



The Open Line

SOUTH NASSAU

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

June 24

Preaching: Hollis Huston

The End of Conservatism

Worship Associate: Anne Fleming

Ushers & Refreshments: Doris Brass

Lock-up: Peter Larsen

July 1

Preaching: Lara Campbell

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Worship Associate: Bob McGough

Ushers & Refreshments: Liz DiMaggio

Lock-up: Dana Reinecke

July 8

Preaching: Eve Stevens

A Living Breathing Text: Conservation, sacred living, and the UU Faith

Worship Associate: Mary Canada

Ushers & Refreshments: Robin Norris

Lock-up: Jim Crocetto

July 15

Preaching: Hollis Huston

So Loud I Can't Hear You

Worship Associate: Laura D'Angelo

Ushers & Refreshments: Verna & Arnie Herman

Lock-up: Brian Larkin

July 22

Preaching: Hollis Huston

Ayn Rand, Heretic

Worship Associate: Anne Fleming

Usher & Refreshments: Diane & Jim Hawkins

Lock-up: Mary Canada

July 29

Preaching: Allison Palm

Old Roots, New Branches

Worship Associate: Rita Hines

Ushers & Refreshments: Sharon Kennelty Cohen

Lock-up: Jay Anthony Gach

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 9.

August 5

Preaching: Brian Larkin

Right Relationship

Worship Associate: Bob McGough

Ushers & Refreshments: Rita Hines

Lock-up: Selina Benson

August 12

Congregational Clean-up day! Come dressed to clean.

Clean-up begins at 11:45am and ends around 3pm

(stay as long as you can)

Preaching: Catherine Torpey

My My Migration

Worship Associate: Rita Hines

Ushers & Refreshments: Rosemary Olander Beach

Lock-up: Ken Bellafiore

August 19

Preaching: Hollis Huston

No More Mister Nice Guy

Worship Associate: Anne Fleming

Ushers & Refreshments: Doris Brass

Lock-up: Brian Larkin

August 26

Preaching: Catherine Torpey

Vast Empty Space

Worship Associate: Marilyn Pignataro

Ushers & Refreshments: Ilene Corina

Lock-up: Peter Larsen

September 2 (Labor Day weekend)

Preaching: Hollis Huston

Working Hard and Hardly Working

Worship Associate: Mary Canada

Ushers & Refreshments: Doris Brass

Lock-up: Dana Reinecke

Office Summer Schedule

The SNUUC office will close for the summer on Friday,

June 22. It will reopen on Wednesday, September 5.

Phone messages and e-mail will be answered weekly.

In case of emergency please call Rev. Catherine Torpey,

Board President Brian Larkin or

Office Manager Lisa Bryson-Brockmann

Next issue deadline: Sunday, August 26

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OUR BOARDWALK

The Interfaith Nutrition Network (the INN), which organizes a soup kitchen at which many of SNUUC's member volunteer weekly, is losing its space at the Church of God community center in Freeport. The INN has approached SNUUC about the possibility of moving the Freeport soup kitchen to our building. Their request is for use of our kitchen and Religious Education wing each weekday, in order to serve lunch to hungry people.

As a religious community, we are called to serve those in need. At the same time, we want to be responsible about how we would approach such a major undertaking. The board is seriously considering whether or not to agree to house the Freeport soup kitchen here and on what basis this congregation might do so. In order to make the best decision, the Board wants your thoughts and wisdom.

On Sunday, June 24, the Board asks that members of our congregation come to a very informal gathering after services for a discussion on this issue. Members of the Board will answer as many questions as they can about the issue, but there is much that they are still investigating. Please come on Sunday to participate in the discussion. If you can't come, but feel you have something to say about this matter, please contact the Board President, Brian Larkin, with your thoughts.

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. Thanks for your continued support of SNUUC and have a great Summer. Peter Larsen Treasurer

Committees at Work

Calling all committees! The Calendaring meeting, has been rescheduled for the beginning of September when we're all fresh and raring to go. Please watch the Open Line for the exact date and time.

The Board will meet on Wednesdays July 11 and August 8 at 7:30pm.

