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April 24, 2019

Building Community Since 1830

Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



USH All-Congregational Photo, 2018

Worship Service: Sunday, April 28, May 2019

10:30am

"The Days Are Long, The Years Are Short"

Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister

Lisa Galinski, Worship Associate

"Let one forget their reason for being, they'd all droop like tulips in a glass."

~Sandra Cisneros, "Four Skinny Trees"

"We pledge to work with you to uphold the great gifts of our tradition: its deep trust and faith in the human spirit...its reverence for life...its pursuit of justice and compassion... and its recognition of the mystery and wonder of the universe." ~from the Members of the Congregation portion of the April 2015 Installation service words

"All of those root systems entangled with one another are precisely why this place is so important. Our job is to put up that canopy that can save another person, to reach out and never forget to reach out." ~Rev. Meg Riley, from her sermon at the April 2015 Installation service of the Revs. Rion Starr

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Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Below:

<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/newsletters/>

See Articles and News for USH and the Surrounding Area you may

have missed or find a link to the USH Facebook Page [HERE](#).

Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events at the

Unitarian Society of Hartford: www.ushartford.com/events/

To submit a Calendar Request click [HERE](#).

Contacts: <http://www.ushartford.com/about-us/staff/>

To read the USH Blog click [HERE](#).

E-News Contributors please take note: The deadline for USH E-News submissions is Tuesday at 12 Noon. Please include the

dates that your submission should be included in the 'Subject' field.

From the USH Caring Network: Please inform the Caring Network of needs, or volunteer your services. If you know of any member experiencing some difficulty, please contact Eve Pech or any member of the Caring Network so we can provide some assistance. A wide range of community services is also available to those in need by calling the Community Info Line at 211.

A Message From Stewardship



Stewardship Update:

Thank you once again to everyone who pledged this year! We have raised just over \$300,000 for our next congregational year of 2019-20. As good as this

is, it is still \$15,000 short of last year's pledge total and about \$39,000 short of our goal for this year. If you have not pledged yet, please do. Everyone who hadn't pledged by the end of March was mailed a pledge card, so check your mail. You can also download the pledge form from the www.ushartford.com/stewardship-2 website.

Also, if you have not paid on your pledge from last year we would greatly appreciate it if you would do so. When a pledge is made we count on that as actual money for the budget and plan accordingly. Think of it as planning on getting 26 paychecks a year but only actually getting 22 paychecks for the year--it has an impact on your ability to pay the bills. Not paying on your pledge has much the same impact for the church.

If you decorated a set of oars that you would like to keep come to the Stewardship table after the service April 28 or any Sunday in May.

Thank you again to all who gave so thoughtfully and generously during this year's Pledge Drive! ~Caron Lanouette, USH Stewardship

Committee Chair; Contact Caron for more info at USHStewardship@gmail.com.

Notes from the Revs.

Congratulations to Rev. Erica Richmond! The good news (below) is that Erica will be the new Assistant Minister of Faith Formation at North Parish in North Andover (MA)! The sad news for us is that she'll be moving away from Hartford and will no longer be our Affiliated Community Minister. We will find a time to celebrate Rev. Erica and say goodbye in worship this spring—stay tuned.



A Note from Rev. Erica:

I write this with so many conflicted feelings! After three and a half years, I am leaving Connecticut, leaving Hartford Hospital, and therefore leaving USH. It has truly been an honor to be your affiliated community minister. Thank you for welcoming me and thank you for your kindness over the years. I am departing for a new and exciting adventure—I will be serving as the Assistant Minister of Faith Formation at North Parish in North Andover, Massachusetts. It is a

huge transition, but I am looking forward to bringing my chaplain self into congregational life. USH has been such a wonderful spiritual home for me—thank you, thank you, thank you. Our faith is mighty but small so I look forward to crossing paths with you in the future.

