



The Open Line

SOUTH NASSAU

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

June 7, 2015 10:30 am

The Next Thing

Our congregation's Affiliated Community Minister works at Hospice Care Network as a Pastoral Care Counselor. This worship service explores themes of aspiration and acceptance in the next chapter of your life.

Coffee: Volunteer Needed

Board Member on Duty: Ellen Zaehring Gach

Guest Preacher Rev. Will Feinberg

Worship Associate Laura D'Angelo

Ushers: Nicki Barry & Andrew Spatt

Greeter: Membership Team & You!

June 12, 2015 7:30 pm Friday evening

Grieving Our Past One of the important aspects of a time of transition is recognizing what has been lost, what one wishes might have been different, and a sense of general grieving around the loss of a minister. **On Friday, June 12, the Transition Team, in collaboration with the choir, will host a Service of Remembrance and Grieving.** The one-hour candlelight service will feature meditative singing, spoken word and an opportunity for congregants to express their feelings around the end of the full-time ministry of the Rev. Catherine Torpey. Refreshments and fellowship follow.

June 14, 2015 10:30 am

Bridging Ceremony & Coming of Age

Annual All-Congregation Cookout and Potluck at 11:30 am

Coffee: Volunteer Needed

Board Member on Duty: Paul Sherrock

Transition Minister Laurie Stuart

Worship Associate Anne Fleming

Ushers: Doris Brass & Andrew Spatt

Greeter: Membership Team & You!

June 21, 2015 10:30 am

Absent, Present and Surrogate Fathers

Ushers & Refreshments: Volunteer Needed

Guest Preacher Hollis Huston

Worship Associate TBA

Board Member on Duty: Selina Benson

June 28, 2015 10:30 am

TBA

Ushers & Refreshments: Volunteer needed

Guest Preacher Pilar Millhollen

Worship Associate Carrie Mason-Draffen

Board Member on Duty: Steve Lester



Summer Services begin on June 21. Please speak with Rosemary Olander-Beach if you can help with Usher & Refreshments and with Laura D'Angelo or Jim Hawkins if you can help with Worship Associate or one or two Sundays this Summer.

The deadline for the Summer Open Line is Sunday, June 15.

Laurie Stuart, Transition Minister -- Minister@SNUUC.org

Laurie will be in the office at various times throughout the month and works from home on other days. You can schedule an appointment with her by emailing minister@snuuc.org. She is available by phone at (845) 701-9127.

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Musings from the Minister

Time flies when you're having fun

As I sit and write this column for the June newsletter, I am amazed how quickly the congregational year has flown.

I remember with great fondness our exploration of "Where Do We Come From, What are We and Where are we going?" at our Intergenerational Lunch in November. I was surprised to learn that so many of you come from Long Island and New York.

The History Night in December was amazing, with Alice Spatt rising to her feet to clarify and add great wisdom and detail to the stories told. It's heartwarming that she and Paul Sherrock, along with Avery Benson, are moving forward with the digitizing of the congregation's great historical artifacts. With a blending of old and new, the project will preserve a sense of where the congregation has been as it moves forward.

I very much enjoyed working with the Stewardship Committee to create this year's Covenant Feast. A relatively new tradition created by the Revs. Catherine Torpey and Allison Palm, the ritual meal is an ingenious way of covenanting and pledging together. It was exciting to work with a tradition that had the personalities of its creators embedded into it and to figure out how one holds the past with the present, with an eye to the future. I was delighted that the Stewardship Committee came up with the theme "Celebrating our Bounty," which was so amazingly fitting for this year of exploration.

The Talent Auction was a treat and I was glad that Ellen Zaehringer-Gach brought an extra hat that I could wear for this derby-style events. The Ways and Means

Committee and all those who helped with this exciting fundraiser are already planning for some additional features next year! Veronica Underhill has put together a first draft of an event handbook, so it will be really easy to invite more people to participate in pulling this amazing event off. For as much as these activities take a lot of work, it is precisely working on activities that helps build lasting relationships. It's kind of funny that way—that these events support the congregation in more ways than one.

Finishing up the year, the Membership Committee is planning a New Member Sunday on May 31, with a service of recognition and a new member orientation and lunch following the service. If you're not a new member and want a refresher on Unitarian Universalism, let me know and I'll be happy to put you on the attendance list.

