our safety. But, we are one power failure, one hurricane, one sickness away from the reality of our interdependence.

**April 28: Dave Chapman
In the Spirit of Service and
The Softening of Our Spirits**

Dave shares his thoughts on the work we are called to do through our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the impact it can have on our own lives and our spiritual connection to the world at large.

**April 3:
Step By Step-7:30pm**

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.

The Eclectic Cafe



The Eclectic Cafe, Saturday April 14 presents Carolann Solebello and The YaYas. Carolann will be familiar as a founding member of the influential trio Red Molly. The YaYas are an engaging and uplifting nationally touring trio featuring literate skillfully arranged songs. 7:30 open mic, feature performer 8:30 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to our in house food bank. eclecticcafe.org

T Shirts Still Available

Many thanks to Emily Napear for taking over the inventory and distribution of the new UUSSS T Shirts. If you don't have one yet, and why would you not, 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 Emily for more info.

Live Poets Society

Meetings for gentle critique at the Islip Library between 2 and 4:30 pm. Next meeting April 14. If possible bring 10 copies of your poetry. All invited, some satisfied customers frequent our congregation. Program Room
Islip Public Library 71 Monell Ave
Contact Noreen for more info
631-581-6740

UU Film Night

Two Who Dared: The Sharps' War

You are invited to the Long Island premier of "Two Who Dared: The Sharps' War." This new film documents the courageous efforts of Waitstill Sharp, a Unitarian minister, and his wife Martha to rescue thousands of Unitarians and other minorities from Nazi persecution in Czechoslovakia in 1939 and southern France in 1940. For a fuller description of the film, go to <http://twowhodared.facinghistory.org/>.

This showing is jointly sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society of South Suffolk and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Great South Bay. The event will begin with a potluck, followed by the film and discussion. A \$5 donation to support the making of this documentary is suggested.

Date: Saturday April 20

Time: Potluck at 6:00pm and film at 7:00pm

Place: UU of South Suffolk

Freethinkers AA Group

The Freethinkers AA group meets Thursday's 7:30pm in the RE Room.

Contact fscad@optonline.net for more info.

Recyclables Cans In The Corner

The congregation has private carting which precludes UUSSS from recycling. When possible Please bring a bag 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 or Charlie.



The BBQ has been claimed but Bev and Milt still have two gas canisters, and they're full. They're yours if you pick them up. Call the Schneiders at 516-799-5007.

Have something you want to get rid of but would prefer not to throw away? Please contact your editor with details regarding the item you wish to list.

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

If you are volunteering to host, please try to arrive a little early to set up the foyer for coffee and light refreshment. Also, kindly welcome members and guests and hand them a program. Invite guests to sign the visitor's book. If you wish to host please see a member of the board.

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.

From the Editor

Happy Spring

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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