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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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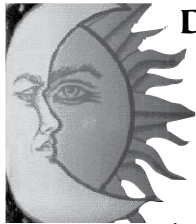
“Bridging Sunday”

Led by the Rev. Jennifer L. Brower,
Anne Bancroft, Intern Minister &
Bonnie Mykel, Director of Religious Education

This morning's service will honor our second, sixth and twelfth graders as they “bridge” from one stage to another in their involvement with our Religious Education program and in the life of our congregation. The second graders will lead us in singing their class song, the sixth grade will tell us about their Secret Service project for the year and we will hear reflections from our graduating high school seniors on the meaning of Unitarian Universalism in their lives. We will also recognize the achievement of several of our Religious Education teachers who are completing ten, 15 & 20 years of service. The worship service will be followed by the Bridging Sunday Picnic to which the whole congregation is invited.

Music Notes: *There will be NO SPRING CHOIR this morning for Bridging Sunday.*

SOULFUL SUNDOWN, FRIDAY, MAY 14



Driving Beliefs – Each year, the students in our Coming of Age class share with us their credo, their theological beliefs and how they experience the Holy. This evening, during our final Soulful Sundown service for the year, it is your turn to share your credo. Tonight's multi-generational worship service will be led by Anne Bancroft, Intern Minister, the Rev. Jennifer Brower and you! So, come join us for an evening of fellowship, alternative worship and programs. Dinner (with kid-friendly food)

begins at 6:30 p.m. The service starts at 7:30 p.m. Following our service, representatives from Sustainable Long Island, a 2009 UUCSR Large Grant recipient, will join us to discuss their work on the issues facing immigrants in our community.

Sunday, May 23, 2010 11:00 A.M.

“Flower Communion, Welcome New Members”

The Revs. Jennifer L. Brower & Paul S. Johnson
Anne Bancroft, Intern Minister

This service will be our Annual “Flower Communion,” *to which our youth are invited.* First observed by the Unitarian Congregation in Prague during the 1920's, this ceremony has become very common among Unitarian Universalists worldwide. Everyone is encouraged to bring a flower indicative of one's highest values and also of what you bring to our congregation. The flowers are arranged together to demonstrate the beauty and diversity of our individual offerings. Everyone then takes a flower, other than the one brought, indicative of how we give and receive in our congregation, not always knowing from whom we are receiving and to whom we are giving. Paul Johnson will deliver a homily on this theme. Please remember to bring a flower with you. After the service, we will gather on the lawn to dedicate our new solar panels and the new playground. We will also be welcoming new members who have joined us in recent months.

Music Notes: Special music for this morning's service will include music by the Young People's Choir. Also, “The Minstrel Boy”, a premiere of a choral piece written by UUCSR member, Tim Peierls. Music will also include “Recordare” from Verdi's Requiem, sung by UUCSR soloists Lesley Craigie and Leslie Pirchinello, and “A Red, Red Rose” by James Mulholland. The Spring Choir will resume it's rehearsals this week at 9:30am on Sunday morning in the Worship Room.

TOUCHSTONES

The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower

On May 15th, at The Unitarian Society in East Brunswick, New Jersey, a memorial service will be held in celebration of the life of a woman named Vera Stark. Vera, a retired professional, mother, grandmother, long time Unitarian Universalist and devout humanist, died last November at the age of 87. In addition to all of the things that might be said about her, Vera was one of the most focused and sharp-minded people I have ever known.

When I first met Vera in the fall of 1999, I was a little worried about how we'd get along. (She seemed like such a tough cookie!) And our getting along was going to be important. You see, I was the Intern Minister of The Unitarian Society in East Brunswick, NJ, and Vera was the chair of my Internship Committee. I figured, in the worst of all possible scenarios, my internship was only nine months long. Certainly, Vera and I could work together for nine months. But I couldn't have been more wrong about the relationship I would develop with her. While Vera was not the kind of person you'd ever refer to as “warm and fuzzy,” she was as loyal, authentic, honest and supportive as they come. And, as I mentioned, she was sharp as a tack. Nothing slipped past her. Nothing.

