



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
- 5/11 Eclectic Café, 7:30
- 5/8 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 5/5 Live Poets, Islip
- 5/26 Memorial BBQ
- 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

May 5: Eve Stevens – God Is?

In this service we will discuss what the word God has meant and could mean. We will hear the story of the God of the oppressed, what a personal or all-powerful God looks like and ask whether God is a concept or a lived reality. Bring your stories and experiences to hold in your heart and or to share in a brief conversation following the sermon. Looking forward to seeing you there!

May 12: John Flynn

May 19: Hollis Huston **The Only Thing We Have To Fear**

The recent attack in Boston raises the issue of terror and of how we respond when people wish to make us afraid. In many ways, the worst thing that can happen to us is to be made afraid -- that is, to become controlled by our fear. So in a world of real dangers, how do we live creatively with fear?

May 26: Memorial Day Service

Join UUSSS for a BBQ out back after service. Bring some fixins and enjoy the company of your fellow congregants. Bring your friends and kin.

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.

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.

Board Positions

Interested in a board position? Would you like to get more involved in the inner workings of our congregation? Give one of the members of our nominating committee a call. They are Ellie Giarraputo, Damon Governa and Kris Proeschel.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be June 23rd, after service. Please attend to make your voice heard.

Pledge Drive

Our annual pledge drive has started. A board member will be contacting you either by phone, email or maybe even a personal visit. Please think about your pledge from last year and what UUSSS brings to your life. If at all possible, see if you can increase your pledge amount this year. We would like to have an idea of your pledge by Friday May 10th in order to be able to put the budget together for the 2013/2014 church year.

The Eclectic Cafe



The Eclectic Cafe, Saturday May 11 presents Victoria Vox who has taken the artful sound of the ukulele into eclectic new directions. Ms. Vox has a wide ranging repertoire from upbeat "uke pop" to honest and moving songwriting with whimsical instrumentation. UUSSS 28 Brentwood Rd. Bay Shore. 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

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 April 14. If possible bring 10 copies of your poetry. All invited, some satisfied customers frequent our congregation. Program Room
Islip Public Library 71 Monell Ave
Contact Noreen for more info
631-581-6740

Freethinkers AA Group

The Freethinkers AA group meets Thursday's 7:30pm in the RE Room.
Contact fscad@optonline.net for more info.

Recyclables Cans In The Corner

The congregation has private carting which precludes UUSSS from recycling. When possible Please bring a bag home.

U-SHARE 

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

I am back off the bay from my first day crewing on Priscilla, the beautiful old oyster sloop whose home port is the Suffolk County Marine Museum in West Sayville. It was a bit cool with a steady SW breeze but it was great to be back out there.

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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