



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
- 12/5
Step By Step-7:30pm
- 12/8 Eclectic Cafe
- 9/12 Board Meeting, 7pm

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.

Worship begins at 10:30 A.M.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

December 2: Chris Filstrip

December 9: The Rev. Hollis Huston
Jesus Was A Humanist-A Sermon For Advent

December 16: The Rev. Julie Newhall

December 23: Damon Governa

December 24: Christmas Eve-The Rev. Karyn O'Beirne
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – Monday 5:30

Hear the holiday stories with new ears. Sing the Carols along with a possible appearance of our very select Choir and celebrate Christmas with friends and family. Christmas is for everyone if we open our hearts wide enough.

Religious Education

We are in the process of revamping our Religious Education program. We are looking to have rotating teachers, teach in modules of 2 to 3 months at a time so no one will be away from services too long and our children will have a wonderful experience. This cannot occur without everyone helping out. Ann Parmely has been in this position for a number of years and needs our help. Please see either Ann or Elaine Lockwood for more information or to sign up.

December 5: 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.

New T Shirts Still Available

Many thanks to Emily Napear for taking over the inventory and distribution of the new UUSSS T Shirts. What? You don't have one yet? 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.

Freethinkers 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 Cans In The Corner

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.

Let's Talk UU Principles

A fun and informative seven principles study/discussion group. The discussion will continue Thursday June 21st at 6:30pm 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.

The Eclectic Cafe



The Eclectic Cafe, Saturday December 8 presents Frank Tedesso. Storyteller, poet, singer and musician Mr. Tedesso sings about the madness and disappointments of the world - but also of its grace and beauty and of finding redemption in tragedy. 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

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.

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

As we have emerged from the nightmare that was Sandy most of us can count our stars that we were minimally inconvenienced. I was off grid for two days and was fairly reveling in the return to my latent Luddite ways. Others, I can think of three dear members, were impacted much greater with near total destruction of their homes. Big thanks to our Social Justice Committee for jumping in and assisting where they could. I hope we can find a way to continue to help our members in present dire need with as much passion as we have helped so many others in years past.

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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