As my good luck would have it, Vera approached her role as

chair of the Internship Committee as a profoundly serious endeavor. During that year of immersion learning, Vera was “with me and for me” every step of the way.

Over the years since then, I have very frequently given thanks for Vera – for her insight and guidance – for the dedicated and thoughtful members of my Internship Committee and for the loving, encouraging congregation that served as my internship site. The Unitarian Society in East Brunswick, NJ, not only holds a very special place in my heart, but they are a part of my weekly life. My clerical robe was a gift from the congregation at my ordination and many of my stoles I wear belonged to my now deceased mentor.

As June approaches and I reflect upon the events of this congregational year, one highlight for me – and I hope for us all – has been Anne Bancroft's internship. We have been incredibly fortunate to have such a well-rounded Intern Minister with so many gifts and strengths. It has been my great pleasure and privilege to serve as Anne's Internship Supervisor. I have (in an admittedly proud mother hen way) witnessed her developing and deepening sense of ministerial identity and competence in all areas of parish life.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

To Parents: Thank you so much for your generous contributions of food and baby items to the ACQC collection at the worship service on Sunday, May 2. Thank you also for your generous contributions of delicious prepared food for the teachers and their families at the RE Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Sunday, April 25. And a big thank you to Melinda Nasti who organizes this event each year and to the Class Parents who help.

Registration forms for next year's Religious Education Program are available in the Main Lobby and the RE Lobby. Please register early so we can plan for next year and so we can keep you informed.

Bridging Sunday, May 16

Bridging Sunday is our annual "graduation day" celebration, with special emphasis on our graduating high school seniors who will be welcomed into the young adult community, 6th graders becoming "youth" next year in junior high (7th grade), and 2nd graders entering the upper elementary grades. The Young People's Choir will contribute music to the service.

We will acknowledge the valuable services of our volunteer RE Committee members and RE consultants. We will also honor all of our volunteer teachers and advisors, especially those who have completed 10, 15 and 20 years of service.

Early rehearsals:

Bridging classes 2nd, 6th and 12th grades begin rehearsing at 9:20 a.m. in the Worship Room.

The Young People's Choir rehearses at 10:00 a.m. in the Gallery.

All RE classes except 3- and 4-year-olds and Kindergarten report to their classrooms by 10:45 a.m.

The Bridging Sunday Service begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Worship Room.

The Bridging Sunday Picnic for everyone in the congregation takes place on the back lawn after the service. Tickets are \$5 per person with a cap of \$20 for each family (immediate family). Your ticket buys your picnic lunch and access to the attractions. Concessions are priced separately. See notice on back page.

Sunday, May 23

RE classes are over until September 19 but all ages are invited to attend this **Flower Communion Service** at 11:00 a.m. in the Worship Room. Everyone is asked to bring a fresh cut flower to the service and everyone will be invited to take a different flower home. It is always a beautiful and moving service (see page 1) so we are hoping many young people will attend this year. Children are invited to sit with their families. The Young People's Choir will sing. Also see below regarding the dedication of the new playground.

The Young People's Choir rehearses in the Gallery at 10:00 a.m.

Coming of Age class has a retreat from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 17

Playground Dedication: Our new RE Playground for the older elementary grades, between Rooms 10 and 15 of the RE Wing, will be dedicated today after the service. Everyone is invited. We've waited a long time for this playground and many people in the congregation, not just those involved with the RE Program, have worked hard to make it happen. Come celebrate with us.

Other RE News

There is one more special RE service coming up: **The Coming of Age service** is **Sunday, June 6**. You will hear our 8th graders read their credos and you will be impressed with their emerging identities as young Unitarian Universalists.

There will be an **RE Summer Program** for children entering Kindergarten through 6th grades for six weeks, July 25 through August 29. Again this summer we will explore our own great outdoors while the adults are in the Worship Service. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in Rooms 1 and 2 during that time, as always.

