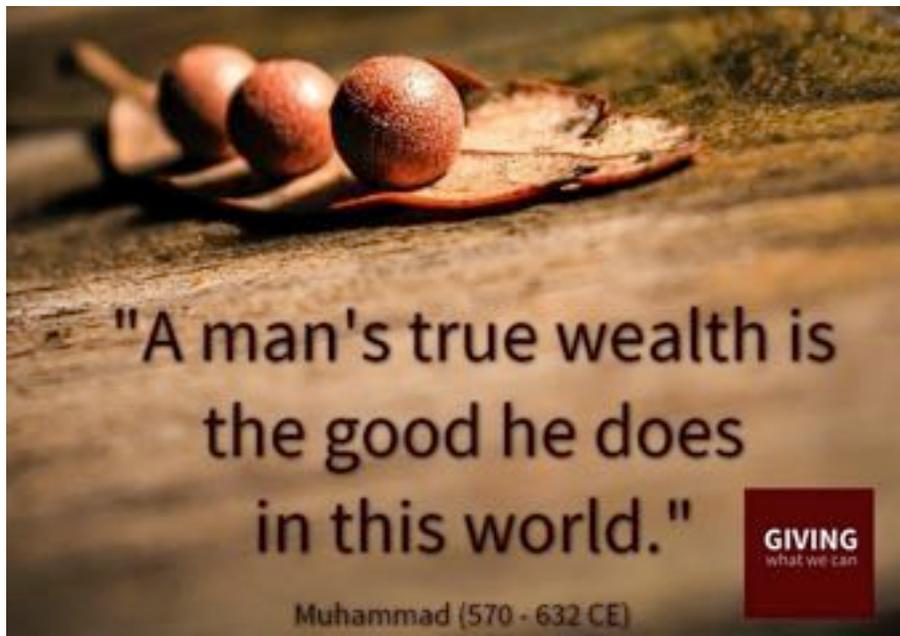




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USH-Enews ~ **November 27, 2019**
Building Community Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr, Co-Ministers



Worship Service, December 1, 2019, 10:30am
"Giving As A Spiritual Practice"
Jay Williams, Guest Pulpit Speaker
Carol Simpson, Worship Associate

Since July 2017, Jay Williams has served as President of the Hartford

Foundation for Public Giving, the community foundation for the 29-town Greater Hartford region, and one of the oldest and largest community foundations in the country. During his time at the Foundation, Williams has been working to build stronger relationships between the Foundation and the local communities it serves. He is currently leading the Foundation's efforts to address disparities in our communities based on race/ethnicity, place and income in order to make opportunities more available to everyone. Prior to coming to the Hartford Foundation, Williams served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development where he led the federal economic development agenda for the United States. He also served as Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House where he was the principal liaison between the President of the United States and local elected officials. Williams came to Washington, DC after serving as Mayor of the City of Youngstown, Ohio for over five years.



Personal News of the Congregation

We are sorry to report the passing of former member of USH, Richard Adami. Richard (Dick) Adami, died at home, on October 4, 2019. He was born on May 24, 1924 in Roslindale, MA, the youngest son of Fredrick and Elsa (Lemmler) Adami and brother to three siblings. He is survived by his long-time beloved companion, Marilyn McClune, his three wonderful children and spouses, Meredith Adami & Thomas Koll of Mercer Island, WA, Kimberly Adami & Jack Bransfield of North Andover, MA and Marc & Leslie Adami of Killington, VT. He also leaves behind four cherished grandchildren Ryan Adami, Sierra Adami-Koll, Kallista Adami-Koll, Lucas Adami- Bransfield, Marilyn's daughter, Maggie and grandson, Thomas Titus and several nieces and nephews. <https://www.courant.com/obituaries/hc-obituary-richard-w-adami-20191110-story.html>.

When the Meeting House Loses Electric Power

Please note that when there is a power outage **NO** water or sewer services should be used. This will cause a flood in Fellowship Hall.

Please refer questions or concerns to Buffie, Office Admin, and
Thank You for your anticipated cooperation during such events.

SPAM ALERT!!

