



The Open Line

SOUTH NASSAU

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

June 26

Preaching: Valerie Ackerman

Saying Goodbye to Hell

Worship Associate: Bob McGough

Ushers & Refreshments: Cat Parr and Jeanne Menoutis

Lock-up: Jim Crocetto

July 3

Preaching: Hollis Huston

The Flag and the Chalice

Worship Associate: Rita Hines

Ushers & Refreshments: Arnie and Verna Herman

Lock-up: Rosemary Olander

July 10

Preaching: Catherine Torpey

It Touched Me

Worship Associate: Bob McGough

Ushers & Refreshments: Ilene Corina and Mary Brower

Lock-up: Arlene Brown

July 17

Preaching: Rosemarie Newberry

What Does it Mean to be Human?

Worship Associate: Mary Canada

Ushers & Refreshments: Rita Tancredi

Lock-up: Steve Lester

July 24

Preaching: Hollis Huston

History

Worship Associate: Mary Canada

Usher & Refreshments: Andrew Spatt

Lock-up: Jayne Davison

July 31

Preaching: Donna Renfro

Crumbs No More

Worship Associate: Anne Fleming

Usher & Refreshments: Andrew Spatt

Lock-up: Ken Lawson

All services begin at 10:30 am. All children and youth are welcome to attend the service in the sanctuary. Remember to collect a vial of water during your summer for our water ceremony service on September 11.

August 7

Preaching: Julie Taylor

Nobody's Asking for My Papers

Worship Associate: Bob McGough

Ushers & Refreshments: Rita Tancredi

Lock-up: Brian Larkin

August 14

Preaching: Hollis Huston

True and Living Faith

Worship Associate: Mary Canada

Ushers & Refreshments: Arnie and Verna Herman

Lock-up: Peter Larsen

August 21

Congregational Clean-up day!

Come dressed to clean. Clean-up begins at 11:45am

Preaching: Catherine Torpey

What Do You Know?

Worship Associate: Anne Fleming

Ushers & Refreshments: Doris Brass

Lock-up: Dana Reinecke

August 28

Preaching: Carol Huston

Still Marching

Worship Associate: Rita Hines

Ushers & Refreshments: Lisa Oldendorp

Lock-up: *Volunteer needed*

September 4 (Labor Day weekend)

Preaching: Rosemarie Newberry

UUism and Mysticism

Worship Associate: Rita Hines

Ushers & Refreshments: Ilene Corina and Mary Brower

Lock-up: Ken Bellafiore

Office Summer Schedule

The SNUUC office will close for the summer on Friday,

June 24. It will reopen on Wednesday, September 7.

Phone messages and e-mail will be answered weekly.

In case of emergency please call Rev. Catherine Torpey,

Board President Rosemary Olander Beach or

Office Manager Lisa Bryson-Brockmann

Next issue deadline: Sunday, August 28

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OUR BOARDWALK

As we end this congregational year, I think everyone, SNUUC members and friends alike, should take a long look in the mirror, smile and say "thank you."

It has been a fun, growth-filled year, but it's also been a tough year, as evidenced by the number of committee members who are plum worn out by their hard work for the congregation.

We had a year of successful fundraisers -- new and old, from Sarah Jones to the Talent Auction; we had a year in which new ministries really took flight; and an adhoc group took it upon themselves to move forward the project of an accessible bathroom.

But that's not all. With a lot of planning on the part of the Rev. Catherine Torpey, the congregation flourished during her sabbatical. So many members took on additional roles, formal roles and general pitching in, to maintain this sanctuary of ours.

That's the good news!

The better news is that we are entering a more relaxed period, a planning period during which we can rest a bit as we plan for a new congregational year, which traditionally kicks off in September.

Looking ahead, the board will be forming a DRE search committee. It will be using the summer months to coordinate with the Nominating Committee as it looks for future leaders. It will be looking for new people to fill vital functions, if not populate standing committees.

During this time of rest and reflection, I'm hoping that SNUUC members and friends will again look in the mirror, this time asking that person what he or she will do to ensure this sanctuary of ours for next year, and the year after that, and so on.

With gratitude,

Rosemary Olander-Beach, president, Board of Trustees

the Board thanks...

... Lisa Bryson-Brockmann for her invaluable support to the board while Catherine was on sabbatical. Lisa did everything she always does and a lot more to make sure nothing was overlooked. Thank you, Lisa!

... Barbara Singer, Arnie Herman, Ilene Corina, Rita Tancredi, Jojo & Bobby Granoff, Bill & Lisa Bryson-Brockmann and everyone else who pitched in and made our year-end picnic such a success

**During the summer,
please check the service schedule
on the front page of this newsletter and
call or e-mail the Worship Associate
with announcements to be read
at the Sunday Service.**

Committees at Work

Calling all committees! Please plan to attend the fall Congregational Council meeting at 7:30pm on Monday, September 26. This is the fall meeting at which the minister, board members and committee representatives gather for a meet-and-greet. It's a great time to talk and brainstorm about the year ahead, so save the date!

The Thrift Shop committee will have one summer meeting, Sunday August 14 at 12 noon.

The RE committee will meet on Sundays July 10 and on August 21 followed by the building clean up.

The Board will meet on Wednesdays July 13 and August 10 at 7pm.