A note from the Revs about the [Ministers' Discretionary Fund \(MDF\)](#)~

We have used our Ministers' Discretionary Fund to support a number of families and individuals who are facing financial and/or emotional stress of late — due to job changes, health issues, family changes, and simply the stresses of trying to make ends meet. As those of you who have ever received a check from the MDF know, these families are incredibly grateful for the support of their fellow congregants in stressful times! The checks we write are a double gift: the gift of much-needed funds and the gift of knowing that this congregation

loves and supports them. Because of the recent needs, our Ministers' Discretionary Fund is getting low. If you find yourself *not* struggling to pay the bills, we would be very grateful for gifts of any amount to the Fund. If you *do* find yourself struggling to pay the bills, please let us know so that perhaps we may be of some assistance. Together, we weave the fabric of love and community. ~With gratitude, Revs. Heather and Cathy

General Assembly 2019: Off-site registration is open (as is on-site) for General Assembly 2019; off-site delegate registration is \$160 until April 30. Join me in the chat room, Unitarian Universalists near-and-far! <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration/off-site> (And [Unitarian Society of Hartford](#) members, we have some funding allotted for GA participation; don't be deterred by finances if you'd otherwise like to participate!) ~RevHeather

RE News You Can Use:

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education



This Sunday, April 28, the nursery will be available for the morning worship service for infants and toddlers. The youth group will meet at 9:00am for soup and the middle school will be visiting the Quaker Meeting House. All other children will have a Time For All Ages during the service followed by age appropriate classes.



Easter at USH!

This past Sunday we had a beautiful Easter service. I would like to thank all the children and youth who participated in our Annual Banner Parade. I would also like to thank everyone who worked with the children during the service and those who worked to make our Annual Easter Egg Hunt a Success! We had a full house with nearly fifty infants, toddlers, children and youth! ~Rayla



Boston Trip UU Faith and History

April 19th, which happened to be Good Friday this year, the middle school and high school youth group traveled to Boston to learn more about their UU Faith and History. Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Laura Wagner, Nina Elgo, Rob Spector and I took a great bunch of youth on a fun filled trip. A group has not gone from USH in over 7 years. We began our trip by touring the UUA headquarters and learning about the associations move from Beacon St and about key figures in our faith. Zipporah Legarde gave us an energetic tour that the group greatly appreciated. Following our tour, the group met with Bart Frost who leads the UUA work with youth and young adults. They learned about opportunities currently available to them within our faith. The group then took the T over to the UU College of Social Justice. We met up with another group of youth from a UU congregation in Rhode Island. The group learn about the justice work happening around the world and about things they can get involved in now and in the future. Once we left the UU College of Social Justice, the group decided to walk around the outside of the historic King's Chapel and 25 Beacon St., which used to house the UUA headquarters. We then headed over to Quincy Market for some shopping and some fun. By then we were all pretty tired and headed back to our cars located at the UUA for our drive home.

We all had a great time and really appreciated Jonah, a former youth group member, popping over from college to help us navigate the city. Hopefully the youth will share more themselves in the coming weeks about their trip. One thing they all agreed on was that it was a great trip and we should do it again.



Sarah Cassidy: Please join me in thanking Sarah Cassidy for nearly six years of dedicated service to USH. We have seen her through her college years, buying her first home and getting married. She will be missed as the RE Assistant but we wish her well. Please see me if you would like to sign her card and add to her token of appreciation.

Thank you – Rayla D. Mattson, DRE

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education
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I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.



News from the USH Board of Directors



The USH Annual Meeting

-Sarah McKenzie, USH Board Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Society of Hartford will be taking place on May 19, 2019, immediately following the morning service and All-Congregational Photo.

The Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of nominations for the Board of Directors, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The Nominees are:

President - Joe Rubin for a one-year term 7.01.2019 to 6.30.2020

President-Elect - Martha Bradley for a one-year term 7.01.2019 to 6.30.2020

Secretary - Sarah McKenzie for a two-year term 7.01.2019 to 6.30.2021

Chair, Spiritual Life Council - Peter Meny for a two-year term 7.01.2019 to 6.30.2021

Chair, Social Justice Council - Judy Sullivan for a two-year term 7.01.2019 to 6.30.2021

Your USH Board

—Have a question or comment or just want to chat about

USH? Don't hesitate to talk with any one of your Board members:

Sherry Manetta—President Carolyn Carlson—Community Within
Council Chair

Joe Rubin—President Elect Marye Gail Harrison—Spiritual Life
Council Chair

Tom Richardson—Treasurer Judy Sullivan—Social Justice
Council Chair

Sarah McKenzie—Secretary Sue Tenorio—Administrative
Council Chair

Social Justice at USH

Greetings dear friends, neighbors, and colleagues--

Consider yourselves personally invited to an event next Tuesday, April 30, here at UU Meriden. Please download and post the attached flyer. It is all about "Supporting Our Muslim Neighbors", timely on the threshold of Ramadan. The guest speaker, Dr. Reza Mansoor, should be compelling. Sujitno Sajuti, who continues to be our sanctuary guest for a year and a half and more, will also share a few words. There will be light refreshments and ample time for fellowship. I so hope you can make it. Salaam, Shalom, and all possible peace.

~Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden

328 Paddock Avenue, Meriden, CT / 203-237-9297

/ www.uumeriden.org/.

A Special Event Supporting Our Muslim Neighbors Tuesday, April 30, 7:00pm

This timely forum will grapple with questions including: What are the experiences and perspectives of the Connecticut Muslim community? What is Islam? What are the misconceptions that Americans may hold about Islam? How has the Trump presidency impacted Muslims in the U.S. and around the world? How can people of good will support our Muslim neighbors? Our guest speaker will be Dr. Reza Mansoor, Founding President of the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut, cardiologist with Hartford Hospital, and faculty member at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine,

WHEN: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – 7:00pm

WHERE: Unitarian Universalist Church, 328 Paddock Av., Meriden
INFO: Gina Manning, gnmanning123@gmail.com;
 Jeff Freiser, j.freiser@cox.net, 860-836-8545

The Latest Update: Fight for Taz, Respect the Pardon Campaign

Wayzaro Walton has been granted a stay but has not been released yet. For more info click [HERE](#).

Background: On 3/26 ICE detained Wayzaro Walton, a 34-year old Hartford mother, with the intention of deporting her. According to ICE, it's because of a misdemeanor (larceny) from 2011. No record of that exists. Tell ICE to **#RespectThePardon** and **#KeepWayzaroHome**. Hartford Deportation Defense is demanding that ICE respects the full and absolute pardon that Wayzaro Walton was granted by the Connecticut Board of Pardons. People in Connecticut should not be more vulnerable to deportation than people in the rest of the country. We **DEMAND** that ICE releases her **IMMEDIATELY** from the detention center where they've locked her up for **no reason**. They have no basis to detain or deport her. Hartford Deportation Defense is asking us to call and write letters to the ICE sub-office in Hartford. Know that they will tell you your action has no impact—that's **NOT TRUE**.

SAMPLE

LETTER: <https://docs.google.com/.../1z40iS44oIAeJOOiDxyl2Kko2Vp.../edit...>

DEMANDS, TALKING POINTS, SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA

POSTS: <https://docs.google.com/.../1JuDThQXADhvc-uKh9h1nUYzMuQ.../edit...>

Phone calls have a big impact, see the example below, please make that call:

SAMPLE PHONE CALL SCRIPT

I am calling on behalf of Mrs. Wayzaro Walton (A#041-657-485), who was detained by your office following a regularly scheduled check-in on 3/26. **I am requesting that you grant her a stay of deportation and that she be released from federal custody immediately.**

Mrs. Walton has a clean record, there is no basis for her deportation. She was granted a full and unconditional pardon by the Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles on January 15, 2019.

We need you to respect the Connecticut pardon process, and stop her deportation for the benefit of her family and the whole community.

860-240-3012 ← ICE Hartford Field Office
(Director: Aldean Beaumont)

QUESTIONS?

Hartford Deportation Defense

<https://www.facebook.com/hartforddeportationdefense>

constanza.gsegovia@gmail.com 860-307-3359



Americans of Conscience Checklist

These checklists feature clear, well-researched actions for Americans who value democracy, equality, voting, and decency. We also practice gratitude, self-care, and

celebration to stay engaged. Click [HERE](#) for past checklists. - Submitted by Judy Sullivan, USH Social Justice Chair; Source: <https://americansofconscience.com/>

Americans of Conscience Checklist: Week of April 21, 2019

127 weeks down, [80 weeks](#) to the presidential election.

I value democracy. *With respect and collaboration, we work to create a nation that welcomes all people, expands freedoms, and upholds the Constitution.*

Action 1: Support people being denied the right to due process. [h/t [AILA](#)]

Email: Your two senators and one House rep ([look up](#)). Email makes it easier to share the resource links.

Script: I am from [ZIP] and concerned about how we're treating asylum seekers. The [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#), the [National Association of Immigration Judges](#), and [Federal Bar Association](#) all advocate for creating an immigration court that operates [independently](#) of the Department of Justice. I want [NAME] to support creating an independent [Article One](#) immigration court to give asylum seekers basic respect and a speedy hearing. Here is a link for more information: <http://www.fedbar.org/Image-Library/Government-Relations/CH16/Proposed-Article-I-Immigration-Court.aspx>. Thank you.

