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JUNE 30, 2021

**Building Community Since 1830
Rev. Terry Cummings , Interim Minister**



July 4th, 2021, 9:45am

**"We Hold These Truths: Native Americans and the
Declaration of Independence"**

**Once again we will look closely at the Declaration of Independence
examining what it meant at the time of its writing and the meaning from
which we draw today. This year we'll look closely at the passing yet deeply
damaging reference to Native Americans.**

**The premiere opens at 9:45 a.m. [HERE](#) with gathering music and
greetings in the YouTube chat. The service begins at 10:00
a.m. You're most welcome to join for coffee hour.**

**Reverend Patierno, Guest Speaker ASNL
Buffie Pinney, USH Zoom Host Liason**

**ASNL Coffee Hour will be immediately following services in All Souls
chat via YouTube [here](#).**



Reverend Patierno has served All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation in New London since 2001. She is one of the founders of the Homeless Hospitality Center, is active in the Greater New London Clergy Association, and currently serves on the Immigration Advocacy and Support Center's Board of Directors. From 2013 - 2016 she served as the chair of the UUA General Assembly Worship Arts

Team. She lives in New London with her spouse, Kate Stafford.

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

HELLO USH FAMILY!!

Story time with our DRE - <https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianSocietyOfHartford>

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

USH Community & Business

Unitarian Society of Hartford Inquirer Series

An Introductory Program for Newcomers and Friends
 And Interested Members

Fall 2021

The purpose of the Inquirer Series is to welcome newcomers into the Unitarian Society of Hartford community. The goals of the Inquirer Series are as follows:

- Make our church values and culture transparent and known to newcomers so that they may make an informed decision about membership in our church.

- Introduce newcomers to church ministers and lay leaders.
- Establish a “safe space” for newcomers to learn more about Unitarian Society of Hartford in the form of a regularly scheduled small group designed for their needs.

Welcome, Introductions and About Unitarian Universalism

Sunday, October 3: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Host: Laurie Kelliher
- Unitarian Universalism History, Principles and Sources: Laurie Kelliher
- Questions and Answers with the Minister: Rev. Terri Cummings

Worship and Spirituality

Sunday, October 10: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Host: Peter Meny
- Worship and the Liturgical Year: Sue Smolski
- Adult Spiritual Programs: Peter Meny

Adult Programs and Community Partnerships

Sunday, October 17: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Host: Dianne Daniels
- Adult Programs: Dianne Daniels
- Social Justice and GHIAA: Dana Donovan

Education and Faith Development for All

Sunday, October 24: 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

- Host: Rev. Terry Cummings
- Lifelong Learning in USH: Terry Cummings
- Faith Development for Children and Youth: Rayla Mattson
- On becoming a Member: Rev. Terry Cummings

Back-Up Date: Sunday, October 31

New Member Ceremony: Sunday, November 7 TBC
New Member Potluck Dinner, Friday, November 12 TBC

To Register and get the link contact Buffie Pinney at
hartforduusociety@gmail.com



"I'll Be Seeing UU!"

**Unitarian Society of Hartford and
 Universalist Church of West Hartford co-
 present: "PorchPourri"**

**A porch concert for a summer evening
 Sunday, July 18 at 6 pm**

Patrice Fitzgerald, Richard Leslie & Eric

Paradine and the band MeetingHouse.

**On the grounds of the USH Meeting House: bring your lawn chairs,
 a blanket, some snacks or a picnic.**

Visit with friends! See people!! Free, but donations appreciated

Summer Worship - "Embracing and Releasing"

Summer worship at USH is lay-led by thoughtful, observant, caring and committed members of our congregation. This year the theme of "Embracing and Releasing" will bring sermons opening us to contemplation of the array of emotions and insights we have encountered in the many months since March 2020. So much has happened; our lives, our sleep, our families and friends, the very structure of our days have been affected yet we keep on keeping on.

We will open with General Assembly on June 27 and on the 4th of July we are welcomed to All Souls UU, New London. The calendar for the lay services is currently a scaffold; titles will change and more information will develop as sermons and worship are written and revised but most importantly, take a look at our wonderful speakers and anticipate a summer of embracing and releasing.

