The Open Line

SOUTH NASSAU UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

June 4, 2017 10:30 am Transition Minister Rev. Laurie Stuart
Comings and Goings: A Membership Celebration Worship Associate Jim Hawkins

This is a Whole Congregation Celebration!

All Congregation photo and Biannual meeting right after the service.
Spread the word please!

Coffee: Lisa Itts & Nancy Levy
Board Member on Duty: Barbara Singer
Ushers: Nicki Barry & Andrew Spatt
Greeter: Membership Team **& You!**

June 11, 2017 10:30 am Transition Minister Rev. Laurie Stuart
Just Zesting Worship Associate Martha Chamberlain

Coffee: ***Celebration Picnic!***
Board Member on Duty: Rosemary Olander-Beach
Ushers: Rosemary Olander-Beach & Andrew Spatt
Greeter: Membership Team **& You!**

June 18, 2017 10:30 am Guest preacher Hollis Huston
Twelve Gates to the City Worship Associate Laura D'Angelo

Greeter/Usher/Lemonade: Barbara Singer
Board Member on Duty: Ken Bellafiore

June 25, 2017 10:30 am Guest preacher to be announced
Worship Associate Carrie Mason-Draffen

Greeter/Usher/Lemonade: Volunteer Needed
Board Member on Duty: Steve Underhill

Summer Services at 10:30 am begin on June 18. Please speak with Nancy Levy to help with Usher & Refreshments and with Laura D'Angelo or Jim Hawkins to help with Worship Associate, one or two Sundays this Summer.

The deadline for the Summer Open Line is Sunday, June 11.

The Rev. Laurie Stuart, Transition Minister - Minister@SNUUC.org will be in the office at various times through June 14. You can schedule an appointment by emailing minister@SNUUC.org. Laurie is available by phone at 845-701-9127.

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Muusings from the Minister

Heading toward the finale

We are beginning to say our goodbyes.

It's truly amazing that we have been walking together in shared ministry for three congregational years. Can you believe it? While I know it to be true, it's a bit shocking. (Well, just because time flies!)

And what progress we have made! And what progress will continue to be made!

It's been a great run – and we've set the stage for even more to come.

From my perspective, the congregation has come into its own.

The Junior Youth Service was a wonder with these "middle" congregants rolling with last-minute changes as a stomach virus took out some of their compatriots, and the "littlest" congregants filling the roles. They had planned; they were prepared. They had embodied the unique and precious South Nassau UU liturgy. They welcomed. They preached abundance during the offering. They chose their favorite hymns and we sang them in three and four parts. The service seemed like a culmination and a showcase of a revamped Religious Education Program. It was a celebration of amazing multi-generational worship done well.

It celebrated all that is good and strong about this congregation: graciousness, creativity, honoring the work of others. (Great play, Ted Tiller! *The Seven.* Nice organizing, Harriet). It exemplified embodying the work of others and inviting others in, celebrating what it truly means to be the BEST Unitarian Universalists we can be.

Senior Youth Coordinator Meghan LaDue and the senior youth provided an ample coffee hour, while Hospitality Coordinator Nancy Levy circulated the summer signup for grushaiders – the greeters, ushers and lemonade providers that are needed once the regular congregational year winds to a closes on June 11. ("It's easy," Membership Chair Julie Buckley said at the meeting on Friday evening, "you bring lemonade and some cookies, for about 20.")

Photo by Laurie Stuart

Speaking of Friday, the foyer was filled with friends and family of Paulo Reis. It was a multi-cultural art opening that embodied creativity, abundance of spirit and a wonderful collaboration between the Art Committee and the Intercultural Exchange Organization of Freeport. As Art Committee chair Diane Hawkins and I discussed at the end of the evening, here was a prototype of an ever-widening sanctuary that revolved around community and the arts. Paulo and his family hosted the event; Diane hung the show. We talked about how this reaching out and offering of the space to artists who don't have the opportunity to show in other galleries, would not only fill the walls with unique art, it offers the foyer as a community space for gathering.

It was a hospitable evening and when Paulo's wife Val came on Sunday to pick up a vase that was left behind, she reported that she had received so many comments, emails, messages that told her how wonderful and welcoming the evening had been.

