



The Open Line

SOUTH NASSAU

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

June 18, 2017

Preaching: Hollis Huston
Twelve Gates to the City
Worship Associate: Laura D'Angelo
Ushers & Refreshments: Barbara Singer
Board Member on Duty: Ken Bellafore

June 25, 2017

Preaching: Rev. Will Feinberg
Zest is Zapped
Worship Associate: Carrie Mason-Draffen
Ushers & Refreshments: Jim Sekreta
Board Member on Duty: Steve Underhill

July 2, 2017

Preaching: Shari Halliday-Quan
*5000 Unitarian Universalists Walk Into a Room:
Lessons from General Assembly*
Worship Associate: Jim Hawkins
Ushers & Refreshments: Selina Benson
Board Member on Duty: Ellen Zaehring-Gach

July 9, 2017

Preaching: Rev. Linda Anderson
Less is More: How Could That Be?
Worship Associate: Anne Olsen
Ushers & Refreshments: Virginia & Austin Lawther
Board Member on Duty: Ellen Zaehring-Gach

July 16, 2017

Preaching: Kevin W. Jagoe
Following the Heart-Shaped Path
Worship Associate: Bob McGough
Usher & Refreshments: Aly Williams
Board Member on Duty: Barbara Singer

July 23, 2017

Preaching: Hollis Huston
Truth and Its Alternatives
Worship Associate: Carrie Mason-Draffen
Usher & Refreshments: Mark Bennett
Board Member on Duty: Rosemary Olander-Beach

July 30, 2017

Preaching: Rev. Julie Newhall
Is There a Wonder Woman in Your Life?
Worship Associate: Anne Olsen
Usher & Refreshments: Angelo Musto
Board Member on Duty: Ken Bellafore

August 6, 2017

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Heidi Swartz
The Power of Story
Worship Associate: Jim Hawkins
Ushers & Refreshments: Mary Brower
Board Member on Duty: Steve Underhill

August 13, 2017

Preaching: Rev. Linda Anderson
*God: Do you believe in God? What does God mean
to you, or not mean to you?*
Worship Associate: Laura D'Angelo
Ushers & Refreshments: Paul Eichmann
Board Member on Duty: Risa Centenni

August 20, 2017

Preaching: Hollis Huston
The American Way
Congregation Clean-Up Day!
Worship Associate: Bob McGough
Ushers & Refreshments: TBA
Board Member on Duty: Risa Centenni

August 27, 2017

Preaching: LoraKim Joyner
Nurturing Nature
Worship Associate: Carrie Mason-Draffen
Ushers & Refreshments: Sharon Kennelty-Cohen
Board Member on Duty: Barbara Singer

September 3, 2017 (Labor Day weekend)

Preaching: Hollis Huston
Solidarity
Worship Associate: TBA
Ushers & Refreshments: TBA
Board Member on Duty: Rosemary Olander-Beach

Office Summer Schedule

The SNUUC office will close for the Summer after Friday
June 16. It will reopen on Tuesday, September 5.
Phone messages and e-mail will be answered weekly.

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from the Minister

The last column

By the Rev. Laurie Stuart

What can we say when the only thing to say is goodbye?

What do we mean when we say goodbye?

How does saying goodbye change what has come before?

In this column I say goodbye. Goodbye to the work and the intention that we were focused on in these last three years. Goodbye to our great time together. Goodbye to the support and the cooperation that we shared.

In saying goodbye, we don't say goodbye to the lessons. We don't say goodbye to the growing. We don't say goodbye to the connections of our hearts.

These we keep always. And those lessons, that growing, that connection will hold us steady as we each step into the new phases of our ministry. Even as the outcomes are unknown.

I will miss this ministry and I will treasure it always.

We were good for each other.

Our energies and our zest for congregational life was a good match.

I feel we inhabited the basis of UU theology of covenant. And we explored and fashioned a pretty healthy and effective version of shared ministry.

Shared ministry holds the fundamental concept that we are interrelated. Each piece of the ministries of the congregation feeds and supports the other. Each piece -- and each opportunity for members and friends to step up and into that shared ministry -- provides strength to the system.

In that system is love. In that system is commitment. In that system is the potential for compassion, equity, and justice. In that system is mission. And vision.

It is a learning system. It is a peer-to-peer, across all ages, way of being and working together.

