



# The Open Line

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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**October 2, 2011 10:30am**

Rev. Catherine Torpey

***The Accuser and The Accused*** High Holy Days

**Coffee:** Mark Bennett

**Ushers:** Nicki Barry & Andrew Spatt

**Lock-up:** Jayne Davison

**Welcome:**

**Social Action Table: Ways & Means:**

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**October 9, 2011 10:30am**

Rev. Catherine Torpey

***Do Tell*** Coming Out Sunday

**Coffee:** Interweave & Friends

**Ushers:** Doris Brass & Debbie Scharf

**Lock-up:** Jim Crocetto

**Welcome:**

**Social Action Table: Ways & Means:**

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**October 16, 2011 10:30am**

Rev. Catherine Torpey

***Everybody Get Together*** Association Appeal

**Coffee:** Volunteer Needed

**Ushers:** Rita Tancredi & Robin Norris

**Lock-up:** Brian Larkin

**Welcome:**

**Social Action Table: Ways & Means:**

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**October 23, 2011 10:30am**

Rev. Catherine Torpey

***Empowering Women*** United Nations Sunday

**Coffee:** Volunteer Needed

**Ushers:** Jayne Davison & Andrew Spatt

**Lock-up:** Peter Larsen

**Welcome:**

**Social Action Table: Ways & Means:**

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**October 30, 2011 10:30am** 5th Sunday Giving Guest preacher Eve Stevens

***Day of the Dead*** Commemorating loved ones who have gone before

Please bring a photo of a departed friend or family member

**Coffee:** Nicki Barry & Priscilla Gray-Stoll

**Ushers:** Andrew Spatt & Volunteer Needed

**Lock-up:** Dana Reinecke

**Welcome:**

**Social Action Table: Ways & Means:**

**Rev Catherine Torpey, Minister - [Minister@SNUUC.org](mailto:Minister@SNUUC.org)**

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The Minister welcomes meeting at other times, as possible. Since she's sometimes in meetings, or away at minister's gatherings it's always best to call before dropping in.

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# Musings from the Minister

Dear friends -

In a September sermon, I quoted an excerpt from W. H. Auden's *September 1, 1939*. He wrote the poem in reaction to the outbreak of World War II:

All I have is a voice  
To undo the folded lie,  
The romantic lie in the brain  
Of the sensual man-in-the-street  
And the lie of Authority  
Whose buildings grope the sky:  
There is no such thing as the State  
And no one exists alone;  
Hunger allows no choice  
To the citizen or the police;  
We must love one another or die.

Defenceless under the night  
Our world in stupor lies;  
Yet, dotted everywhere,  
Ironic points of light  
Flash out wherever the Just  
Exchange their messages:  
May I, composed like them  
Of Eros and of dust,  
Beleaguered by the same  
Negation and despair,  
Show an affirming flame.

Each Sunday, most Unitarian Universalist congregations light a flame contained in a chalice. We light that flame to remind ourselves to be "ironic points of light" in a world full of conflict, confusion and pain. As our country struggles over our economic woes, as we search in our own lives for paths forward out of difficult circumstances, may we remember the power of those small acts of truth-telling and compassion that serve to illuminate new possibilities for us all.

Yours in faith, hope and love,  
Catherine

## Meet our Field Education Student Eve Stevens



I grew up in rural South Carolina as a Unitarian Universalist since I was three years old. For the second half of high school I attended a public boarding school for the arts where I studied Creative Writing and became forever connected to and in awe of the visual and performing arts. Later, I

studied history at Hamilton College in Upstate, NY, focusing mainly on Russian History. I was on the varsity Swim Team and played Rugby in college while participating in Amnesty International and volunteering at Planned Parenthood.

I took a year off after undergrad to live in Albany, NY and work as a teacher's aide at Philip Schuyler Achievement Academy. I also have worked intermittently as a swim instructor and swim coach for all ages and abilities.

I am now studying to be a Unitarian Universalist minister at Union Theological Seminary where I hope to focus on ethics and theology.

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking members, including a youth, interested in serving on the Board of Trustees as well as next year's Nominating Committee. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please speak to Rita Hines as soon as possible.

## SNUUC Association Appeal

On Sunday, October 16, we will celebrate Association Sunday, when we recognize how valuable and meaningful it is for us to be joined with so many other Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country and around the world. For the second year, we at SNUUC are making an Association Appeal, as approved at last May's biannual meeting. For our congregation to be a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and its local district, our congregation is assessed \$88 for each individual member. To offset this expense, we are asking each member to cover that cost with a check of \$88 per member in the household. This year, for the first time, we will be sending dues to the UUA, Metro District and LIAC only in the amounts that we raise per member. It is the hope of the Board of Trustees that we will raise the entire amount needed, so that we can count ourselves as a full- and fair-share congregation. The board will have forms and envelopes available before and after worship beginning October 9.

