



ONE FROM THE ARCHIVES

The masthead this month is from a 1960 newsletter found in a crate tucked away in a corner of the basement. This dusty box filled with various documents was apparently overlooked all these years. These papers give us a snapshot of the fellowship as it was nearly 50 years ago.

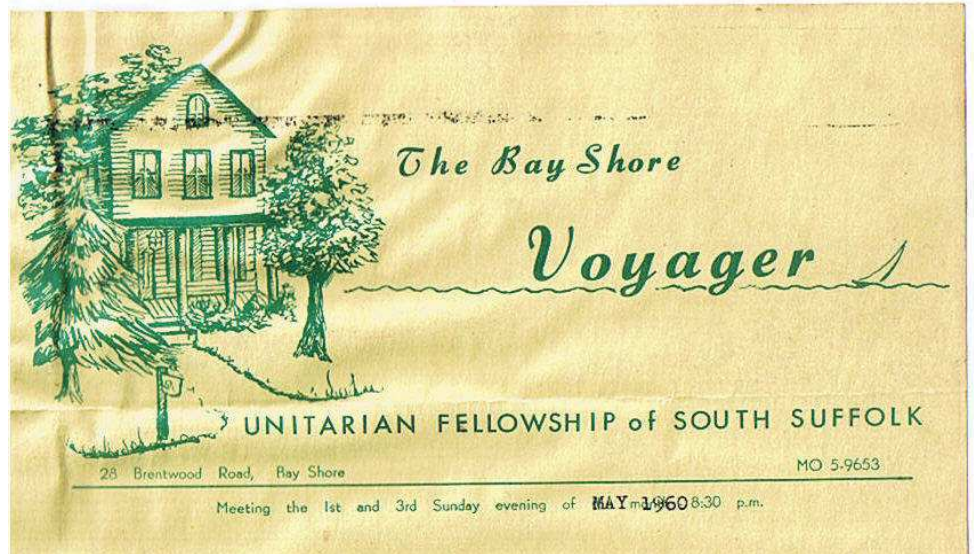
Calendar

Sunday: UU on TV, 4pm
Mon: SIA
Tues. & Weds: Holistic Health Center

8/9 Beyrer Fund Raiser
8/10 Bagel Brunch
8/12 Board Meeting
8/17 Caretakers BBQ
8/31 Labor Day BBQ

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.



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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.

**Worship begins at 10:30 A.M.
Religious Education will resume in September**

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 3: Joe O'Beirne

Sunday, August 10: Jim Giarraputo

Sunday, August 17: Elaine Lockwood

Sunday, August 24: Mary Ellen Hollis

Sunday, August 31: Annual Labor Day Service and BBQ

Summer Worship at UUSSS

This summer, we will continue to meet in fellowship in the Sufi spirit. Jelaluddin Rumi, the thirteenth-century Sufi poet, wrote: "No more words. In the name of this place we drink in with our breathing, stay quiet like a flower. So the nightbirds will start singing."

Meetings will be casual, in an atmosphere that promotes serenity, compassion, mutual support and fun. As in the past the summer services will be completely lay led by volunteers from our congregation. The overall theme is quiet contemplation and Satsang (mindful conversation geared towards mutual understanding). Meditation is a wonderful tool for quiet contemplation, but certainly not required. Spontaneity is encouraged, so Sunday Service leaders are free to create a service as their spirit leads them. It is always an adventure with UUSSS!

If you are one of our gracious, generous volunteers, please remember to light the chalice to begin the service and extinguish the flame to end the service. A CD player and microphone are available with the sound system. Please let Doug or Tamar know ahead of time so they can connect them if you need them. Chairs will be set up in a circle for each service with a table for the chalice and other items in the middle. If you need any other set up, please let Doug know in advance.

With happy gratitude for our volunteers,

Karyn O'Beirne, Worship Committee Chair

Upcoming UUSSS Events!!

Beyrer Pool Party

Saturday August 9, 2PM
Beyrer home at 11 Dana Lane, East Islip

Hot dogs, hamburgers and ice tea will be provided. Bring a dish, beverage or bathing suit and a donation for the UUSSS building fund. Call Nancy at 631 277-3953 or nanbeyrer@aol.com and let her know what you're bringing. Rain date is Saturday August 16.

Bagel Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday August 10, after Service
The Richters

Bagels, cheese, cold cuts and coffee will be provided. Side dishes, desserts and beverages are appreciated. \$5 suggested donation to benefit the UUSSS. See Susanne, Alison or Carl or email bucketoslugs@hotmail.com for more information.

The Eclectic Cafe

Saturday September 13

Greg Klymer and Joe Iadanza

Showtime is 8:30PM, 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/>

SIA meeting (Survivors of Incest Anonymous)

Mondays 7:30-9 PM. We will meet in the front living room area unless there's another activity.

Contact: Christopher at 631-786-5153 or christopher_631@hotmail.com

UU Heritage Tour

The Tour, led by Rev. Barry Andrews and Rev. Ben Bortin, will take place November 13-16 in Boston. Participants will visit sites important to UU history, including the homes of Emerson, Thoreau, and Alcott. The cost is \$550 per person or \$460 per person double occupancy; meals are extra. See the flyer in the foyer or go to:

http://uumetrony.org/events/Boston_Heritage_Tour_08_flyer.pdf. For more information, contact Rev. Ben Bortin at 516-627-6560 ext 134.

Shooting at Knoxville, Tn. UU

As you probably know there was a shooting at the TVUU Congregation on Sunday July 27. Those who may be inclined to let this 500-member congregation know that we care about them may send messages of comfort to secretary@tvuuc.org or by mail to the Tennessee Valley UU Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919-4624

Caretakers' Corner

Doug and Tamar Beecher

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

Caretakers BBQ

Have you enjoyed the Caretaker's Breakfast? Well we are at it again. Mark your calendars for August 17th. Your caretakers are hosting a BBQ fundraiser in the back yard. Come enjoy food, companionship and music: \$10 in advance, \$15 for walk-ins. Call Doug and Tamar to reserve your spot. The menu will be posted in the foyer.

September Is Around the Corner

If you are planning an event for our congregation please get your dates to Doug as soon as possible. In the past, September has been a busy time with groups looking to rent spaces. The congregation always has preference over an outside group until a contract is signed. The further into the future you can book your event the more likely you are going to get your first choice of dates.

Planning

Are you interested in helping out with events around the congregation? Let's get together and see how we can help each other. Please join Doug in a meeting to start planning various activities/ fundraisers on Friday, August 29th at 7 pm. Events that will be discussed include the annual Halloween Party, a Dinner Dance, and we will be looking into the feasibility of bringing back the Service Auction. Please come join us. Light refreshments will be served.

Weekends in September

This September Tamar and I are going to be extremely busy. Please be sure that you fill out your work orders or send us an email with any requirements you may have for services or any other events that you may be planning. Please don't forget that work orders are due in at least five days in advance of any event. With your cooperation Tamar and I will be able to continue meeting your needs. Tamar will be returning to school to pursue her Vet Tech License.

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