



GREETERS AND HOSTS

If you are volunteering to host please serve light refreshment.

If you arrive early and wish to greet - kindly invite guests to sign the welcome book.

All members are invited to serve by greeting and hosting. If you wish to volunteer, contact the editor or sign the sheet in the foyer.

Calendar

Tuesday: UU on TV, 1pm
(*New Time for "UU View"*)
Tues. & Weds: Holistic
Health Center

4/5 Passover Seder
4/11 Eclectic Café
4/14 Board Meeting
4/17 Games Night
4/19 Congregational
Conversation

Submit articles for the next newsletter by the 20th of this month to carrl@hotmail.com

THANK YOU for turning off cell phones during Service.

The Bay Watch

of the Unitarian Universalist Society of South Suffolk
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April 2009

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.

Worship begins at 10:30 A.M.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

April 5: Laura De Sario - For You Were Once a Stranger in the Land of Egypt

Oppressed people, inspired by a vision of a better life, sometimes uproot their entire families and move to another country. This is the ancient story of the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt, and it is also the story of many of our neighbors now. In the Passover spirit of justice and compassion, let's bring UU religious values to the debate on immigration reform.

April 12: Rev. Nancy Arnold - Easter Service: The Easter in Us

For centuries before the advent of Christianity, human beings celebrated the rebirth of the earth in spring from the cold tomb of winter. Easter celebrates the ability of the human heart to rise above life's tragedies and difficulties. We will gather today to affirm the hope this season represents both within ourselves and in the world around us. Special Easter music will be provided by Erve Beiser and the UUSSS Choir.

April 19: Traveling UU troubadour Joe Jencks

A man with a big beautiful voice will present a service about Migrant Labor, immigration, and human rights with music and discussion (more music and less talk). His sermon is built around music and should be a unique and moving experience.

April 26: Barbara Donovan & Gladys Henderson

In honor of National Poetry Month Gladys Henderson, artist, award winning poet and author of *Eclipse of Heaven* (Finishing Line Press 2008) will explore the role of the poet as social activist; the importance of their work in our society and how they are motivated to the vocation of writing poems that are many times courageous acts in themselves. She will explore the work of the celebrated poets Martin Espada, Naomi Shihab Nye, and Nikki Giovanni as well as others. Gladys will also read from her latest work.

The Fellowship Hour

An important part of our Sunday morning worship gathering begins right after the extinguishing of the chalice. That's when we meet over coffee and tea, with a healthy nibble or two. It's a time to come face to face, to laugh and debate and share and discuss and connect. We rely on our volunteer hosts to create this invaluable time by coming in early to start the coffee and set up, and to clean up afterwards. If we all take turns, each person will host about once a year.

If you haven't yet hosted at the fellowship hour this year, check out the sign-up sheet when you pick up your name tag. Please take part in nourishing your community (literally).

Congregational Conversation

Sunday, April 19, 2009 – 11:45am

Please join us for a congregational conversation immediately following the April 19th Worship service &

refreshments. We will be discussing in particular the past 10 months Sunday services; what to keep doing, what to change, who to invite in the future. Your constructive feedback is appreciated and your wishes will be heard. Help create the worship container we share each week when we gather to honor and explore the wonder and mystery that we are.

Vision Gathering the Sequel

Sunday, May 3, 2009 11:30 – 3:00pm

Last summer we gathered to share our experiences of the past at UUSSS. We moved into the present and looked at where we were and celebrated our resiliency and strengths. Now we gather to explore and lay out our collective vision for the future of our religious home. Please join us for group activities that will facilitate the creation of a clear and full-bodied vision for the coming years. We will eat lunch together then dive into the work and fun of fleshing out our intent for UUSSS. Please join in and be part of the creation of our future. Nothing happens until we dream it! We will gather in the sanctuary and start off by appreciating all we have accomplished since we last voted at our Annual meeting in June 2008.

Lunch will be provided, but please bring a dessert for break-time if you have a sweet tooth and would like to share a treat with your fellow UUs. Please let Karyn O'Beirne know if you will be attending, so we can order enough food for all. You can e-mail your reservation to Karyn@consultant.com.

The Children's Acting Workshop Presents – Lessons Learned II

Saturday April 4, 11 AM

UUSSS Sanctuary

FREE ADMISSION*

For more information call 631-747-1976

*Donations of nonperishable food would be greatly appreciated.

Passover Seder

Planning has started for a Passover Seder at UUSSS on April 5th. Tamar, Karen and Doug are working on the service. Dinner will be potluck again. We will be setting places for dinner, this means that if you are attending please make a reservation so that the head count is accurate. Please look in the foyer for a flyer about this and other upcoming events.

Yard Sale

Our next yard/rummage sale will be Saturday May 16. If you have anything that you would like to get rid of (a great time for spring cleaning!) please let us know. Clothing, books, CD's, glassware, books, small bits of furniture, bric-a-brac, and did I mention books? Also urgently needed: volunteers to set up in the morning and help out during the day. An hour or two would be great!

Also – our next Service Auction is being planned for October 17th. Past offerings have included dinners, pet sitting, jewelry, handyman work, baked goods, etc. Think about what you might be able to contribute. See Doug Beecher or Elaine Lockwood for more information.



