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Hope you're having a great summer!

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The Arthur Foise Summer Forum Series

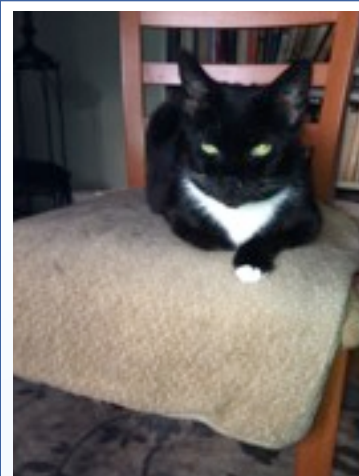
Arthur Foise was a long-time member of the UCSI and responsible for the summer forum series for many years. Each year some church member is kind and enthusiastic enough to develop summer activities on behalf of us all. This year Steve Nutt, Membership Chair, is coordinating our activities.

So far several people enjoyed a pancake breakfast on July 10th and, on July 17th, crafted gift bags some to keep and others to be sold at the Jolly Holly Fair on Saturday, December 3rd - *[Save the Date!]*.

Dr. Carolyn Clark, our Music Director will lead a hymn sing on July 24th and we'll have a Field trip to photograph special sites on July 31st.

Two Sundays in August will demonstrate our hope for and commitment to a peaceful world; another will look at our inner world while a third promises a view from a bridge.

The next page has all the details, please note the variety of times and places! If you have questions email Steve at membership@uucsi.org



Sunday, September 4th

10:45 a.m.

*Rev. Susan Karlson
presiding*

*Animal Blessing Service
outdoors [weather
permitting] next to the
Church Hall.*

*Come with your beloved
pet, suitably leashed or
carried, and share your
feelings and experiences
with and about these living
blessings!*

Our Own Joyful Noise: A UU Hymn-a-Long

Sunday July 24, 10:45 A.M.

Let's kick our Sunday morning singing up a notch. Hell of a Choir and UCSI music director Carolyn Clark is known for getting great vocal music out of people who don't think they can sing. Let's prove her skills, once again. We'll sing your favorite hymns. We may even harmonize!

Picturing the Silence: A photography workshop

Sunday July 31, 10:45 A.M.

Where is your favorite Staten Island place for peace and quiet? In partnership with members of the Creative Photographers Guild and UCSI photographers, we will share, visit and photograph such places. Please bring your camera and don't forget to charge your batteries. Photographs that result from this program may become parts of a future congregational art show.

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Remembrance Day **NOTE TIME:**

Sunday, August 7th, 4:00 pm.

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration. Unitarian Church. Music by WaFoo.

Life's Spiritual Journey: The Razor's Edge

Saturday August 13, time to be determined and

Sunday August 14, 10:45 A.M.

The classic 1946 movie version (Tyrone Power) of Somerset Maugham's epic novel will be viewed on Saturday evening and discussed on Sunday morning. A vegetarian-vegan lunch will follow the discussion.

The film will be screened at the church on Saturday. Circle Supper groups and Small Group Ministry groups may wish to arrange home based screenings.

A View from the Bridge

Sunday August 21, 10:45 A.M. Meet at Faber Park on Richmond Terrace in Port Richmond.

As Staten Island residents we are fortunate to have countless vantage points from which to view New York and its environs. An under-appreciated one will be the subject of today's program. We'll meet at the Faber Park parking lot and then take a walk or wheel-chair/stroller ride to the crest of the Bayonne Bridge, and back.

Sunday August 28, 2011 Peace Pole Dedication **NOTE TIME: 2:00 - 5:00 PM.**

In conjunction with the Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island we will walk the Peace Pole from St. Peters Church, 53 St. Marks Place to the Al-Ihsan Mosque at 406 St. Marks Place and on to its final destination at the Staten Island Ferry Terminal. The Peace Pole visited UCSI in the spring. Meet at St. Peters Church Church, 53 St. Marks Place

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UCSI Religious Exploration Welcome Back Potluck!

On Friday, September 9th from 6:30-9:00, please bring a dish to share and join us in the parish hall for a celebration to kick off the new season of RE programming.