Our UU Community

PULSE Who will advocate for you if you are sick or injured? What will your family do for you when they visit you in the hospital? What can you do for someone when you learn they have been diagnosed with a life changing condition? As many as 98,000 people die in hospitals each year from preventable medical errors and many more are injured or die at home. Now there is something you can do! Take the PULSE of NY Family Centered Patient Advocacy Training on Friday, August 17, 8:00am-12:30pm at SNUUC. (Registration and continental breakfast at 7:30am) Only \$25 for SNUUC members & past attendees. All others \$45. Register on line at www.pulseofny.org or call Ilene Corina at (516) 579-4711 *Prepayment & Preregistration is required by August 1 - No Walk-Ins Please*

Once again the UU Society of Martha's Vineyard is having its Bed & Breakfast Weekend over Columbus Day weekend, October 6-8. 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, contact Johanna Kobran, jhkobran@yahoo.com or go to their website uusmv.org and link to Bed & Breakfast

Among Ourselves

Adam Fleming graduated from Brooklyn Law School on June 1st. He will be studying for the Bar Exam now and then has accepted a clerk position with the Federal Immigration Court in Buffalo, NY. So, he will be "shuffling off to Buffalo" this September!

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 26 will be donated to the thrift shop.*

The SNUUC Wish List includes; a carpenter who can create an attractive closet space in the area between the RE wing and the kitchen. Can you help? Please speak with Catherine.

Did you know SNUUC is on Facebook? It's a great way for you to keep up with the congregation between Sundays or if you can't make it to service. Find out what's going on, post pictures, let us know what you're doing, what causes you're involved in, and stay connected. Make SNUUC your Facebook friend and join the group SNUUC - South Nassau Unitarian Universalist Congregation. **Young Adult UUs have a new Facebook page through the UUA.** Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/HubYAUU>

**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.**

Morning Forum

**Every Sunday from 9am to 10am!
Beginning September 23, 2012!**

Ever wish you had an excuse to get to SNUUC early every week? To sip your coffee and munch on your bagel whilst pondering the meaning of the universe, learning to live your UU values more fully and bonding with other fabulous people? Well, your wish has come true!

Our ministry staff (Rev. Catherine Torpey, DRE David Silver and our new Intern, Allison Palm) will rotate leadership of an adult education class each Sunday all year. The exact topics will be announced each month in the Open Line, and will follow this basic schedule:

First Sundays: Civic Engagement

These discussions will revolve around a topic of politics and/or social justice.

Second Sundays: Book Club

The leader will announce the prior month what book will be discussed. Books might be of any genre, but each will be chosen because it stirs theological or ethical reflection.

Third Sundays: "What Moves Us"

"What Moves Us" is a curriculum developed by the UUA. The program offers a pathway for developing not only one's own personal theology but also one's deep understanding of our Unitarian Universalist theological heritage.

Fourth Sundays: Bible

Building on discussions begun this past year by our Field Education student, Eve Stevens, we'll learn more about what's really in the Bible and how we might (or might not) find relevance in it today.

Catherine, David and Allison are excited to offer this new program and hope to see all of you there. Please don't hesitate to make suggestions of topics or books to any one of them.

Our Thrift Shop Needs Your Help!

Did you know that our Thrift Shop's yearly income contributes more than \$30,000 a year to the operating funds of the congregation? To do this, it needs donations, which it sells at a low cost, to keep these funds coming in. **Without donations from people like you, there is nothing to sell.** Please remember to think of the Thrift Shop as you sort through your clothes and do some home re-organizing. **Tell your friends and neighbors about the shop!**

Summer is Yard Sale time. You can help the Thrift Shop while enjoying yourself! When you visit yard sales, look around for the following items; glassware, dishes, small kitchen appliances, pots, pans and other house wares, flatware, art objects, jewelry, shelves and collectibles. These are all very desirable, salable items in our Thrift Shop. When you find a yard sale with any of these items that are in good, salable condition, you can help in any of the following ways: Purchase the items, donate them to the Thrift Shop and receive a tax slip for an income tax deduction. OR 2) Give the Thrift Shop phone number to the yard sale operator and he/she would call to have these items picked up at the end of the sale. The operator will receive a tax slip for the donated merchandise. Questions? Speak to Thrift Shop manager Susan Schukat at the Thrift Shop, 223-3974 or to Lori Strumeyer or Deb Scharf. Enjoy yourself and help out the Thrift Shop at the same time!

