



GREETERS AND HOSTS

All members are invited to serve our congregation by hosting and greeting. Hosts provide light refreshment, set up coffee and tea in the foyer, greet arriving members and guests, and stay to clean up after our social time. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you can host a service.

Calendar

- Tues & Weds: Holistic Health Center
- Mon, Weds, Fri: Food Pantry
- 4/9 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 4/12 Eclectic Café, 7:30
- 4/13 Live Poets, Islip Library 2-4pm
- 4/18 Good Friday
- 4/20 Easter Sunday

Spiritual Exploration with Rev. Karyn O'Beirne will continue 6/22

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

The Bay Watch

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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 or in the Doctors Office parking lot to our south

Worship begins at 10:30 A.M.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

April 6: Dave Chapman – Justice is Planting a Seed

The limited resources of our world are being strained more and more every day. With the progression of global warming, food resources will become more scarce, more people around the world will become hungrier and those already hungry will face starvation. There is hope, however, and much that we can do to enable people around the globe to feed themselves and their families. A well-nourished, sustainable world is attainable. In this week's sermon Dave discusses what our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is doing and how we can help support these efforts.

April 13: John Flynn

Straight from his performance at the Eclectic Café Saturday night, see below, John Flynn will offer a service this Sunday.

April 20: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne Easter Sunday- Celebrate the Good News!

Resurrection is for everyone, if you will it so.
Resurrect your own light of being and gather with friends at our spiritual home that is UUSSS

April 27: Rev. Hollis Huston Pinch Hitting

Mr. Huston is out of the country but has agreed to step up for the April 27 Service which are always enlightening.

Board Meeting – April 9, 7pm

If you have a special request or idea please come and add your voice to our ongoing debate and day to day decision making.

Live Poets Society – April 13

Meetings for gentle critique. If possible bring 10 copies of your poetry. All invited, some satisfied customers frequent our congregation. Islip Library 71 Monell Ave. Islip between 2 and 4pm. Contact Barbara Donovan, 631-581-2214 or Noreen McDonald, 631-581-6740 for more information.

Eclectic Cafe

April 12-7:30 John Flynn



The Eclectic Cafe, Saturday April 12 presents John Flynn. The open heartedness and resonant decency in Flynn's work is reflected in his early country offerings, story songs, love songs, songs for kids, funny songs, songs of social justice and meditations on loss, tolerance, faith and hope. The Café takes place right in our own Sanctuary. Open mic 7:30, feature performer 8:30 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to our in house food bank. eclecticcafe.org

Good Friday – April 18

Labyrinth Meditation, soup and breaking bread. You are invited to walk the Labyrinth to beautiful music. Stay and enjoy a cup or bowl of soup. Break bread and take a little bit of time to rest in the quiet among friends. Stop by anytime between 6-8pm.

Victory Challenge – May 31

The Nassau County Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged will be held at Mitchel Field Friday 5/30 and Saturday 5/31. Your volunteer effort would be greatly appreciated. Please see Elaine Lockwood for all necessary information.

Spiritual Exploration –

Our spiritual exploration group at UUSSS facilitated by Rev. Karyn O’Beirne will continue 6/22/14.

The book being explored together is *The Way of Liberation, A Practical Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment*, by Adyashanti, an American spiritual teacher who studied Zen Buddhism but has developed his own style of guiding seekers to their own liberation. You can order a printed book for \$10, or download an e-book for free at www.adyashanti.org. Other dates may be added as we settle into our exploration and discussion.

Positions to Be Available

The Board positions of Treasurer and alternate Trustee will be opening up in June. Please consider offering your service in one of these important positions prior to our June elections.

Hymnal Quest

While we appreciate that you may have borrowed a hymnal in order to study all the hymns in an effort to be ready to sing out sweet and clear to any hymn called, we really need to round up and return any stray hymnals. If you happen to have one at home, in the car or wherever please return.

Piano Lessons - Erve Beiser

Lessons will be held in the Sanctuary. Suggested donation \$10. Please contact Erve if interested.

Committee Vacancies

Openings are available for various committee positions; 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. Thanks to Elaine Lockwood for taking the important role of Membership Committee Chair.

Recyclables Cans in the Corner

The congregation has private carting which precludes UUSSS from recycling. When possible please bring a bag home.

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.



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

Freethinkers AA Group

The Freethinkers AA group meets Thursday’s 7:30pm in the comfy front room, or RE room if necessary, BYOC.

Contact fscad@optonline.net for more info.

Hosting

If you are volunteering to host, Thank You! Please arrive early to set up the foyer for coffee and light refreshment. Bring refreshment and a small container of milk for coffee and tea. Also, kindly welcome members and guests and hand them a program. Invite guests to sign the visitor's book. Please remain after the social time to clean up the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Rial or Karen Finkenberg.

Priorities Survey

As you may have heard we've been working on a survey to gauge congregation priorities and thoughts. This should take you no more than 5 or 10 minutes. Even if you're no longer active, in fact especially if, your thoughts are extremely valuable. See Charlie or Sheila for a copy of the survey or a link to web page.

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.

Social Justice

Do you have a Social Justice issue that is of particular concern to you? See our Social Justice Director Jack Finkenberg to coordinate possible further action. Information can be found in the foyer. Check the wire basket and bulletin boards and feel free to take any items of interest.

George Mann in Concert – May 3

The legendary folksinger and activist Pete Seeger died in January at the age of 94. In honor of his work, the UUSSS is hosting an evening of music, stories and songs of peace, struggle and triumph over adversity, featuring many of the songs that Pete Seeger wrote and made popular. George Mann performed with Pete Seeger several times over the years and Pete narrated "The Almanac Trail," a CD George produced last year that honors the labor songs of Pete's first group, "The Almanac Singers." Bring a song or a story for the first set. Suggested donation \$5-\$10. All welcome, no one turned away for lack of funds. For info call Brian at 631-902-2173,

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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