Action 2: End prison gerrymandering. [h/t [Prison Policy Initiative](#)]

Call: Or write your state legislators ([look up](#)), except in CA, DE, MD, or NY, where laws have been enacted...to read more click [HERE](#).

Spiritual Life at the Unitarian Society of Hartford



Spiritual Life blog April 17, 2019: Spiritual Roots

Sunday 4/7 I had a chance to go back 48 years and celebrate my Unitarian Universalist spiritual roots at Manchester Unitarian Universalist Society East (UUSE). It is their 50th anniversary and last Sunday the "old timers" told the story of the first decade of which I was an active part. A number of folks from those days are still active members there. UUSE has grown in numbers, expanding their building twice and deepened its presence east of the river, providing more stability to the Greater Hartford "3 legged stool" of congregations (UUSE, USH and The Universalist Church of West Hartford). Many UUSE founders came from USH. A surprising number of UUs in the area move back and forth among the three congregations. Given the small numbers of Unitarian Universalists in the world, we can be very proud that we all

contribute significantly to this strong UU presence in this region. For years music has been shared with joint musical Sundays. More joint efforts are in the works: Tom Gervais and his team are working toward shared spiritual pathways. There are opportunities for shared social justice work, as well as pulpit exchanges of ministers and lay people. "Roots hold us close. Wings set us free. Spirit of Life is strong among these three." ~Blessed be, Marye Gail Harrison, Chair Spiritual Life for USH Board / To read past blogs, click [HERE](#).

Sunday Service Recap

Worship Service: Sunday, April 21 , 2019

10:30am

"Earth Day Easter: Practice Resurrection"

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister

Peter Meny, Worship Associate

"It's what we do every day that shapes us and says more about us than those grand moments of righteous indignation and action; the everydayness of taking some time, however short or long, to refresh ourselves through prayer or meditation; the everydayness of sharing a meal; the everydayness of facing heartache and disappointment; it's the everydayness of getting up and trying one more time to get our living right. It is in this everydayness that "we the people" are formed; and we, the people of faith, live and must witness to a justice wrapped in a love that will not let us go; and a peace that is simply too ornery to give up on us." ~Emilie Townes

Here are a few links that RevCathy referenced and read in Sunday's sermon:

Wendell Berry's [Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front](#)
[A Message From The Future With Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#)
[More about Ecowomanism with scholar Melanie Harris](#) at our alma mater, Starr King School for the Ministry



Photos: Mala Matacin





Photos: Carol Lowbeer

Sunday Service Recap

If anyone is interested in writing a regular or occasional synopsis of Sunday Services, please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com. Thank you.

Church Business News

The latest financial reports for **Oct.-Dec. 2018** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **March** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

To view the USH Directory, reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com) for the username and password.

Programs for Adults and Families

For more information on current programs please check the [online calendar](#) often as schedules can change, or contact the facilitator for more information. Contact information for programs is listed below. Also visit www.ushartford.com/building-community/adult-family-programs/.

Programs

Emei Qigong Cultivation: Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and Wednesdays at 5:00 PM. Contact Diana Heymann: 860-200-8525.

Tai Chi Gigong: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Contact facilitator before attending: Stephen "Lucky" Luckingham: 860-202-3404 or [stephen.luckingham\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:stephen.luckingham(at)gmail.com).

Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Contact Mark Friedman for more information: drmarkafriedman(at)drmarkafriedman.com.

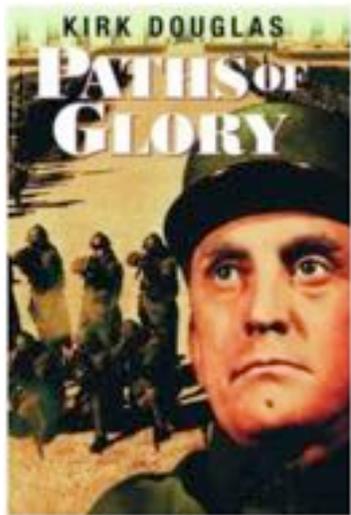
Meeting House Sing-A-Long: All Are Welcome: Meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, in Emerson/Meditation room (or Memorial Garden if weather / memorial service permits.) For more information contact Ed Savage: ed(at)thesavagees.com.