Additionally, the Transition Team, in collaboration with the choir, will be hosting a Service of Remembrance on June 12 beginning at 7:30 pm. This candlelight service will give those in attendance a time to express their thoughts about the loss of the ministry of the Rev. Catherine Torpey. We will create a warm and safe space for people to share feelings—positive or negative—about the ending of this significant SNUUC ministry.

With the Bridging Ceremony on June 14 and the Congregational Picnic, we'll wrap up the 2014-2015 year.

Wow, time flies when you're having fun. Thanks to all for making this year so full and rewarding.

Laurie Stuart, Transition Minister



Members of the RE Senior Youth and advisers and chaperones spent May 17 at Norman Levy Park.

OUR BOARDWALK

Your Board of Trustees continues to navigate SNUUC through these seas of transition and change with the able assistance and guidance of our Transition Minister, Laurie Stuart. I write this column on the evening after our May 17, Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting at which SNUUC's membership nominated and approved three of dedicated members – Rosemary Olander-Beach, Brian Larkin, and Jean Smyth-Crocetto – to undertake the important task of searching for our next minister. The work required to undertake a ministerial search is great, but so is the reward in knowing that SNUUC's membership has entrusted these individuals with such a key role for shaping SNUUC's future.

At the Congregational Meeting, we approved our budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Thanks to the hard work of our Treasurer Ellen Zaehringer-Gach and the Finance Committee, we continue to take the necessary steps to get SNUUC's fiscal house on firmer footing. We all appreciated Ellen's thorough and frank assessment of SNUUC's financial condition. However, know that we as a Board can only do so much to balance SNUUC's budget. The real effort and drive must come from SNUUC's membership in the form of increased pledges, increased donations to the offering plate, ideas for fund raising, and ways to increase our Thrift Shop's revenues.

Finally, we are reevaluating our Religious Education program. I provided at the Congregational Meeting an update on the process the Board intends to follow in evaluating SNUUC's RE program. We will assess our current program, understand and collect models of innovative and emerging RE programming, develop the right program for SNUUC and then determine that program's personnel needs.

It is a time of transition and change at SNUUC. Your Board of Trustees is working hard and enjoying the ride. And as we enter into our summer season, I leave you with the following thought that we UU's already know intuitively:

"Your religion is not what you do on Sunday. It is how you live Monday through Saturday." Shannon L. Alder

In service,
Steve Lester, President
Board of Trustees

A Call From The Treasurer

Six Weeks To Go!

Pay your Pledge in Full by June 30

The income from our pledges enables SNUUC to operate. Please check your pledge statements right away. Make sure you have completed your Pledge for this current fiscal year by June 30. Thank you!

Visioning the Year to Come

This meeting, which in the past we called a "Calendar Meeting", is really a chance to look together at SNUUC's year as a whole. What's missing in our plans for the year? What are some events that we could do differently and better? What are some ways in which we could make our congregational life more fun, more meaningful, more... whatever you feel it ought to be! Do we need to add in social action? Potlucks?

It's a chance to brainstorm and vision. So, please come! Yes, we'll go over the calendar, but that is just the scaffolding on which we build our dreams! Speak with Laurie Stuart and share your ideas.

**We'll be in the foyer on Monday, June 1
at 7 pm, please join us!**

Our Thrift Shop

Did you know that our Thrift Shop's yearly income contributes money to the operating funds of the congregation? For our thrift shop to do this, it needs donations. Without donations from people like you, there is nothing to sell. Remember to think of the Thrift Shop as you go thru your clothes and straighten up around your home! Particularly good sellers are hard goods (small kitchen appliances, pots, pans and other house wares) and new-in-the-box items that you received as a gift and don't need or want. Trinkets, costume jewelry, and decorative items all sell very well.

Do you have some free time? **Our Thrift Shop is also a great place to volunteer!** You can help out at the shop or perhaps drive to homes and pick up items to be donated. This can be a one time, weekly or monthly trip. Please contact Joe McAuley or Anne Olsen at the Thrift Shop. It is located at 22 W. Merrick Road, on the north side of the street between Church St. and So. Main. The shop is open Tuesday thru Saturday, from 10 am to 4 pm. The phone number is 223-3974.



Committees at Work

SNUUC Committees meet regularly and welcome attendance at their meetings even if you are not a member of the committee. Speak with a Board member if you would like to learn more about serving.

