



GREETERS AND HOSTS

If you are volunteering to host please serve light refreshment.

If you arrive early and wish to greet - kindly welcome guests and invite them to sign the visitor's 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

9/8 - Board Meeting
9/12- Eclectic Cafe
9/18 - Games Night
9/25 & 26 – Theater
Group

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

The Bay Watch

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September 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.

THANK YOU for turning off
cell phones during Service.

Worship begins at 10:30 A.M.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

September 6: Laura De Sario - Bread and Roses

On Labor Sunday, we take time to honor the inherent worth and dignity of all people in their working lives. Equally important, we recognize that not working is also holy; we could not be fully human without time for the arts, for play, and for laughter.

In the spirit of "the workingman's holiday" and all other workingpersons, let's take it easy on Sunday! After the worship service, let's sit back, have a picnic, and enjoy! Bring a dish or drinks to share. Weather permitting; let's enjoy the sunshine in the backyard.

September 13: Laura De Sario - Holy Water in the UU Living Tradition

For almost 40 years, UU congregations have celebrated the beginning of the church year with a water communion ceremony. For maybe 3000 years, this time of year has meant the celebration

of the Jewish New Year. We will honor both traditions in ritual, poetry, and singing.

**September 20: Rev. Nancy Arnold
An Invitation to be Faithful**

Eid-Al-Fitr is a major holiday for Muslims. The celebration concludes the 30 days of Ramadan when they must fast between dawn and sunset. Ramadan is an invitation to be faithful to Islam. Eid-Al-Fitr is a day to give thanks to Allah, and to gather with families and friends to break the fast.

**September 27: Karyn O'Beirne –
Exploring a Day of Atonement,
with a twist.**

**October 4: Reverend Addae
Kraba – Africa, a Rebirth of Self**

The first principle of Unitarian Universalism upholds the inherent worth and dignity of every person, but it can be very challenging to have a sense of personal value and self worth, when everything and almost everyone around you refutes that truth. Travel with me from America to Africa on a journey of self discovery.

Reverend Addae Ama Kraba is the minister of First Universalist Church of Southold, on the North Fork of Long Island. She is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry, where she serves as adjunct faculty, she is a published poet whose work appears in the book *She Is Everywhere !: An anthology of writing in Womanist / Feminist Spirituality*.

Service Auction

Save the date, and bring a friend to our "Fall Harvest Services Auction" on Saturday October 17th. We hope you've been thinking of wonderful things to offer- dinner parties, excursions, and your varied talents. The event will start off with a pot luck dinner (BYOW), and go on with silent and oral bidding on the offerings. This year we have added monthly dinner parties, where for a set price you can pre-purchase a dinner reservation at one of our congregant's home. Be sure to bring your calendar and plan your next dinner out!

It is always a lot of fun, so don't forget to save the date of October 17. If you would like to help out the night of the Auction, let us know-we can always use extra hands! It's a wonderful way to contribute to our biggest fundraiser of the year, and if you're new to the fellowship, the Services Auction is a chance to get to know your fellow members in a very enjoyable endeavor.

Janet, Elaine & Doug
for the 2009 Services Auction
Committee

Summer Spiritual Exploration

A big THANK YOU goes to Karyn O'Beirne for taking the time to prepare and lead the Monday night class. It was thought provoking and inspiring!

Summer Recap

Summer provided prime opportunities to build and strengthen the community of UUSSS. We canoed and picnicked together. The 4th of July weekend was celebrated with a bountiful BBQ in our backyard. Over 15 people participated in a recent fun-filled Games Night. We got together at off-site events like the pool party, BBQ lunch and bagel brunch. And we shared our personal stories of spiritual exploration in our member-led summer services and Monday evening classes. Looking forward we will continue with the Service Auction, labyrinth walk, AGAPE feast and other events.

The International Right to Water

Environmental Justice is one of the four focus areas on the agenda of the UU Service Committee. On Sunday, September 27, you're invited to meet Patricia Jones, UUSC Program Manager for Environmental Justice. She will lead us in a 2 hour workshop as we learn about the threats to safe and accessible water, not only abroad, but right here in our own communities. Please join us at the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in the Art Gallery from 1 pm – 3 pm on Sunday, September 27 for this exciting and important experience. For further information, contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at (516) 627-6560, ext. 177 or cderoche@uucsr.org. UUCSR is located at 48 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset. For directions, go to <http://www.uucsr.org/find.asp>.

R.E. Schedule

SEPT. 6 - No Class
13 - Class – RE Registration
20 - No Class
27 - Class

The Eclectic Cafe

RETURNS!

Saturday September 12

with

David Goldman

and

Marci Geller



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 or fscad@optonline.net.

Art Show at Bellport

UUSSS member Mary Ellen Hollis will be having an art exhibition at the UU Fellowship of Bellport with Lettie Damm Norjen, a long time member of that congregation.

The Reception will most likely be October 4, from 1:30 to 3:30. The Gallery will be open every other Sunday from 12 to 4.

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Caretakers' Corner

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W-4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Service Auction:

We need your help. This auction is a fundraiser where we bid on services that are offered by you to other members of the congregation to support the work that we do here... How do you get involved? Fill out a promissory note with the service that you would like to donate and clear your

calendar for auction night on October 17th. If you would like to help run the event we are still looking for help there too. Contact Doug Beecher or Elaine Lockwood for more information.

Games Night:

September 18, 2009 at 7:30pm. Bring a snack or a drink to share with friends. All are welcome!

Booking Events

Believe it or not I already have requests for rentals this fall. There are dates already booked for November. If you, your group or someone you know wants to book a date for an event please contact Doug sooner than later.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who did his or her part while Tamar and I were away on vacation. We appreciate your efforts. Brian W, Ellie G, Jim G, Carl R, Allison R, Susan R. are just a couple of folks that helped out.

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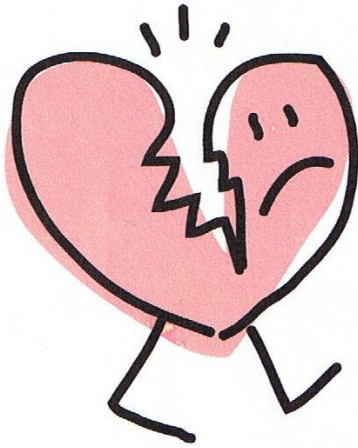
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By Ray Cooney

Friday, September 25 at 8:30 PM
Saturday, September 26 at 8 PM

Tickets: general admission \$15

**Advance ticket sale \$12 for
UUSSS members and friends**

Produced and Directed by Charles L.
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