



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
- 3/8 Eclectic Café, 7:30
- 3/9 Live Poets, Islip Library 2-4pm
- 3/12 Board Meeting, 7pm

- 3/23
Spiritual Exploration with Rev. Karyn O'Beirne

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 2: Dave Chapman – Family Values from a Unitarian Universalist Perspective

If you ask 1,000 Unitarian Universalists what it means to be a UU, you could get 1,000 different answers. Dave believes that this diversity makes us stronger, more compassionate, and more creative when it comes to exploring our spiritual and social lives. Along the same line of thinking, what does it mean to be a member of a UU family? Careful whom you ask because you'll could get more than one answer from the members of the same family. Dave shares his thoughts on the value we can all find in having values that we understand, stand by, and are willing to share with others – *especially* on the topic of "family values." Our family values may be different, but, Dave believes, they are absolutely wonderful and help us all to have richer, more rewarding lives that contribute greatly to the health of the community.

March 9:

Kim and Reggie Harris

Straight from their performance at the Eclectic Café Saturday night, see below, Kim and Reggie Harris will offer a service this Sunday.

March 16: Rev. Julie Newhall The Prophetic Sisterhood

Unitarian and Universalist women were among the first ordained women in this country. Today, women outnumber men in UU ministry. Rev. Julie will offer some reflections on this history and its significance.

March 23: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne Gospel of Thomas

One of the scrolls found in 1945 in the desert village of Nag Hammadi is what is now known as the Gospel of Thomas. Unlike any of the gospels that made it into the Bible, in this gospel, Jesus describes a journey from limited to unlimited consciousness. What does this gospel, perhaps the most authentic gospel, have to teach us?

March 30: To Be Determined

Live Poets Society – March 9

Meetings for gentle critique. If possible bring 10 copies of your poetry. All invited, some satisfied customers frequent our congregation. Islip Library 71 Monell Ave. Islip between 2 and 4pm. Contact Barbara Donovan, 631-581-2214 or Noreen McDonald, 631-581-6740 for more information.

Board Meeting – March 12, 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.

The Eclectic Cafe

March 8 – 7:30pm

Kim and Reggie Harris



The Eclectic Cafe, Saturday March 8 presents Kim and Reggie Harris who are dynamic and superbly talented performers. With a strong folk and gospel legacy and a solid background in classical, rock, jazz and pop music Kim and Reggie's captivating stage presence and unique harmonies has earned the respect and love of audiences throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe for over 30 years. 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

Spiritual Exploration – March 23

Our spiritual exploration group at UUSSS and facilitated by Rev. Karyn O'Beirne will continue 3/23/14 and 6/22/14.

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.

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.

U-SHARE



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.

Contact fscad@optonline.net for more info.

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.

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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