The Board will meet on Wednesday, June 10 at 7:30 pm in the foyer.

The Membership Committee, will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 9 in the RE Wing.

The Thrift Shop Committee will meet in June. Please speak with Joe McAuley or Doris Brass to find out more about this important committee.

The RE Committee will meet in June. Speak with DRE David Silver for more information.

South Ocean Art Gallery

Summer Art Exhibit

The Art Committee invites you to submit your photos for summer exhibit at SNUUC. Art is another way to get to know one another. And so, we invite you to share your photos in a summer photography exhibit. We are looking for high-res jpegs from SNUUC members and/or friends for summer photography exhibit at SNUUC. We will enlarge your images to 11 x 14 on foam core. Six prints will cost Art Committee \$30 or you can donate. Either way, we would like to see your photographs! We need to have eight to ten people to fill the space and make this happen. Contact Diane Hawkins at parkviewdesign@verizon.net if you are interested.

Talent Auction Update



The Talent Auction Task Force wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who attended the Talent Auction, offered events and goods, performed assigned tasks, or simply pitched in and did what needed to be done. Our auction this year was both highly festive and financially successful. You've done it once again!

There are still openings for some events! The list will soon be on www.snuuc.org and in the office.

As the year ends, Rita Hines is recruiting a task force to work on the Holiday Fair, which occurs on the first Sunday in December of 2015. If you have energy and fresh ideas to bring to our Holiday Fair and luncheon, please see her or contact her by phone or email.

Have fun at Zumba!



Join Zumba instructor **Sharon Nanos** and come and have fun while you move your body to upbeat world rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography, for a total body workout that feels like a celebration! No experience necessary: all levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. One evening a week at SNUUC, 7:15 to 8:15 pm in the RE wing. This is a talent auction offering, so the \$40 per person/\$60 per family charge goes to SNUUC. If you're not sure that this is your "thing", please come to the first class as a trial, and donate \$10 to SNUUC. If you like it, then feel free to continue. This is open to all congregants and friends! Contact Sharon if you want to attend, Sharon@rsnanos.me

Our UU Community

Live Music, up close and personal... at the UU Congregation of Central Nassau Garden Stage. On Friday June 5 come to a show with Gathering Time and Mara Levine. **Gathering Time** is like a high-energy Peter, Paul & Mary or a co-ed Crosby, Stills & Nash, with various parts of The Byrds, Joni Mitchell, the Eagles and America; a head-turning folk-rock harmony trio described as "getting a whole beehive-full of buzz" on the northeast regional folk scene. Called "one of the best singers of her generation" by Christine Lavin, **Mara Levine** creates beautiful interpretations of folk songs.. The 8:30 pm show is preceded by an open mic at 7:30 pm. For tickets and information contact calendar@uuccn.org. Ticket price is \$20 for tickets in advance and \$22 at the door.

Patrick Carolan, Executive Director of the Franciscan Action Network, was a key organizer of a letter to the president from 53 faith leaders. You are invited to hear him speak on Tuesday, June 9, 7:30 pm, at the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock. Leaders of a various faiths -- clergy, theologians, lay leaders -- wrote to President Obama urging him to "move us beyond the ways of war" and focus on alternative approaches that can "break the cycle of violent intervention" in Iraq and Syria. See article from *National Catholic Reporter* at <http://nconline.org/news/peace-justice/religious-leaders-encourage-obama-move-beyond-war-iraq-syria>. The event is organized by Pax Christi Long Island. For information, go to www.paxchristilongisland.org.

SNUUC Happenings

Meditation **Wake up a little earlier on Saturday and join the Meditation Group.** Our group practice meets at 9 am in the RE wing on Saturday mornings. This group is open to beginners. All you need to do is take a seat. For more info please contact Brian Larkin, bolarkin@optonline.net

Yoga **Gentle Yoga with Spirit at SNUUC.** *Yoga is like music: the rhythm of the body, the melody of the mind, and the harmony of the soul create the symphony of life.* ~ B.K.S. Iyengar. We hope you will join or continue to play in our symphonies conducted by Linda Cucurullo on Mondays 9-10:15 am or Ivy Greenburg on Thursdays 9-10 am. Our summer series dates are as follows: **Monday series:** *April 27-June 8, not May 25. *June 15- July 20. *July 27-August 31. **Thursday series:** *May 28-June 25. *July 2-30. *August 6-27. Please contact Anne Olsen at afleming528@gmail.com) to sign up for a series. As always, we need a committed core of 6 paying members to run a yoga series.

