



The Open Line

SOUTH NASSAU

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

April 3, 2011 **10:30am** Guest preacher, our April on-call minister, Rev. Jim Macomber
How Much Do We Owe the Stranger?

Coffee: Senior Youth Bake Sale for Midnight Run

Ushers: Nicki Barry & Andrew Spatt

Lock-up: Peter Larsen

Social Action Table: Hildegard Schubert

Ways & Means: Mary Canada

April 10, 2011 **10:30am** Guest preacher Brian Larkin

Self and Circumstance - We are Celebrating Founders Day

This sermon was written by Rev. Lon Ray Call, the first minister of our South Nassau Unitarian Church.

Coffee: Unicrafters

Ushers: Doris Brass & Debbie Scharf

Lock-up: Jim Crocetto

Social Action Table: Hildegard Schubert

Ways & Means: Rita Tancredi

April 17, 2011 **10:30am** Guest preacher Anne Fleming
Tales and Traditions of Passover

A story telling service

Coffee: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Ushers: Rita Tancredi & Robin Norris

Lock-up: Lisa Itts

Social Action Table: Hildegard Schubert

Ways & Means: Alice Spatt

April 24, 2011 **10:30am** Guest preacher Hollis Huston
The Easter Event: What Really Happened?

Coffee: Pot Luck; Please bring something to share!

Ushers: Jayne Davison & Anne Fleming

Lock-up: Rosemary Olander Beach

Social Action Table: Hildegard Schubert

Ways & Means: Arlene Brown

Our Minister Rev. Catherine Torpey is on sabbatical from January 1 until May 31, 2011. A sabbatical, much like a Sabbath, is intended to be a time of rest and reflection, allowing one to return to the usual round of duties with new vision and renewed enthusiasm. There is a Sabbatical Committee made up of SNUUC members whose role is to keep an eye on the congregation during the sabbatical months. Please contact one of these people if you have any questions; Anne Fleming, Denise Hibbert, Sharon Nanos, Rosemary Olander, Barbara Singer or Tom Weingarten.

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Our on-call Minister for April



The Rev. Dr. James Macomber is the minister at The First Universalist Church of Southold. Rev. Macomber has served Unitarian Universalist churches in Tennessee, New Mexico, Stony Brook, New York, and most recently, Atlanta, Georgia. He retired from full-time ministry in July 2010 and is now serving in Southold on a part-time basis. Rev. Macomber reports he moved from Georgia back to New York "to marry the last love of my life." He and his bride, Aina, are making their home in Centereach, and Aina continues her teaching career in the Kings Park District.

Ministry is Rev. Macomber's second career. He holds a doctoral degree in business administration and served as a professor of management for 24 years at the University of Tennessee. In 1997, no longer able to resist the call to ministry he had felt since high school, he entered the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Soon after finishing his divinity degree, he retired from teaching to begin full-time ministry.

Rev. Macomber has four children and six grandchildren scattered around the country. He grew up in the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. Macomber will preach at SNUUC on April 3. His sermon is titled, *How Much Do We Owe the Stranger?* He includes this description; The concept of cosmopolitanism has been important to the discipline of philosophy for millennia. Kwame Anthony Appiah has taken this ethical issue to a new level which has important implications for Unitarian Universalists. Let us examine this concept and what it may mean for us.

OUR BOARDWALK

As we enter the final stretch of SNUUC's annual financial commitment drive, the Board of Trustees encourages members to make their pledges in a timely manner. Do it now -- before you even finish reading this column. (And if you've already done it: Thanks!)

While stewardship is a year-round commitment, our annual drive is the most critical piece of the puzzle in keeping open SNUUC's doors.

As I listened to Alice Spatt's fine financial commitment testimonial yesterday during the fantastic Senior Youth-led worship, I was struck when she said that she and Carl came for their children but stayed for themselves.

I wanted to shout back: "Alice and Carl, you stayed for us!"

Because whatever reason we have for coming here and giving of our treasure and sweat, we members must remember that we are profoundly affecting the lives of those who come after us. Our dollars and our faith in this congregation have created a sacred trust and a sanctuary for those who need a liberal religious institution on the South Shore of Long Island. Thank you, Alice and Carl, and every other SNUUC member past and present for being here for us!

If you've read this far, I hope you've shown you're Willing and Able by filling out your pledge form and putting it in the mail, SNUUC's mail slot or somewhere safe where it will travel with you to worship March 27!