New Art Committee

If the visual arts are an important part of your experience at SNUUC, please consider helping to form a new Art Committee. We are looking for congregants willing to help find artists, organize shows, hang shows and take them down. If you are interested please contact Diane Hawkins at parkviewdesign@verizon.net.

LGBT Art Show!

Plans are being made for an LGBT art show and opening reception in October on the Sunday of our Coming Out Service. Gary Rosenberg and Cliff Teachout are looking for Artists, Entertainment and Help putting the show together. Give them a call this summer with your ideas!



Religious Education Open House
Sunday, September 23, 10:15am-1pm

Help us spread the word...the South Nassau Unitarian Universalist Congregation is inviting families to come explore the religious education program. Parents can relax and enjoy a Sunday service while children take part in a religious education class. There will be a presentation about the curriculum followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

Please tell your friends, family and anyone who ever asked the question "What's Unitarian Universalism?" This is the ideal opportunity to come learn about the R.E. program and explore our welcoming community.

Bess & Maurice Forge Scholarship Recipients

In the past, high school graduating seniors enrolled in the SNUUC RE / Youth Program or involved with SNUUC and who have been involved in social justice and community service have been eligible to apply for a Bess and Maurice Forge Scholarship. The scholarship is in memory of Bess and Maurice Forge, who were long time members of SNUUC. Bess and Maurice were social activists during their lifetimes. They were leaders in social justice issues and denominational affairs and were active members of the Social Action Committee. The money for the scholarships was given in memory of the Forges many years ago and last year we closed the account when the final amount was awarded. This year, 2 scholarships will be given with money that has been recently donated by SNUUC members. There have been discussions about holding fundraisers to fund these scholarships for our future high school graduates. Please speak with Sharon Kennelty Cohen if you would like to help.

This year's SNUUC scholarships are going to advance the educations of two of our graduating seniors, Corey Bilello and Dan Tiller. They each have fulfilled the requirements and written moving essays about their service experiences.

Corey wrote about his experiences volunteering at the INN.

How profound an experience it was for me. Being involved in the soup kitchen gave me an insightful view about homelessness and poverty. It was my first experience learning about people in need. I have brought up this issue in my high school, and many people were surprised to hear about a soup kitchen so close to our school.

The problem I would most like to address is homelessness and poverty. This is an important concern for me because I have worked at the soup kitchen and have seen the extent of this issue firsthand. I have also helped launched a food drive at my high school on behalf of the NEED foundation and helped prepared the bags for the

Midnight Run for the last two years. What I will do is work at the soup kitchen again. I will also continue supporting food drives, donate money and clothing, and get the word out about this issue and how others could help to get more people interested in the cause.

Corey also is involved in the Nassau County Youth Adult Participation Program. "At YAPP, we discuss the biggest problems in Nassau County and then address them through peer to peer presentations. "

Dan writes that

For my community service I have set up for many events that have taken place in SNUUC, taken part in the Midnight Run four times, cleaning Carol's home three times, assisting in fundraising for TDOR, and bringing treats to animal shelters and playing with their dogs.

One big world problem that has stood out to me recently was the war against drugs at the Mexican border. There is over \$6billion dollars a year just spent on the prevention of marijuana. In my opinion the legalization of marijuana would be an amazing for medical use because of how THC can take away pain for patients, help people with eating disorders, would get drugs off the street meaning less gang activity, and younger generations being less idiotic and curious by trying & mixing stupid & weird things. Also hemp can be made into paper or clothing & marijuana can be monitored such as a bar set up so people may only do it to an extent, such as alcohol, and help stimulate the economy.

Dan wants to be a doctor who helps people to the fullest extent without anything being a surprise. Corey wants to work in the field of aerospace, working and helping to design the planes of the future. Both will be attending Nassau Community College in the fall with the intention of advancing to further education.

★ **Environmental Action at SNUUC:** Please email Diane Hawkins at parkviewdesign@verizon.net if you can help with recycling paper and safely disposing of old batteries that congregation brings to SNUUC.

