



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
- 3/10 Eclectic Cafe
- 3/14 Board Meeting
- 3/17 Movie Night

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

March 4: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne – What Is Prayer?

We will delve into the question “Why pray?” this Sunday. A spiritual master once said “Praying *for* is not the same as praying *to*”, and the answer to our prayers may not be as important as much as the act of praying that reveals the question closest to our heart.

Please bring a special stone that you are willing to donate to our religious community. Your stone will become part of our new Milestones of Hope, Joy and Sorrows ceremony. People will be able to choose our traditional candle or a stone to drop into a communal bowl of water when they share their milestones with our beloved community.

March 11: Dave Chapman – My Spirit And My Soul The Spiritual Life Of A Unitarian Universalist

What does it mean to be a “spiritual” person? What does it mean to be a “spiritual” Unitarian Universalist? Does being a spiritual person mandate a belief in a god or the practice of a specific faith? Dave discusses the challenge of spirituality for each of us as individuals and for all Unitarian Universalists.

March 18:

Rev. Karyn O'Beirne-UU Women
March is Women's History Month and we take this time Sunday to honor some of the women that changed the face of Unitarian Universalist movements in America.

March 25: Hollis Huston

A Prophet In His Own Country
Emerson famously said that he had seen a preacher who made him swear he would never go to church again, and since the days of the Transcendentalists we have struggled with contradictory impulses about ministry. It seems we can't live without them, and yet we can't live with them either. What is the impossible relationship between minister and congregation?

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

March 17: Movie Night

Join us for our second Spiritual Cinema Night at UUSSS. We continue our love of movies and discussion with *A Not So Still Life*. This feature film peers into the kaleidoscopic mind of renowned artist Ginny Ruffner. She challenges us to not waste a minute of our lives and see the world from an unexpected perspective. "I think the universe has a finely tuned sense of humor," says Ginny. (82 min)
Popcorn and discussion included with the movie!

Pastoral care minister

Rev. Karyn O'Beirne

has regular office hours on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 in the office 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.

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 March 10th, presents Acoustic Live-NYC, on Long Island. Richard Cuccaro brings three of the top regional performers east. Frank Tedesso, The Levins and The Boxcar Lillies in a round robin type musical exchange. 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. Discussion will continue on Thursdays in June 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.



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.

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.

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.

Group Picture

A jpeg file is available for anyone with email. Copies can be made on a request basis for cost.

Seder Tradition Will Continue

Our former Caretakers Doug and Tamar Beecher have graciously agreed to host our traditional Seder. This years Seder will take place Friday April 13th so as not to interfere will Easter. Which child will find the afikoman?

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

Spring is here! The weather, so far, this winter has been unusually temperate. Flowers are blooming and trees are budding. On one hand it has been a relief, on the other, one has to wonder what this means for the ecology down the road. Does it mean we'll just have longer spring seasons or does it portend a seismic shift that will have Mother Earth scrambling to play catch up. At this rate we're bound to continue to see various species of birds not normally seen in these parts. For now, as I mosey on home from work tis a pleasure to see the sun setting. A sure sign that our usual spring really is right around the corner.

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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