



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

6/5 Film Night
6/7 Annual Meeting
6/9 Board Meeting
6/12 Dance Party
6/19 Games Night

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

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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.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

June 7: Laura De Sario - Reflections on Finding Your Spiritual Home

As a prelude to the Annual Membership Meeting that will follow, we will give thanks for the gift of a spiritual home. We will celebrate the UU Society of South Suffolk, and the mission of creating the "beloved community" of liberal religious people that has inspired hearts for 55 years. After a short worship service, members will convene to do the important, democratic work necessary to keep the church running.

June 14: Ellie Giarraputo - Recognition Service

Celebrate the contributions and gifts of your fellow UU congregants as we honor and nurture each other as members of our religious community. We have had a long and fruitful year so let us celebrate our time together while we look ahead to a summer of purposeful and personal worship.

June 21: Wendy Moscow - Behold there is magic all around us: Celebrating Summer Solstice

Today we will turn the Wheel of the Year and celebrate the magic of "midsummer" with music, merriment and more! We'll learn how people around the world celebrate the wildness of Nature on this celestially auspicious occasion, and dance and drum the season in.

A dancer, percussionist and activist, Wendy Moscow has been both a UU and an eclectic Neo-Pagan for 25 years. A founder of Moonfire Spirituality Network, she has led many services, workshops and classes on Earth-centered spirituality and sacred music and dance throughout the NY Metro District.

June 28 - Laura De Sario - A Unitarian Tradition: The Flower Communion

Norbert Capek designed the flower communion for his church in Prague in 1923. He was attempting to satisfy the former Catholic and Jewish members of the congregation, who did not want their rituals to resemble the old ways. Let's honor this great preacher and martyr with songs and readings that celebrate the universal themes of joy in nature. Bring a flower from your garden (or the supermarket) to share.

Summer 2009 – “Where is Our Holy Writ?”

You'll find that summer worship services at UUSSS are more casual and more personal than at other times of the year. Every Sunday will bring a lay-led experience that you won't want to miss, even if there are barbecues and boats and ballgames waiting for you later in the day.

This year, we will focus on the enormous variety of the sources of Unitarian Universalism. As hymn #113 says,

*Where is our holy writ?
wherever a human heart
a sacred torch of truth has lit,
by inspiration taught.*

If you would like to lead worship this summer, please speak to Laura DeSario.

Summer Spiritual Exploration

Monday Evenings
July 20 thru August 24
UUSSS Sanctuary, 7:30 pm.

Are you looking to deepen your personal spiritual experience? Are you willing to share your personal journey with a group of spiritual seekers in a safe and nurturing environment? Join us for a six week course in spiritual exploration. Teachings from Don Miguel Ruiz *The Four Agreements* will be the bedrock of our discussions and exercises. Dean Sluyter's *The Zen Commandments* will further enhance our understanding for a life of inner freedom.

The sessions will be led by Karyn O'Beirne, author of *Findings from the Hunting Party's Scout*. Karyn has studied with Don Miguel and his apprentice Rita Rivera for over five years as well as participated and helped facilitate spiritual journeys to Mexico, Ireland, France and the U.K. Karyn has also attended workshops led by Tibetan Buddhist Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, of the Bon tradition.

Highly recommended reading: *The Four Agreements* by Don Miguel Ruiz and *The Zen Commandments* by Dean Sluyter.

Canoe Trip

We'll be heading out on the Nissequogue River on Saturday June 20 for our second canoe/kayak trip. We will meet at UUSSS to carpool. See the flyer in the foyer or speak to the newsletter editor for more information.

Vision Gathering the Sequel

On May 3rd, 27 people attended UUSSS Vision Gathering, the Sequel. After a quick lunch around a very long table, each person shared one thing they were most appreciative of from the last year. Five groups were formed and participants shared their stories about the time they felt most vital and energized at UUSSS. Everyone was also asked to share what gifts and talents they brought to the congregation, whether it was the knowledge of the history of the society, or a talent for baking and feeding others at the many potluck meals we've shared through out the years. We had time to recognize that everyone contributes in their own unique way, in a way that makes them feel alive and vital.

We came together as one group next and wrote down the words that described what we had shared with each other. We gathered our visions. After a walking meditation designed to get body and mind synchronized four groups reconvened and had fifteen minutes to create a Haiku poem that encapsulates an image of our community now and in the future. Meanwhile the UUSSS band members put together a chorus based on the words and images brought forth from all the groups as a whole.