Ballroom Dance: Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:45 PM. Contact Ron Friedman: 860-523-1105 or rsfriedman41(at)gmail.com.

Dinner and a Movie at USH: Meets the second Friday of the month September-June. Contact Nita for more information at 860-693-4269 (no texts). **Please note: The June gathering is on the 21st.**

USH Book Club Thursday, May 9; [1984](#) by George Orwell; Off-site, contact Richard Groothuis for location: rgroopofus@icloud.com or 860-748-3532.

Beloved Conversations: An experiential curriculum that provides a space to heal the spiritual and organizational wounds that racism causes in our faith community. The program aims to foster cross-cultural relationships that nurture the spiritual health of program participants, congregations and communities beyond their walls. Registrations are full and we plan to repeat this program next church year. Contact Judy Sullivan to be added to the waiting list.



Dinner and a Movie at the Meeting House Friday, May 10th: "Paths of Glory"

"a transcendently humane war movie"*

". . . all about that greatest of all movie subjects: power."*

". . . crisp and soulful look at military mayhem. Haunting in its havoc and conviction"*

On Friday, May 10, the Dinner & Movie group will feature "Paths of Glory", starring Kirk Douglas and Aldolphe Menjou. This highly lauded 1957 film was based on WWI true events; its anti-militarism caused it to be censored on US bases and in several foreign countries. You can watch a trailer here https://youtu.be/nmDA60X-f_A.

We will gather at 5:30 for popcorn and libations, have pizza and salad at 6 PM, with movie at 7, followed by optional discussion. Please

reserve (\$10 each) by Wednesday noon, May 8, by leaving a voice message at 860-693-4269 (no texting). Be sure to tell your choice of pizza topping, meat or veg. You can pay with cash or check at the event. As with all USH courses, there is a one-time 2018-19 season fee of \$5. Please also leave your daytime phone number in case we need to cancel. Cancellation calls will be made before noon on May 9. If you find on movie day that you cannot attend, please leave a voice message by noon so the pizza order can be adjusted. Questions? Call 860-693-4269. *from Rotten Tomatoes website -Submitted by Nita H.

Connection Circles (formerly known as Small Group Ministries)



What are Connection Circles?

This is a unique opportunity to strengthen your connections with USH members and friends by sharing your life experiences with them in a safe, confidential space —a covenant group. Get to know others better and you may also get to know *yourself* better too! A trained facilitator will have special readings and questions to guide your sharing and deep listening experience. Watch for announcements of Small Group Ministry (now called Connection Circles) offerings in E-News, during coffee hour after the service at the Programs Table (when available) in Fellowship Hall, or at the Welcome Table in the main lobby. Please text or email Martha Bradley at 860-305-3307, marthabradley49@yahoo.com for more information or click [HERE](#).

Events and Personal News of Our Community



Louise M. Willett Obituary 1924 - 2019

Louise Abney Mosley Willett, aged 95, died peacefully on March 2nd 2019, with her sons Joel and Peter holding her hands. She was born to Thomas and Frances Mosley (nee Slemmons) on January 9, 1924, in Madison, Wisconsin, the third of 5 girls. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Mark, and her dear husband of 66 years, William. She is survived by her loving children Alani, Joel, Peter and Janice, her daughter-in-law Winifred, her granddaughter Susan, her great granddaughter Elizabeth, and her youngest sister Eunice. Celebration of Louise's life will be held at the Unitarian Meeting House at 50 Bloomfield Avenue in Hartford CT, on June 15, 2019, at 11am. In keeping with her lifelong passion for music, the program will feature plenty of music performed by her friends, both within and beyond the

church community. [Published in The Hartford Courant on Apr. 21, 2019](#)

Help for Valerie Klokow's move needed:

Valerie Klokow, who is dealing with cancer, will be returning home from rehab on Wednesday, May 1st. She will be moving from the 2nd floor to the more-accessible 1st floor in the same building. Valerie needs help with this move!

This Sunday, April 28th, her belongings will be organized and boxed for the Wednesday move; the apartment also will be cleaned for the next tenant. On Wednesday her furnishings will need to be carried from the upper to lower apartment.

If you are able to help in any way on either day, please be in touch with Deb Meny at [debmeny\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:debmeny@sbcglobal.net). Also needed: boxes (small enough to be carried by one person), newspapers or other wrapping paper, and household cleaning supplies. Thanks!

