

First Universalist Church of Southold
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The Free Spirit

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October 1, 2017

Services

October 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

“Kay Timoun, The Amazing Children Home in Haiti”

Deacon Anita Thorsted

October 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

“Love in the Time of Cholera”

Joe McKay, lay speaker

October 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

“The Dialogue in Heaven”

Malcolm Day, lay speaker

October 22, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

“Diwali, Lakshmi, Prosperity and Wealth”

At this time of year, Hindus celebrate Diwali, a festival of lights, and make special prayers to Lakshmi, goddess of prosperity and wealth. Among some Christians, there is something called a Prosperity Gospel. What does it mean to be prosperous and how does it connect to god/goddess?

Rev. Dr. Linda Anderson, Community Minister in affiliation with Stony Brook UU Fellowship

October 29, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

“Across the Universe”

John Forestieri, lay speaker

Coming Attractions !!!

Oct. 3rd – Covenant Group. Southold Library, 4:00 p.m. Topic: “Compassion”

Oct. 17th – Board Meeting. Parsonage, 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Oct. 28th – Brunch Book Club. Country Corner Café, 2nd floor, 9:30 a.m. *Blessing the World: What Can Save Us Now.*

Giving and Receiving

Love cures people –
both the ones who give it
and the ones who receive it.

Dr. Karl Menninger

Covenant Group

We will be meeting at the Southold Library, upstairs, 4-5 p.m., October 3. Bring a high and a low to share for the month.

“Compassion” is our topic. We will try to answer how to cultivate compassion, kindness, and generosity in our everyday living.

All are welcome.

In Peace,
Ginny Cornell

Brunch Book Club

We had our first meeting, September 23, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Country Corner Café in Southold. We are reading ***Blessing the World: What Can Save Us Now*** by Rebecca Ann Parker. There are 14 essays and each person will take a turn at leading one essay. Thank you to Donya VanBuren for leading us off with our first essay, “Finding Our Way Through the Rubble.”

The central premise of this book is that moments of despair can be opportunities for spiritual and theological breakthrough.

The next date will be October 28th. Same time and place. Call me if you would like to join us. Ginny Cornell, [631-765-8082](tel:631-765-8082)

We ended with Parker's benediction:

Your gifts, whatever you discover them to be, can be used to bless or curse the world. The mind's power, the strength of the hands, the reaches of the heart, the gift of speaking, listening, imagining, seeing, waiting. Any of these can serve to feed the hungry, bind up wounds, welcome the stranger, praise what is sacred, do the work of justice, or offer love.

Any of these can draw down the prison door, hoard bread, abandon the poor, obscure what is holy, comply with injustice, or withhold love.

You must answer this question: What will you do with your gifts?

President's Post-Its

Happy to report our special collection for hurricane relief in Texas and Florida raised \$1,360 and was sent to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee in September. Thanks to everyone who donated.

The Board is hoping that the next round in search of a minister will provide us with several candidates. Will keep you all updated. In the meantime, we are hoping to have one or two visiting ministers a month at Sunday services. Thank you to all of you who have provided services over the summer and fall.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting in the Parsonage in the living room. Our next few dates are Tuesdays: October 17 at 4:30 pm; November 21 at 4 pm; and December 12 at 4 pm. All are welcome to join us. The Building Team will also be meeting in the Parsonage.

See you in church.

Susi Young, President

Religious Exploration News

This year we will be trying to build ties within our community, and do so through games.

At least twice a month, we will be inviting a congregation member (or friend) of First Universalist to meet with the children and have a chat while playing their favorite board game (or a board game will be provided). These “chats” can be about how the member/friend came to be a UU, or some part of religious history that really interests them, or some of the ways that they contribute to the community.

We will also be learning about board games from other cultures, and try our hand at making our own. Part of this is to have fun, but on a more serious note we will be exploring what sort of games would best serve our RE space, and what we should have in our future RE space. (It should also give us ideas for our basket for the annual LIAC fundraiser.)

I plan on having the children participate in at least 2 services (Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sunday), and hospitality. I will also be planning three to four non-Sunday field trips (TBA), which will be open to others in the congregation, should they be kids at heart.

Beth Peterson
RE Chair



Notes from the Building Team

Architect Peter Marren, site planner/landscape architect Stacy Paetzel, and contractor/builder Eugene Burger met with the town Planning Dept./Zoning Board/Building Dept. They addressed a full range of issues.

An application is being sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals, concerning setback requirements ~ pre-existing, nonconforming Parish House (parsonage) and rental house issues that will need to be addressed at a public hearing. Anyone may attend these town public hearings. Nothing is set, yet. We will let you know.

Peter Marren will meet with the Landmark Preservation Council in Oct. to keep them apprised and involved as the building site design evolves.

The Building Team and Architect met at Eugene Burger's office to discuss our project and focus on developing and improving the design. We are looking for ways to reduce costs. We are moving forward, even while we are waiting for an OK from the town Building/Zoning/Planning Departments.

Every aspect of this takes a lot of meetings, a lot of discussions, and a lot of time.

At the concert (our first re-building fundraiser on Sat., Oct 7th) we will have on display a large, colorful site plan design poster – a bird's-eye view! It is the most inclusive drawing we have, at this time.

Irene Stewart
Chair

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

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month. Thank you.

Movie Night

Last year, Rev. Kimberley started up a pot-luck / movie night one Friday each month. We would like to continue the program this year, and are looking for someone who would be willing to coordinate it.

It is held at the Sea Tow building in Southold. They have a screen and a projector. You select one movie per month, and everyone brings a dish to share.

If you would like to help this event continue, please contact Ginny Cornell (631-765-8082) or Susi Young (631-765-1590).

Thank you.

Gardening by the Sea

Hope all of you are enjoying the last of the summer flowers. My fall asters are in full bloom – taller than ever from all the CO2 in the air. My Korean mums are full of buds. I have pink, rust and yellow. My rose hedge is giving its last burst of bloom.

I cut three big bouquets of blue hydrangeas and hope they will hold their color for the winter. Flowers for the church service are always a challenge in winter. I also grew some strawflowers which I have cut and they too are drying. It will take extra precaution to get them to church undamaged as they will be so brittle by then.

Don't expect the "hardy" mums on sale now to come back next year. A few might but I have had no luck with them re-blooming.

Try to get outside and enjoy the cooler weather, even if only to sit and breathe. In the winter of our lives, we need sunshine and beautiful vistas of which we have so many.

Stay well.

Shalom,

Ceil

Annual LIAC Apple Picking

Join UU friends and families from across Long Island at the annual LIAC & UU Connect apple picking outing.

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Meet at 10:00 a.m.

North Fork UU Fellowship
1590 Main Road, Jamesport
For breakfast and brief service

Apple picking at 11:00 a.m.
Wickham Farms in Cutchogue

Explore the North Fork in the afternoon

Everyone Welcome!

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