



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

- Mondays: Pastoral Care
- Tues & Weds: Holistic Health Center
- Mon, Weds, Fri: Food Pantry
- Thursdays
Freethinkers AA-7:30
- 6/2 Parkinsons Benefit & Empire St. Games
- 6/6 Step By Step-7pm
- 6/10 Congregational Mtg
- 6/13 Board Mtg 7pm
- 6/21 UU Principles Disc.

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

June 3: Damon Governa – Is Anger A Gift

Anger has been called a gift as well as a deadly sin. Which is it? Can it be both? Are some forms of anger "better" than others? How are we to view and to deal with this powerful emotion?

June 10: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne-The Flip Side Of Getting Rabbi Rami has a different way of looking at purpose-filled life. What is your purpose in life?

Annual Congregational Meeting directly follows the Worship service this morning. Be counted and vote! (Our 5th principle *"The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large."*)

June 17: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne Finding

When we first feel those spiritual awakenings, we go in search of ... What? And what is it that we Find? And what do we do with what we have found? Find out this Sunday in Fellowship and Worship.

June 24: Damon Governa Sabbath For UU's

As members of a non-creedal religion, we UU's don't inherit much in the way of rituals and traditions. This gives us both the freedom and the task of putting together our own. Today we take a look at the concept of the Sabbath, in the hopes that we may find something useful for our own spiritual paths.

June 2: Parkinson's Benefit

7:30 – 10:30pm. An Evening of Off-Off Broadway Entertainment. Join Members of UUSSS and others in a fun filled night of music and variety. Musical direction by Erve Beiser, assisted by Roy Corlette. If you've been to any of our previous benefits than you know we'll be having a grand time while raising funds for a worthy cause. Proceeds to benefit the American Parkinson Disease Association-Long Island Chapter.

June 6: Step By Step-7pm

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.

June 10: Congregational Meeting – After Service

A slate of nominees for the new board as well as two distinct budgets for the upcoming fiscal year will be presented and voted upon.

1). In addition a vote to amend Article VIII, Section 2 of the UUSSS Bylaws will be presented.

This bylaw deals with ministerial qualifications and as of now states: "To be eligible for consideration a candidate must be a graduate of a recognized Theological school and hold fellowship in the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The appointed minister must maintain fellowship in the UUA."

2). The congregation will also be asked to vote on a board recommendation to appoint Reverend Karyn O'Beirne to be our congregation's minister for the upcoming year. As part-time minister Karyn would be responsible for two worship services a month, pastoral care, spiritual development, as well as cooperating and coordinating the spiritual outreach direction of the congregation with the UUSSS Board, Worship, Social Justice and Membership committees.

Ed. note: I have not seen the proposed bylaw change. From what I understand, because 2) above is contingent on the outcome of 1) above there will be two budgets. Both budgets and the slate of nominees will be sent at least 10 days prior to the meeting to all members in good standing as per the UUSSS Bylaws. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting and vote.

Pastoral care minister

Rev. Karyn O'Beirne

has regular office hours on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 in the office upstairs at UUSSS. Stop by or you can make an appointment for another time. Sometimes we need a caring presence to help us get through difficult or confusing times in our life. And sometimes it's good to share a laugh and chat. Drop in or call (631-748-5013), I am here to listen and help.

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. First and third Thursdays only in June, July and August. Contact fscad@optonline.net or x54bassman@optonline.net for more information.

Recyclables – New 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.

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.

Little Red Wagon

We are looking for a donation of a wagon for use as a transporter for bulky items from curb to foyer. If anyone has an old wagon wheel it down or we can pick it up.

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 Café thanks all reading whom have come out and enjoyed our great line up over the past season. We'll see you next season.

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.

Baby Naming Contest

Bring in a picture of yourself between the ages of 1 and 7 years old and write your name in light pencil on the back (or post-it). Our Program Director Jo-Ann Israel will collect all pictures and mount them on poster board (delicately, with removable adhesive gum). The person with the most correct names wins. We'll take a picture of ourselves with our pictures.

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

My great uncle was Bill McCabe, Editor and Publisher of the Rockland Co. Times. I only met him once or twice but do remember visiting the Newspapers offices as a kid. Bill was old school and pulled no punches. I find myself self censoring, holding back the reins in what I would like to say. I too tell it like it is. On the other hand I don't like to ruffle feathers. Suffice it to say it took me a long time to even be comfortable with the idea of spirituality. I did some fairly deep research, which boiled down to Unitarian Universalism. I have been very happy to be a part of this congregation. My son grew through our RE program and I have grown as well. I respect and admire the deep history of UU's in both our country and the world at large.

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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