It has spirit. It is contagious.

It is a liberal religious institution.

Many, many thanks. All good wishes. And when we meet each again, somewhere down the path, may we remember our goodbyes and wonderful appreciation of our time together.

May the congregation continue to thrive and be a positive and nurturing influence for individuals, families, and the community on the south shore of Long Island.

Goodbye, sweet friends. And thank you.



The Board, committee chairs and small group ministry leaders, 14 in all shared food, dates and intentions for intra-committee communication and projects at the Congregational Council meeting on June 2. Two additional Council meetings were scheduled for October and January to keep the collaborations on track.



Rock the Night Away, a night of music, food, friends and drink at SNUUC on June 4, was a big success! Many thanks go to all the people who worked to put it together, including Lisa Itts, Laurie Stuart and Nick Nanos. The event was a fundraiser for SNUUC and \$600 was raised! This is a terrific start toward their goal of \$1,000 for the SNUUC budget. If you would like help reach that goal, please mark your check "Rock the Night Away" and put it in the collection plate or send it to SNUUC. Thank You!! Pictured above are a few of the terrific musicians who played that evening, Paul Eichmann, left, Angelo Musto, Lisa Itts, and their friends Kim and Peter Kuperschmid.

OUR BOARDWALK

As we head into two months of “summer vacation” at SNUUC, I say happily that I’m ready for a break. Before I take off for the beach, I hope you’ll join me in reflecting on these congregational accomplishments:

... successful completion of our third year of interim ministry with the Rev. Laurie Stuart. Laurie’s ministry helped us embrace whole-congregation programming and create capacity by focusing on leadership and committee development;

... creation of a Social Media Policy that will soon be implemented with the formation of a Social Media Team;

... focus on leadership development by hosting workshops for committee and congregational leaders;

... continuing to create consistently vibrant Sunday worship;

... creation of a board subcommittee to develop a Building Use Policy;

... continuing search for a developmental minister to begin the next congregational year;

... ongoing work on the bylaws to incorporate an Endowment and Reserve Funds;

... receiving a record 12 committee and ministry annual reports at the biannual meeting;

... co-hosting, with the Upper Delaware UU Fellowship, a joyous ordination for the Rev. Laurie;

... recently welcoming 14 new congregants, eight adults and six children!;

... celebrating the Rev. Laurie’s interim ministry at our all-congregation SNUUC Out on June 11! We have been blessed to have Laurie these past few years, not only for helping us navigate into half-time ministerial

leadership, but for the unwavering hospitality she brought to every congregational event. I’m happy that she will remain a part of the Long Island UU community.

Now I ask: What other things might you add that I’ve left off in our flurry of accomplishment? Email me at rosemaryolander@optimum.net, and I’ll include your responses in the next Boardwalk column in September.

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



The Rev. Laurie Stuart, left, and board president Rosemary Olander-Beach led the congregation in a Releasing of the Covenant Ritual at the service on June 11 as we bade farewell and said thank you to Laurie for her three years at SNUUC as our transition minister.

Stewardship Update

motivation has some connection outside of ourselves, we have the opportunity to radically transform our lives, the life of another person, even the lives of entire communities.”

-- Lauren Tyler Wright, author of “Giving, the Sacred Art: Creating a Lifestyle of Generosity”

The Board of Trustees has been working hard to bring the 2017-18 canvass to a close. If you haven’t made your financial commitment for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1, please contact a board member right away. Payments toward 2017-18 can be made after July 1.

As the 2016-17 fiscal year ends June 30, the board asks that members and friends make their pledges current. And if you’ve already paid your pledge in full, we ask: Can you give a little bit more? That would be amazing!

As always, the board is grateful to the congregation’s members and friends for making this a spiritual home worthy of us all.

-- Rosemary Olander-Beach, Barbara Singer and Ellen Zaehring-Gach, stewardship coordinators

Among Ourselves

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

If you are traveling this summer and when cleaning out your closets, please remember to save toiletries and items for the Midnight Run breakfast run to be on November 18. Socks, t-shirts, caps and sweatshirts will be really popular as the days will be getting cold! Deodorant, razors, shaving cream and small toothpaste is helpful to carry in a backpack. Are you getting a new backpack or school bag this summer? Donate your old one to the Midnight Run!

