



The Open Line

SOUTH NASSAU UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

June 28

Preaching: Rev. Valerie Ackerman
Worship Associate: TBA
Ushers & Refreshments: TBA
Lock-up: Barbara Singer

July 5

Preaching: Hollis Huston - *America the Beautiful – Nationalism and its less desirable alternatives*
Worship Associate: Rita Hines
Ushers & Refreshments: Robin Norris and Rita Tancredi
Lock-up: Jayne Davison

July 12

Preaching: George Jackson
Worship Associate: Laura D'Angelo
Ushers & Refreshments: Martha Chamberlain
Lock-up: Anne Fleming

July 19

Preaching: Rev. Kelly Murphy Mason
The Way of Humanity: The Wisdom of Kong Fuzi
Worship Associate: Anne Fleming
Ushers & Refreshments: Dana Reinecke
Lock-up: Tom Weingarten

July 26

Preaching: Hollis Huston - *Face to Face with Evil – Obama's Neo-Orthodox View of Moral Crisis*
Worship Associate: Rita Hines
Usher & Refreshments: Tom Weingarten
Lock-up: Rosemary Olander Beach

August 2

Preaching: Rev. Valerie Ackerman
Anger & Theology: Thoughts on paradoxical beliefs
Worship Associate: Rita Hines
Ushers & Refreshments: Dana Reinecke
Lock-up: Arlene Brown

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All services begin at 10:30 am. Childcare for 4th grade and younger is available during Sunday services. All children and youth are invited to attend the service in the sanctuary. Remember to collect a vial of water during your summer for our water ceremony service on September 13.

August 9

Preaching: Hollis Huston - *EcoTheology – How Liberals Got Framed and Put in the Wrong*
Worship Associate: Anne Fleming
Ushers & Refreshments: Nicki Barry
Lock-up: Barbara Singer

August 16

Preaching: Kelly Murphy Mason
The Long and the Short of Life: Insight from Seneca
Worship Associate: Rita Hines
Ushers & Refreshments: Ellen Zaehring-Gach
Lock-up: Ken Lawson

August 23

Preaching: Rev. Valerie Ackerman
Can Covenants Save Us? Thoughts on a quaint idea
Worship Associate: Laura D'Angelo
Ushers & Refreshments: Mary Brower and Ilene Corina
Lock-up: Ken Lawson

August 30

Congregational Clean-up day right after worship!
Dedication of Aidan Michaels, grandson of Doris Brass
Preaching: Rev. Catherine Torpey
The Permanent and the Transient: What do we hang on to?
Worship Associate: Anne Fleming
Ushers & Refreshments: Diane Hawkins
Lock-up: Martha Chamberlain

September 6

Preaching: Hollis Huston *The Invention of Guilt – The Things You Can Do with Remorse*
Worship Associate: TBA
Ushers & Refreshments: Dana Reinecke
Lock-up: Jayne Davison

Office Summer Schedule

The SNUUC office will close for the summer on Friday, June 26. It will reopen on Wednesday, September 9. Phone messages and e-mail will be answered weekly.

In case of emergency please call Rev. Catherine Torpey, Board VP Rosemary Olander Beach or Office Manager Lisa Bryson-Brockmann

Next issue deadline: Sunday, August 30

OUR BOARDWALK

The Board of Trustees is extremely grateful to the congregation for its attention recently to the budget process. We had a good turnout for the budget hearing in early May, and the congregation passed the 2009-10 budget at its May 31 biannual meeting. A hearty thanks to all who turned out to get involved in the nitty-gritty of running "our special place" -- to borrow a phrase from the Stewardship Committee. Our budget for fiscal year 2009-10, which begins in July, sustains ongoing programs, includes increased funding for our RE program and looks to increase giving opportunities.

Of course, our financial stewardship would not even be necessary if not for the hard work of committee chairs, committee members and congregants who make SNUUC the vibrant place it is. Thanks to you all for a fantastic year that surpassed even our financial projections!

As the congregation winds down its year, the Board of Trustees will be taking some time for short- and long-term planning. On its agenda are ideas for creating an environment more welcoming to handicapped individuals as well as providing support to the new Thrift Shop Visioning Task Force, whose first meeting I attended June 14.

I hope to see you all at the end-of-year and welcome-summer cookout on June 21.