After making our annual financial commitments, the next step in SNUUC's budget process takes over.

By now all committees should have turned in their budget requests for the fiscal year 2011-12. There are budget request forms in the SNUUC office as well as at SNUUC's website.

The congregational budget hearing is at noon May 1. This is where the congregation gets a group presentation about the proposed budget. Please plan to attend this meeting, as well as the biannual congregational meeting at noon May 22.

And, finally, this is the final call for anyone who would like to be a SNUUC delegate for the Metro District annual meeting, May 6-7, in Morristown, N.J. If you'd like to be there on SNUUC's behalf, please call me or write me by April 3.

With gratitude,

Rosemary Olander-Beach, president, Board of Trustees

Willing and Able

SNUUC's 2011-2012 Annual Financial Commitment Drive
We are up and ahead, so far... But, we are not done yet.

Calling all members and friends. Please make your financial commitment immediately!

On the first Sunday of March we kicked off our **Willing and Able** campaign with a rousing cheer led by Barbara Singer (Gimme an "S"!) and felt ourselves to be the heartbeat of SNUUC. We heard Hollis Huston preach frankly on money matters (remember Stan, Rosie and Mr. Micawber?) and we were encouraged to give from our sustenance not our abundance.

Then, at commitment gatherings and in canvassing conversations, we have been discussing the fiscal underpinnings of SNUUC, learning how we need to fund more of SNUUC's operating budget from our own individual contributions, and refreshing on the very useful "Guide" framework for giving. Asking, Where are we each on the spectrum? Supporter, Sustainer, Visionary, Tither? How does our gift stack up compared to all others?

And, we've been receiving commitments.

As of March 20, 2011 \$49,740 in financial commitments had been pledged by 21 pledging units representing 30 individuals. Of these, 14 increased, five remained the same and two lowered the amount of their gifts compare to the current year. Collectively these gifts bring SNUUC \$4,556 more than last year. A good start, but we need to hear from ALL members by the end of March, so...

Are you **willing and able** to make your commitment right now?

Are you **willing and able** to give from your sustenance not from your abundance?

Are you **willing and able** to make an impact on the financial health of SNUUC?

Are you **willing and able** to make a financial contribution that moves you to the right on the Guide or places you on the Guide?

Are you **willing and able** to help us complete the campaign on time?

Please connect with Ellen Zaehringer-Gach or Barbara Singer

Please get a copy of the Guide and your Commitment Form at SNUUC.org

Please deliver your decision to SNUUC, attention Stewardship Committee

Respectfully,

Stewardship Committee: Ellen Zaehringer-Gach and Barbara Singer,

Peter Larsen, Board Liaison

the Board thanks...

The Senior Youth for its wonderful worship service March 20, and the Junior Youth for serving coffee hour.

And the Art Committee for putting on another smashing art show opening on March 11.

Among Ourselves

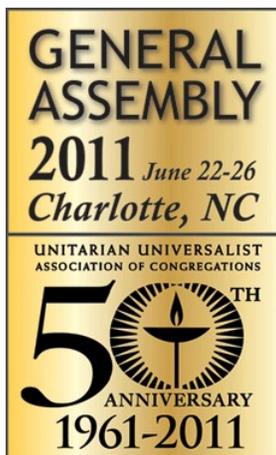
We send Happy Birthday good wishes to **Clarence Herisko** who turned 96 in March!

Congratulations to SNUUC Board member **Ken Bellafiore**, the new Director of the Freeport Library!

Rose Kuhn has been in and out of the hospital recently. We send her warm wishes to feel better soon.

To see clips taken during the **Intergenerational Project** hosted by RE in February where we made cards and letters for soldiers in Baghdad and boxed items to ship to them, click on this link, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vIX3sBGBP>

We will be **updating our SNUUC directory** soon. Please notify the office with any changes to your name, address, phone or e-mail.



GA is June 22- 26 in Charlotte, North Carolina. If you ever thought about attending the UUA General Assembly, this is the time to do it! The General Assembly attracts some 3,000-5,000 Unitarian Universalists from all over the USA and Canada. This year GA will be held from June 22-26 in Charlotte, North Carolina, a ten hour drive from Long Island. There will be many interesting workshops, worship services, events, lectures, celebrations and musical

programs to revitalize your reasons for becoming a Unitarian Universalist. Early registration opens March 1 with discounted rates through May 1. For more information visit the UUA website at www.uua.org. **If you do not want to drive, LIAC is offering round trip coach bus transportation for \$100 to the first 50 people who register.** The bus leaves early on Wednesday, June 22 from a central LI location and will return late on June 26. Contact David Silver at dsilver360@aol.com for additional information.