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Adult Programs Committee publishes the booklet, *The Shelter Rock Center for Spiritual Growth*, which contains more information about all of the programs being offered through June, 2010. It is important that you pre-register for programs. Programs will be cancelled if registrations are too low. Notify Sharyn Esposito (516-627-6560, ext. 160) as soon as possible of your intention to participate.

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays, May 12, 26; June 9, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 17 of the RE Wing. This group is continuing under the leadership of Intern Minister Anne Bancroft.

EVENING REIKI

Learn and practice Reiki with Kathy Kearns on Wednesdays, May 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 15 of the RE Wing. Suggested donation for each class is \$5 members, \$7 non-members.

YOGA

Saturdays, May 15, 22, 29, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Room 10 of the RE Wing. These classes are led by Jennifer Hall, a professional yoga teacher. Suggested donation is \$50 for all five sessions in advance for the May series.

MAGIC TO THE ORDINARY Saturday, May 15.

CANCELLED DUE TO LOW REGISTRATION: ADDING

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Sunday, May 16, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Staff Lunchroom. We plan to discuss the Tea Party movement. What is the anger about? Why? How should we deal with our own angry feelings? The discussion will be led by Susan Caravello in my absence. *Ethel Hurvitz*

EARLY INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE CLASSES

Mondays, May 17 and 24, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery with instructor Charlotte Herdman. Call Ben Bortin, 516-627-6560, ext. 134, or BBortin@uucsr.org for details. (No admission fee; \$1 donation for refreshments.)

SPANISH CONVERSATIONS

The last session in this series will be Monday, May 24, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Veatch House Terrace Room

FABULOUS FRIDAY IN NEW YORK CITY

Meet Rev. Paul Johnson on Friday, June 4 at 12:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Philip Morris building at 42nd Street and Park Avenue. You will enjoy a guided tour of the Grand Central District followed by a visit to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. See the booklet for details and pick up a flyer in the Main Lobby.

SUNDAY REIKI

Join Charlotte Rabb on Sunday, June 6 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in Room 15 of the RE Wing.

LARGE GRANTS VOTE RESULTS

At our meeting on May 2, 2010, the Congregation voted for the following organizations to receive funds from our Large Grants Program:

Funding Area:	Organization	Votes
Affordable Housing	Family and Children's Association	
	for HomeShare Nassau	56
	LI Housing Partnership	39
Homelessness	Family Service League	33
	United Veteran's Beacon House	65
Women's Empowerment	Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence	62
	Planned Parenthood Federation Of America	48

Our congratulations to these grantees for the important work to which they have committed themselves. By receiving a Large Grant, we recognize them as organizations engaged in social action in keeping with the mission of our congregation and the principles of Unitarian Universalism.

Grants in our fourth funding area, Mental Health, and a ninth grant from any one of the four funding areas will be approved at the annual meeting on June 6th. *Lauren Furst, President*

TWO LARGE GRANTS EVENTS OF NOTE

May 14: Soulful Sundown - Update from Sustainable Long Island
Following dinner and the Soulful Sundown service on Friday evening, May 14, representatives from Sustainable Long Island (SLI) will update us on the important immigrant rights work they have been doing in the town of Farmingville, partially funded by a UUCSR Large Grant awarded last year. SLI Executive Director Sarah Lansdale will be joined by Nadia Marin-Molina, former Executive Director of the Workplace Project, to tell the moving story of a community-engagement process that is helping bridge a wide gulf between community groups formerly at odds with each other. At a time when comprehensive immigration reform still seems elusive, come learn about an initiative that is already helping immigrants right here on Long Island.

June 6: Once more, with feeling

At the May 2 congregational meeting, an impasse involving application of the congregation's conflict of interest policy resulted in the postponement of some Large Grants decisions to the June 6 Annual Meeting. Therefore, at that meeting, there will be two additional Large Grant votes: one to select two "Mental Health/Mental Illness" grantees from those included in the Large Grants Request for Proposal process, and one to select a final (9th) grant from among the 13 proposals not yet selected under all four funding areas--"Affordable Housing," "Homelessness," "Mental Health" and "Women's Empowerment." Please read your Annual Meeting agenda and packet carefully for proposed Ground Rules and information about the organizations to be considered.