UU District of Metro New York Annual Meeting

May 1-2, 2009

Hyatt Regency Hotel • Jersey City, New Jersey

Keynote Speaker - The Rev. Meg Riley, UUA Director of Advocacy and Witness Programs, will deliver the address, "A People So Bold: Theologies of Justice," Friday Night - In Concert - Exit 43

- Outstanding Workshops • Inspiring Worship • The UU Network Mall • Music • Fun • Fellowship • Food •

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

DEADLINE IS APRIL 24 ONLINE OR POSTMARKED BY APRIL 21

About the Hotel: A block of rooms is being held at the (gorgeous) [Hyatt Regency Hotel](http://www.hyatt.com) in Jersey City NJ at the reduced room rate of \$119 plus tax (single or double). To make a reservation (you must be at least 21 years old), visit <http://www.jerseycity.hyatt.com> and use the group code G-UUNY to secure the reduced room rate. Or call 1-800-233-1234 and give the group code G-UUNY. **The deadline for reserving a room at the reduced rate is April 10.** The regular rates start at \$219, so please don't miss the deadline.

All the information you need appears at <http://uumetrony.org/am09/index.htm>

Personal Finance Seminar

Wondering how you can manage your money well in the current recession? The Long Island Council of Churches will be presenting a personal finance seminar at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, 48 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset, on Saturday, April 4 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information: (516) 627-6560 ext. 116, The Rev. Paul S. Johnson. The seminar will focus on "How To Manage Money in Hard Times." LICC Executive Director Tom Goodhue will moderate the program, which will feature several financial experts ready to answer your questions. IT IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

Hamptons Hospitality

There are fun places to stay in the Hamptons for Unitarian Universalist members and friends! The UU Congregation of the South Fork, based in Bridgehampton, NY, is tucked between beautiful Peconic Bay and the sunny shores of the Atlantic. For the third consecutive year we offer "Hamptons Hospitality" - year-round lodging from East Quogue to East Hampton in the gracious homes of our UU community members. Your donation increases our operating funds while we build our UUCSF community and expand Unitarian Universalist fellowship. We've hosted guests from right on Long Island to Alabama, Maryland and Washington state. Call us when you plan a visit to Long Island's East End for a holiday, a family gathering or event, or just a short break in a beautiful place. We match your wishes to the accommodations offered by our members and friends – from a private or double room, deluxe suite or a whole house. Rates: Memorial Day weekend through September from \$90 to \$175 per room; off season from \$70 to \$125. For questions, details or reservations, please

find us at www.uucsf.org, and click on "Hamptons Hospitality, or contact Nicole in our office: (631) 537-0132, admin@uucsf.org.

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UU South Jersey Birding Weekend

If you are a birder, or would like to learn about bird watching in the company of other Unitarians, this announcement is for you. The UU Congregation of the South Jersey Shore is having their 10th annual "Birding B&B", where they provide beds, meals, and guided birding tours for their guests. There is an abundance of woodland and shore birds in this area. The weekend is May 15-17. You can get more information from their website, www.uucsjs.org, or contact betsysearight@comcast.net, (609) 645-2869.

Religious Education Class

April 5 – class
April 12 – no class, Easter egg hunt
April 19 – class
April 26 - class

Free-thinkers AA Group

The Free-thinkers Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. For more information contact

x54bassman@optonline.net or
fscad@optonline.net.

The Eclectic Cafe

Saturday April 11

The Sunnyland Jazz Band



The Sunnyland Jazz Band, headed up by banjo-ist Bob Barta, is an acoustic ensemble of musical preservationists, playing classic jazz, vintage rarities and vocal novelties. Bob also is featured on vocals, along with the band's wailing trumpet player John Klumpp, while Jeff Furman provides support on old-fashioned tuba.

Showtime is 8:30 PM, open mike at 7:30. Admission is \$10 for non-members (\$5 for High School students with ID), and \$8 for members. Membership is \$12 a year. Family memberships are also available. Ask at the ticket table for details. Refreshments are available. We would also appreciate a donation of canned or dry food for local charity. For more information see:

<http://www.eclecticcafe.org/>

Caretakers' Corner

Doug and Tamar Beecher
(631) 968-0667

eagletechie@eye-catcher.com

Office Hours: M-4:30-6:30PM and
W-4:30-6:30PM

Caretakers' Breakfast:

Come and enjoy breakfast with the caretakers and other members of our community before services. There is limited space so reserve a spot with Doug if you are interested. This will be the last Caretakers' Breakfast for a while.

April 19th French Toast (9:30 AM).

Lost and Lonely Items:

Over the past few months many items have been left behind. Most of these are dishes from potluck meals. We would love these items to find their way home. If they are not claimed they will be put up for sale at the Yard Sale.

RE Room Wall Improvements:

Bill Van Zwielen has been working almost daily on the wall in the RE Room. It looks great and is almost finished. Thanks should also go to Brian Whittaker who helped Bill hang and transport the sheet rock that was needed for this project. Please take a moment to see the wall and to thank Bill and Brian for all of their hard work.

Service Auction:

The Service Auction will be happening on October 17th 2009. Please be sure to fill out your promissory note and return it to Doug as soon as possible, the deadline is June 28th. If you have questions about this event or need more promissory notes please contact Doug.

Games Night:

Next Games Night will be April 17th at 7:30PM. Bring a snack or a drink to share with friends. All are welcome!

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