Rosemary Olander-Beach, vice president

Congratulations to Catherine Torpey whose High Holy Days sermon from this past October won Honorable Mention in the Jerry Davidoff Sermon Award contest of organization UU's for Jewish Awareness. It will be posted on the uuja.org website, as well as on Tikkun Magazine's website.

The prize is awarded for a sermon preached between January and December 2008 that best illustrates or exemplifies the contributions of Jewish theology, thought, or culture to our liberal faith tradition. The award is named in honor of Jerry Davidoff, an early member of this group, who has been instrumental in helping lift up the often overlooked Jewish presence in our religious movement. UUJA offers resources to those interested in Jewish issues, celebrations and heritage, either personally or on behalf of congregations.

Our Thrift Shop, located at 22 West Merrick Rd in Freeport, is open 10-4, every day but Sunday. Stop by this Summer! 223-3974 They can use your help and your merchandise, and you will probably find something for you!

During the summer, please check the schedule and call or e-mail the Worship Associate with announcements to be read at the Sunday Service.

Save the date for our Annual Fall Kick-Off Pot Luck Dinner!
Saturday, September 12 at SNUUC, rain or shine!

Dinner begins at 5:30.

Please bring food enough for at least 8.
If your name begins with: * A - H please bring Dessert
* I - O please bring Salad or Vegetable
* P - Z please bring a Main Dish

Thank you to the Membership Committee who are hosting this event and will also provide the beverages.

Please assist them by arriving early to help set-up or stay after to help put away tables and chairs.

Among Ourselves

Many thanks go to the Membership Committee, the Board and all the helpers who shop, set up, cook, serve and clean up at our Welcome Summer BBQ on June 21!

Congratulations Linda and Nick Nanos who are celebrating their 30th anniversary on July 8. They donated Sunday's chancel flowers in honor of the occasion.

Dear SNUUC, Thank you so much for awarding me with the Bess and Maurice Forge Scholarship. I appreciate this scholarship very much and will be using it towards my college education at Herkimer Community College. I will be studying psychology at school, and cannot wait until school begins. Again, thank you all for being a part of not only my past, but my future. Sincerely, Annamarie Bellafiore

Thank you to the Open Line folders, Dorothy Seacord, Verna and Arnie Herman and Bonny Levenson, who are here bright and early each month to make sure you get your newsletter. Please remember to let the office know if you choose to read your Open Line on line and save the stamps and paper!

Thank you Carrie Mason Draffen! Carrie donated the honorarium she received for one of her speaking engagements to SNUUC.

All are welcome to Friday Nights at Jones Beach beginning June 26. Bring your friends, family and dinner. Have fun every Friday night from 6 to dusk. Meet at Field 6 in front of the handicapped ramp. Call Chris Ragusa.

Please check in the coat closet in the hallway and on the counter in the kitchen to see if there are things there that belong to you. *Any clothes and dishes that remain after June 28 will be donated to the thrift shop.*

Susan Okun will be at SNUUC on July 12 and would like to see those available to visit. Please come to a luncheon following the service from 12:00-2:00 being held in her honor. Feel free to bring a dessert or side dish to add to the festivities.

SNUUC Happenings

The next SNUUC **Communal Table gathering** will be on Sunday, July 19 at one of LI's finest Mexican Restaurants, Aztec Emperor, at 3463 Merrick Road in Wantagh. They will gather there at 12:30 - 1pm and enjoy a great meal with SNUUC friends. All are welcome! For more information contact Twanya Schmidt.

Paint Party! Join us for a Paint Party for SNUUC's shed on August 9, **after service**. If you have paint brushes, please bring them. Pizza lunch provided. Please contact Diane Hawkins at parkviewdesign@verizon.net if you would like to let out your inner desire to paint!

Congregational Clean-up Day! On August 30 - right after the service come to worship dressed for some serious cleaning! Spruce up your spiritual home! Youth and RE kids come help clean up the RE area and get your area ready for you!

Empathy Circle meets over the summer. For those who have completed any of the 13 session Compassionate Communication series and wish to practice giving and receiving empathy, please join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the Foyer. Practicing empathy helps keep us in NVC consciousness. Barbara Singer and Anne Fleming would appreciate hearing from you if you plan to attend.