TOUCHSTONES, CONTINUED

Anne has a bright future in ministry ahead of her and, while credit for that goes to her, we can celebrate having played a crucial role in her formation and journey toward ordination.

The tough task ahead of us now will be parting ways; leave taking can be so tricky. I will be sorry to see Anne leave. I have enjoyed her companionship as much as I have enjoyed sharing with her what I have learned in the first ten years of my ministry. But she has places to go and things to do as she works toward her meeting with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee and being granted fellowship as a Unitarian Universalist minister.

Over the next six weeks, as we prepare for Anne to move home and move on, our task is to work on saying a proper good-bye. I hope you will share with Anne the ways that her ministry touched you, and that you might also share your thoughts with me or the Internship Committee as we prepare our final reports. The Internship Committee members are: Angela Cesa, Bob Gayle, Lee Geisen, John Kasius and Claire Paccione.

Another element in saying a proper good-bye will be to truly let Anne go. Anne will be moving on to a position with another congregation and she will need to turn her full energy toward the members of that community. An intern minister (like any departing or retiring minister) is advised against maintaining personal relationships with members of her internship congregation. And members of that congregation should not seek continuing ministry or friendship from the intern once the internship period has ended. Be assured, though, that we will be keeping an eye on, and sharing news of, Anne's achievements. Over the years to come we will see Anne at General Assembly, if nowhere else. But, even if we see her infrequently, may we take comfort and pleasure in the knowledge that the relationship between Intern Minister and the mentoring congregation is a powerful and enduring one. The influence of Anne's ministry with us will remain long after she is gone and we will always hold a very special place in Anne's life.

With pride and blessing, we begin the process of sending Anne forth. May her ministry be a source of strength to her, to the people she serves and to our shared Unitarian Universalist faith.

Warmly, Clucky the Mother Hen

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS - FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

And now for some sunshine in our lives! Some of you know about the installation of 466 solar panels at our building. The UU Congregation of Shelter Rock stands to become the largest solar paneled system in Nassau County. The system is estimated to supply 20% of our electricity needs.

This exciting move is also an expression of our religious values. It's one step toward safeguarding our fragile and beautiful planet, and the interdependent web of which we are a part. Do we need a more dramatic reminder of the perils of fossil fuel dependency than the current oil leak in the Gulf, hemorrhaging 200,000 gallons of oil a day, endangering one of the richest seabeds in the world?

This decision is also a membership matter. Because it shows concerned people in our community that we are prepared to

take bold steps toward sane usage of energy resources. So I hope we shout from the rooftops about our rooftops!

On another note, for the American Museum of Natural History tour, Wednesday, May 19th, meet at the Central Park West lobby at 11 AM.
Faithfully, Ben

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS - Please mark your calendars and the Sign-Up Sheet in the Lobby for May 20th at The Waterview in Port Washington. We will take you away from your humdrum lives to a dream world of lovely water and gourmet food. It will be \$25 inclusive. Our next luncheon will be on June 17, location to be announced (Hint: - Sounds Fishy to me!). So come join old friends and meet new acquaintances. Any questions, call Dee @ 883-1309. *Dee Frateschi*



UUA to Visit Veatch Board of Governors Meeting

On May 2, the Congregation approved a grant of \$900,000 to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) to support its programs increasing denominational growth and furthering social justice. Under the leadership of newly elected president Peter Morales, the UUA plans to prioritize the following programs with the grant: Advocacy and Public Witness, Congregational Growth, Multicultural Growth, "Standing on the Side of Love," Large Congregations, and Socially Responsible Investing.

