



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
- Thursdays
Freethinkers AA
- 2/8 Board Meeting
- 2/11 Eclectic Cafe
- 2/12 Worship Meeting
- 2/15 Poetry Readings
- 2/18 Movie Night, 7:30

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.

Worship begins at 10:30 A.M.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

February 5: David Chapman –Justice And Fairness And The Thoughts Of John Rawls

If you were given the chance to choose the economic system that you would live under, would you choose the system we have in the United States today or something different? Would you like to be a king or a queen in a feudal system? Would you like to live under a collective system like a kibbutz in Israel or in a centralized economy as they used to have in the former Soviet Union? In this week's sermon, you're going to have a chance to select your economic system and learn what John Rawls, one of the great philosophers of the 20th Century, had to say about wealth, incentive, selfishness, responsibility and sharing.

February 12: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne – Faith And Leadership

With President's Day on Monday we take time to remember Abraham Lincoln. How did his faith sustain him during our country's darkest hours?

**February 19: Elaine Lockwood
Dr. Seuss - Undercover UU
Minister?**

We are all familiar with the writings of Dr. Seuss, could that be because we can find so many of our UU principles in them? Come and explore the big possibility of the "Reverend" Theodore Geisel, Dr. Seuss.

**February 26: Damon Governa
Let It Shine**

We Unitarian Universalists are often reluctant to speak out about our tradition. We are turned off by the proselytizing of others and don't want to go down that same road. Is evangelism at all compatible with UU principles?

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

**February 12: Worship Meeting
Jo-Ann Israel**

Join our worship director and worship leaders as we plan out the coming services. Accommodations will be made for those unable to attend.

**February 15: 6:30 to 9:30 PM
Poetry Readings**

Please join us and share an original poem. Reveal your hidden talent! Refreshments will be available. Contact Barbara Dovovan 581-2214 or Jo-Ann Israel 231-5761 to sign up or for more information.

February 18: Movie Night

Join us for our first Spiritual Cinema Night at UUSSS. We kick off our love of movies and discussion with *I AM*.

Hollywood filmmaker Tom Shadyac (Ace Ventura, Bruce Almighty and Patch Adams) had it all and then suffered a serious brain injury. His spiritual awakening resulted in an acclaimed documentary that explores questions about the meaning of human existence and compassion. "What if the solution to the world's problems was right in front of us all along?"

Featured spiritual leaders include Desmond Tutu, Howard Zinn, Coleman Barks and Noam Chomsky. Popcorn and discussion included with the movie! "The shift is about to hit the fan." iamthedoc.com

Free-thinkers AA Group

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

The Eclectic Cafe

Saturday February 11, presents Roosevelt Dime. This five piece Brooklyn combo with an unusual lineup of washtub bass, banjo, woodwinds and percussion crosses multiple genres including N'awlins soul, jug band blues and neo folk. Best described as Kings County Steamboat Soul, they will get your feet tapping and your soul singing. 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. Future dates to be determined 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.

U-SHARE



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.

Keep Talking

Following our Congregational Conversation we look forward to continued input from all quarters in our day to day affairs. Many thanks to Ellie Giarraputo and Charlie Hayward for running the formal conversation. Assorted sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Have an idea? Ideas need interaction to blossom. Grab someone and talk about it.

Group Picture

We assembled those present at our Agape Service on our porch for a group picture. A jpeg file is available for anyone with email. Copies can be made on a request basis for cost. See your editor or Jo-Ann Israel.

From the Editor

It is invigorating for me to see increasing numbers of children enjoying our R.E. program. My own son Miles, who is wearing his parents out in the process of auditioning for college drama schools, came up through the UUSSS R.E. program. He had many questions to wrestle with in his formative years and it gave him wide berth to help him find his way. I know that our R.E. program helped to shape him in to the fine person he has become. Many thanks to Ann Parmely-R.E. Director, her associate Emily Napear and all others who pitch in for doing such a wonderful job.

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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