And one last example of how the stage is set and how prototypes are born, on June 4 from 5 to 9 pm, SNUUC will be hosting a "Rock the Night Away" musical and food fundraiser. Lisa Itts and Angelo Musto are putting together a house band, and special musicians will play. We prototyped Cold Sesame Noodles and dumplings during Sunday's coffee hour that will be for sale in small plates that evening. And I couldn't have been more thrilled to have several youth come to me and let me know that they were tasty.

Building relationships, dialog, experimentation and honing skills across boundaries of committees, communities and ages is the work and the wonder of congregational life.

I'm so pleased with all of the progress and the rebuilding of spirit that has dominated our three! years together.

Well done! Well played! Onward!

(And yep, I'm really going to miss being your Transition Minister. While we can never know what the future will hold, what I do know is that this congregation has found its spark and will continue to reinvent and embody its unique spirit. Me, too.)

Laurie Stuart, Transition Minister

Two former SNUUC ministers, the Revs. Catherine Torpey, left, and Allison Palm, were in attendance at the May 4 "Stepping Up to Supervision" workshop held by the Central East Region in Morristown, NJ. They both send their regards and good wishes.

OUR BOARDWALK

This is the month when I routinely ask myself: Where did the year go? And: How will we finish all we started?!

In June we wrap up the SNUUC fiscal year, and in a sense the congregational year, as we take somewhat of a hiatus during July and August. There are big things on the board's calendar for this month:

June 2: The board is hosting the **Congregational Council** meeting at 6:15 pm. The evening will begin with a little socializing, then continue with calendaring and opportunities for committees and ministries to talk about collaboration for the coming congregational year. Every SNUUC committee, ministry and group should make sure to have a representative attend this meeting. Please speak to a board member if you have questions or need more information.

June 4: This will be a busy day for the congregation – with worship being followed by an all-congregation photo under the Linden tree. At noon, or as soon as practicable, the **Biannual Meeting** will begin. This is a very important meeting at which the congregation will have an opportunity to approve the budget for the 2017 -18 congregational year. Remember the budget is an important vehicle for the transformation of our dreams into reality! Committee, ministry and group annual reports will also be available, keeping us all informed about the work of the congregation.

June 11: Our annual June cookout, which we're affectionately calling the **"SNUUC-Out,"** will this year honor the transition ministry of the Rev. Laurie Stuart. The SNUUC-Out will be right after service on the front lawn, weather permitting. Please look for helper sign-up sheets in the foyer so you can let the Membership Committee and the board know you can lend a hand.

Board subcommittees that are continuing their work include the Developmental Minister Search Committee and the Building Use Subcommittee; the board is also busy assembling a Social Media Team – please let us know if you'd like to be on this team, helping to create the congregation's digital brand.

The board also continues to conduct the annual stewardship campaign, canvassing members for pledges to sustain the work of the congregation. Please speak to a board member right away if you have not made your pledge for the 2017-18 congregational year.

Later this month, look for sign-up sheets in the foyer for next year's committees, groups and ministries.

I could go on and on about everything that's going on – but I really should get back to work!

With gratitude,
Rosemary Olander-Beach,
President, Board of Trustees

Stewardship Update

We are almost there! The canvass for our 2017-18 fiscal year is drawing to a close, as the BOT Covenant Feast Task Force continues to collect financial commitments for the spiritual and financial health of the congregation.

For the next fiscal year, 62 member and friend pledging units have promised to contribute more than $111,000. We are grateful for the many members and friends who have returned their financial commitment forms for the coming year. The canvass is continuing, however, as a few pledging units still need to make commitments. Please respond right away if you haven't made a pledge for next year. And remember, you should begin paying your pledge for the 2017-18 fiscal year on July 1.

As the 2016-17 fiscal year draws to a close, the task force asks that you make every effort to complete your current pledge by June 30! And if you've already paid your pledge in full, the task force says: Thanks! (And can you top it off?) The financial gifts of members and friends are the congregation's single largest source of income -- and are our best hope for "building community and deepening connections" within our spiritual home and beyond.

South Ocean Art Gallery

On Friday, May 19, the art opening for Paulo Reis and the CD party/fundraiser for Val Reis to benefit families in Brazil, drew many Freeport residents as well as SNUUC members. Included in this photo are Jim and Diane Hawkins, artist Paulo Reis, Rev. Laurie Stuart, Kyla and Val Reis and Soh-Young. All those gathered shared our appreciation for Paulo and Val's creativity through art and singing and their outreach to people who are struggling.

Among Ourselves

Congratulations to our high school graduates!