So much love to you all, RevCathy



Office Furniture Needed For Our Incoming Intern Minister:

USH Members and Friends, we are blessed with an energetic Intern Minister, Dianne Daniels, arriving to our congregation in January 2020 to commence her internship with us. Before our Revs go on their 3-month sabbatical (October through December 2019), we'd like to have

Dianne's office set up and ready-to-go. For this we will need: a sturdy desk, an office or desk chair, a (lockable?) cabinet or bookcase and perhaps a lamp and/or area rug. Do you have any of these things that you're ready to part with? Are you downsizing this summer and ready to move out some home office furniture? Or do you enjoy looking around town for such things? Please let us know if you have or locate any of these items and can donate them to USH. Thanks so much! And thanks to all of you for your support and welcome of Dianne as we prepare together for her ministry with us!

Photo of desk by [Nathan Riley](#) on [Unsplash](#)



Wanted: Adirondack chairs or similar, that are in good condition, preferably vinyl or composite to be used outside the office at USH (in place of the current picnic table). Contact Stu Spence at zparkwalker94@aol.com if you have 2 or more that you can donate. Thank you!



Time to Register: June 7–9 for the Senexet House Retreat for Women and all who identify as women

Starting this Sunday, sign up at coffee hour for the Women's Retreat at Senexet House, June 7 – 9. The theme is self-nourishment, and there will be time to fully relax,

restore yourself, and relish the company of other USH women. Perhaps you will meet some new friends, or deepen existing connections. There will be activities in which you can choose to participate (or not); napping or walking time; and of course excellent meals. The cost for the full weekend is \$190; for one night, \$100; other options are available to suit your needs, including discreet financial assistance. Those who have attended in past years can attest to how much they love these weekends, even if they cannot stay for the full session. You can also contact Dawn Greenfield, [borntodayoga\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:borntodayoga@yahoo.com) with questions or to express interest. Thanks to Dawn for stepping up to coordinate the retreat this year!

–Submitted by Tina Davies

Meeting House Presents!



**2018-2019
Season**

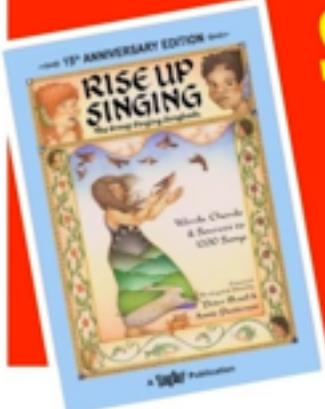


The Unitarian Society of Hartford

MHP concerts are co-produced by
The Sounding Board Coffee House

50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 -The intersection of Routes 44 & 189

Pete Seeger 100th Birthday Party & Sing-Along Gathering



**Sat - May 4th
7:00 PM**






Join Annie Patterson & Peter Blood, Sally Rogers, Magpie, and Charlie King as we celebrate the music that Pete gave to the world and rededicate ourselves to working tirelessly for the kind of world he and Toshi believed in so passionately. Annie & Peter are the creators of the popular songbook "Rise Up Singing" which Pete Seeger strongly endorsed. Magpie (Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner) play with two strong voices in harmony and superb instrumental arrangements. You might know Sally Rogers from NPR's A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor. Charlie has been at the heart of American folk music for over half a century and has been writing songs for the past 45 years.

BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATION!

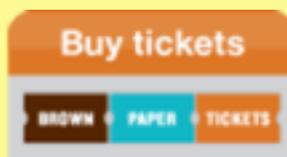
Come for the music, camaraderie and an all-around good time. Come for the cookies. Bring friends. Bring family. Bring neighbors. What the heck—bring strangers. Everyone will have a great time. Promise. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

- Buy tickets at [Brown Paper Tickets](#) or at the door if the show is not sold out
- Email us at MeetingHousePresents(at)gmail.com
- Phone Laura and Paul Cipriano at (860)298-9984
- Check our web page or subscribe to our email list for notification if shows are sold out or rescheduled: www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/

Sign Up for Meeting House Presents email list:

Our email includes concert announcements, updates, and info about folk music events in the area. Subscribe to Meeting House Presents Email— send a message to

MeetingHousePresents(at)gmail.com. Put “subscribe” in the subject line. We send one or two emails each month.



\$20 general admission. \$14 for students with ID.

Children under age 12 are free with paying parent.

To buy tickets online click [HERE](#).

