



### **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

12/5 Games Night  
12/9 Board Meeting  
12/13 Eclectic Café  
12/20 Dance Party  
12/24 Candlelight Service

**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.

# **The Bay Watch**

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## **December 2008**

### **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**

#### **December 7: Dr. John Fordon - *Because Tomorrow Never Makes Promises.***

Ruminations about world war two and it's classification in history as a 'just war', followed with commentary about other conflicts that followed.

Dr. John Fordon, esteemed former UUSSS minister, has also been a college administrator, a corporate CFO, and a financial consultant to churches and businesses

#### **December 14: Rev. Julie Newhall - *Ode to Joy.***

It's only too easy in the 'season of giving' to feel overwhelmed by busyness. Today's service presents an opportunity to slow down, breathe deeply and allow yourself to experience joy. Enter, rejoice and come in.

#### **December 21: Rev. Nancy Arnold - *The Miracle of Light.***

Since the dawn of time, people have celebrated the longest night of the year with light and fire and thanksgiving. In the midst of darkness the light reassures us of the promise of renewing life, helping us to discern the source of our own light. Today we will light candles of the season – symbols of warmth, enlightenment, hope—and miracles.

**December 24: Laura DeSario - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.**

Imagine; flickering candles greet you at the curb, then the sound of traditional carols, some Bible readings, and soaring poetry! We'll join our sweet memories of a traditional Christmas with an ever-evolving understanding of faith.

Laura DeSario, esteemed UUSSS Worship leader with over 150 services given since 1989. Laura has over 20 years experience in NY area Arts. Her first service was titled Theatre and Religion. Pennie Wood and the church choir led by Erve Beiser will welcome Christmas in our own fabulous UU style. Joyeux Noel!! Buon Natale!!

**December 28: Karyn O'Beirne - The Power of Belief.** Further explorations into our personal belief systems and its effect on our health and society. Ray Dodd's book of the same name and The Biology of Belief by cellular biologist Bruce Lipton, will be the basis for this Sunday's reflection.

**Free-thinkers AA Group**

The UUSSS Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet Thursdays in the Sanctuary.

**Social Justice**

A big THANK YOU! For your donations of non-perishable foods for our Thanksgiving food drive. The bags of groceries donated to L.I. Cares were supplemented with supermarket gift cards from the Box of the Helping Hands.

The Suffolk County Coalition against Domestic Violence is the recipient of the gift items on our Mittens Tree this holiday season. This year the social justice Committee is offering our congregants the opportunity to make monetary donations instead of

purchasing gift items. The money will be given to relief efforts in Haiti through Doctors without Borders.

Each December we are encouraged to donate the money that would have been used for cards and postage to the collection for children in need. Your holiday wishes can be jotted down on the sheet in the foyer and will appear in our newsletter. The donation cup will be next to the holiday greetings sheet in the foyer on Sundays.

Most of the time we do not meet those who are helped by our generous donations of time, energy, gifts and money. That doesn't diminish the importance of our efforts. Caring and compassion are not limited to the people we meet at 28 Brentwood Road. The Social Justice Committee is grateful for your continued support in our efforts to heal this hurting world. Peace and love to you all as 2008 draws to a close.

**Acting Workshop for Children Grades 3 Through 5**

A Drama workshop for children in grades 3 through 5 will be held five Saturday mornings starting January 10, 2009, 10-11:30 a.m. The classes will be presented at the Unitarian Universalist church's sanctuary located at 28 Brentwood Road, Bay Shore and taught by Laura Albert, a New York State Certified Teacher. The cost is \$45 per child for the five week workshop. The dates of the classes are January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7. Deadline for registration is January 3, 2009.

The workshop will include theater games, creative movement, character work, improvisation and vocal training. At the end of the five week session, the children will present a short theatre piece to family and friends.

Please call Laura at (631)747-1976 or email [albert42@optonline.net](mailto:albert42@optonline.net) for more information.

## AGAPE Service and luncheon

Our strong sense of community was shared on Nov. 23 with a visitor from the UU congregation at Rock Tavern, the Fall 2008 Chalice Lighter's recipient. Funds collected at the service will go to the Metro District and then to Rock Tavern to help in rebuilding their worship space following a devastating fire. Thanks to the following for sharing a reading or song: Laura Albert, Laura DeSario, Edie Perez, Karen Schulte, Joe O'Beirne, Jim Giarraputo and Brian Whittaker.

## The Eclectic Cafe

Saturday December 13

Caroline Doctorow

and

James O'Malley



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/>

## RE Schedule

December 7 - class  
December 14 - class  
December 21 - class  
December 28 - no class (holiday break)

## Caretakers' Corner

Doug and Tamar Beecher  
(631) 968-0667  
[eagletechie@eye-catcher.com](mailto:eagletechie@eye-catcher.com)  
Office Hours: M-4:30-6:30PM and  
W-4:30-6:30PM

## Scheduling:

If you have any special events or fundraising activities that you would like to get into the calendar please get in touch. As always, the hall is also available to rent for private events. Call or email Doug for more information.

## The Leaves are Falling!!!!

Tamar and I are putting out a call for help. The yearly fall clean up has begun, and as I am writing this, the forecast is calling for flurries. Please grab a rake and lend a hand with the on going leaf pick up. Call before you come to the property so Tamar and I can put the tools and bags out.

## Caretakers Breakfast:

Come and enjoy breakfast with the caretakers and other members of our community before services. Reservations are still being accepted for the following dates. There is limited space. Please contact Doug if you are interested. Breakfasts are \$5 per person and at 9:30AM. Your donation will be used to continue ongoing building and grounds work.

We will be serving breakfast on:

December 7 - French toast and sausage  
December 23 - Swedish pancakes and toppings  
January 4 - Waffles and toppings  
January 18 - Quiche

***UUSSS Dinner Dance November 14, 2008***

Thank you to everyone to who made the dinner dance a fun night. Total donations for the evening: \$192.

***GAME NIGHT!!!***

December 5th at 7PM is games night. Come enjoy yourself! Cranium, Scrabble, and Yahtzee are just a few of the games that were played at our last gathering. Look for more information on the yahoo group and in the foyer.

***Get up and DANCE!***

Our next dance will be on December 20 at 7:30PM, \$5 per person at the door. Bring some light refreshments to share with the group. Feel free to bring your favorite dance tunes with you. There will be a 50/50 raffle for those who are interested.

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