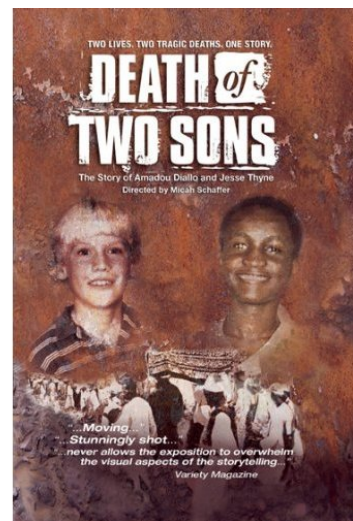
It didn't take even fifteen minutes for each group to come up with wonderful poems. One person from each group read aloud their group's creation then the band added the chorus and we had a theme song. Lyrical, energized, soulful words from individual hearts joined in common purpose and sound.

Our new congregational song will be performed on May 31st during Sunday Worship. We hope to record this performance and create a link on our web-site so anyone looking for us on the web can immediately feel the energy and love that defines and carries us forward.

Film Night

Friday June 5 at 6:30PM
UUSSS Sanctuary

The UUSSS Social Justice Committee presents **"Death of Two Sons"** - the story of Amadou Diallo and Jesse Thyne, directed by Micah Schaffer.



On Feb. 4, 1999, four New York City Police officers killed Amadou Diallo on his own doorstep in a hail of 41 bullets. Jesse Thyne, an American Peace Corps volunteer who lived and worked with Amadou's family in his home village in Africa, died there less than a year after Amadou's shooting. "Death of Two Sons" examines the political, personal, and spiritual implications of these two deaths.

Dance Party

"Oops I Did It Again"

The next Dance Party at UUSSS (28 Brentwood Road) with Brian Whittaker DJ-ing, will be on Friday June 12 from 7:30 to 10:30 PM, \$5.00 donation.

***ALL* are
welcome!!**

Bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank (see below) and a snack or beverage for your friends.

Dancing is **NOT** required, having fun **IS**.

Bay Shore Food Pantry Moves to UUSSS

The Emergency Food Pantry in Bay Shore will be losing its current space after operating in the downtown area for 40 years. Other houses of worship in the area and the Town of Islip have not been able to find a suitable space for them. Faced with shutting down their operation the UUSSS board has agreed to let them use the front room of the house to distribute canned and dry goods from 12 to 2PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. No refrigerated items will be stored and no meals will be given. Those in need will use a voucher system through St. Patrick's Church to pick up food. This is a wonderful way for us to serve the community and help those in need.

Invitation from the Long Island Area Council Coming Of Age Program

You are cordially invited to attend the Coming of Age service on Saturday afternoon, June 13, 2009, at 2:00 PM to be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington. This service honors the graduating youth of this year's Coming of Age program, who are from many different societies on Long Island. One of the purposes of the Coming of Age Program is to feel affirmed by the Unitarian Universalist community. Therefore, we are inviting all members of the Unitarian Universalist societies to gather in a service to affirm this year's participants. We celebrate these youth in their sacred journey and encourage their continued religious growth.

from: The Coming of Age Program
Liaison, Linda Volkersz, DRE at Stony Brook

Religious Education Class

June 7 – class
June 14 – class
June 21 – class, Father's Day
June 28 – class, Last Day

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.

REMINDER

The UUSSS Arthur Edwin Library

Is in the northwest corner of the R.E. room and available to members.

Check out a book today!

No library card is required!

Some recent arrivals:

American Bloomsbury by Susan Cheever. Alcott, Emerson, Fuller, Hawthorne and Thoreau – what more could you ask for?

The Invention of Air – A story of science, faith, revolution and Joseph Priestley by Steven Johnson.

The Greatest Story Ever Sold – The Decline and Fall of Truth by Frank Rich

The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama

Zen Driving – Be a Buddha behind the wheel of your automobile by K.T. Berger

The Eclectic Cafe

*is on vacation and will return in
September!*



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.

Goodsearch

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Please enter UUSSS in Bay Shore, NY as your designated charity. Each time you search, 1 penny is generated for UUSSS. We must accumulate 10,000 searches within 2 years to receive a check for \$100. www.goodsearch.com

Caretakers' Corner

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W-4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Spring is Here!!!!

As we look around us we can see the world turning green again. With the turning of the seasons there is a lot to do around our congregational home. Please make some time to volunteer and help make our spiritual space a better place. There are indoor and outdoor projects that need to be done. If you have time and are interested in volunteering contact Doug.

Games Night:

The next Games Night will be June 19th at 7:30PM. Bring a snack or a drink to share with friends. All are welcome!

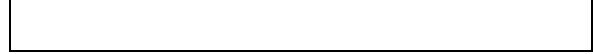
Camping Trip:

Several members of the congregation have asked about possibly doing a camping trip. Well, planning has begun. We are tentatively looking at the weekend of August 21- 23rd. We need to know how many people are interested in joining us on this trip so we can find a space large enough to accommodate us. If you would like to attend please contact Doug so planning can continue.

July 5th BBQ

There will be a BBQ after services on July 5th. Look for a sign up sheet in the foyer. Come and join us in our backyard for a fun gathering.

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