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 ★ **The DrUUmatics are playing at the**
 ★ Heckshire Museum of Art, 2 Prime Ave in Huntington
 ★ at the August First Friday Concert
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 ★ Friday August 3, 7pm on the museum terrace
 ★ Feel the heat & keep time to the beat!
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 ★ Extended museum viewing hours, 4-8:30.
 ★ Free museum admission
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 ★ Speak with Sharon Nanos or Laura D'Angelo
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SNUUC Happenings

Anyone who is interested in participating in the Midnight Run Breakfast Run must see Ilene Corina to sign up. We will start at SNUUC on Saturday June 30 at 6pm to prepare the breakfast foods, clothing and toiletries to bring into NYC on Sunday morning July 1. Cars will leave SNUUC by 7:00am to feed the homeless a hearty breakfast. This will be a sleep over for Jr. and Sr. Youth and families who want to participate. Chaperones are needed to make this a success. Donations are needed to get coffee, breakfast foods and give-a-ways. If you can help, please contact Ilene Corina, Michelle Bennett or Rosemary Olander Beach.

Summer time, and the living is easy. Stretch your body and revive your soul. Here's hoping you will join us for our next 6-week yoga series which began on Tuesday, June 19th and run from 5:30 to 6:30pm. (NOTE: There were not enough people interested in the Thursday morning series so that class series is NOT being offered this summer. Thursday late afternoon classes will return after Labor Day this fall). Enrollment fees for the Tuesday series are \$75 (\$60 to Ivy, and \$15 to SNUUC). These fees are payable at the first class. Since space is limited, please contact Anne Fleming at afleming528@gmail.com or 516 623 8258 to reserve your space.

Learn to play that djembe! Join SNUUC's drumming ministry, the DrUUmatics, to learn West African drumming. The DrUUmatics teach a beginner djembe class every Thursday from 6-7pm in the RE wing. The class is devoted to teaching proper technique and traditional West African rhythms. There is usually a drum available if you can't bring your own. Come on down and give it a try! \$15 per class. Check out the website for more info: <http://www.druumatics.org> or find the DrUUmatics page on Facebook.

Monday Night Pilates at SNUUC - 5-6pm, only \$12 per class - no contracts to sign, no commitment, just come and stretch! Questions? Contact Bonny Levenson or Jeanne Menoutis.

Spontaneity, Creativity, Fun! Improv classes continue at SNUUC in September. No prior experience is required. Classes are Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4. A series costs \$80 for returning students, \$100 for new students. Contact Brian Larkin bolarkin@optonline.net for info.

Save the date for our Annual Fall Kick-Off Pot Luck Dinner!
 Saturday, September 8 at SNUUC!
 Dinner begins at 5:30.
 Please bring food enough for at least 8.
 If your name begins with:
 *A - H bring Dessert
 *I - O bring a Salad or Vegetable
 *P - Z bring Main Dish
 Questions? Speak with Rosemary Olander Beach.
 Please help by arriving early to help set-up or stay after to help put away tables and chairs.

TDOR Fundraising Concert

Saturday, August 4 at 7:00 PM Interweave at SNUUC will once again be hosting a fundraiser for the Long Island Transgender Day of Remembrance held each year in November on Long Island to remember those who are murdered because they are transgender. This concert will be held at 7:00pm in the sanctuary and will be a representation of the local LGBT community.

Everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$20 per person - there will be raffles, 50/50 and refreshments will be served.

Please feel free to bring something for the refreshments table. For more information contact Kyle Schuessler or Ilene Corina.

Long Island Choral Society Summer Slings

July 22, 7pm - Mozart: Requiem & Vivaldi: Gloria
 at St. Anthony's High School Chapel 275 Wolf Hill Rd
 South Huntington, \$10 donation
 Bring your own score or rent one for \$5

August 26, 7pm - Ragtime, Show Tunes and more In the SNUUC sanctuary!

Come sing the music of Irving Berlin, Cole Porter & other favorite composers
 \$10 donation & \$10 refundable deposit for music
 Both venues are Air Conditioned www.lics.org

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

June 22 - *Footnotes Concert* - Ian Cathcart & Kristen Seyfried

June 29 - *Wine, Woman & Song(s)... & Stories* - Anne Fleming & Barbara Singer

July 14 - *Wenzel's Wacky Weekend* - Amy Norris Wenzel

August 11 - *Wild and Crazy Game Night* - Bilello & Bellafiore

September 3 - *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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