Long Island Performs

SNUUC and the North Sea Poetry Scene are hosting a fundraiser on April 8 from 7-10pm at SNUUC called "Long Island Performs". It is an open mic night for poets and musicians. If you have always wanted to share your poems or music with others, then this is the night for you! Please come down to SNUUC and support your local artists, and experience a great night of entertainment! Donation is \$5. Please call Gail Goldstein with any questions: 516-729-9835. This event is also listed on the DRUUMATICS website, <http://www.druumatics.org>

Committees at Work

SNUUC Committees meet regularly and most encourage attendance at their meetings even if you are not a member of the committee. Check the committee chairperson list on the bulletin board in the hall and call if you would like to learn more about a committee.

Ways & Means Committee meeting on Sunday, April 3 at noon in the RE wing. Please attend to find out how you can help at this year's Talent Auction!

Thrift Shop Committee meeting on Sunday, April 10 at noon in room 1.

RE Committee meeting Sunday, April 17 at noon in the RE wing.

Board meeting Monday April 18 at 7pm in the foyer.

Talent Auction!

Our Talent Auction is Saturday, May 7, 2011! Fill out your Promissory Note today! Everyone knows SNUUC members like to eat, drink, compete and help each other in any & every way possible. This is your chance to offer a social event, service or product for auction. Use your creativity to think of new ideas. Get together with a fellow SNUUC member and see what you come up with. When filling out the promissory note, make your offering sound too good to resist. It will really heat up the bidding! Need ideas? See the back of the page for suggestions or stop by the Ways & Means table. **Act now! Promissory Notes are due Sunday, April 3rd.** Please be prompt so we will have time to prepare & distribute the program before the auction so everyone has a chance to bid. **Promissory notes are available now at the Ways & Means table in the foyer, in the office, online under the forms link and attached to the Wednesday e-mail. Fill out yours and carry, e-mail or snail mail it to SNUUC.** Please keep in mind our silent auction. A great gift you can't use? We can. Donations? Questions? Please speak with Alice Spatt or Arlene Brown.

Art!

Our current South Ocean Art Gallery exhibit features the work of Charles Santopadre and Carol Bruder. The committee wants everyone to be aware of Carol Bruder's low prices and of the opportunity to purchase giclees (laser reproductions on canvas) of Charles Santopadre's work at a fraction of the cost of the originals. Several members of the art committee already own giclees from his last exhibit. They look exactly like the originals. Speak with Jeanne Menoutis. This artwork will be displayed until May 1.

SNUUC Happenings

Interweave

Save the Date for Friends of Interweave. All are invited to join us for a DROP IN on Saturday night, April 2 in the SNUUC foyer from 7 - 9 PM. We'll have light refreshments - or bring your own - to casually meet and greet. For more info call or email Interweave Chair Priscilla Gray.

Improv

Spontaneity, Creativity, Fun! Improv classes continue at SNUUC in April and May. No prior experience is required. Classes are held Sunday afternoons from 1 to 3. The class schedule is April 3, 10, 17 (no class Easter Sunday). A final, spring improv series commences on May 1, continuing May 8, 15 and 22 (no class Memorial Day). Each series costs \$80 for returning students, \$100 for new students. Contact Brian Larkin (bolarkin@optonline.net) or Michael Rock (xmrock@gmail.com).

Seder

Our SNUUC Seder will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 5pm. Ellen Minzner has again offered to coordinate the event. If you wish to attend, you must RSVP and sign up to contribute to the meal (a main dish, side dish or dessert and beverages), recipes are provided. Contact Ellen & sign up emkpsyd@yahoo.com

Midnight Run

The **Midnight Run**, a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless will be held by SNUUC on Friday, May 6 at 5pm, adults and youth are invited to participate in the preparing for the Run. Senior Youth are encouraged to go out for the Midnight Run at 8pm - to return to SNUUC at 2am May 7. For a sleepover to be planned, we need adult participation. A minimum 3 drivers are needed. **Donations are needed:** Toiletries, men's clothing (ONLY MENS), new men's socks, underwear, back packs, carry bags. **100 of each:** water bottles, juice boxes, granola bars, plastic bags, packages of mustard, mayonnaise, napkins, forks, knives. **Closer to the day of the run we need:** whole wheat bread (to make 100 sandwiches), lunch meat, fresh fruit, lettuce for sandwiches. Volunteers needed to make a hot meal; Chili, Stew. **Anyone interested in participating must attend at least one of these meetings; Sunday March 27 at 9:45am and/or Sunday April 3 at 12.**

