



### **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

2/1 SOUPER Bowl Night  
2/10 Board Meeting  
2/13 Film  
2/14 Eclectic Café  
2/20 Games Night  
2/27 Film  
2/28 Dance Party

**Submit articles** for the next newsletter by the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month to [carrl@hotmail.com](mailto:carrl@hotmail.com)

**THANK YOU** for turning off cell phones during Service.

# **The Bay Watch**

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## **February 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**

#### **February 1: Laura DeSario - A Deep, Abiding Faith - Without God.**

The question, "How can you talk about faith without God" is at the bottom of a lot of confusion about Unitarian Universalism. (Why is it that no one asks the Dalai Lama this question?) The common definition of faith is "adherence to a religious creed," so it is no wonder that people are baffled when we say we have no creed. We will explore the joyful nature of religion when God is optional.

#### **February 8: Rev. Nancy Arnold - Music for the Spirit**

Jazz has a lot to teach us about living with a sense of spiritual openness -- in harmony, or not. With accompaniment from Jim Giarraputo and Erve Beiser we will lift up the theological and spiritual significance of jazz for our lives as Unitarian Universalists.

**February 15: Jim Giarraputo** – We have invited drum instructor Marty Regan along with his West African drum circle to lead our service. Marty will speak of the spiritual, cultural and social meaning of all West African drum music as it is performed for us by his group. We can worship, we can learn and we can have a lot of fun (dancing is allowed and encouraged).

So come one, come all and make this unique service a memorable experience in our spiritual search.

**February 22:** Karyn O'Beirne - Today we welcome unseen guests, introduced to us through the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. During this season of Lent, our congregation joins together to celebrate the tradition of Guest at Your Table. By helping make UUSC's work possible, we are consecrating our commitment to our part in the interdependent web, the inherent worth and dignity of all, and each of our seven principles.

### **Future Fundraisers**

We are planning a white elephant/yard sale in April. Put aside any items you would like to donate and stay tuned for more information.

Also – our next Service Auction is being planned for October. Past offerings have included dinners, pet sitting, jewelry, handyman work, baked goods, etc. Start thinking of how you might be able to contribute.

### **Children's Workshop Performance**

The kids from the drama class will have a performance on Saturday Feb. 7 at 11AM. All are welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the current food drive.

### **Next Children's Acting Workshop**

There will be another workshop for children Grades 3 through 5 on Saturday mornings 10-11:15 AM. from March 7 to April 4. The classes will be presented at the Unitarian Universalist church's sanctuary located at 28 Brentwood Road, Bay Shore and taught by Laura Albert, a New York State Certified Teacher. The cost is \$45 per child for the five

week workshop. Deadline for registration is March 2, 2009.

The workshop will include theater games, creative movement, character work, improvisation and vocal training. At the end of the five week session, the children will present a short theatre piece to family and friends.

Please call Laura at (631)747-1976 or email [albert42@optonline.net](mailto:albert42@optonline.net) for more information.

### **Dance party**

Our next dance is scheduled for February 28 at 7:30 PM, the dead of winter! So put on your Hawaiian shirt and flip flops... ok maybe not the flip flops, and come on down for a Summer Dance. Let's spin some Reggae, Beach Boys, Frankie and Annette? Whatever! I'm walkin' on sunshine!

RSVP to [fscad@optonline.net](mailto:fscad@optonline.net)

### **Film Night**

Friday February 13 & 27 at 7 PM.

FILM NIGHT returns with the acclaimed documentary SEVEN UP and the follow-up films.

The original concept was to interview 14 children from diverse backgrounds from all over England, asking them about their lives and their dreams for the future. Every seven years, renowned director Michael Apted, a researcher for Seven Up, has been back to talk to them, examining the progression of their lives.

***Movie Night, Friday February 13th and 27 will be held at Karyn O'Beirne's house for the continuation of the Seven-Up series. For directions call 631-748-5013.***

## Social Justice

### Souper Bowl 2009

Touchdown! Share the excitement of the Super Bowl on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 PM in the fellowship house. Bring a dish or beverage to our traditional potluck and a donation of non-perishable food. Not a football fan? We'll have board games and great conversation in another room. Our local food pantries are especially depleted after the holidays. Your generous donations of canned goods are appreciated. This Super Bowl food drive is dedicated to the memory of Emma Casey.

### Darwin Day Event

Charles Darwin's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be celebrated at the New York Society for Ethical Culture:

Darwin Day Family Festival  
Saturday, February 7  
2:00 - 5:00 PM  
Auditorium  
Admission: Adults \$10; Children free.

Evolutionary activities for the kids and special speakers for the adults — winding up all together to sing Happy Birthday (the 200th) to Charlie Darwin! Fun, games, food and cake.

Speakers for the adults include:

**Arnell Dowret**, host of Equal Time for Free Thought on WBAI and contributing author to *Toward a New Political Humanism*;  
**John Teehan**, associate professor of philosophy at Hofstra University and author of *The Evolutionary Basis of Religious Ethics*; **Rev. Tom Goodhue**, Director of the Long Island Council of Churches and author of *Curious Bones* and two other books on evolution.

For more information contact Norm Roscoe at [Normrhum@aol.com](mailto:Normrhum@aol.com) or 631 589 8665.

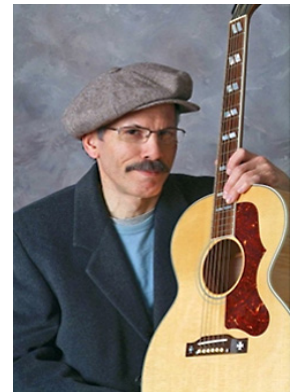
### RE Schedule

February 1 - class  
February 8 - class  
February 15 – no class (school recess)  
February 22 – class: first day of Winter/Spring Semester

## The Eclectic Cafe

Saturday February 14

Lois Morton  
and  
Bill Lauter



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/>

## **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](mailto:x54bassman@optonline.net) or [fscad@optonline.net](mailto:fscad@optonline.net).

## ***Caretakers' Corner***

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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. Reservations are still being accepted for the following dates. There is limited space please, contact Doug if you are interested.

We will be serving breakfast on:

February 8: rescheduled to the 15th

February 15: French toast

February 22: Scrambled eggs

March 8: Swedish Pancakes

March 22: Waffles

All breakfasts are served at 9:30 AM.

## **Work Orders**

If you take a look at the calendar you may have noticed that our building is being used more then ever. Though things have been working informally, giving Tamar and myself messages in passing, it would help us a great deal if we got back to filling out work orders. Emails also work. All requests are due five days in advance of your event. Please keep Tamar and Doug in the loop so, that we can be prepared for your event on time.

## **Games Night!**

Mark your calendars! The next games night will be February 20th at 7 PM. Bring a snack or something to drink and come enjoy the fun. Please note that the date has changed since published in last month's newsletter.

\*\*\*Keep your eyes on the Upcoming Events Flyer available in the Sanctuary for more events and updates to the calendar. \*\*\*

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