Our UU Community

PULSE presents *The Faces of Medical Error, from Tears to Transparency*. The Story of Michael Skolnik, the second in an internationally acclaimed series, shares with viewers how open, honest conversations about the risks, benefits and alternatives to a procedure can change an outcome or save a life. Monday, August 29, 7:00pm at SNUUC. Film will be followed by a panel discussion. Suggested donation \$10.00. For more information about PULSE of NY visit www.pulseofny.org RSVP to Ilene Corina to reserve your seat.

Once again the UU Society of Martha's Vineyard is having its Bed & Breakfast Weekend over Columbus Day weekend, October 8-10. They have many activities for all the different interests of the people who want to enjoy New England in the fall. See their flier on the bulletin board in the entrance hallway or contact Johanna Kobran, President UUSMV jhkobran@yahoo.com

SNUUC Happenings

Looking for something different this summer? Join SNUUC's drumming ministry, the DrUUmatics, to learn African drumming on Thursdays from 6 – 8pm in the RE wing. *Learn to play that djembe!* Would you like to *really* learn how to play that djembe sitting in the corner of your room? The DrUUmatics teach a beginner djembe class on the first Thursday of every month. The first hour is devoted to technique and traditional West African rhythms, and the second hour to listening and collaborating with other instruments. Come and give it a try; \$15 per class. Please check the calendar on www.druumatics.org for any changes. There are a few drums available if you do not have your own. NOTE! Save the date! The 2nd annual Day of Drum and Dance fundraising event is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2011. Plan to join the Druumatics for another full day of exciting drum and dance workshops with LI's greatest teachers! More information to come.

Plan the year ahead with Sr. / Jr Youth events. Adults and youth please attend to plan events for the year! This is your program and we want your ideas. Now is the time for changes and creativity. If you are unable to make the meeting, please contact Ilene Corina via e-mail or phone and let YOUR voice be heard. Friday Sept. 9, 6:30pm in the RE wing.

Tenth Anniversary of the Attacks of 9/11 Our opening Sunday's Water Communion is always a joyous celebration of reunion and new beginnings. This year, the date happens to fall on the tenth anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001. In order to properly honor that anniversary (the feeling of which will be so different from the joy we will feel at being together Sunday morning), we will have a special service on that Sunday afternoon to remember and reflect. Plans are just beginning for this service. If you would like to help shape it in any way, please contact Rev. Torpey.

The Compassionate Communication 13 week series begins Saturday, September 17 - 9:45 to 11:45 in the Foyer. Contact Anne Fleming or Barbara Singer if you plan to attend the fall "semester."

Long Island Choral Society Summer Sings at SNUUC

7 p.m. in the Sanctuary!

July 24, Beethoven Mass in C Major

Aug 21 - Messiah Choruses

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 & listen!

\$10 donation for each Summer Sing.

Bring your own score or rent theirs for \$5

Go to www.lics.org for more information

As you know, SNUUC's fiscal year ends on June 30. Pledge statements were sent to those with a balance. Pledges represent 2/3's of the congregation's income, so every bit helps. *If everyone were to fulfill their pledge this year we would have balanced budget!* Thanks for your continued support of SNUUC and have a great Summer. Peter Larsen Treasurer

Save the date for our **Annual Fall Kick-Off Pot Luck Dinner!** Saturday, September 10 at SNUUC!

Dinner begins at 5:30.

Please bring food enough for at least 8.

If your name begins with:

* A - H please bring Main Dish

* I - O please bring a Dessert

* P - Z please bring Salad or Vegetable

Questions? Please speak with Rosemary Olander Beach.

Please help by arriving early to help set-up

or stay after to help put away tables and chairs.

Among Ourselves

We welcome new member Judith Ann Vaughan!

Please be sure to say hello when you see her at SNUUC this Summer.

From Barbara Singer; "Many thanks and much appreciation for all the help I received from Ilene Corina, Kyle Schuessler, Kai Stoll and Danny Tiller who helped transport a van and car load of household items to my new home in Port Washington. They helped ease a difficult leave taking after 19 years in a place that I've loved. I felt so supported by our SNUUC community and particularly the youth. Thanks again."

Congratulations to **Melissa Fox** who finished her first year of Law School at St. Johns University and is in the top 15% of her class and to **Julia Fox** who completed her first year at SUNY Albany in the Honor's College!

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 23 will be donated to the thrift shop.*

Many thanks go to all the SNUUC members and friends who contributed \$142.50 to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee through the Guest at Your Table collection in response to the Junior Youth's appeal, \$67 to the UUA/UUSC Haiti Relief Fund with help from Hildegard Schubert and \$50 to the Midnight Run thanks to the Senior Youth who held their Run in May.

A few spots in these Summertime Talent Auction items are available!
Call the donor for more information.

July 9 - *Book Talk!* - Priscilla Gray

July 23 - *Whiskey & Cigars on the Deck* - Bobby Newman & Dana Reinecke

August 6 - *Cocktails by the Bay* - June Owens & Mary Brower

August 20 - *An Evening with Wonderfully Wise & Witty Women*
Priscilla Gray, Alix Stoll & Anne Fleming

September 5 - *Labor Day Bagel Bash* - Bernie & Patsy Kaplan

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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