Remember, too, that we'll celebrate our coming back together on **September 10 with a water ceremony**. So if you're around water, grab a vial to use in our annual ritual.

As you know, SNUUC's fiscal year ends on June 30.

Pledge statements were sent to those with a balance. Pledges represent most of the congregation's income, so every little bit helps.

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

Welcome Back Pot Luck

Mark your calendars now for the Back-to-SNUUC Potluck on Saturday, September 9 at 5 pm. This Pot Luck is the informal kickoff to the next congregational year and we'd love to see all SNUUC members and friends there! Sign-up sheets will be posted in the foyer beginning in August.

Please bring food enough for at least 8.

*** Bring your favorite dish ***

or if your name begins with

***A - H - bring a Main Course**

***I - O bring a Dessert**

***P - Z bring a Salad or Vegetable**

This is great time to get together with your SNUUC friends, share Summer happenings and get excited about the year to come. The Membership Committee needs YOU to help with set-up and cleanup. If you can pitch in, please contact membership committee chair, Julie Buckley, julie.buckley@aol.com or committee member Marietta Cleckley mscleck@gmail.com

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 again on September 24. Speak with Sharon Pataky Nanos, committee chair person, for more information, sharon@rsnanos.me

The Thrift Shop Committee will meet at noon in the RE wing on Sundays, July 9 and August 13. Please speak with Anne Olsen afleming528@gmail.com or Bobby Granoff bobbygranoff@yahoo.com to find out more about this committee.

The Board will meet on July 12 (for an offsite gathering) and August 9 at 7 pm in the foyer.

The Membership Team can use a helping hand at the Pot luck on Saturday, September 9. Contact Julie Buckley at julie.buckley@aol.com to get involved.

The Social Action Committee will meet on July 11 and August 15, 6:30 pm in the foyer. Speak with Angelo Musto, angelomusto@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; email items to be shared from the pulpit by noon Saturday for the next Sunday. **The Caring Team needs you!** The Caring Team provides support and pastoral care to members. This is a very important part of our congregational ministries and the team is need of people to volunteer. The caring team ministries are divided into four sections: Cards and phone calls: JoAnn Fassman, Transportation: Doris Brass, Visiting: Paul Sherrock, Joys and Concerns: Rosemary Olander-Beach. Call or email the people listed here. Telephone numbers are in the directory.

Our UU Community

LIAC/UU Connect goes to Robert Moses State Park lighthouse and museum. Join other Long Island UUs for a day at the beach on Saturday, June 17. Meet at Robert Moses Beach, parking field 5 at the boardwalk to the lighthouse at 11 am. Climb the lighthouse, tour the museum and enjoy the beach. For more information and to RSVP contact David Silver at ds60210@gmail.com

Mark your calendar: LIAC Day will be held on September 16 at the UU Fellowship of Stony Brook. The Revs. Linda Anderson and Laurie Stuart will facilitate the day's workshop that will continue the Long Island Cluster building exercises and conversations. More details to follow.

SNUUC Happenings



South Nassau Mothers' Center

Gentle Yoga with Spirit at SNUUC Summertime and the stretching is easy...postures flowing and balance is fine! Our next 6-week series of Gentle Yoga with Spirit led by Linda Cucurullo will start on June 26. Classes run from 9:00 to 10:15 at a series rate of \$75 (\$60 to Linda and \$15 to SNUUC). Please let Anne Olsen at afleming528@gmail.com know if you would like to join this series.

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

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 until June 20 and will resume on September 12. Contact Diane Hawkins for more info danish0407@verizon.net.

Meditation Group meets at 9 am in the RE wing on Saturdays through June. The group will resume on September 16. Beginners welcome. Contact Brian Larkin, bolarkin@optonline.net

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

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.

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.

Our Thrift Shop



Our Unitarian Thrift Shop is located at 22 W. Merrick Road and is a great place to volunteer, donate or shop! Your support of our Thrift Shop can come in different forms.

Are You a Yard Sale Addict? If so, you can help the Thrift Shop while enjoying yourself! When you visit yard sales, look around for the following items; glassware, dishes, pots and pans, 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 received a tax slip for an income tax deduction. OR 2) Give a Thrift Shop business card to the yard sale operator and ask if 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.