Meeting House Presents is looking for volunteers to help out. You decide if you want to help out three nights, one night, or the entire season. We need help with refreshments, tickets, communications, hosting performers if you have a spare room, and we'd like to have a "street team" to post flyers. Best of all, the commitments are for the evening of the show and you won't have to attend meetings. Contact Laura Cipriano at MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com to volunteer. Come be part of the fun.

Save the dates for 2019 Upcoming Meeting House Presents Concerts. Click [HERE](#) to see what's coming up!

Get Involved at USH - Be Part of a Great Team!

USH Needs You—

Get Active with USH! Committee and Sub-Council Openings

We are continually striving to fill open positions on various Board committees and sub-councils. If you are interested in becoming more engaged at USH, or just learning more about the activities of our congregation, we encourage you to reach out to a Board member, one of the Ministers, or the Chair of a particular Council, Sub-council or Committee. Click [HERE](#) to read more...

Get more connected with this congregation through volunteering.

Below are some areas, both seasonal and year-round, where Volunteers are especially needed and welcome:



The USH Sunday Welcome Team; Join the Choir; Office Volunteers; Connection Circles Host, Advisor or Facilitator; The Book Table During Coffee Hour. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.



Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM): USH Member Doris Maldonado is in need of help with this ministry. Please contact her at unicas.miracle@gmail.com if you would like more info. The USH AIM task force, many of whom identify as having a disability, are charged with the following mission: To welcome, integrate, and support people with physical or psychological disabilities and their families in our congregation. For more info click [HERE](#).

News from the UUA

Come, Let Us Worship: Cycle of Song Vol. 2
With Rev. Jason Shelton

Come, Let Us Worship: Cycle of Song Vol. 2
By New England Region UUA
\$40

[Register](#)

Date And Time
Sat, May 11, 2019
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM EDT

Description
Come, Let Us Worship: Cycle of Song Vol. 2
Presenter: Rev. Jason Shelton



THE POWER OF WE

What do we want Unitarian Universalism to be? It is a time when we are asking big questions in our faith, and GA 2019 will be focused on digging into those questions together. It is a critical chance for congregational leaders and passionate UUs to set new goals and aspirations for our religious community. Help begin to reshape our Association and our congregations in new and powerful ways.

This year's theme is about collective power, "The Power of We," as well as the possibility, the purpose, the struggle and the joy of what it means to be together in faithful community. In the past two years, Unitarian Universalism has recommitted to the work of liberation inside and outside our faith community. The antidote to a time of dangerous dehumanization is a love that connects us to our deeper humanity.

Come to Spokane to experience what our shared faith can become when we embrace the Power of We.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Visit uua.org/ga for

- Programming Information
- Registration and Housing
- Financial Aid Information
- Volunteer Opportunities



Wrote Lecturer Richard Blasco
Selected by President Obama as the 4th inaugural poet in U.S. history, Richard Blasco is the journalist and the first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role.



Robin DiAngelo
Author of *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo teaches dominantly on what it means to be white in a society that produces race inequalities, and is deeply divided by race.



Rev. Linell Rasmussen
Rev. Linell Rasmussen, Director of Partnerships and Emerging Programs at Star-King School for the Ministry, will deliver the sermon at the Service of the Living Tradition.



Rev. Maria L. Valentin
Rev. Maria L. Valentin, minister with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford, MA, will deliver the sermon at the Sunday Morning Worship.

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON | JUNE 19–23, 2019

looking ahead to June! General Assembly 2019
& ways you could join in "off-site"

General Assembly is the annual business meeting of our Unitarian Universalist denomination, and it's a whole lot more. Inspirational worship services, informative workshops, entertaining programs, and a bustling exhibit hall help make GA an unforgettable experience for the thousands of Unitarian Universalists that attend. Attendees leave with a renewed sense of energy, inspiration, and innovative ideas to take back to their congregations and communities.