Sophia Fahs

Do you have a child or youth who will be entering 3rd-12th grade next fall? Would your child/youth be interested in attending the 2011 Sophia Fahs UU Religious Education Camp on Shelter Island for a week this August? Camp begins at 3 pm Sunday, Aug. 7, and ends on Friday, Aug. 12. Adult volunteers are needed! Speak with Jennifer Greene to learn more.

Our UU Community

The UU Congregation of Central Nassau invites you to their next Garden Stage concert, the Beatle Sing-along Jamboree with Glen Roethel and John Redgate, Friday, April 1, \$15 Adv/\$17 Door, 8:30 with Open Mike 7:30 (sign-up at 7). For tickets and information email calendar@uuccn.org. Bring your Beatles song books, warm up your voices and prepare your requests – Glen and John are bringing their legendary sing-along back to LI. **Delicious homemade refreshments are available at intermission.**

The Student Activity Fund (SAF) is a grant program funded by the UU Veatch Program at Shelter Rock that enables UU students to perform significant community service and earn money. The purpose of SAF is to encourage young UUs to live their religious values through internships in social action, advocacy and service provision. The program is open to high school seniors and undergraduate college students whose families are members of LI UU Congregations. **Application Deadline is APRIL 15.** Applications and more info are available at liacuu.org or contact Linda Pfeiffer, Coordinator of SAF, e-mail lpfeiffer@optonline.net or phone (631-584-6854).

LIAC Annual Spring Dinner. The Long Island Area Council of UU Congregation's objectives are to provide networking among all the UU congregations on LI to strengthen one another, and to offer youth-directed programs and programs that foster inclusiveness. The LIAC Spring Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 16 at the Garden City congregation. The special guest performer will be Meg Barnhouse. Please contact David Silver at dsilver360@aol.com for reservations and more information.

Registration is open for the UU District of Metro NY 2011 Annual Meeting! May 6-7, 2011 in Morristown NJ *SNUUC is entitled to three delegates to the annual meeting. If you would like to be a delegate, please speak to Rosemary Olander-Beach by April 3.*

* *Keynote Address* by the Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, * *On Friday night, Peter Mayer in concert.* * *Outstanding workshop and caucusing opportunities.* * *The UU Network Mall.* * *Awards and scholarships presentation.* * Election of the District President, Trustees at Large, members of the District Nominating Committee, and the District UUA Trustee. Complete details, available at <http://www.uumetrony.org/am11/>. Online registration ends April 29, or postmarked by April 26.

UUMAC is coming!! Save the dates: July 17 -23, 2011 for this family conference! Join many of your SNUUC friends as we head for the lovely rolling hills of Center Valley, PA for rest, relaxation, stimulating conversation, spiritual enlightenment, long lasting friends, good food, and great energy. To find out more about UUMAC you can look over a pamphlet found in the foyer rack; check it out on the UUMAC website; or talk to some of the many folks in our SNUUC family who attend: the Brower-Tillers, the Diggle-Foxes, the GrayStolls, the Crocetto family, the Comptons, or the Corinas. Consider a UU vacation this summer...it may change the path of your life!

In the RE Wing

Here's an update on who's volunteering and what's happening in the RE program at SNUUC...

Lisa Hilliard and Cliff Teachout are leading the Discovering Years class; Dana Reinecke and Steve Fox are leading the 3rd-5th graders; Meghan Stark has been leading the Jr. Youth class with Don Obers, with Brian Larkin and/or Laura D'Angelo to step up soon.

Marilyn Pignataro has arranged for the Freeport-based environmental group Operation SPLASH to take 3rd-5th graders and their parents on a Great South Bay clean-up trip on April 3rd. Parents should have received the information and permission slip already. Thank you, Marilyn! We're hoping you'll have good weather.

Also on the first weekend of April, there is a "working con" for sr. youth at the UU Congregation of Queens. (There are two types of youth cons: working and social. For more info about cons, see this page at the Metro YAC site: <http://metroyac.org/what-is-a-con-youth-conference/>) Families, you should have received already via email the links with further details and for registration.

