



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
- 5/2 Step By Step-7pm
- 5/5 Grounds Cleanup
- 5/9 Board Mtg 7pm
- 5/10 Membership Mtg
- 5/19 Movie Night

Coming in June

- 6/2 Parkinsons Benefit & Empire St. Games
- 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

May 6: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne – **Stone Soup And Other Stories**

Stories remind us of whom we are, where we come from and teach us what is important. A good story is worth getting out of bed for. Join uusss for stories and lunch.

UUSSS Board members invite you to a communal lunch. Break bread and share your own stories! Lunch immediately follows Worship service.



May 13: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne
Mother-Hope, Held and Healing
Mothers Day service to uphold the
feminine aspect of Divinity. We honor
our own mothers while experiencing the
wider energies of the Mother God.
PLEASE BRING A PICTURE OF YOUR
MOTHER TO BE PLACED ON THE
COMMUNAL ALTAR.

May 20: Jon Mundy Ph.D.
I'm Nobody, Who Are You?
On The Mythology Of Self
Dr. Mundy will be holding a workshop after
service, see attached flyer.

May 27: Nancy Beyrer
How About Our Genocide?
Nancy will explore the events throughout our
history from the early push West to present
day as it relates to Native Americans.

Events In May

May 2: 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.

May 5: Grounds Cleanup
We'll get together Saturday May 5th from
between 9am and noon to spruce up our
grounds and get in shape for the season. If you
can spare an hour or so stop down and pitch
in. Bring your favorite implement of
reconstruction.

May 9: Board Meeting

Anyone is welcome to sit in on the Board
Meetings. If you have any agenda items you
would like to present please see Elaine
Lockwood a week or so prior to allow time to
schedule your presentation.

May 10: Membership Meeting

6:30 Thursday May 10th. in the RE room.

**May 19:
7:30pm**



Join us for
our fourth Spiritual
Cinema Night at UUSSS. We continue our
love of movies and discussion with Stranger
than Fiction, starring Dustin Hoffman, Emma
Thompson, Will Ferrell, Maggie Gyllenhaal
and Queen Latifah. A deceptively spiritual
(and funny) film. Bring your own comfy chair
if you prefer more relaxed seating. This is the
last movie night until September! Don't miss
the fun and the film. 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 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. 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 Saturday May 12 presents The Pre-War Ponies. The Ponies were formed in 2007 by Daria Grace, who wanted to put to use her growing collection of sheet music and repertoire of not-quite hits from the 20s, 30s and 40s. You may have heard of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Johnny Mercer, but you may not have heard some of their under-rated chestnuts like "Pardon My Southern Accent" or "Find Me A Primitive Man." They are currently recording their second CD, which they hope to release by November 2012. For this performance Daria handles the lead vocals, accompanies herself on baritone ukulele, and is joined by J. Walter Hawkes on trombone, soprano uke and backing vocals, Tim Luntzel on the bass, and Russ Meissner on drums. You may remember Mr. Hawkes from his excellent headline feature at the Café last year. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to our in house food bank. eclecticcafe.org

Big Poetry Thank You

Our second poetry event held on April 26th was another great success. Such talent within our midst. Hats off to Kathy Rial-Event Chair and of course our dear Barbara Donovan who would like to share this poem:

Poetry

is the sweet rapture of language
that sings and clings to our thoughts,
imagination and sounds of wonder, with
expectations.

The joys, hopes and sorrows won't let you go
until you share its language with others.

Barbara Donovan – 2012

More Poetry! More Poetry!

Because of the success and joy this program has provided thus far it has been decided to make it a permanent / occasional event. See Kathy and see next months Newsletter for further information.

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.

Office Work

Recently much work has been done to clean up the UU office on the 2nd floor. We are currently looking for someone to volunteer their time to paint the office walls and ceiling. The paint and all supplies needed like a brush and roller will be supplied to the person willing to do the task. If you would like to offer to do this, please see Joe O'Beirne or email Joe at Joe.Obeirne@adp.com

From the Editor

Sadly I didn't get to make my pilgrimage to Woodstock as Mr. Helm passed. Got to give him credit for working up nearly until checkout time. There seems to be something about musicians, particularly Jazz musicians that keeps them vital and working long into the later years. I was sitting on a deck singing in the sun this Sunday after Services with a big ol' smile surrounded by friends and making music. I hope to be able to keep singing and playing just as long as I can, keep smiling.

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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