



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

3/8 Eclectic Café
3/11 Board Meeting
3/12 Labyrinth Walk
3/21 Release/Rebirth
Service
3/29 Service Auction

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

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

Sunday, March 2 Rev. Phil Passantino – **Irish Beekeeping & Spirituality**

We all remember a certain famous Irish saint every March 17, but did you know there is an Irish patron saint of beekeeping? Meet St. Gobnait, a mysterious figure who reminds us of the UU principle of "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part".

Sunday, March 9 Laura DeSario – **Social Justice Sunday**

Sunday, March 16 Karyn O'Beirne – **A UU Palm Sunday**

Are you ready for a new perspective of Palm Sunday? The Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem with a procession usually reserved for a conqueror is celebrated with a Universal twist. Palm fronds, pussy willow and lilac branches are traditional symbols of Palm Sunday. Bring a branch to celebrate the beginning of Spring's resurrection.

Sunday, March 23 Rev. Phil Passantino and Karyn O'Beirne – **Easter Service**

Please join us in an Inter-Faith celebration of Easter. Easter time Represents a rich diversity of beliefs and the many myths and stories open our perceptions to the deeper meaning of nature's cycle of birth, death and re-birth.

Sunday, March 30 Elaine Lockwood

SERVICES OF FELLOWSHIP

Fund Raising Events Coordinator

Your congregation is looking for someone to fill the above position. For more information contact any member of the board.

Indoor Labyrinth Walk

Wednesday March 12 at 7PM

A labyrinth is a maze-like path we utilize as a tool for reflection, relaxation and centering. You are invited to an evening of quiet reflective walking with prayers and readings in the sanctuary.

Release / Rebirth Service

Friday March 21st at 6:30PM

The concepts of renewal and rebirth at springtime have been important to many religions and cultures throughout the ages. We will come together Friday March 21st at 6:30PM to celebrate this particularly refreshing and reflective time of year. We will further define our inner spiritual paths through meditative walking on our indoor canvas labyrinth. Readings and discussion will help us explore the common threads that make this time of year a celebration of release and renewal. Afterward we'll share a simple dinner of soup and bread. Please sign up on the foyer sheet.

A Note from the Worship Committee

On Sunday mornings, our sanctuary comes alive with the power and beauty of our community. It can be even more beautiful with plants and flowers that speak of the glory of creation. Would you like to bring flowers to the worship service in memoriam, or in

recognition of a special event in your life? Do you simply want to show off the blooms from your garden or greenhouse?

Our sign-up sheet for hosting and greeting on Sunday will include a spot for you to volunteer to bring flowers - the color and fragrance and visual WOW to complete our sacred space on Sunday. Your contribution will be valued, deeply, by everyone in the community.

Songbirds Wanted

Anyone interested in joining the UUSSS Vocal Ensemble should contact Erve Beiser at (631) 836-3502.

Service Auction – Mark Your Calendars

The 2nd Annual Service Auction will take place on Saturday March 29. *It's not too late* to think of various services that can be auctioned off at this fundraiser. So far we have offers of NYC Opera tickets to Madama Butterfly with backstage tour, cooking lessons, handyman work, handmade jewelry, wine tasting, stained glass items, airport transportation, and more! Your ideas can be brought to Janet or Doug. Keep reading for more information. If you're interested in helping with this fundraiser contact Janet at (631) 277-0115 or jhsflow@optonline.net for more info.

SERVICES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

This is a proposal for a social justice project to benefit the Hispanic community. I would like to distribute, in public places, a bilingual list of available ESL classes in the area. Many people who are in need of English as a Second Language classes, do not have access to this information. I believe that this would be a great service to our community.

I would also like to propose one of many upcoming GO GREEN projects for the UUSSS. In an effort to curb the use of styrofoam cups for our coffee hour, I am volunteering to paint names or initials on coffee mugs. There would be a nominal donation to UUSSS of one dollar.

In conjunction with this, the Social Justice Committee also discussed purchasing, or having a dishwasher donated for the Congregation's use.

Mary Ellen Hollis

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

Herstory Writers Workshop

The Social Justice Committee has donated seed money to launch a new community writing workshop, bringing together women from all walks of life, including those recently released from prison. Facilitated by Herstory Writers Workshop, the free series will meet for six weeks in the Sanctuary on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., commencing February 21. The theme is “Building Bridges Through Our Tales.” For more information call (631) 676-7395 or visit Herstory’s website at www.herstorywriters.org.

The Eclectic Cafe

Saturday March 8:

Kelly Flint
and
Hank Stone



The proceeds from this concert will be donated to the Herstory writer’s project at the UU Society of South Suffolk. Please bring a friend.

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/>

Caretakers' Corner

Doug and Tamar Beecher

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Please note that our office hours have changed. They are Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:30p.

The tree has been removed from the sanctuary. Thanks to all that helped with the fallen tree in the back yard. The tree and all the debris have been removed. If you're interested in helping to adjust the plan for the backyard please contact Doug. We are always looking for a few good gardeners...

See the Caretaker's Breakfast announcement at the end of the newsletter.

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Introducing the

Caretaker's Breakfast

A fundraising event for the UUSSS Building and Grounds

Reservations required.

All Breakfasts will be served at 9:30 am before services.

Open dates include;

March 2nd; Swedish Pancakes and toppings

March 9th; French Toast and sausage

March 16th; Waffles and toppings

March 23rd; Scrambled Eggs and bacon

March 30th; Quiche

All breakfasts come with coffee or tea, the juice of the day or water.

Sign up with Doug early, space is limited!!

\$5 per head