Avery Benson will graduate from MacArthur High School and will attend Adelphi University in the fall. After volunteering at St. Joseph hospital for the past year, he has decided to pursue a degree in nursing.

Sean Nanos is currently interning at The Legal Aid Society in Manhattan as part of the Senior Experience program at his high school. He may continue that work over the summer. Sean will be attending SUNY Geneseo this fall with an interest in Political Science and International Relations. He is very excited for college, new experiences and future opportunities.

Bidding was brisk at the Bid and Bump board at this year's Talent Auction on May 6.

Ways $ Means

A heartfelt thank you to all those who made our Talent Auction a success through their participation and volunteerism! Special thanks to our able Chair Veronica Underhill, our jockeys, our auctioneer, our raffle coordinator, our dessert coordinator, our checkout team, and all those who gallantly stayed late to put away tables and clean up food. Thanks to our bartender Nick Nanos who provided the mint juleps at his own expense, as always. And a big thanks to all those who offered the events, services and items that make our Auction possible.

We hope you thoroughly enjoyed the evening and we welcome your feedback. If you have hearts or darts to throw, please speak to or email Veronica Underhill, Marietta Cleckley, or Rita Hines. Once more, thanks for everything!

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 RE Committee will meet on Monday, June 5 at 5:30 pm in the RE wing. Speak with Sharon Nanos, committee chairperson, for more information, sharon@rsnanos.me

The Thrift Shop Committee will not meet in June and encourages everyone to attend the all congregation SNUUC-Out! Please speak with Anne Olsen or Bobby Granoff to find out more about this committee.

The Board will meet on Wednesday, June 14 at 7 pm in the foyer.

The Membership Team can use a helping hand at the SNUUC-Out on June 11. Contact Julie Buckley at Julie.buckley@aol.com if you want to get involved. Thinking about becoming a new member? Join us on June 3 from 7 - 9 pm in the foyer.

The Social Action Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm in the foyer. Speak with Angelo Musto, angelomusto@gmail.com or Liz DiMaggio, liztashdimaggio@gmail.com for info.

Caring Team provides support and pastoral care 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 email caring@snuuc.org; kindly email items to be shared from the pulpit by noon Saturday for the next Sunday. The caring team ministries are divided into four sections. You are encouraged to email or call the people listed here. Telephone numbers are in the directory. Cards and phone calls: JoAnn Fassman, Transportation: Doris Brass, Visiting: Paul Sherrock, Joys and Concerns: Rosemary Olander-Beach.

Our UU Community

Are You Listening? You are invited to attend a workshop focused on listening led by frequent guest minister the Rev. Linda Anderson. How well we listen makes a difference everywhere: in our communities, in the workplace, in our homes. Come to learn and practice skillful listening. The date is Saturday, June 10, 10 am-2 pm at the UU Congregation of Central Nassau in Garden City. To register contact the UUCCN office; 516 248-8855 or office@uuccn.org. Workshop fee is $10, a light lunch will be provided.

SNUUC Happenings

Compassionate Communication meets in the foyer for 13 weeks every spring and fall to learn and practice Marshall Rosenberg's "Nonviolent Communication" process of listening empathically and speaking honestly Contact Anne Olsen, afleming528@gmail.com or Barbara Singer, barbara.singer@gmail.com.

Gentle Yoga with Spirit at SNUUC continues with classes on Monday mornings, 9:00-10:15 am, led by Linda Cucurullo. Strengthening, balance and stretching exercises. Fee for the 6-week series is $75. Contact Anne Olsen, afleming528@gmail.com.

SNUUC's drumming ministry, the DrUUmatics, practices Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the RE wing. For info see www.druumatics.org, or find the DrUUmatics page on Facebook. Drumming workshops available. Contact Sharon Nanos, Sharon@rsnanos.me or Laura D'Angelo, ldangelo@optonline.net.

Pilates classes take place on Mondays at 4:30 pm and Wednesdays at 6 pm in the foyer. Only $12 per class. Contact Leslie Farrington, dr.farrington@icloud.com/.

Prayer Group meets every other Tuesday from 10:30 am to noon in the foyer. The 1st June meeting is June 6. All are welcome. Contact Diane Hawkins, danish0407@verizon.net.

