



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
- 2/6
Step By Step-7:30pm
- 2/9 Eclectic Café, 7:30
- 2/10 Live Poets, Islip
- 2/13 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 2/26 UUFSB, see flyer
- 2/27 UU University
- U-Share, BBQ Grill

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

February 3: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne- Our Shadow As A Path To Freedom

In the midst of winter we will explore our shadow selves. Why is it important to lift up this aspect of our being and how does that serve our personal path to freedom?

February 10: Hollis Huston The Needle's Eye-Privilege And Liberation In 1863

Unitarian Universalists are of above average income and are the most educated religious group in America. What is our obligation to those who were born, as James Cone has written, "with a boot on their necks"? The Civil War career of Robert Gould Shaw, the son of wealthy Boston abolitionists, has something to teach us about our responsibility to people who do not share our privileges.

February 17:

Rev. Karyn O'Beirne
Music That Moves Us

Music can move the soul like nothing else. I will be bringing my favorite soul stirring music. Bring a song on CD or Ipod and share what music moves your soul.

February 24:

Rev. Julie Newhall
From Slave To Saint

He wasn't Irish. He wasn't initially a Christian. He wasn't even called Patrick. And, yet, he became a great figure in Irish church history. Come hear his story and why it might matter to Unitarian Universalists.

February 6:

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. 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.

The Eclectic Cafe



The Eclectic Cafe, Saturday February 9 presents Bob Westcott and James O'Malley. These two well known Long Island based finger style guitarists / singer-songwriters will be swapping songs as well as doing a few songs together. 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

Live Poets Society

Meetings for gentle critique at the Islip Library between 2 and 4:30 pm. Next meeting February 10. If possible bring 10 copies of your poetry. All invited, some satisfied customers frequent our congregation.

Islip Public Library 71 Monell Ave
Contact Noreen for more info
631-581-2214

UUFBSB-Wecoming Classes

See attached flyer for more information

UU University

February 27: 7-9pm

Once a month we will watch a DVD for two 40 minute sessions with a break in between for coffee and treats and a brief discussion. This month from 7 to 9pm, we will discuss The Koran and Gilgamesh in the Books That Have Made History series.

Two great books will be discussed at each session, books that can change your life. A certificate of completion will be issued at the end of the series. You don't have to attend each one. And it's free! No tuition, no books to buy, no tests. Just a little bit of learning at the UU.

For more information contact:
Jack "Finkenbook" 631-661-1278

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 or Charlie.



The BBQ has been clamed 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

A good old friend of mine has started a web site www.savethegreatsouthbay.org which from the title is self explanatory. It's full of helpful information about what is being done, and what you can do, to help revitalize the Bay. The new breach at Old Inlet has had a tremendous impact in cleaning the Bay post Sandy. While it previously took one hundred days to flush, it now takes only forty days. Contrary to popular opinion the breach has not contributed to an increase in flooding. As of this writing the Army Corp of Engineers is waiting for a green light to close the breach. We hope that they don't, or haven't made that mistake. Check the site, buy a T and help seed the Bay.

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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