Please do not respond to any email or text requests from either of the Reverand's regarding 'Gift Cards". It is fraudulent activity and the office has been alerted to the attempts. Please forward any concerns to any of the board members or to Buffie Pinney.

Thank You, Unitarian Society of Hartford.

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<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.



Christmas Eve Service
Volunteers Needed!!

Please

contact Rayla D. Mattson for more information at dre@ushartford.com **OR** call her at 860-233-9897 ext. 104.
Thank You!! Rayla~

RE News You Can Use: Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education



below).

The service on Sunday was both moving and insightful while contemplating the joys of giving and receiving on so many levels. I encourage families to join in the adventures of The USH Traveling Chalice which allows yet another form of sharing (see

The nursery will be available during the morning worship hour.

Our Director of Religious Education is looking for teachers and assistants for the 2019-2020 church year. We need your help in the following grade levels: Prek-2nd, 3rd-5th and 6th-8th. I am still in need of at least 2 more teachers for each grade level. I promise I won't call on you more than once every 4-6 weeks! We have a great group of teachers to work with and I provide everything you need each week. We just need your love and enthusiasm. Please contact Rayla D. Mattson for more information at dre@ushartford.com or 860-233-9897 ext 104. Thank you! --Rayla



Liberal Religious Educators Annual Gathering

My time in Baltimore attending the Liberal Religious Educators annual gathering was so fruitful and I am full. It wasn't without its challenges and heartbreak but after nearly 8 years in this position, it was my first time being able to attend and I am grateful.

I arrived at the conference a day early to attend a gathering for religious professionals of color. For me, it was a very meaningful way to enter into my time with my peers. The following day, as we

gathered for opening worship, I kicked off the event by giving the morning's reflection, setting the tone for the days to follow.

Leaving the conference was bittersweet. I enjoyed time with my peers and colleagues and was excited to bring back to USH what I had learned. However, upon returning the hard truth of being a part-time DRE and also not being in a lifespan roll, hit hard. So, I took time to reflect on how I could still make my time away meaningful for USH.

Rev. Sofia Betancourt led us through a spiritual practice one day and talked about how we have religious learning for adults and children but we do not always engage in spiritual work for our families as a whole. During the talk, I had a great discussion at the table where I was sitting and have brought back a tool to help us engage more in spirituality as families.

The picture in the photo is what will we call our USH Traveling Chalice. The goal is to help stimulate ideas for families to engage in their own spiritual practices at home. My children and I blessed the chalice and began

the process. I am asking families to take the chalice for a week or two to their home; decide how many days during that time you will engage as a family in developing your own spiritual practice. There is a book of reflections to help you get started and reminders of our UU Principles. I am hoping this will lead to deeper conversations within our community on how we

can more fully live into our principles on a daily basis.

There will also be starter questions and ideas. At the end of your time with the box, I am hoping you will add a note of reflection or a picture to the journal. Sage and I added notes and Bradshaw and Kennedy drew pictures. You

can add a family picture or memento; you can add some design or color to the

box or place a note or keepsake in the box. It is whatever we make of it.

After your time, I hope your family will embark on regular spiritual practice. If you like the ideas from the chalice kit, I am happy to help you put together your own kit. You may find that taking a walk as a family or singing as a family is more suited to your needs. But whatever you decide, I hope it is engaging and meaningful and draws you into a reflective space where you ponder how you can live more fully into our principles.

Please note that while this box was put together with families in mind, I want everyone who would like, to have a turn. You can also join with someone

else or create your own group. I am just hoping we move from our spiritual practice being on Sunday morning to something we just live daily.

Offering this gift to you all with my love~

General Assembly

I'm so excited that General Assembly will be held in Providence Rhode Island this year. I am in my 8th year as staff here at USH and have been coming here for about 10 years! I am thrilled that GA is so close because I have never attended.

With the location being so close, the ministers and I are hoping a large portion of our congregation will attend. I am planning on taking as many youth as we can afford to fund raise to bring. It is a great way for them to meet other UU peers from around the country. Bradshaw, Kennedy and Sage all have UU friends not only around the country but around the world. I would like to give that gift to the rest of our youth.

