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## *Where you are welcome long before you arrive!*

Throughout the pandemic, we continued to find new ways to stay together, to be in touch, because we do — we love to gather! From countless hours on Zoom for daily check-ins, pre-recorded worship services using our archives of video and live content, remote choir rehearsals and recordings, prayer shawl ministry, food collection for one another and the food pantry, a major hybrid presentation on Foster Care in collaboration with the Suffolk County Department of Social Services, bible study on line, Elder and Trustee meetings, pastoral care, groups on Aging, hundreds of phone calls to check in on each other, help with getting to the store or the pharmacy, and much more. And we are more engaged every day in the life we share with each other.

Congregational life, here, is like that: filled with joy and love, a commitment to justice and support for one another in times of sorrow. However you may know God, by whatever name God comes to you or not, please know how welcome you are here.

To talk more about our congregation, please speak to anyone at worship or give Pastor Ray a call at 631-827-8611. We would love to hear from, even just to say, “Hello”!

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## *Dates for Your Calendar*

- November 6 - 20: Pledges requested
- Sunday, Nov. 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance (See information in this brochure).
- Sunday, Nov. 20: Last day to buy Victorian Tea raffles after worship.
- Sunday, Nov. 20: Tea Clean-up
- Sun., Nov. 20: The Bay Area Chorus (See information in this brochure.)
- Purple Bag Food Drive begins Nov. 27
- Greening of the Sanctuary Nov. 27
- Bible Jam returns on Tues., Nov. 29.
- Budget Meeting Wed., Nov 30. Time to be Decided.
- Next choir rehearsal Dec. 1st at 6 PM
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be after worship on Sunday, December 11th.
- Saturday, 12/24 Christmas Eve Services at 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM
- Sunday, 12/25 Christmas Day Service will be at 10:00 AM. This will be a modified service. Choir will be off for the day. We want to make sure that our door is always open, in case anyone wishes to join us

**New Member Information Gathering** Session is being planned for early December. More to come!

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## *Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ*



The 31st Victorian Tea, this year in honor of Alice and Don Gray, continues to be an amazing success. Thank you to the “Tea Committee”, volunteers and all who attended this a gathering filled with Love and Joy! Thank you all!

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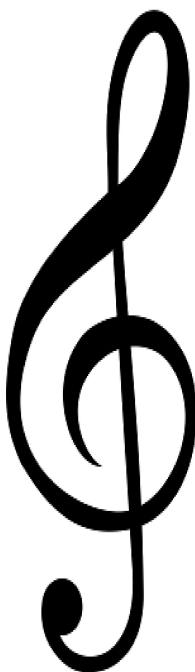
## Transgender Day of Remembrance



Join us Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Point for the Long Island Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20th that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

The origins of Transgender Day of Remembrance can be traced to the killing of Rita Hester. On November 28, 1998. Hester, a Black transgender woman from Boston, Massachusetts, was stabbed and killed in her own apartment. Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender woman from San Francisco, began the "Remembering Our Dead" website memorial in order to commemorate the lives of transgender people who have been killed. Twenty-four years later we remember and stand in solidarity with the Trans Community.



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### "A Tribute to Schubert"

a concert featuring

**THE BAY AREA CHORUS**

Under the direction of Martha Campanile

*Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 4pm*

*Patchogue United Methodist Church*

*10 Church Street; Patchogue, NY*

This concert will also be livestreamed at:

[Patchogueumc.org](http://Patchogueumc.org)

Click on [YouTube Livestreaming Video](#)

Come and enjoy the music of Franz Schubert, in celebration of his 225<sup>th</sup> birthday, featuring the beautiful "Mass No. 2 in G Major"

Free will donations appreciated

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and through donations from the friends and members of BAFFA.  
For further information visit [www.baffa.org](http://www.baffa.org)

## Help Our Congregation's Purple Bag Food Drive for The Greater Sayville Food Pantry

Runs from November 27th  
through December 31st.

Pick up a purple bag next Sunday (maybe two!), fill it up and bring it back to church on Sunday! Thank you for your wonderful generosity! What a difference you make!

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Love in Action

Thank you for submitting your Pledges for 2023 by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Our budget planning begins following that date and is based on this information. So thank you for your kindness, commitment and generosity. There are pledge letters and envelopes in the sanctuary if you need one. You can also call Heather Corcoran at 631-589-1519 or email Heather with your pledge or to answer any question you may have. It has been Ray's practice here and elsewhere that he does not review individual pledges. Feel free to speak to Ray and not be surprised if he redirects to our office or our committee members! :)

Rev. Robert Pierce, Chairperson  
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