



GREETERS AND HOSTS

All members are invited to serve our congregation by greeting or hosting. Greeters greet arriving guests before a service. Hosts provide light refreshment, set up coffee and tea in the foyer and stay to clean up. Please see Kathy Rial to volunteer for greeting or hosting at a service.

Calendar

- Tues & Wed:
Holistic Health Center
- Mon, Wed, Fri:
Food Pantry
2-3:30pm
- Yoga Mondays 6-7pm
- 12/13 Eclectic Café, 7:30
- 12/10 Board Mtg, 7pm
- 12/14 Live Poets Islip Lib
- 12/14 Mitten Tree Due
- 12/21 Yoga 12:30-1:30

- Christmas Eve Service
5:30 pm

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

December 7: Hollis Huston-No One But Us What Are We Waiting For

We are in the Christian season of Advent, which means that someone, or something, is coming to us, and we are waiting for the arrival. But whatever gifts come to us, they will not make us perfect; and yet we must perfect the world. How can we imagine this?

**December 14: Damon Governa
It Might Have Been Otherwise**

The greatest hindrance to gratitude is the taking of things for granted, and this most often comes simply through a lack of reflection on our part. Let us take some time to deliberately turn our attention to the blessings in our lives.

December 21: Dave Chapman

**December 24: Rev. Karyn O’Beirne
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

Sing the carols, listen to each other's voices and celebrate Christmas with friends and family. Christmas is for everyone, if we open our hearts wide enough. Canned goods and food certificates are always welcome to be donated to the Bay Shore Emergency Food Bank, located at the front of our building.

**December 28: Rev. Julie Newhall
Letting Go of Last Year**

A service of reflection and renewal. Please wear comfortable shoes and your favorite socks.

**Yoga – Continues Mondays at 6pm
and Dec 21 12:30-1:30
Stressed Out About the Holidays?**

Indulge in a relaxing yoga meditation workshop Mondays from 6-7pm except on 12/29 and a one shot on Sunday December 21st in the Sanctuary after service, \$5.00. For more information contact Laura at 631-747-1976 or Uuyoga2014@gmail.com

Board Meeting – Dec. 10, 7pm

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

Live Poets Society – Dec. 14

Meetings for gentle critique. If possible bring 10 copies of your poetry. All invited, some satisfied customers frequent our congregation. Meeting at Islip Public Library, 71 Monell Ave. Islip between 2 and 4:30pm. Contact Noreen McDonald, 631-581-6740 for more information.

Mitten Tree - Due By Dec 14

The Mitten Tree is once again standing proud in the Sanctuary. Each mitten has a gift suggestion for an Islip family member in need. Please choose a mitten, buy the present noted on it and return it unwrapped to the tree by 12/14. Thank you Janet for continuing to spearhead this worthy cause and thanks everyone, in advance, for your generous support.

**Eclectic Café – December 13
Spuyten Duyvil**



The Eclectic Cafe Saturday December 13 is proud and excited to host a return engagement of Spuyten Duyvil. \$13 in advance, \$18 at the door. Open mic 7:30, feature performer 8:30. Unitarian Society 28 Brentwood Rd. Bay Shore. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to our in house food bank. eclecticcafe.org.

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

If you would like to help with the Buildings and Grounds Committee or have any questions, suggestions or requests see Brian or Charlie.

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 Thursdays 7:30pm in the comfy front room, or RE room if necessary, coffee and tea are provided. Contact fscad@optonline.net for more info.

ACA Meeting – Tuesdays 7pm

ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) is a worldwide organization devoted to helping those affected by family alcoholism and dysfunction.

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 ask anyone to direct you, talk with Elaine Lockwood or with any board member.

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.

From The Editor

'Tis the season... bah Humbug. That was my view generally. I suppose until Miles came along. Now he's grown and doing his own thing and I could be back to a Dickensian mode. But I've found I've let that go these last few years. Life's too short, and sweet. No matter what moves you during the holiday season enjoy yourself.

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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