Donating sellable items is a great start. So is volunteering your time to help fully staff our shop. Shopping in our store might find you that little treasure you didn't even know you needed but could easily welcome warmly into your home! The Thrift Shop's income contributes significantly each year to the operating funds of the congregation which is still another way that you will be helping out SNUUC!

The Thrift Shop is 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. Any questions? Please feel free to talk with some of our regular volunteers at the shop: Anne Olsen, Bobby Granoff, Andrew Spatt, Joe McAuley, Fylice Larsen, Jay Gach, Arnie Herman, Jim Hawkins, Doris Brass, Robin Norris and Ken Lawson.

Lost, Found & Donated!

Are you missing a dish, or a hat, or keys or...? The lost and found boxes on the coat rack at the building entrance and in the small room between the kitchen and RE wing have numerous items you may have left at SNUUC. Please look to see if something belongs to you. **Any items remaining after June 25 will be donated to our Thrift Shop.** Thank you!

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

SNUUC Social Action Committee is planning for a very full new year with plans underway for many programs and events.

The committee will be meeting throughout the summer, July 11 and August 15, 6:30 pm at SNUUC. If you want to participate speak with committee members Angelo Musto angelomusto@gmail.com, Liz DiMaggio liztashdi-maggio@gmail.com, Ilene Corina icorina@aol.com, Kyle Schuessler empt_207751@hotmail.com or Heather Rudin heather.rudin@gmail.com

Have an idea for a social action project or event?

Please see any one of the social action members to discuss how we may work together to make your interests, our interest!

Do you have like fiber arts such as knitting, crochet or felting? Our next project includes Plarn (plastic yarn) where we will use plastic grocery bags to make mats for the people who are homeless to sleep on. Save your grocery bags! Start date is scheduled for Sunday, July 23 right after service to begin crocheting with Plarn! RSVP is strongly suggested for a supply list. No experience is necessary. Bring a snack to share and a friend or two! Please contact Heather Rudin or Ilene Corina. Learn more about Planning here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hU3uBCgMaNA>

SNUUC Social Action Committee and Interweave mark the First Anniversary of Orlando Nightclub shootings with art, film and memorial

On the evening of June 12, 2017 — one year since the worst mass shooting in American history, the Social Action Committee and Interweave hosted an event that remembered and honored the people who were killed on June 12, 2016, while providing valuable insights into the well-prepared medical system and people who saved so many who were grievously injured.

The film *When Tragedy Strikes, Will You Be Prepared? Insights and Stories from Orlando Health at the 28th National IHI Patient Safety Conference* was shown following an art show by Dr. Nichelle Rivers depicting the Stolen Lives Project, which was created to raise awareness and educate the community about the pervasive violence and lack of inclusion towards transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The artwork on the wall included statistics of and studies of people who are transgender. The film was followed by a discussion and a candle-light memorial reading the 49 names of those murdered and their ages. At the start of the program the DrUUmatics began a heartbeat that softly accompanied the entire program.



Guests line up to read the 49 names and light 49 candles during the Memorial of the First Anniversary of the Orlando Shootings on June 12 at SNUUC.

Welcome & Congratulations! We're Glad You're Here!



Alicia Williams, left, Catherine Banigo, and AJ Lawther, Lexington Lawther with their mother Virginia were welcomed as new members on June 4. Also welcomed, but not pictured were Josh Klemme, Kristen Klemme, their children Alden, Violet and Leland, Austin Lawther, Tom Mahon, Betty Mahon, and Alicia's daughter Kayla Crowder.



Tom, left, and Betty Mahon joined with their daughter, Kristen Klemme, and family to become two of the eight new members (and six new children) who joined the congregation this year.



Josh, Alden, Violet, Kristen and Leland Klemme celebrate becoming members of South Nassau UU Congregation.



Sean Nanos, left, and Avery Benson celebrated with the young adults after during the Bridging ceremony. They were greeted by Meghan LaDue, Steve Underhill, Virginia, Lexington and Austin Lawther (partially hidden).

Please pay your pledge balance by June 30

This Summer at SNUUC enjoy Sunday service at 10:30 am
Childcare is available during the Sunday service
throughout the summer for children under 5.

Please check the service schedule on the front page of this
newsletter and call or e-mail the Board Member on Duty with
announcements for the Sunday Service

**Congregation Clean-Up Day is Sunday August 20
after the service, please attend & lend a hand!**

Save September 9 at 5 pm for our Fall Potluck!

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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