# OUR BOARDWALK

The board is pleased that so many energetic souls have stepped up to chair and co-chair committees including Ways & Means, Art and Religious Education. These committees and others perform vital work of the congregation, but it's true that individuals can also do the work of the congregation without being on a committee.

On Sept. 26, the Rev. Catherine Torpey facilitated a new Leadership Council meeting, a gathering of committee representatives and interested members, to talk about what we want to accomplish this year and how we'll get it done.

Please speak to Catherine or a board member if you are willing and able to serve a vital function -- on a committee or otherwise. In particular, we need members to help out with membership and buildings-and-grounds work.

At its last board meeting, the trustees:

- \* Talked about its name-use policy, established in March and which states that committees must make clear on event publicity materials that events are sponsored by a committee and not by SNUUC.

- \* Adopted a social-media policy stating that: Groups and individuals who wish to establish a social media presence in the name of SNUUC must get board approval. The board plans to revisit this topic to develop a more comprehensive policy.

- \* Made plans to launch this year's Association Appeal, which begins Oct. 16. For our congregation to be a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and local districts, the congregation is assessed \$88 per member. To offset this expense, we are hoping to collect an additional \$88 per member in the household. It is the hope of the Board of Trustees that we will raise the entire amount needed, so that we can count ourselves as a full- and fair-share congregation.

On a personal note, I just have to say it's wonderful to see everyone again!

Gratefully yours,

Rosemary Olander-Beach, president  
Board of Trustees

# Our UU Community

**Pumpkin Patch** Beginning October 1st a field of orange will cover the grounds of the UU Congregation of Central Nassau at the corner of Nassau Boulevard and Stewart Avenue when pumpkins from the Navajo reservation in New Mexico will be delivered. Homemade baked goods will also be available. Close to 6,000 pumpkins in various shapes and sizes as well as some variety pumpkins, gourds, and corn are expected. Pumpkins that are grown in a dry climate tend to last longer than those grown in eastern US. You are welcome to come to take pictures, wander through and purchase a pumpkin. The pumpkin patch is open October 1st to the 31st, 11am-7pm. Admission is FREE.

**This year our UU General Assembly, GA,** is taking place in Phoenix Arizona at the end of June. It is going to be a "Justice GA," meaning it is going to be focused on learning about immigration issues. There will be some local actions planned. The GA attracts some 3,000-5,000 Unitarian Universalists from all over the USA and Canada. Go to the [UUA website](#) for more information.

**Music at Shelter Rock** presents Emilio Solla y La Inestable de Brooklyn in his Suite Piassollana and other original works with a band of nine musicians. Sunday, October 2, 1:30pm at UU Congregation at Shelter Rock. There will be a reception to meet the artists following the performance. \$12 suggested donation, under 18 admitted free - no advance sales. For more information call Linda at 516.627.6560 ext. 141

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 \* National Coming Out Day is observed by members  
 \* of LGBTQ communities and their supporters on  
 \* October 11 every year. It is a globally observed  
 \* public awareness date for coming out and  
 \* conversation. The event raises consciousness  
 \* and reinforcement for LGBT individuals to live  
 \* truthful and open lives.  
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 \* Unite at SNUUC on Sunday, October 9th at the  
 \* 10:30 am worship service to commemorate  
 \* National Coming Out Day. Everyone is welcome.  
 \* Selina Benson will sing. Coffee hour will be hosted  
 \* by Interweave and Friends, SNUUC's LGBTQ  
 \* support group.  
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**October 30 - 5th Sunday Giving** will support the UUA's Young Adult and Campus Ministry Campaign here at SNUUC by providing funds for our youth and young adult programs. Our goal is to maintain a connection with our college age youth and to promote UU connections on college campuses. Our first project is part of the 'Mind the Gap' initiative to let our college youth know that the congregation is thinking about them, and even though they are out of sight, they are certainly not out of mind. We will be putting together gift packages made up of UU gifts and other items that will be sent to them at their college campus address around the holiday season.





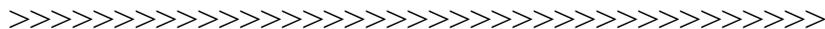
# In the RE Wing

“What you do speaks so loudly, I cannot hear what you say”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

The SNUUC RE Wing is looking for adult volunteers to assist with upcoming events:

- Halloween Party
- Smile in a Bag Project
- Ronald McDonald House Volunteering
- Thanksgiving Weekend Charity Event
- Christmas Caroling
- Spring RE Teachers

Thank you to all congregants who have already stepped up to commit to helping out. Please contact me or members of the Religious Education Committee to sign up to support these wonderful events.