All UCSI members and friends are welcome to attend and see first hand our exciting plans for the upcoming year.

Lay-Led Services

As Risa's beautiful photo shows, perspective is very important! Each year nine or ten services are led by members of the congregation, some by committees such as Social Justice or Arts, and others by individuals.

The Worship Arts Committee has approved one series to be coordinated by individuals members who consider themselves "Christian UUs" or "Humanist UUs" or "Earth Centered UUs", "Jewish UUs" or ...???? so if you are interested in sharing your special UU perspective, please let Rev. Karlson know.

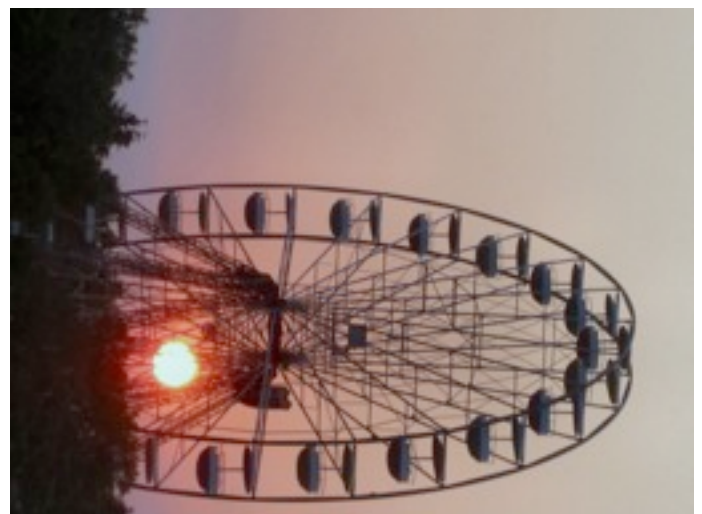
For other services we have possible speakers from the Juvenile Justice Center, and the UU UNO office.

Photograph by Risa Anderson

A Good Witch in Waiting



A Fall Religious Exploration Program Fundraiser is scheduled for October 22. The current concept is a Halloween haunted experience of some sort, attractive to youth in middle & High School. The committee has started to field ideas and look for both financial and volunteer support. If you have a love of spooky decorating, acting, costuming, or technical theatre - and would like to assist- please call Diane Matyas or email her: event@uucsi.org



AND MORE NEWS.....

Welcoming Committee Expands Focus

On June 30th Larry Schwabacher chaired a brainstorming session designed to explore new ideas for expanding the focus of the Welcoming Committee. Those who attended shared their feelings and ideas about future activities. Some ideas suggested were: more family events, possible theater events, doing a program with Rev. Karlson called "Interweaving the Fabric of Diversity" and other exciting ideas. If you want to help, please contact Larry. All are truly welcome; come be part of this exciting new beginning.

Greeter Team

Are you an outgoing person? Do you like meeting and greeting people?

Kathy Santo is looking for a few people to form a greeters team. All the research she has done on this topic points to the benefits of having a consistent group of greeters who really like what they are doing.

All the information she received from members at the Unitarian Church of SI points to the importance of the social connections made. If you want to be in on this rewarding experience please contact Kathy at greeters@ucsi.org

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP - Put your UU principles to work!

You don't need to be a member of the committee to make a difference. Please volunteer to help out on any of the special projects of your Social Justice Committee and watch for newsletter announcements of monthly Social Justice Meetings and activities.

..... Please join us at our next **Saturday breakfast meeting on August 6th at 9:30 am in the Library.** We are planning a study/action forum on immigration in September. Fresh home-made fair-trade coffee and bagels will be served.



*Drama Tune and
The West Side Community Garden,
present a one-hour-long
"Family Friendly" version of
Shakespeare's magical last play...*

A MINI- TEMPEST

**Saturdays & Sundays at 5 PM
July 23 through August 14 (4
weekends)**

No Admission Charge!

**WEST SIDE
COMMUNITY GARDEN,
115-125 W. 89th Street
(between Columbus & Amsterdam
Avenues)**

**Adapter: MORNA MURPHY
MARTELL**

**Director: JOSHUA KOEHN
Original music: RALPH
MARTELL**