



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

5/10 Eclectic Café

5/13 Board Meeting

5/25 Memorial Weekend
Brunch

6/1 Annual Meeting

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

Sunday, May 4: Usually we tell you what's happening on any given Sunday, but let's all have a bit of UU faith and show up with an open mind and heart but no expectations.

Sunday, May 11: Laura DeSario - **Theology as Autobiography**
For UU's, our theology is built over a lifetime of relationships, experiences, and learning. Unlike conservative religious faiths, our faith is never exactly the same as it was ten years ago. Today we will share our personal stories of a changing, transforming Unitarian Universalist faith.

Sunday, May 18: Gerry Dantone - **The New Atheism and Secular Humanism**
Gerry Dantone the founder and leader of the Long Island Secular Humanist group will be speaking about this organization and the philosophy behind it.

Sunday, May 25: Memorial Day Weekend Service and Backyard Brunch

The UUSSS Worship committee will provide the bacon and eggs--you supply the rest to share with your fellow worshippers. Weather permitting we will share a meal (Brunch) outside with Doug (of Caretaker's Breakfast fame) as host and chef.

**Sunday, June 1 Annual Meeting ---
Please save the date.**

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.

SERVICES OF FELLOWSHIP

A Preview of the Summer Worship Schedule

The Buddha, they say, gave sermons in a shady glen called “the Deer Park.” (Isn’t that about 5 miles from here??) Most of his sermons were actually written down by very creative writers, and no one knows for sure if any of these sermons contain a single authentic utterance of the man.

One of his sermons, it is said, was entirely wordless . . . he simply lifted up a flower and held it up until the hot sun had wilted it . . . thus expressing his basic teaching on the impermanence of all things.

This is the essence of our summer worship.

Worship Committee Meeting

Monday, May 12 – Worship Committee meeting 7:30 pm in the Church RE room. The worship committee will be reviewing the last 5 months and planning for the summer and fall. Budget considerations will be drawn up and discussed. Come and share your ideas and feedback

The Eclectic Cafe

Saturday May 10:

Michael Johnathon



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/>

Rummage Sale

Time to set aside any unwanted items: house ware, clothing, books, furniture, etc. for our annual Rummage Sale. Date to be announced (sometime this spring).

Games Night and Dinner

Friday May 30
6:30 PM
RE Room

Join us for an evening of dinner, games and conversation. See the caretakers 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

SERVICES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Cars, Cups and Cultivating - The Greening of UUSSS

The Social Justice Committee has been discussing ways we as a congregation can lessen our carbon footprint. Various ideas large and small have been brought up and we would like to hear what YOU think.

- 1) Beginning May 4th we will be accepting used batteries for recycling – look for the box in the foyer.
- 2) If you can bring in a personal ceramic mug with your name taped to it or use one of the mugs in the cabinet for coffee hour we would use fewer disposable cups.
- 3) Consider re-usable grocery shopping bags instead of the plastic bags. Some supermarkets already offer small financial incentives and more and more municipalities are considering banning or charging extra for the use of plastic bags. In weeks to come we hope to have our own UUSSS bags for sale to benefit the Social Justice Program as well as the environment.
- 4) Some of us will be carpooling or riding our bikes to Service on May 4.
- 5) The RE children will be doing a series of plantings on our grounds.
- 6) Eco tips will soon be listed on our web site and handouts available in the foyer.

Sit in at the next Social Justice Meeting to share your ideas.

Additional information can also be found at:

<http://uuministryforearth.org/cgi/news.cgi>

Caretakers' Corner

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

Caretakers Breakfast

Are you hungry before services? Come join Doug and Tamar for breakfast. The fundraiser will continue on May 11th and May 18th. \$5 per Person, call Doug and Tamar for menu and reservations.

Moving forward on Building and Grounds Projects...

Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the yard after services. Look to the message board for future yard clean up /work days.

If you would like to lend your talents to the church there is a lot of work to be done with both indoor and outdoor projects. Call Doug and Tamar for details.

Passover Seder

The Passover Seder was a successful event. There were 25 people in attendance. Tamar and I are looking forward to hosting more events in the future. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand or brought something to contribute to the service or dinner.

SEE the Caretakers' Breakfast Notice at the end of this 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;

May 11th; Home Made Waffles and toppings

May 18th; Swedish Pancakes and toppings

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