Guests are welcome to observe when leaders from the UUA will be visiting the Veatch Board of Governors Policy Meeting on Tuesday, May 18. President Peter Morales, Vice President of Ministries and Congregational Support Harlan Limpert, and Director of Identity Based Ministries Taquiena Boston will be discussing some of the following questions:

- What are the most important facts about our numerical growth as a movement?
- What special role do you see for large congregations in our movement?
- What are the essential "infrastructure" elements that sustain our UU movement and can we work together more effectively to resource them adequately?

It will surely be a great discussion about how Unitarian Universalism can build lasting and empowering change in our society. Please be our guest at the meeting on Tuesday, May 18 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

The UUCSR Veatch Program provides support for efforts within the religious and spiritual mission of the Congregation where their purposes are best served by outside agencies acting under the Supervision of the Veatch Program and the Congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group Book Series: *Fly-A-Way* by Suzzie Gilbert is a funny and insightful memoir which not only charms, delights and educates all interested in the human experience of love and devotion to feathered creatures, but also parallels our personal struggle when it comes to letting go of ones we love. Join Terri Bain, Discussion Leader, at the Veatch House Library, Friday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m. *Anne-Marie Smith/Palma Torrisi, Co-chairs*

Womantalk Daytime: Wednesday - May 19 - Noon - Gallery

Bring a sandwich and join us for a stroll down memory lane as we reflect on our childhood and teenage years. Beverage & cookies provided.

Annette McMahon & Doris Miller, Co-chairs

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, June 4th - Women's Group Annual Meeting & Dinner Guest speaker - Elizabeth Vanardenne - Representative of the International Federation to the UN. Topic "*The United Nations and the role of women, locally, nationally, globally*" Watch for email invite and flyers in lobby. More information in the next Quest.

WOMEN'S GROUP APPLAUDS our Large Grants Advisory Committee and our Veatch Board for their outstanding job in supervising the consequential Large Grants Program. We are gratified that the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence was one of the recipients, since helping abused women & children has long been one of our major concerns. In addition, the national Planned Parenthood Federation of America received a Large Grant to further its Youth Initiatives Program. Did you know that Women's Group involvement with reproductive-rights advocacy began over 50 years ago, when we helped raise funds for Margaret Sanger clinics. She was the founder of PPFA. How fortunate we are, as members of UUCSR, supporting organizations like those offered for a vote last Sunday-all of them exemplifying our religious commitment to social action.

Pat Luciano, Women's Issues chair for UUCSR Women's Group

MEN'S GROUP - ALL WELCOME!

Fire Pit BBQ In Honor Of Tom O'Connor: Saturday, May 15. See ad page 6.

4th Friday Cafe Night: Friday, May 28. Ongoing Music Series. Jazz: Music of Ella Fitzgerald. Open to all adult UUCSR members & their guests. Beverages, finger foods, coffee & dessert. \$5.00 donation to benefit Literacy Nassau. RSVP to Sharyn - 627-6560 ext. 160 or email Roman rjbmails@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY in last Sunday's collection of non-perishable foods and items for babies! It was one of our biggest collections yet. Everything was delivered to the AIDS Center of Queens County on Monday, and I'm sure it flew off the shelves there and into the hands of those in need. Thank you! *Claire Deroche*

UPDATE FAMILY PROMISE:

Family Promise of Nassau County is now hosting families. We will host the week beginning Sunday, June 20 through June 27. If you have not done so and would like to volunteer, please fill out a registration form in the lobby and put it in the Family Promise box. Thank you.

Jean Judd for Family Promise

SOUTH NASSAU UU CONGREGATION'S COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP is in dire need of donations, particularly gently used SUMMER CLOTHING, including shoes or bags. Our Thrift Shop is located at 22 Merrick Road in Freeport (between Church St and So. Main St). The shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00 and Sundays May 16 and 23 from 12:00 to 4:00. The phone number at the shop is 223-3974. If you are unable to make it over to the shop to drop your donation off, please contact Deb Scharf, cell phone number 516-521-9784, and she will try to arrange for a group pick-up. We are also accepting kitchen items, pots, pans, dishes, glassware, silverware, etc. including small appliances in good working condition. Thank you for your help!