NVC **Compassionate Communication** - Based on Marshall Rosenberg's book "Nonviolent Communication – a language of life", the compassionate communication practice group meets in the foyer for 13 weeks every spring and fall to learn and practice Rosenberg's process of listening empathically and speaking honestly. Since the group began in 2005, close to 100 people have participated in at least one 13 week series and many have chosen to continue year after year. Contact Anne Olsen or Barbara Singer to learn more and to register for the fall semester.

Drumatics **SNUUC's drumming ministry, the DrUUmatics,** practices every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the RE wing. You can check on their website for info about where they are playing: www.drumatics.org, or find the DrUUmatics page on Facebook. If there is enough interest, they will offer drumming workshops too! Speak with Sharon Nanos or Laura D'Angelo.

Pilates **Pilates classes** at SNUUC take place on Mondays at 5 pm and Wednesdays at 6 pm in the foyer. Only \$12 per class - no contracts to sign, no commitment, just come and stretch! Questions? Please contact Leslie Farrington.

Improv **Spontaneity, Creativity, Fun!** Improv classes continue at SNUUC on Sundays, 2-4 pm in the foyer. No prior experience is required. Beginners are welcome. A series costs \$80 for returning students, \$100 for new students. For more information, please contact Michael Rock, xmrock@gmail.com

Membership News

Coffee Hour

Volunteers are needed for June! Please sign up through the email you received via VolunteerSpot, or speak to Rosemary Olander-Beach or email rosemary.olander@verizon.net.

Be a summer "grushader"

"Grushaders" are the members and friends who greet, usher and serve lemonade (and iced tea!) for summer Sundays at SNUUC. If you can help, watch your email inbox for instructions on how to sign up, or email rosemary.olander@verizon.net.

Annual All-Congregation Cookout and Potluck is on Sunday, June 14!



The board-sponsored annual cookout and potluck is June 14 after worship. The Membership Committee, which coordinates this event, will have sign-up sheets for food, set-up and cleanup available on Sunday.

Please sign up and plan to attend! For more information, speak to a committee member.

Caring for Members

The Membership Committee has formed a Caring Team to provide support to members. If you or a member you know needs compassionate help during a time of stress or would like to share during a time of celebration, please contact a committee member or email caring@snuuc.org. If you would like a Joy or Concern lifted up from the pulpit, kindly contact a committee member or email caring@snuuc.org before noon Saturday for the following Sunday.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for the back-to-SNUUC potluck on Saturday, **September 12**. This potluck is the informal kickoff to the next congregational year, and we'd love to see all SNUUC members and friends there!

Membership Committee meeting June 9

If you're a SNUUC booster, or would like to be, join the Membership Committee at its monthly meeting, June 9 at 6:30 pm.

Membership Committee members

Rosemary Olander-Beach (chair) Julie Buckley, Bill Bryson-Brockmann, and Eric Shefferman; caring@snuuc.org.

In the RE Wing

We are all connected

Research has shown that humans share 99.9% of their DNA. So all have us literally have millions and millions of relatives. Wouldn't it be wonderful if people around the world realize that we are all part of one big family, that we are all connected, and that people would start to treat each other with a little more kindness? May it be so.

Even though I will no longer be a member of the SNUUC community after June 30, please know that I will always be connected with all of you.

This summer take time:

- To dream** – It hitches your soul to the stars.
 - To work** – It is the price of success.
 - To think** – It is the source of power.
 - To play** – It is the secret of youth.
 - To love** – It is the spirit of life.
 - To read** – It is the foundation of knowledge.
 - To meditate** – It is the highway of reverence and washed the dust of earth from your eyes.
 - To enjoy friends** – It is the source of happiness.
 - To make the world better** – It is the purpose of life.
 - For beauty** – It is everywhere in nature.
 - To laugh** – It helps with life's loads.
 - For health** – It is the treasure of life.
 - To plan** – It is the secret of being able to take time for the first twelve things.
- Meg Bowman

David Silver, DRE

We appreciate our RE Teachers!