Bradshaw has been attending events across the country for nearly five years. This year he will be taking a leadership role at The Well which is a summer program for multi-cultural/multi-racial families. Our family along with Rick Tsukada attended last year for its inauguration.

I am encouraging not only Bradshaw, but all of our youth to engage in UU youth leadership. You don't have to be an adult to lead! Below is a link listing leadership opportunities for youth at GA this summer. Not only is it a great opportunity but all volunteer staff will attend GA for free which includes registration, travel, lodging, and a food stipend. Plus, I am hoping many of us will be there in support. Please see Rayla with any questions an/or help applying.

Thank You, Rayla D. Mattson, DRE~

<https://www.uua.org/youth/events/ga/leadership-ga/apply-youth-caucus-staff>



Everyone for Everyone

Rayla Mattson~

"I marched so that my children and grandchildren would have equality."

—Anita E. Baldwin

While attending a protest with my kids, we were standing around waiting for the "marching" part to begin. My middle child asked me what we were doing—meaning what were we waiting for in that moment, and when were things going to begin? My youngest (who was just beginning to gain some words) piped up, "We're

marshing!" with as much enthusiasm as she could muster.

When my mom marched in the 1960s, she not only marched for herself and others; she also marched for the kids and grandkids she might one day have. She believed that the sit-ins and protests would give her future family an equality that she didn't have. She didn't realize that we, her descendants, would one day march for those same rights.

Mom was saddened when I took my children to protest. She felt like she had let us down, and that her protesting and sit-ins and refusing to sit at the back of the bus were all for nothing. Why did she do all of that for us when we're still protesting for the same rights she protested for all those years ago?

I often wonder about how, or if, things have really changed. I know that things are different—but inequality's head is still reared in many ways. I wonder if my children will take my grandkids to march and protest for the same rights I protest over today. Will things change and look different, but still be there? Will I, like my mother, lament over failed efforts to bring about equity and justice? At what point does true change take effect?

For me, the answer is that people of color—and other marginalized people—can't just want things to be different. It has to be everyone doing this work, no matter how uncomfortable or mundane or monotonous. It has to be everyone wanting things to be different for everyone.

Prayer

Great Spirit of Life: May we live a life that is not in vain. May our works and deeds have meaning. May the path that our ancestors tread, that we follow and leave for others, lead to true equity and justice.

If you would like to subscribe to the Braver/Wiser newsletter from the UUA please visit

<https://www.uua.org/braverwiser>.

Rayla D. Mattson serves as the Director of Religious Education for the Unitarian Society of Hartford (CT). Outside of congregational life, she is raising her three beautiful children as a single mom.

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BIG HOLIDAY
 EVENT !!
**BIG BANG
 BASH
 COSMIC
 WINTER
 SOLSTICE
 PAGEANT**

12/22

***** Time for some FUN! Some DRAMA! A PARADE!

TAKE A PART: If you and/or your family want to be part of the pageant of events and characters for our 12/22 Big Bang Bash, please sign up on December Sundays at the Coffee hour or speak to DRE Rayla Mattson.

WHAT THE PAGEANT IS ABOUT: This year to celebrate the Winter Solstice and return of the sun's light in the coming year, we have borrowed a wonderful script of the Universe Story told in about 30 minutes as a part of worship. It was written by a supporter of Environmentalist Joanna Macy and performed in recent years at the Exeter, NH UU church. This story tells the 13.8 billion year history of our Universe with particular focus on evolution on Earth. While the narrative is read, a pageant of people portraying the events and characters will parade silently down our center aisle. We need dozens of people, all ages and the more the merrier!

Can't parade? You can still participate! Everyone who comes to this special service will play a part in the story even if just from your seat in the pews.

NO rehearsals but we will gather early that Sunday to arrange ourselves.

QUESTIONS? Contact Worship leader, Marye Gail Harrison, and Lisa Galinski, WA.

Staff News



Please see our Office Administrator, Buffie Pinney with any administrative questions or concerns. Buffie will be here at USH through mid-February 2020. Office hours are now Sunday through Thursday, 9am-1pm. Please continue to welcome her to USH and let's support her getting acclimated to the Meeting House and the USH congregation!