GA DELEGATES There will be a GA delegate orientation meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23 in the Bride's Room and on Saturday, June 5th at 1:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery. All delegates must attend one meeting. Please contact Elaine Corrao at (516) 627-6560 ext. 133 to inform her of the date you will attend. *Debbie Perina, chair, DAC*

PRESIDENT'S VIEW**LAUREN FURST**

This week we start a new chapter in the life of UUCSR. With the creation of the Congregation Operations Administrator (COA) position, the Board acknowledged that our infrastructure was not keeping up with the increased size and complexity of our programs and initiatives. After many months, our search process has been completed and our new COA, Deborah Carioto, begins her tenure with us as of May 10th.

Just as we have changed and grown over the years, so have the requirements for staff leadership. As Deborah settles in, her priorities are to become acquainted with the staff, learn our policies and procedures, understand our operations and assist us with strategic planning. The Senior Staff and Executive Committee of the Board will work with her weekly to bring her up to speed and ensure a successful transition. We, as a community, need to create space for her to do her work and respect her need to have control over her daily schedule. If you need to speak to her, please contact her first by email at dcarioto@uucsr.org and provide as much background and detail as possible to help her address your issue. And remember, you still have other forms of support in terms of staff liaisons, committee chairs and board members.

My hope is that with new staff leadership, both in Deborah and Simeon Saturn, the Interim Director of Finance, we can now spend less time on the day to day operating concerns of the congregation and more time on the substantive issues that brought us here in the first place. This past year, I have heard of too many good, no, great ideas that weren't realized because – you pick the reason – it wasn't in the budget, it needed review, it conflicted with bylaws, there was no policy, no precedent, no charge, no committee, no staff. If that was an endless source of frustration for the President, I can imagine what it was like for the rest of our community. I want to spend more time discussing, debating and shepherding those ideas. Don't you?

We can take this opportunity for a fresh start in congregational life by challenging ourselves. What are the issues that we want to define us? What are we doing to pass down a more whole and just world to our children? How do we create deep and meaningful connections to one another in the context of a religiously liberal community? In what ways can we create opportunities to celebrate our rich and varied faith beliefs and support each other's individual and unique spiritual journeys? How can we find ways to strengthen and renew ourselves daily so we can continue to take on the work of an imperfect world with joy and resolve? In the end, what is it that we are going to do so that in a generation from now people will drive by 48 Shelter Rock Road and say, "there is the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, you'll never believe what they have accomplished!"

*Shelter Rock Forum with
Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives, Great Neck Sane,
LI SOA & Pax Christi Long Island*

ROY BOURGEOIS, M. M.

Founder of School of Americas Watch

WILL SPEAK ON**Obama's Latin American Policy****THURSDAY, MAY 13 AT 7:30 P.M.****in the Social Hall**

*Father Bourgeois will report on his recent trip to
El Salvador and the surrounding regions*

\$5 suggested donation

Questions, answers and refreshments will follow. For more information, please contact (516) 627-6560, ext. 122.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR**CLAIRE DEROCHE****Social Service Advocates**

On Thursday, May 6 at its Annual Meeting, the Long Island Council of Churches proclaimed UUCSR "Congregation of the Year" in recognition of the donation of a Large Grant to aid the Council in its work to alleviate hunger on Long Island. Among the guest speakers at the meeting was John Imhoff, Nassau County Commissioner for Social Services. According to Dr. Imhoff, the current economic recession has brought an immense increase in applications for all benefits and services. Demand for food stamps is up 30%.

Given the influx of new clients, case managers are over-extended and often do not have all the time that each client requires. Imagine that you are the client in this situation. You may have low literacy skills. English may not be your first language. It may be the first time you've applied for benefits, and the forms and required documentation are overwhelming. If you had an advocate to accompany you on your visit to apply for benefits, things would go so much more smoothly and less stressfully.

