



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
- 10/3
Step By Step 7:30pm
- 10/10 Board Meeting 7pm
- 10/13 Eclectic Cafe
- 10/14 Live Poets
- 10/20 Bon Voyage
- 10/24 UU School
- 10/27 Halloween Party
- Upcoming in November
- 11/2 M E Hollis Art Show
- 11/11 Y Eloheem Show
- 11/18 Live Poets

Submit articles for the next Newsletter by the **25th of the month** to fscad@optonline.net
Submissions welcome!

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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

October 7: Rev. Karyn O'Beirne-World Communion Day

A line in a prayer written by a Toltec shaman goes like this "*I decide to live my life in free communion with God, with no expectations*". What does it mean to live in free communion with God with no expectations? Find out this Sunday and share yourself in sacred communion.

October 14:

October 21:

October 28:

October 3: 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.

October 10: Board Meeting 7pm

Board meetings are open to all. See Elaine Lockwood a week prior to get on the schedule.

The Eclectic Cafe



The Eclectic Cafe, Saturday October 13 presents The Stray Birds. Drawing upon the richness of American folk music traditions, the signature power of The Stray Birds' sound lies in outstanding songwriting that soars in three-part harmony. They are a trio with captivating chemistry and sensitive musicality. 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

October 14 – Live Poets Society

Meetings for gentle critique at the Islip Library between 2 and 4 pm. Next meeting November 18. If possible bring 10 copies of your poetry. All invited, some satisfied customers frequent our congregation. Islip Public Library 71 Monell Ave.

October 20 – Richters Send off

Shhh. Our dear friends the Richter's are moving west. Join us for a party to send them off. See Janet Schlageter for further details.

October 24 – Free UU School

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. This month from 7 to 9pm, we will begin a lecture series about Books That Have Made History. Two great books will be discussed at each session, books that can change your life. A certificate of completion will be issued at the end of the series. You don't have to attend each one. And its 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

October 27- Halloween Party

Join your fellow UU's and friends for a Halloween Party to benefit the congregation. Nancy Beyrer is once again opening her Dana Lane (haunted?) house to all who dare. \$10pp kids free. Call Nancy for food ideas to bring. 631-277-3953 – 11 Dana Lane, East Islip

Upcoming in November

November 2 – M E Hollis Art

There will be a solo Art show of the work of Mary Ellen Hollis at The Amityville Artists Circle Gallery on Rt. 110 in Amityville (next to Vittorio's Restaurant.) Mary Ellen has painted a variety of subjects including florals, landscapes, seascapes and abstracts. The hours of the show are Friday November 2 from 4 PM to 8PM. Reception on Saturday November 3 from 2 PM to 8PM. Sunday from 1 PM to 4 PM.

November 11 – Yashua Eloheem

One Woman Show-“Naked And Not Ashamed”
The performance consists of four scenes that will express how she overcame the internal conflicts of her beliefs, her sexual orientation as a woman who had a love for the same sex and her relation with God. Through her ability to write and speak, she released all regrets, fears and doubts about her sexual orientation, her beliefs and emotional internal conflicts. With her ability to create and her passion to express, she willed her self out of darkness and created this performance. Proceeds to benefit Sankofa Infinity to further the work and the message that it provides to people and humanity as a whole. \$20, \$5 off for UUSSS members. Sankofa Infinity asks that a book for a child between the ages 3 -13 be donated. These books will be given to orphanages and family shelters. The purpose of Sankofa Infinity, will be acknowledged and addressed at the end of the performance.

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 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.



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 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.

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). 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.

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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