

First Universalist Church of Southold  
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# The Free Spirit

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## Services

February 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

**“Heavenly Jerusalem”**

Rabbi Gadi Capela, Congregation Tifereth Israel

February 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

**“When I Grow Up”**

John Forestieri, lay speaker

February 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

**“Immigration: Family and UU Values”**

Ceil Loucka, lay speaker

February 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

**“Our Acorn-ness”**

Joe McKay, lay speaker

## Coming Attractions !!!

**Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Covenant Group.** Southold Library, 4:00 p.m. Topic: “Grace”

**Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Theology on Tap.** North Fork Taps & Corks, 7:00 p.m. Topic: “Grace”

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting.** Youngs’ home, 1270 Cedar Dr., Southold, 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.

## Save the Date:

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fellowship Appreciation Dinner.** American Legion Hall, Main Road, Southold, 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to share a special, catered dinner (courtesy of Membership & Outreach), and to talk about what is ahead for us in the coming year.

### Covenant Group

“Grace” is our topic for Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Bring a high and a low for the month to share with the group. We are all thankful we are meeting upstairs at the Southold Library, 4-5 p.m.

We will compare the difference between God’s Grace and the free dictionary’s definition of grace.

In Peace,  
Ginny Cornell

### Giving and Receiving

By spreading love ...  
we attract more love.

### Membership and Outreach News

We are happy to report, from Mark Sisson, that Laurel is doing much better. She loves to hear from you all. This is her daughter’s address. She will give Laurel the cards and letters. Laurel has appreciated the mail:

Laurel Sisson  
147 Upland Road  
Lisbon Falls, Maine 04252

John Forestieri is working on a MOVIE NIGHT at Sea Tow. John is a big movie buff!

Ginny Cornell and Susi Young  
Co-Chairs

Do you have a news item, announcement, or picture for the *Free Spirit*? You may send it to Susan Pond at [suepond@optonline.net](mailto:suepond@optonline.net), or mail it to the church post office box.

**The deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you.**

## Notes from the Building Team

### **You are invited to an informational meeting**

on a Friday evening in March

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

at 7:00 p.m.

at the Peconic Bay Yacht Club

64300 Main Rd. (Rte. 25), Southold

(Use of the Yacht Club courtesy of our contractor, Eugene Burger)

As our design/building project is moving forward, we want the congregation to know what has been done so far, and where we are heading.

On display – the site plan, floor plan, architectural model and two watercolor renderings (exterior views of our new church) by local artist, Alan Bull.

Architect Peter Marren, contractor/builder Eugene Burger, site designer/landscape architect Stacy Paetzel, and LEED consultant Neil Rosen will attend the meeting to answer questions.

LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

Looking at our church and parish hall buildings in a holistic manner, Neil Rosen will explain the concept of LEED construction (energy efficiency/water use/indoor environment/smart materials) and how to obtain LEED certification. Mr. Rosen told us that grants are available and that he can be a resource to access these grants.

~~ As stewards of the Earth ~~

LEED (green building) is in keeping with the Principles of our Unitarian Universalist faith. (We'd be the first LEED church on L.I.)

Report on conference call with Judy Levine – Judy's company, Cause Effective, helps the nonprofit community learn how to fundraise in an effective/efficient way.

Capital Campaign – Few (if any) of us have ever run a Capital Campaign. We suggest our church hire professional fundraising help.

I'd say, "Mark your calendar," but we don't have a meeting date confirmed yet. As soon as we know, we will let everyone know.

Irene Stewart  
Building Team Chair

## News from the Long Island Area Council of Unitarian Universalist Congregations (LIAC)

∞ The LIAC executive board and Adult Programming committee are looking into offering Beloved Conversations to the LI UU congregations as a group. This would be the first time a cluster would be coming together as a whole to experience a program that among other things offers guidelines on how to live and act in a spirit of reconciliation that brings growth and spiritual healing. LIAC communications coordinator will be contacting UU Congregation board members to get estimates on how many congregants would attend the program.

∞ Adult Programming hopes to schedule another Worship Associate training in 2018. Due to a lack of early registrations, the program was informally held & led at the Queens congregation instead of being a LIAC event. Please make sure to register for programs in advance so LIAC can plan resources appropriately. Thanks!

∞ The LIAC board continues to narrow down the list of possible speakers and workshop topics for 2018's Annual LIAC Dinner. A Save the Date will be sent out as soon as we have a committed speaker.

### Outside the Window, I Saw

green, crimson, and cloud-  
white leaves, dancing in summer  
breezes, and the sun,

almost shining, who would not  
fall down on their knees,  
at such bounty, oh, my heart,

my beating heart bleeds  
for my eyes, that ache with tears  
I have not wept for

this irretrievable day

Mary James