This year, General Assembly is: Wednesday, June 19 through Sunday, June 23, 2019

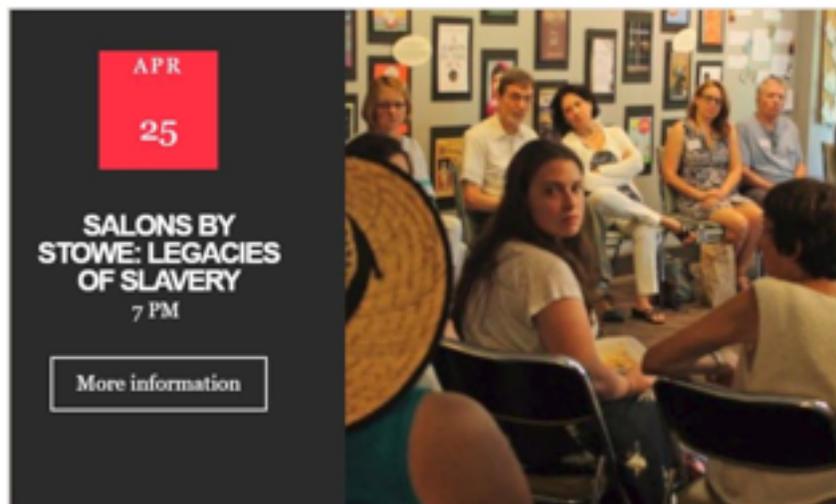
www.uua.org/ga.

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Technology provides opportunities to connect on-site participants with those who cannot attend in person. GA is transforming into a hybrid meeting—incorporating off-site delegate participation, live-streaming of events, and social media to create an interactive experience for on-site and remote attendees. Off-site registrants are able to watch and ask questions in live sessions, including select workshops and business sessions. Off-site Voting Delegates are also able to propose amendments in the live business sessions, participate in debates, and vote in general sessions. RevHeather is thinking about what programs or workshops it might make sense to participate in together, on-line, from the Meeting House--let her know if you have thoughts or particular interests--keep in mind that these times are Pacific time, so it'll all be three hours later here! https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2019_grid.pdf. GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System open at 9 a.m. PST at www.uua.org/ga.

The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to uua.org/ga to learn about scholarships to support delegates - particularly those from marginalized groups - and volunteer opportunities (work in exchange for registration).

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



As Spring comes near, IREJN invites you to some important events!

Sunday, April 28: Climate Church, Climate World: Worship and Conversation 10:00AM

Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland Street, Hartford With Author and Climate Activist Rev. Jim Antal

Wednesday, May 1: Third Annual Earthkeepers Dinner 6:00-9:00PM
Pond House in Elizabeth Park, West Hartford: Enjoy a vegetarian meal, keynote speaker State Senator M Saud Anwar, and Earthkeeper Awardee John Humphries, from CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs. Tickets must be purchased by April 24, 2019

at <https://earthkeepersdinner.eventbrite.com>. Looking forward to seeing you as we network together to save our environment! -

Submitted by Jeff Howard



For Access to the Members Only Section on the Web Page:

For the username and password for the Members Only section of our USH website, please email Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com. It's easy and if you're interested, please say so.

To submit a **Calendar Event Request,** cut and paste the text below into an email and send to: calendarchanges@ushartford.com. Please look at the calendar the day you email a request to make sure the space is available; this will help to avoid double booking rooms. Double check the calendar for your event 1 to 2 weeks prior to make sure it's correctly posted. Email any corrections to calendarchanges@ushartford.com. Please make sure you also coordinate with our Rentals Manager, Rayla Mattson, if this is a one-time-open-to-the-public event. Thank you! ~Linda

Put in the Subject: 'Calendar'

Also: Cc Rayla Mattson requests: [dre\(at\)ushartford.com](mailto:dre(at)ushartford.com)

Event Title:

Room:

Time:

Date(s):

Is This A Private Event?

Include in Happenings/Enews?

Contact:

A Short Description:

Cost: (if applicable)

Is Childcare Provided?: (Note if childcare will be provided you must arrange it with the DRE.)



Lost and Found

There is a 'Lost & Found' box in the office on the bottom shelf of a storage rack near Linda Clark's desk. Items found in the building will be placed there. Please check in the office if you have misplaced something. **Please note: Items will be donated or recycled if no one claims them after a few weeks.** Thank you.

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***Rev. Cathy has an online scheduler:**

If you'd like to set up a meeting, pastoral visit, or other conversation with me, you can see my availability and sign up for a time here: <https://RevCathyRionStarr.as.me>. Try it out, and let me know if you have any trouble!
-RevCathy

*The deadline for USH-Enews submissions is Tuesday at 12 Noon.
Email to: ushenews@ushartford.com
Please note in the subject line "USH-Enews." Thank you for your
submission!*



**Peace – as we come to the close of the USH-Enews week.
Be kind to others – and to yourself.**

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