



GREETERS AND HOSTS

All members are invited to serve our congregation by hosting and greeting. Hosts provide light refreshment, set up coffee and tea in the foyer, greet arriving members and guests, and stay to clean up after our social time. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you can host a service.

Calendar

- Tues & Weds:
Holistic Health Center
- Mon, Weds, Fri:
Food Pantry
- 6/8 Congregational Meeting, 11:30
- 6/8 Live Poets,
Barnes and Noble
2-3:30pm
- 6/11 Board Meeting, 7pm

Summer Services Opngs

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

**June 1: Dave Chapman –
The Curse of the Whippoorwill**

I don't care what Jack says about birds, we have a whippoorwill at the lake we visit on weekends that is waking me up at 4:30 in the morning! I curse you whippoorwill! But wait a second, did you see that sunrise? Beautiful

June 8: Hollis Huston
Beauty Is Truth, Truth Beauty. How to Think Critically While Living Faithfully

Why do professions of faith seem incompatible with a modern view of the world? Why do we let a narrow segment of the religious world define the religious impulse as hostile to science? We can affirm both religious values and a rational way of understanding the world if we remember that religion is an art, and that art is (whether formally so or not) sacred.

June 15: TBD

June 22: TBD

June 29: Dave Chapman

Janice recently found a wonderful book for me, "Prayers for a Thousand Years", edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon. One poem by the New York City based writer Diane Ackerman includes the passage, "I swear I will not dishonor my soul with hatred". What a beautiful thought, what a wonderful pledge. What can this impressive idea mean to all of us?

Congregational Meeting-June 8

Our Congregational Budget will be voted on and elections for the board will be held after service.

Live Poets Society – June 8

Meetings for gentle critique. If possible bring 10 copies of your poetry. All invited, some satisfied customers frequent our congregation. Summer meetings will be at Barnes and Noble, Bay Shore between 2 and 3:30pm. Contact Noreen McDonald, 631-581-6740 for more information.

Eclectic Café will be back In September

The Café takes place right in our own Sanctuary. 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

Board Meeting – June 11, 7pm

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

Spiritual Exploration –

Our spiritual exploration group at UUSSS is facilitated by Rev. Karyn O'Beirne.

The book being explored together is The Way of Liberation, A Practical Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment, by Adyashanti, an American spiritual teacher who studied Zen Buddhism but has developed his own style of guiding seekers to their own liberation. You can order a printed book for \$10, or download an e-book for free at www.adyashanti.org. Other dates may be added as we settle into our exploration and discussion.

Summer Service Slots

There may still be a spot or two open, see a board member for availability.

Positions to Be Available

The Board positions of Treasurer and alternate Trustee will be opening up in June. Please consider offering your service in one of these important positions prior to our June elections.

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

Openings are available for various committee positions; 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. Thanks to Elaine Lockwood for taking the important role of Membership Committee Chair.

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 Thursday's 7:30pm in the comfy front room, or RE room if necessary, BYOC (coffee, chairs provided) Contact fscad@optonline.net for more info.

ACA Meeting Coming to UUSSS

First meeting to be June 17 at 7:30pm and every Tuesday at 7:30pm thereafter. ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) is a worldwide organization devoted to helping those affected by family alcoholism.

Hosting

If you are volunteering to host, Thank You! Please arrive early to set up the foyer for coffee and light refreshment. Bring refreshment and a small container of milk for coffee and tea. Also, kindly welcome members and guests and hand them a program. Invite guests to sign the visitor's book. Please remain after the social time to clean up the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Rial or Karen Finkenberg.

Priorities Survey

As you may have heard we've been working on a survey to gauge congregation priorities and thoughts. This should take you no more than 5 or 10 minutes. Even if you're no longer active, in fact especially if, your thoughts are extremely valuable. See Charlie or Sheila for a copy of the survey or a link to web page.

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.

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.

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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