There are many religious education, learning, socialization and community building opportunities offered through the SNUUC Religious Education Wing, LIAC and the UU Metro District of New York through the end of this year. There is something for all ages being offered to educate, uplift and enlighten you and members of your family. Please speak with me for more information about any of these events.

**September 30-October 2 A Social Con.** Open to Senior HS students. Held at UUFH in Huntington, NY [www.liacuu.org](http://www.liacuu.org)

**Sunday October 9 Coming Out Sunday.** Youth discussion following services at SNUUC

**Friday October 14 SNUUC Family Dinner and Movie Night,** 6-10pm. *The Human Experience*; the story of a band of brothers who travel the world in search of the answers to the burning questions: *Who am I? Who is Man? Why do we search for meaning?* <http://www.grassrootsfilms.com/thehumanexperience/>. Please bring enough dinner to share. Senior youth may be dropped off. Discussion will follow movie, questions and to RSVP, speak to Ilene Corina

**Saturday October 15 UU Connect Goes Apple Picking.** Meet at 10am at Southold Universalist Church. Then join in a favorite yearly event, apple picking! See what [wickhams fruit farm](http://www.wickhamsfruitfarm.com) has to offer. RSVP by 10/7 [ds60210@gmail.com](mailto:ds60210@gmail.com)

**Sunday October 16 Junior HS Our Whole Lives.** Parent Orientation. Location TBD. This program is open to everyone in grades 7-9. OWL is a UUA sanctioned program that helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health through age appropriate materials.

**Saturday October 22 UU Connect Halloween Party.** 3:00-5:30pm. Garden City Congregation. Pumpkin picking, Pumpkin carving for all ages!

**Sunday, October 30,** Halloween Party for all children during RE at SNUUC.

**Friday November 4-6 A Con for Adults.** Shelter Rock Congregation. Become a certified youth advisor.

**Friday December 2-4 Our Whole Lives Facilitator Training-** Weekend course to become a K-1 and Grades 4-6 certified OWL instructor. Shelter Rock Congregation.

David Silver. Acting DRE

## Who's Your (Snack) Daddy?

At SNUUC, that would be Mark Bennett, who has volunteered to make sure there is always something nutritious and filling for our religious education students this year. Mark has been attending services here at SNUUC since last fall with his wife Michelle and children Colleen and Sam.

Mark is a music teacher at Mineola Middle School. Mark showcased his trumpet playing skills during last year's SNUUC Christmas Eve service. Thank you, Mark for stepping up and supporting the RE program.

# SNUUC Calendar October 2011

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>September 29</b> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<b>30</b> ► Foyer Art Opening reception 7-9 F  Sr. HS Con	<b>October 1</b> NO NVC  at UUFH - 2 overnights
<b>2 High Holy Days</b> Improv 2-4 F Stamping Class 3-6 RE Levenson & Paula Rosenberg	<b>3</b> Pilates 5pm F	<b>4</b> Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> NO NVC Talent Auction Event 8pm F&K
<b>9 Coming Out</b> Thrift Shop Mtg 12 RE Improv 2-4 F	<b>10</b> Pilates 5pm F	<b>11</b> Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	<b>12</b> LaLeche 9am RE Board Meeting 7:00 F	<b>13</b> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<b>14</b> Meeting 3 F ► Pot Luck Movie Night 6-10 RE <i>The Human Experience</i>	<b>15</b> NVC 9:45 F Reiki Drum Circle 12:15 F Apple Picking - UU Connect 10am Southold
<b>16 Association Appeal</b> RE Committee 12 RE Improv (advanced only) 2-4 F	<b>17</b> Pilates 5pm RE	<b>18</b> Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<b>21</b> Building Rental 5pm-12	<b>22</b> NVC 9:45 F Halloween Party - UU Connect @ Garden City UU
<b>23 United Nations</b> Improv 2-4 RE PULSE 2-5 F <b>30 Day of the Dead</b> RE Halloween Party 10:30 Improv 2-4 RE	<b>24</b> Pilates 5pm F  <b>31</b> Pilates 5pm F	<b>25</b> Yoga 5:30-6:30	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<b>28</b> PULSE 9-12 F	<b>29</b> NVC 9:45 F

**Friday September 30  
Ocean art Gallery opening Reception 7-9pm**

**Friday October 14  
SNUUC Family Dinner and Movie Night 6-10pm**

**Sunday, October 30,  
Halloween Party for all children during RE.**

**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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