News from the USH Board of Directors



Greetings from the Board:

Our ministers will be on a well deserved Sabbatical leave until the beginning of January. Please see the Sabbatical brochure for full details. As always, our members and friends keep us going strong. If you would like to be more active and involved in any aspect of congregational life, please contact one of our ministers or any Board member today.

~Joe Rubin, USH Board President

Your 2019-20 USH Board

—Especially while our ministers are on sabbatical until January, please take the opportunity to direct questions and comments about USH to any one of our Board members:

Joe Rubin: President

Martha Bradley: President-Elect

Phil Gardner: Treasurer

Sarah Harmon McKenzie: Secretary

Peter Meny: Spiritual Life Council Chair

Sue Tenorio: Administration Council Chair

Judy Sullivan: Social Justice Council Chair

Carolyn Carlson: Community Within Council Chair

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister (ex-officio)

Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister (ex-officio)

Social Justice at USH



Americans of Conscience
More to come...

GHIAA News

Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance

Monday evening, Oct.28, USH participated with over 1,000 people in the Founding celebration of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance. USH, with our own large group of enthusiastic supporters, was one of the 35 Founding Congregations and Institutions organizing together for justice in the greater Hartford region. The first slate of issues was presented in areas of education, housing, healthcare, criminal justice reform and gun violence. School superintendents, state legislators, CT State Treasurer Shawn Wooden and Mayor Luke Bronin were among the invited allies, pledging their commitment to work with GHIAA on specific actions for justice. Thank you to all who participated in this powerful evening! This is just the beginning – if you would like to become involved or just learn more about the organization, opportunities are listed below.

90 minute GHIAA Orientation: Wednesday, Dec 4, 1pm

Anyone interested in more information please contact Judy Sullivan at jasullivan57@gmail.com.

Sanctuary?

Thank you to everyone who has submitted comments. Many people indicated that hosting a sanctuary guest would be consistent with our UU values and principles. People also showed concern with many of the logistical issues and potential long-term commitment. The group is continuing to investigate how we might support the cause of immigrants in this area, both as a sanctuary and other organized support.

Please contact Virginia de Lima at vadelima@yahoo.com or put a

card in the gray basket on the welcome table. All comments are welcome!

Church Business News

The latest financial reports for **July-September 2019** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **July - September 2019** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view. To view the USH Directory, Reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Buffie Pinney at hartforduusociety@gmail.com for the username and password.