The Working with Jesus Group meets on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month, at 9:15 am in the RE wing. Contact Bob McGough, bob.mcgough@mac.com

Meditation Group meets at 9 am in the RE wing on Saturdays. Beginners welcome. Contact Brian Larkin, bolarkin@optonline.net

Do you want to help our congregation AND our community?

Our Unitarian Thrift Shop at 22 W. Merrick Rd. is a great place to volunteer, donate, or shop! With your donations of small kitchen appliances, cook and bake ware, working electronics, and small pieces of furniture, trinkets, jewelry (plus knick knacks, odd items of interest, and sell-able used clothing), we help to furnish the homes of those in need and of our neighbors right here in Freeport. Your support of our Thrift Shop can also be volunteering your time to help fully staff our shop. The Thrift Shop's income contributes significantly each year to the operating funds of the congregation. The shop is currently open Monday and Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm and Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. The phone number is 516-223-3974. Questions? Talk with Thrift Shop coordinators Anne Olsen or Bobby Granoff.

Rock the Night Away!

Rock the Night Away, featuring our own Lisa Itts and Angelo Musto. Come to an incredible night of music, food, friends and drink (with our own Nick Nanos at the bar!) at SNUUC on Sunday, June 4, 5 - 9 pm. $10 at the door covers one admission (kids 12 and under are free). Special guest artists from SNUUC will perform! Please join us and bring friends! Tasty food will be for sale in small plates at reasonable prices. (All proceeds go to SNUUC. Free child care provided!) If you would like to participate by playing music or bringing dessert please let Lisa Itts know, lisaitts@optonline.net

Annual All-Congregation Cookout and Potluck, "SNUUC-Out" Celebrate the Rev. Laurie Stuart June 11 during Coffee Hour!

We have been truly blessed to have the Rev. Laurie Stuart as SNUUC's part-time transition minister these past three years, helping us navigate the departure of our settled minister and the new territory of part-time ministerial leadership. We will be celebrating Laurie's ministry at our annual cookout after worship on June 11. Please plan to attend! If you'd like to help with the cookout and other top-secret party planning, please speak to someone on the Membership Committee; Julie Buckley, Marietta Cleckley, or to a board member; Rosemary Olander-Beach, Ken Bellafiore, Ellen Zaehringer-Gach, Barbara Singer, Steve Underhill or Risa Centenni

South Nassau Mothers' Center

The South Nassau Mothers' Center Discussion Group is meeting at SNUUC. Are you a mother in need of a tender ear? Do you know a mother in need of support? Make friends, build connections, share talents and ideas at the newly formed South Nassau Mothers' Center Discussion Group. At each meeting we share our experiences in the joys and challenges of motherhood in a confidential, non-judgmental forum. The discussion is facilitated on a topic focused on moms and their needs.

Our next series will be on the topic of Self-Care. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays June 13, 20 and 27 from 8-9:30 pm in the RE wing. Children are welcome to come or you are welcome to bring your own childcare. Speak with Virginia Lawther to register for this free series; VirginiaLawther@gmail.com.

In the RE Wing

"Come with me,' Mom says.
To the library.
Books and summertime
go together."
Lisa Schroeder

And here it comes again, the long, hot days of summer. Bare feet, wet towels, and lots of new books to read. And this summer, turning off the devices and reading, writing or playing will be all the more important as the 24-hour news cycle of unremitting doom may provoke anxiety in both children and adults. Tuning out is not a long term strategy, just a vacation. We all need to reboot occasionally and modeling this for our children is the only way they will begin to recognize that we control our devices - they do not control us. Take nature walks, paint rocks, do a family play, read aloud or just sit and watch the tides roll in and out but please take a break. I am sure the spring of televised McCarthyism, the two summers of Watergate, and a winter break of impeachment over the word "is," has been responsible for my own political addiction but please, try to help the next generation take some time off from things that are very difficult for adults to understand and can only confuse children. Answer questions as directly as possible and then think of something fun to distract you from our latest crisis. On Sundays, come as a family to our far less formal services and enjoy the peace of spiritual practice.

It has been a wonderful year of growth in the RE and I thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us on Sundays. Please pick up a form, *Evaluation of the RE Program*, fill it out including your suggestions for improvement, ideas for Family Nights or anything else you want to share with us. Think about volunteering some time next year to see the world again through young eyes and have a peaceful, restful, summer. We will see you in September, refreshed, renewed and ready to learn.

