



# The Bay Watch

of the Unitarian Universalist Society of South Suffolk  
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## 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

Mon: SIA

Tuesday: UU on TV, 1pm  
(New Time for "UU View")

Tues. & Weds: Holistic  
Health Center

6/1 Annual Meeting

6/10 Board Meeting

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.

## 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

### **Sunday, June 1: UUSSS Annual Business Meeting**

Make sure your voice is heard and your vote counted. Attend the UUSSS Annual Congregational meeting. Our new board will be presented and voted in; a Budget will be explained and voted on. Resolutions that will effect the community long term will be decided. Come and exercise your member rights and take part in our democratic process.

### **Sunday, June 8: Laura DeSario - On Finding the Sacred: Maybe Sometimes It Finds You**

Tonight marks the beginning of Shavuot, the Jewish holiday commemorating the gift of the 10 commandments at Mount Sinai. In the early Christian church, this celebration became Pentecost - remembering the visitation of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples. Some will say these days are actually more important than Easter and Passover in the calendar.

What can these two supremely important milestones in our religious history mean to UU's today? Anything? Let's talk about it together.

### **Sunday, June 15: Melanie Davis, Guest Speaker - Honoring Your Inherent Worth and Dignity**

UUs covenant to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all people but

may neglect to affirm our own. Melanie offers a spiritual rationale for recognizing our personal value and explains how to create a new, affirmative language of self talk.

**Sunday, June 22:** Karyn O'Beirne and Ellie Giarraputo – **Recognition Ceremony and Summer Solstice celebration**

Celebrate the contributions and gifts of your fellow UU congregants as we honor the earth's inevitable rotation around our life giving sun. As the universe provides so do we learn to nurture each other.

**Sunday, June 29:** Shahroch Zebardjadi, Guest Speaker – **Awakening of Buddha**

An introduction to the four noble truths and the eight fold path. Shah is a 20 year member of the UU fellowship in Bellport and a practitioner of Zen meditation at One Mind Zen group. Shah currently heads Zen meditation once a week, Thursday nights, at his fellowship in Bellport

**Sunday, July 6:** Laura DeSario - **Welcome to Summer Worship: SSSHHH!!!!**

Benedictine monks live communally without speaking. Zen Buddhists practice meditation. Traditional Quaker worship is based on liturgical silence. Ironic, isn't it, that we're going to talk about silence for an hour or so???

We will be welcoming guests from the Bellport UU fellowship today - Come meet our neighbors!

**A Note about Summer Worship**

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."

This summer, we will continue to meet in fellowship in the Sufi spirit. Meetings will be casual, in an atmosphere that promotes serenity, compassion, mutual support and fun.

**UUSSS Vision gathering**  
**Save the date: Sunday, July 20th**

It has been awhile since we have gathered and exchanged ideas about our religious home. What do we want to accomplish within and beyond our religious community. How do we see ourselves growing personally and as group bonded by a common purpose? What makes us unique and why should other people be inspired to join us?

Come explore and answer these questions at a UUSSS vision gathering immediately following the July 20th service. The meeting will be held at Karyn O'Beirne house. A \$10 registration fee is required to hold your space. Fees will be used to cover the cost of lunch, beverage and materials for the afternoon gathering. Bring your bathing suit for a cool dip in the pool following the visioning. Send a check made out to UUSSS for \$10 to:

Karyn O'Beirne  
38 Union Place  
Islip, NY 11751

**The Eclectic Cafe**

**The Eclectic Café will return in September, see you then!**



## **Games Night and Dinner Fundraiser**

Friday June 13  
6:30 PM  
RE Room

Join us for an evening of dinner, games and conversation. \$10 donation goes to UUSSS. Sign the sheet in the foyer if interested and see Doug and Tamar or the Richters for more information.

**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](mailto:christopher_631@hotmail.com)

## **UU Mid-Atlantic Conference**

This year's conference will take place July 20 – 26, 2008 at DeSales University in Center Valley, Pa. For more information go to

[www.uumac.org/](http://www.uumac.org/)

## **Caretakers' Corner**

Doug and Tamar Beecher

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[eagletechie@eye-catcher.com](mailto:eagletechie@eye-catcher.com)

Office Hours: Mon 4:30 - 6:30PM and Wed 4:30 - 6:30PM

### ***Caretakers Breakfast***

Are you hungry before services? Come join Doug and Tamar for breakfast at 9:30am. The fundraiser will continue on June 8th and June 22nd. \$5 per Person. Call Doug and Tamar for menu and reservations.

**Connect with Lay Leaders**

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