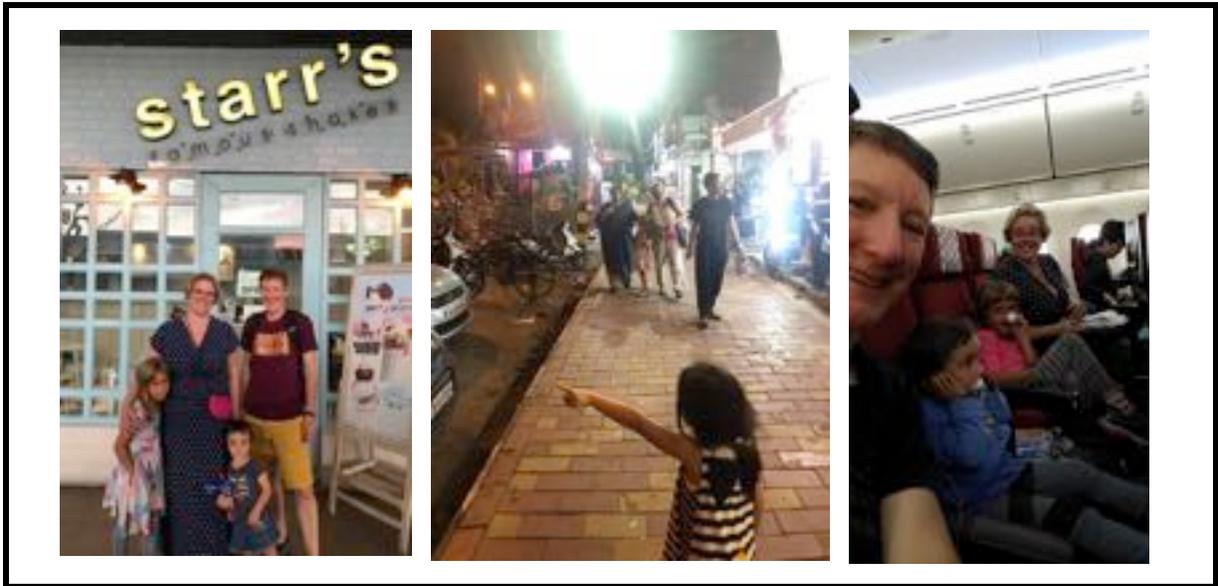


Update from the Sabbatical Committee

If you follow our Revs on social media, you have probably seen photos of their adventures so far. They have visited UU communities in the Philippines and have recently arrived in India for more UU community activities and continuing their "Big Trip" as a young family. Here are a few photos below from their exciting travels if you have not seen them on Facebook yet.

And a friendly reminder from the Sabbatical Brochure: Our Revs are relieved of all customary ministerial responsibilities during this time so that their sabbatical can truly be a time of renewal. Thus, Revs Heather and Cathy will not be responding to any congregan emails, phone calls, texts or social media contact. Of course we can enjoy seeing what they are up to and comment on their posts, but the nature of their sabbatical means we shouldn't expect to hear back from them while they are on their sabbatical trip. We will certainly hear more about their travels when they return in early January! To view the Sabbatical Brochure, with all sorts of wonderful details about the Revs' Sabbatical, click [HERE](#).

Warm regards, The Sabbatical Committee (Marye Gail Harrison, Laurie Kelliher, Lisa Galinski and Peter Meny)



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

USH Artists' Group: Mondays at 6:30 PM; Sensing a call to be creative? To write or paint, to collage or sketch, to weave or quilt? Whatever your medium, the USH Artists' Group held its first meeting of the fall on **Monday, September 9 at 6:30pm** in the library, and you are all welcome to join us at future meetings! The group is using the book *Wild Ideas: Creativity from the Inside Out* by Cathy Wild as the stimulus for ongoing discussions. You can purchase the book on Amazon and bring it to the first meeting, when we will collaborate on planning the fall/winter program and begin building community with a simple-but-fun creative activity. All who are interested in exploring and nurturing their creative process are welcome to join these Monday evening gatherings. No need to pre-register - just come to the first meeting. For more information contact Marye Gail Harrison (maryegailh@gmail.com).

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.

Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Contact Mark Friedman for more information: drmarkafriedman@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: Esavage15@att.net.

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

USH Book Club: Meets the second Thursday of the month September-June. Off-site, contact Richard Groothuis for more information: rgroupofus@icloud.com or 860-748-3532. Books are selected by Members to raise social and life issues. We meet monthly with the objective to discuss the books as literature but with particular emphasis on how the issues relate to us personally and as UUs. Our discussions follow the Small Group goals of seeking input from all in attendance. Our hope is that those attending will make an effort to make as many meetings as possible. Membership is open to all. Meetings will be on second Thursday of the month at 2:30 pm; we will skip December.



"APOLLO 11" DINNER & A MOVIE

Friday, December 13th

“ . . . has the ability to freshly surprise us with 50-year-old footage, turning us back into kids staring in wonder, wide-eyed, as we watched a rocket take off for the very first time.” ~ “ .*

. will bring you to tears -- it's a reminder of national functionality, of making the big dream happen without ego or divisiveness.” ~ “Sometimes gush is the*

*only appropriate response and the amazingness never gets any less amazing.”***

On Friday, December 13, the USH Dinner & Movie Group will show the acclaimed 2019 documentary film “Apollo 11”, “like a historical

archive crossed with an IMAX simulator, making viewers feel like they're part of the team that put the first man on the moon.”**

We will gather at 5:30 PM for popcorn and socializing, enjoy pizza and salad at 6, view the movie at 7, with optional discussion following. You can watch the trailer here <https://youtu.be/3Co8Z8BQgWc>.

To reserve (\$10 each), please leave a voice message at 860-693-4269 (no texting) with your name and phone number, number of reservations, and choice(s) of meat or vegetable pizza toppings. You can pay with cash or check at the event. Please reserve by noon on Wednesday, Dec 11.