Please join us at the service on June 4 when Avery Benson and Sean Nanos will participate in the UU ritual of Bridging. These young men are graduating high school this month and will begin college in the fall. We need everyone to join us in wishing these two graduates of our RE program well as they leave childhood and enter their young adult years. Young adults home from college, we hope you can be there to welcome Sean and Avery into this exciting time of life.

Harriet Arnold, Religious Education Coordinator

Childcare is available during the Sunday service throughout the summer for children under 5.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

At its May meeting, the Social Action committee discussed a number of pertinent issues and upcoming events. The committee has decided to meet on the second Tuesday of the month during the 2017/2018 congregational year. Those meetings will start at 6:30 pm; however, members will be encouraged to arrive at 6 pm if they would like to have dinner before the meeting (members will also be permitted to bring their children). *Nota bene*: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm.

If you have any questions or are interested in being a part of our committee for next year, please speak with Angelo Musto, angelomusto@gmail.com or Liz DiMaggio, liztashdimaggio@gmail.com. Peace!

"Remembering Orlando" - an event taking place at SNUUC on Monday, June 12, 6 pm presented by Interweave and the Social Action Committee

On June 12, 2016 the deadliest shooting in American history took place at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida. This horrific event against the LGBTQ and Latino community unfolded only a few blocks from Central Florida's only Level One Trauma Center at Orlando Regional Medical Center. **Join us on the first anniversary of that tragic night** for a film about the emergency room workers experience, followed by a Candle-lighting memorial service to remember the souls whose lives were cut short. The film is from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's 28th Annual National Forum. Emergency room staff on duty share their stories and insights about this tragic event during this one hour film. There will be an art exhibit, *The Stolen Lives Project* and special music by the DrUUmatics.

On May 21 our Junior Youth led a wonderful service based on Ted Tiller's play, *The Seven.* Pictured are Mia Bruno, left, Kira Centenni, Maggie Musto, Noah Dzenius, Zach and Nick Gagliano.

SNUUC Calendar June 2017

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 *The Importance of Bodies* Rev. Linda Anderson Working with Jesus 9:15a RE Building Use Tyler M-D 6p RE	***29*** Yoga 9a F Pilates 4:30p F	***30***	***31*** Pilates 6p F Choir Practice 7:30p S	***June 1*** Drumming practice 6:30p RE	***2*** Congregational Council & Calendaring meeting 6:15p F	***3*** Meditation 9a RE Path to Membership 7p F
4 *Comings and Goings: A Membership Celebration* -Rev. Laurie Stuart BiAnnual Meeting & PHOTO 12 Rock the Night Away! 5p F	***5*** Yoga 9a F Pilates 4:30p F RE Comm 5:30 RE	***6*** Prayer Group 10:30a F	***7*** Women's Journaling RE 1:30p A.Olsen Pilates 6p F Choir practice 7:30 S	***8*** Drumming practice 6:30p RE	***9***	***10*** Meditation 9a RE
11 *Just Zesting -* Rev Laurie Stuart Last Day of RE Working with Jesus 9:15a RE All Congregation BBQ celebrating Laurie Stuart 12 Open Line deadline	***12*** Yoga 9a F NO Pilates Interweave & Social Action Remembering Orlando 6:30p F&S	***13*** Social action Comm 6:30 S Mother's Center Group 8p RE	***14*** LaLeche 9a RE Pilates 6p F Board Meeting 7p F	***15*** Drumming practice 6:30p RE	***16*** Talent Auction event Bill B-B 6-11p F,K	***17*** Meditation 9a RE
18 Worship-Hollis Huston Working with Jesus 9:15a RE	***19*** Yoga 9a F Pilates 4:30p F	***20*** Prayer Group 10:30a F Mother's Center Group 8p RE	***21*** Pilates 6p F	***22*** Drumming practice 6:30p RE	***23***	***24*** Meditation 9a RE Rhythm Jam Drum Circle 8p F
25 *Worship 10:30* Working with Jesus 9:15a RE	***26*** Yoga 9a F Pilates 4:30p F	***27*** Mother's Center Group 8p RE	***28*** Pilates 6p F	***29*** Drumming practice 6:30p RE	***30***	***July 1***

Congregational Council & Calendaring meeting
A representative from each committee & ministry should attend
Friday, June 2, 6:15 pm

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Rock The Night Away! June 4, 5-9 pm - Music, Food, Friends

Five weeks to go! Please pay your Pledge in full by June 30

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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