Our end of the year
Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
will be held on Sunday, June 7
at 9:15 am in the RE Wing.

If you have been a full or substitute RE teacher, RE Committee Member or RE Support Staff during the Fall or Spring semesters, you and your families are invited to join us as we celebrate and honor your contributions to the religious education program.

GA is in Portland, OR!



An Invitation to UUA's General Assembly (GA) 2015 in Portland, Oregon. General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness,

learn, connect and make policy for the Association through democratic process. This year GA is in Portland, Oregon, June 24-28. The theme for GA 2015 is *Building a New Way*. Most events will be held in the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Portland, OR 97232. SNUUC can send delegates, registration began in March. Speak with the minister or a Board member if you would like to attend GA. More info on GA, registration costs and hotel/travel costs can be found at <http://www.uua.org/ga/index.shtml>

Fun at Coffee House Benefit

You are invited to a Coffee House to benefit the Long Island Transgender Day of Remembrance

When: Friday, June 26

Where: SNUUC

Time: Doors open 6:30-11pm

What: Coffee House / with an Open Mic

Sign up for Open Mic: 7 pm

Open Mic: 7:30-8:30 pm

Games, special music, 50/50

\$10 Admission: Snacks for sale

Volunteers needed: See Kyle Schuessler or Ilene Corina

This fundraiser will benefit the LI Transgender Day of Remembrance when community members come together to denounce violence, bigotry and hate, and remember the friends and allies who have been lost in the past year because of prejudice and hate. Last year the service was held on Sunday, November 16, at the First Presbyterian Church in Port Jefferson. The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed because of anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28, 1998, provided the impetus for the Remembering Our Dead Web project, <http://www.gender.org/remember/about/core.html> and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. At the LITDoR, community members participate in memory of those affected by hate crimes. This service in November is a free event, no solicitations accepted or solicited. All are invited and encouraged to attend, www.litdor.org.

SNUUC Calendar June 2015

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 31 A Service of Recognition Laurie Stuart New Member Orientation 12p RE Improv 2-4 F	1 Yoga 9am F Prayer Group 10:30am F Pilates 5pm F Visioning meeting 7pm F	2	3 Pilates 6pm F	4 Yoga 9am F Drumming practice6:30 RE Painting your way out of a corner 6:30pm F	5 Choir Practice 7:30pm S	6 Meditation 9am RE
7 The Next Thing Rev. Will Feinberg Improv 2-4 F	8 Yoga 9am F Pilates 5pm F	9 Membership Com 6:30pm	10 Lalèche 9am RE Pilates 6pm F Board Meeting 7:30 F	11 Yoga 9am F Drumming practice6:30 Painting your way out of a corner 6:30pm F	12 Service of Remembrance 7:30pm S	13 Meditation 9am RE Girl Scouts Marilyn P 2-5pm RE
14 Bridging Ceremony & coming of Age-Laurie Stuart Working with Jesus 9:15am All Congregation Picnic 11:30 Summer Open Line deadline Interweave 3pm RE Improv 2-4 F	15 Yoga 9am F Prayer Group 10:30am F Pilates 5pm F	16	17 Pilates 6pm F Zumba! 7:15pm RE	18 Yoga 9am F Drumming practice 6:30 RE	19	20 Meditation 9am RE Building rental 4-12am
21 Absent, Present and Surrogate Fathers Hollis Huston Improv 2-4 F	22 Yoga 9am F Pilates 5pm F RE	23	24 Pilates 6pm F Zumba! 7:15pm RE	25 Yoga 9am F Drumming practice6:30 RE	26 TDoR Fundraiser Ilene C. whole building 4-11pm	27 Meditation 9am RE Rhythm Jam Drum Circle 8pm F
28 TBA Working with Jesus 9:15am Improv 2-4 F	29 Yoga 9am F Prayer Group 10:30am F Pilates 5pm F	30	July 1 Pilates 6pm F Zumba! 7:15pm RE	2 Yoga 9am F Drumming practice6:30 RE	3	4 Meditation 9am RE

SNUUC Visioning meeting Monday, June 1, 7 pm

A Service of Remembrance and Grieving, Friday, June 12, 7:30 pm

Annual All-Congregation Cookout and Potluck, Sunday, June 14, 11:30 am

Just 6 weeks remain to pay your 2014-2015 pledge. Thank You!

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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