The Board at USH has recently revised the adult programs fee, to help with facility operating costs. More information is available through the USH website and at the D & M event.

If on the day of the movie you find you cannot attend, please call the number above before noon so the pizza order can be adjusted. If the event needs to be cancelled, you will be notified by noon on Friday, Dec 13. Questions? Call Nita H. 860-693-4269.

**from Rotten Tomatoes website **Common Sense website*



The USH Annual Regifting Sale is right around the corner!

It's time to check your basement, attic, closets and garages for great new or barely used items, fabulous art pieces or other treasures stashed away just awaiting a new home through regifting. Why re-gift?

It's an environmentally preferable alternative to buying new products, it provides an economical way to buy your holiday gifts, it's fun, and it is a fundraiser for USH. The Green Sanctuary Committee invites all USH members, family, and friends to participate in this year's sale.

Re-gifting is easy. Bring your items to the USH lobby or Green Sanctuary table at coffee hour this November and then, on Sundays December 1, 8, and 15, shop at USH for holiday "re-gifts."

We request that your Re-gifting Items be:

- * New, high quality items that you, your family, children, or friends received as gifts but which were not used because they just did not quite suit you – but are likely desirable by others;
- * Barely used items that are like new and no longer needed or

wanted;

- * Fine craft or art pieces or jewelry in excellent condition;
- * Theatre or concert tickets that you can't use.

Re-gifting sale success is dependent on volunteers so stay tuned for updates and watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping with this year's Regifting sale (it's lots of fun and rewarding and you get to work with some great people) please contact Mary Sherwin or Jeff Howard on the **Green Sanctuary** Committee.

Thank You and THINK REGIFTING!!!



Green Sanctuary Sub-Council

Here are dates and title and times for the USH regifting....

Title: USH Holiday Regifting Sale

Location: Fellowship Hall, USH

Dates:

Sunday December 1 11:45 to 1 p.m.

Sunday December 8 11:45 to 1 p.m.

Sunday December 15 11:45 to 1 p.m.

Support a green and sustainable holiday season by purchasing your gifts at the USH "Regifting Sale" after the Services on December 1, 8, and 15. Your regifted purchase supports USH and contributes to a waste-free holiday. Happy shopping!

Contacts: mary.sherwin@gmail.com or jeff.howard.29@gmail.com.



Ballroom Dancing with Wendy!

Held here at USH. Ballroom dance classes are available to both members and general public. Dance is a fabulous way to exercise and explore a dramatic and exhilarating form of artistic expression. There are so many health benefits to this style of movement as well

as a sense of joy and freedom in "the dance" itself. Consider this option to round out your personal fitness routine while having FUN at the same time!! The 'Swing' is a very popular easy, and fun dance which is especially good for beginners.

The class is \$15 for one or both classes (per evening). I offer a special price to members at only \$10 in November. *Each class is 45 minutes long there's a 15 minute break in between for refreshments or practice. No class on November 28 (Thanksgiving)

Please contact Wendy at wendy1017@sbcglobal.net for scheduling a session.



New Members Are Joining

Welcome New Members to Our Congregation!

New Member Sunday – Dec 8, 2019

Twice a year we formally welcome new members into the Unitarian Society of Hartford. Our first New Member ceremony of this church year will be held **Sunday, Dec 8th**. Come and join in this celebration of church membership as our newest members commit to this exciting, and embracing community.

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. Watch for announcements of 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](#).



USH member **Peter Upton** has generously continued to offer the gift of any one of his paintings (currently on display in the Meeting House ambulatory) to anyone who wishes to have one, in exchange for a financial gift to USH of any amount you feel appropriate. Our great thanks to Peter! Please come and choose your painting through the rest of 2019!! ~Buffie Pinney, Office Administrator.

Meeting House Presents!



**2019-2020
Season**



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



Hartford Hot Several Brass Band

Friday Dec 27th 7:30pm 50 Bloomfield Ave.

Mid-winter joyful noise with a Hartford twist on the spirit of New Orleans is sure to raise a smile and make you want to dance.