Those of us from the Congregation who attended the meeting – Lauren Furst, Jana North, Rev. Ned Wight, Rev. Paul Johnson, and myself- were surprised to learn that the Nassau County Department of Social Services has a Deputized Volunteer Advocate Training Program. While we didn't have time to learn much more about it, we were intrigued. Dr. Imhoff was appreciative of our interest in the program and invited us to contact him for more information. We will be doing that, and in the next few weeks, we'll be sharing more information with you about possible involvement in this additional form of outreach to our local community.

TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30

in the Gallery

TOPICS WILL BE:
Meet the Candidates
Budget Hearing



**Come join us for a
question and answer
period about issues
affecting our next
congregational year.**

Light refreshments will be served

**Men's Group Presents:
Fire Pit BBQ
In Honor of
Tom O'Connor
Saturday, May 15
6-11 p.m.**



at the Fire-Pit if it rains, go to the Veatch Ballroom
Open to all adult UUCSR members

Please join us for a night of song, food, drink and merriment around the campfire. Please be sure to bring a flashlight and some bug repellent.



FARE:

Hot dogs, burgers, veggie burgers
& plenty of beverages
Suggested donation: \$5

All proceeds will be donated to Hospice Care Network in memory of Tom O'Connor

UUCSR Members must RSVP in advance to Sharyn in the office:
(516) 627-6560 ext. 160 or sesposito@uucsr.org

OIL PAINTING STILL-LIFE WORKSHOP

with James Keul
Saturday, May 22
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



In this class, students will learn to develop strong compositions, distill images down to their essentials, and work to create relationships within each painting.

This class is for painters of all levels and equal attention will be paid to each student regardless of their experience. All materials will be provided.

Instructor James Keul is an oil painter, watercolorist, and printmaker. He has taught painting and printmaking privately for a number of years and is currently holding landscape classes in Central Park. Mr. Keul has exhibited extensively in the United States, and has had shows in Italy, France, South Korea and Japan. A selection of his work can be viewed on his website at www.jameskeul.com.

To register, please contact Elaine Corrao at 516-627-6560, ext. 133. Class limited to 15. \$15 Fee (a portion of the proceeds will go to Adventures in Learning after-school program)

*Please Join Us on June 6th
for this year's*

Annual Dinner and Congregational Meeting

5:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres; 5:45 p.m. Dinner; 7:00 p.m. Meeting

We invite you to bring hors d'oeuvres to share for six.

To help defray the expenses of the dinner, the admission will be \$15 per person.

ONLY prepaid registrations will be accepted.

If you plan to attend only the Congregational Meeting, there will be no charge.

No "at door" payments will be taken the evening of the dinner.

Please use the tear-off registration below and mail ASAP to secure a place at the dinner.

You may also drop by the office or use boxes which will be provided on Sundays May 16 & 23 for your reservations at the welcome desk in the lobby.

Looking forward to seeing you on June 6th!

Lauren Furst, President

Name _____

Number of reservations _____ Amount enclosed _____

Please mark the memo section of your check "Annual Dinner" and mail to the attention of Kathy Zullo in the office.

You may also drop off this form and your check in the office or on Sundays, May 16 and 23 in the box at the Welcome Desk.

Deadline for registrations is Thursday, May 27.

Childcare is available if requested before the deadline date. ***This date cannot be extended.***

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Stephen Michael Smith

Director of Religious Education:

Bonnie Mykel

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NEXT QUEST TUESDAY, MAY 25
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Fun Crafts
Family Promise Project
Giant Slide

Music
Jousting Ring
Ice Cream Stand

Everyone's invited

Bridging Sunday Picnic

May 16, 2010

following the service



Food, fun, games for everyone

Food: \$5 per person; \$20 for the whole family

(Concessions priced separately)

Celebrate the children and youth who are bridging
and the end of another great year.

Rain or shine!

Sponsored by the Religious Education Committee

Save the Date: June 6, 2010 for our Annual Dinner

5:00 p.m. hors d'oeuvres

5:45 p.m. Dinner (\$15, paid in advance)

7:00 p.m. Meeting (no charge if only attending the meeting)

8:00 Dessert

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