Compassionate Communication – Fall 2009 – begins on Saturday, September 26, 9:45-11:45 in the Foyer. Suggested weekly donation - \$5.00 for members and \$10 for non-members. Donations help defray the cost of the use of the building.

Are looking for a way to add some balance, strength, and flexibility to your life? Come and join us for our next 4-week session of **Gentle Yoga with Spirit** right here at SNUUC. These classes are taught by Ivy Greenburg, a licensed yoga instructor. Enrollment is open to all, regardless of ability or previous experience with yoga. Thursday morning summer yoga meets from 9-10am beginning July 9. The Tuesday afternoon class meets from 5:30-6:30 beginning July 7. There will be one session of 4 weeks in July and one session of 4 weeks in August. The cost for a 4-week course is \$60. Since space is limited, please contact Anne Fleming at afleming528@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

Monday Night Pilates at SNUUC - 8pm-9pm, only \$12 per class - no contracts to sign, no commitment, just come and stretch! Any questions, contact Bonny Levenson.

Long Island Choral Society Summer Sings at SNUUC - 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary! July 12, Handel - Messiah Parts 2 & 3 - August 9, Mozart Requiem and Vivaldi Gloria. Join Barbara Singer and members of the L.I. Choral Society in singing these great works under the direction of Meredith E. Baker, or just come and listen. \$10.00 per person. Bring your own score or rent ours for \$5.00.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Join us on Saturday, June 27 at SNUUC for the Social Action Committee's Annual Fundraising Event to support this year's 20th Friendship Caravan to Cuba



The evening will begin with a Potluck Supper at 6:00pm. The program, which starts at 7:30pm, will include a screening of the film, *The Power of Community*, which documents how Cuba survived "Peak Oil," the sudden drop in oil imports in the 1990's following the collapse of the Soviet Union. The film shows how Cubans transitioned from a highly mechanized industrial agricultural system to one using organic farming methods and urban gardens. In addition to the movie, there will be music and John Waller, the national coordinator of the Pastors for Peace Friendship Caravan, will be the special guest speaker. Admission is free, with donations of any amount appreciated.

The caravan's theme this year is to send humanitarian aid to help with reconstruction following several devastating hurricanes last year. For more information about the event or to volunteer to help host the event, please contact Don or Mirna Obers-Cortes at 516-946-9361.

For more information about IFCO/PASTORS FOR PEACE visit their website at www.ifconews.org. If you cannot attend the event, but would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please make any checks payable to IFCO and give them to Don or Mirna or mail them directly to IFCO at 418 West 145th Street, New York, NY 10031

Join the Social Action Committee at their next meeting on Sunday, June 28 at noon in room 1.

UU Connect, for all LIAC congregations, youth and families!
 Friday night, June 26 at 5pm meet at Jones Beach field 6 at the end of the ramp by the water.
 Bring your dinner, kites and shovels.
 For July they'll meet at the same place on the morning of Sunday, July 26 at 6am to see the sun come up!

The Foyer Art exhibit features the many talented artists from our SNUUC family. The art will be on display through the summer. Almost every-thing is for sale, check for the price on the tag next to each item. Did you know that 20% of the price goes to SNUUC? A sale not only supports our congregation but its members as well!
 Save the date for our first Art Opening of the season *Art in Nature* on Friday, September 11 from 7-9pm. Watch your mail in August for the invitation.

**Please pay your 2008-09 Pledge
before the end of our fiscal year on June 30. Thanks!**

Benefit Screening of the film *The Power of Community* for the 20th
IFCO/Pastors for Peace US/Cuba Friendshipment Caravan.
Saturday, June 27, 6:00 Potluck Supper, 7:30 Program

Paint the Shed Party - August 9
Congregational Clean-up Day - August 30

Visit our Thrift Shop!!

The mission of the South Nassau Unitarian Universalist Congregation is to provide a sanctuary of beauty and harmony where: We search in freedom for meaning and truth; we draw inspiration from many religious and philosophical sources while acknowledging the Judeo-Christian heritage of Unitarian Universalism; we embrace diversity and welcome people of all ages, races, and orientations; we affirm that our children and youth are an integral and important part of our religious family; we strive toward a social awareness that leads to transformative action in our community and to living in balance with the environment. Ours is a nurturing congregation where children and adults find acceptance and fellowship, feel empowered and grow spiritually.



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