The Hartford Hot Several Brass Band is bringing their party to USH for a pre-New Year's

blast. Since 2012 they have been Hartford's much-needed funky marching band bringing brass, ruckus, and joy to all. Inspired by the international street band movement, the Hartford Hot Several Brass Band spreads the joy of playing in the street both for the fun of it and in support of others working on important social

issues, especially in our Hartford community. There are between 10 and 24 of them and they call themselves the Justice League of funk and rumble: they show up, make people smile and dance, then go back to their fancy lair.

Save These Dates - Coming Up:

Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 TBA (This show might be rescheduled to a date in May to be determined.)

Friday, Feb 28, 2020 [Belle of the Fall](#) lead singer, Julia Autumn Ford possesses the voice of an angel is beyond obvious. Soft, tender and raw all at once; Julia's vocal delivery is light as a feather yet powerful enough to knock down an entire city block with one turn of a phrase. Her partner in crime, bassist Tracy Walton rounds out Belle of the Fall's folky yet modern sound.

Friday, March 27, 2020 [Seán Heely Celtic trio](#) Experience the magic music of Scotland and Ireland with the Seán Heely Celtic Trio. The group features U.S National Scottish Fiddle champion Seán Heely, acclaimed multi-instrumentalist Kevin Elam, and Highland bagpiper Tracy Jenkins. The three gents bring together multiple different instruments to perform fiery dance tunes and ancient, soaring melodies from Scotland and Ireland. They perform original compositions and have rich vocal harmonies in their solid song repertoire that features ballads, sea shanties, and songs in Irish and Scots Gaelic.

Friday, April 17, 2020 [Scott Cook](#) has managed to distill the stories collected over eleven years touring across Canada, the USA, Europe, Asia, Australia and elsewhere into straight-talking, keenly observant verse. Road-worn, painfully honest, and deeply human, his tunes weave threads of folk, roots, blues, soul and country over spacious fingerstyle guitar and clawhammer banjo arrangements.

We sure hope that you will join us!

Click [HERE](#) for more info or e-mail us at MeetingHousePresents@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@gmail.com. Put “subscribe” in the subject line. We send one or two emails each month.

Meeting House Presents is always 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.

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](#).



More from AIM

Hi everyone,
I want to invite AIM friends and allies to an online worship service to observe the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Dec. 3.

The Zoom room will open at 7:45 PM EST on Dec. 3, and the service will begin at 8:00 pm EST. Reflection, Celebration, Learning, Optimism, Action.

Homily: "Dog Day Afternoons" - Rev. Helen McFadyen, UUA Administrative

Director, AIM.

Here is the Zoom link and ID to join on Dec. 3, 2019.

<https://zoom.us/j/7852988392>.

Meeting ID: 785 298 8392

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community

Coming Up at USH: Citizens Climate Lobby Meeting for Greater Hartford chapter. Sponsored by USH Green Sanctuary

Room: Library

Dates: Dec. 8.

Time: Meeting is 2 - 4p.m. (1:30 - 4:30 includes pre-meeting set-up and post meeting clean-up)

Citizens Climate Lobby Meeting for Greater Hartford chapter. Sponsored by Green Sanctuary

Contacts: ellen.castaldini@gmail.com; jeff.howard.29@gmail.com

Event is free and open to public

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 **Buffie Pinney** at hartforduusociety@gmail.com.

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! ~Buffie

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

Someone dropped a Welsh and American Service pin and I will keep it until it is claimed as it is quite nice actually!!

I will be donating the lost and found items to a local Goodwill or Salvation Army at the end of every month so please come and visit my container of

articles!!

~Buffie Pinney, Office Administrator

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Our Co-Ministers, Revs Cathy and Heather Rion Starr, are on a well-deserved Sabbatical for October, November and December 2019. If you wish to set up an appointment with Rev. Cathy in January, you may do that here: <https://RevCathyRionStarr.as.me>. If you aren't sure who to contact right now, please see the [Sabbatical Brochure](#).

***The deadline for USH-Enews submissions is Tuesday at 12 Noon.
Email to: ushenews@ushartford.com OR hartfordusociety@gmail.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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