



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
- 3/6
Step By Step-7:30pm
- 3/9 Eclectic Café, 7:30
- 3/13 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 3/17 Live Poets, Islip
- 3/19 UUFSB, see flyer
- 3/27 UU University
- U-Share, BBQ Parts

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

March 3: Rev. Carlos R. Martinez

Simply Walking

As we step through the days of our lives it is fitting to ask "Where is my spiritual journey taking me?" We, like the pilgrims of Santiago de Compostela, are on a shared journey, simply walking toward our holy land.

Mr. Martinez is a 2011 graduate of Union Theological Seminary and a candidate for UU ministry.

March 10: Chris Filstrup
There's A Crack In Everything
The Songs and Poems of
Leonard Cohen

Mr. Filstrup will reflect on major religious themes of Leonard Cohen's long career as a writer and performer. These include his Jewish heritage, Christian imagery in his songs and his late-in-life engagement of Zen practice.

March 17: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne
Active Hope is a Practice

Active hope is something we do rather than something we have. It requires acceptance, vision and intention. Reignite your hope for the Spring to come.

March 24: Eve Stevens
The Story of Passover-Welcoming the
Spirit of our Better Selves

Passover is a story of liberation and divine intervention that serves as an enlightening rupture in established theology and religious understandings of existence. Where do we see the Passover story in modern history and what does it mean for us as Unitarian Universalists?

March 31: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne
Easter Sunday

Adonai Yeshua Messiah, can be perceived as Anointed Truth Messenger. Celebrate truth, celebrate hope and resurrection, while we uphold our religious roots.

March 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.

The Eclectic Cafe



The Eclectic Cafe, Saturday March 9 presents Bill Carney's Jug Addicts. Early jazz, standards, blues and country are delivered a raucous jug band sound free of any archival obsessiveness. Familiar guitar, bass and fiddle collide with washboard, kazoo, melodian and vocal. 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

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.

Live Poets Society

Meetings for gentle critique at the Islip Library between 2 and 4:30 pm. Next meeting March 17. 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
631-581-6740

UU University

March 27: 7-9pm

Books That Have Made History series.

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.

Two great books will be discussed at each session, books that can change your life. This month's books "Beowulf" and the "Book Of Job".

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 bring a bag full 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

The news in the latest UU World took be aback somewhat. If you haven't seen it or heard, the UUA is exploring its options regarding "25". That being 25 Beacon St. which, looking at it one way is simply the headquarters of the UUA. The physical building has become woefully inadequate for their needs. To myself and others though it signifies the spiritual ground zero of UUism in the USA. The arguments for change are many and make perfect sense financially and administratively. But is that all we should be taking into consideration? If there is one focal point for UUism in our country, 25 is surely it. Some say it reflects elitism, fair enough I suppose but some folks elitism is others history. It is still a brick and mortar symbol of UUism in this country that has been in continuous use for 86 years. There have been thousands of people who have been through the building including thousands of children on Coming of Age tours. There are several UUA buildings that are involved in the discussions. I hope they can find a way to at least hold onto 25 and adapt it for use as the destination it has been for so many and can continue to be for so many more. I admit, I've never been there but if this goes through I do hope to make it up to Boston for a tour before any big change takes place.

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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