Speaking of cons, a number of SNUUC's jr. youth attended the March spring jr. youth con, March 19-20, hosted by the UU Fellowship of Stony Brook. Many thanks to Meghan Stark for serving as one of the adult chaperones! (If you'd be interested in ever helping staff one of these youth cons, please let me know. I've done it, and it's a rewarding experience. Ellen Minzner, a veteran of con sponsoring, would recommend bringing an air mattress, if you don't find the floor conducive to good sleeping!)

Congratulations and thanks to the Sr. Youth for an excellent worship service on March 20th, and thanks too to the adults who helped them put it all together--especially Laura D'Angelo, Bill Bryson-Brockmann, and Peter Larsen.

This year, to celebrate Easter and to give back to the community, I've suggested--and the RE Committee has enthusiastically agreed--that we hide canned goods, following the example of other UU congregations around the country. After the April 24th service and hunt, there'll be party food (potluck style, so please plan to contribute!) for children, youth, and families. Here's a brief description from the Boulder Valley UU Fellowship in Colorado:

BACKGROUND OF BVUUF'S SOUP HUNT

The soup cans are donated by congregants during the weeks leading up to Easter. The older youth hide the cans on the grounds during the service and the children hunt for them after services while everyone is invited to watch. After the hunt, the food is taken to the Boulder County AIDS Project (BCAP), a nonprofit the BVUUF has supported for a decade.

Having the children find food to share with others, especially those in need, resonated with the BVUUF's teachings. In addition, searching for disposable plastic eggs conflicted with the BVUUF's efforts to focus on sustainable living.

The hunt has generated some very positive outcomes. In addition to collecting nearly 250 boxes and cans of non-perishable food, it is a fun event that involves everyone in the congregation from toddlers on up. Past hunts featuring plastic candy-filled eggs became competitions between the children to find and keep the eggs for themselves. When the hunt was changed to soup cans, the kids worked together to carry heavy cans to the awaiting wagon.

Additionally, the soup hunt attracted positive media exposure both leading up to the event and nice coverage after the event.

We have yet to announce the food collection coordinators, but please don't wait to start bringing in your donations of nonperishable food items. My tentative plan is to place a receptacle in the coat hall area, so please head there with your cans, etc., and thanks in advance for your generosity.

Happy spring! Jennifer

More RE news... Are you going to attend an event at SNUUC but wondering what to do with your children? Childcare can be arranged in advance. Contact Ilene Corina or Lorrie Bellafiore from the RE Committee.

There will be Special Snacks for the RE classes on Easter Sunday. If you want to be part of the planning, contact Ilene Corina.

There will be a Youth outing to Norman Levy Park On Sunday April 17 during RE. All youth are needed at SNUUC no later than 10:00 AM. We leave by 10:15. Bring your breakfast. Drivers are needed.

SNUUC Calendar April 2011

Meeting places: S-Sanctuary F-Foyer RE-RE Wing M-Minister's Office

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>March 27</i> Commitment Gathering 12 S Midnight Run meeting 9:45am RE Improv 1-3 F	28 Pilates 5pm F	29 Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	30	31 Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<i>April 1</i>	2 NVC 9:45am F Interweave Drop-In Gathering 7-9 F
3 Ways & Means 12 RE Midnight Run meeting 12 RE Improv1-3 F	4 Pilates 5pm F	5 Yoga 5:30-6:30 F NVC Empathy Training 7-9 F	6 LaLeche 9am RE	7 Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	8 An Evening of Poetry and Music 7pm S Long Ilсанд Performs	9 NVC 9:45am F Coming of Age 2-9:30 RE and Kitchen
10 Thrift Shop Comm 12 RE Improv 1-3 F	11 Pilates 5pm F	12 Yoga 5:30-6:30 F NVC Empathy Training 7-9 F	13	14 Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	15	16 NVC 9:45am F
17 RE Committee 12 RE Improv 1-3 F Passover Seder 5pm RE	18 Pilates 5pm RE Board Meeting 7:00 F	19 Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	20 Sabbatical Comm 7F	21 Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	22	23 NVC 9:45am F
24 <i>Easter</i>	25 Pilates 5pm & 8pm F	26 Yoga 5:30-6:30 PULSE 7-9 F	27	28 Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	29	30 NVC 9:45am F

Final Commitment Gathering Sunday, March 27

Interweave Drop-In Saturday, April 3

SNUUC and the North Sea Poetry Scene event Friday, April 8

SNUUC Seder Sunday, April 17

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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