July 4 - All Souls New London with Rev Carolyn Patierno

July 11 - Judy Robbins "A Summer's Day with Mary Oliver"

July 18 - Rick Tsukada "A Requiem: We are Sorrow, We are Beauty, We are Love"

July 25 - John Bengtson "How to have hard conversations"

August 1 - Lisa Galinski "Crossing the Edge"

August 8 - Sue Spaniol/Artists' Way "The Gift of a Year"

August 15 - Title TBA - Judy Robbins/Rick Tsukada

August 22 - "Making Peace" - Margaret Leicach/ Sue Smolski

August 29 - "Happiness In the Midst of Chaos" - Rob Spector

Sept 5 - TBD - Laurie Kelleher

All services will remain on-line until Ingathering September 12th when, fingers crossed, we will resume in-person worship at the Meeting House with a live feed to your home.

~ **Submitted by Laurie Kelliher, WA Coordinator**

~~ **Updated - Sue Smolski, WA Coordinator 2021-23**

Email and Listservs to Change

In recent months those who receive email from US Hartford email addresses have reported email not being received in a dependable way.

To deal with this issue, email addresses associated with USH will be migrating to Gmail, a large provider of services likely to be accepted by all other service providers. Associated with these changes, we will be moving our web servers to a new service provider and terminating use of listservs.

For those who wish to obtain a listing of the email addresses on a particular listserv, either Buffie Pinney or David Newton can provide the current and probably a little outdated listing of addresses, which can be further edited for individual use.

During this period of migration, email directed to old addresses will be forwarded to the new ones established by staff members until October 1st.

You can help by recording any new email address that appear in use and exercising the usual Unitarian understanding of diversity in problems of digital life.

Submitted by David Newton



Meetings at the Meeting House!

Here's what to do if your group wants to meet in person at USH. The list isn't exhaustive... someone always comes up with some additions... but it'll get us started:

Check the events calendar on the website. Any planned usage of space should be included here.

Assuming you see no conflicts for day, time, and space, contact Buffie at hartforduusociety@gmail.com to schedule the space and get your event onto the calendar. Copy Rayla at ctraylab@gmail.com TO ensure

If your gathering includes people participating virtually, arrange with Buffie to reserve one of USH's Zoom links. One of the benefits of the pandemic comes from broadening virtual connections; let's take advantage of this to continue including those unable to be here in person.

At the end of your gathering please tidy up and leave things organized for the next group. (You know... re-set the thermostat; turn lights out; don't leave dirty dishes, etc.)

These basic acts of courtesy and consideration once were second nature and will be so again once we reacclimate. Be gentle with yourselves and with each other, and enjoy being together again.

Programs for Adults and Families



UU SpiritLife

UU SpiritLife offers spiritually-focused programs to members and friends of the three Hartford area UU churches.

Fall 2021 Offerings Include:

Daytime

"Spirituality for UUs" - This course helps UUs to establish and deepen their spiritual lives in a religion without a creed. 12 weekly Zoom sessions; Sept 7-Nov 23; Tues, 10 am-noon with Judy Robbins and Rick Tsukada

Evening - (Either "Living Your Faith" OR "Spiritual Practices for UUs" will be offered, depending on the sign-ups for the two programs)

"Living Your Faith" - participants articulate the tenets of their faith

and explore how this faith is manifested in their daily lives. **12 Sessions; Tue: 7:00-8:30 pm; Dates TBD. Zoom with Tom Gervais**

-- OR --

"Spiritual Practices for UUs" is a 9-month program in which participants experiment with different spiritual practices to explore how these practices can change how they experience and live life. **16 Sessions; Tue: 7:00-8:30 pm; Dates TBD. Zoom with Tom Gervais**

Other Evening Offerings

"Tending Your Spiritual Garden" - participants explore how they might reap the bounty of a soulful spirituality.

2 Sessions; Thu 7:00-8:30 pm; Dates TBD. Zoom with Tom Gervais

"Being a Monk in the World" - finding and living from your inner monastery. **Four conversational Zoom sessions, including a review of recent writings on the subject.**

First Wed 7:00-8:30 pm; Sept-Dec. with David Gonci

"How Your Former Catholicism Can Expand Your UUism" - Ex-Catholic? **No need to drop it all.**

8 Zoom sessions on alternate Thurs starting Oct 14; 6-7:30 pm. With Rev Joy Christi Przeworski and Judy Robbins.

For more complete information including registration visit www.UUSpiritLife.org.

Adult Programs:

The USH Book Club: Meets **monthly**, on the **2nd Thursday**, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, via Zoom. All adults in the USH community are welcome. Please contact Ginny Allen at fiddlenurse1@gmail.com if you'd like more information or if you want to join. An email with Zoom link will be sent a day or two before the meeting.

20's/30's Group: If you would like to join, please email Tara Cote at tcote11@gmail.com.

Disability Support Group: This group has moved its gathering online. Please reach out to the facilitators for more info. In this group participants discuss the challenges of physical disability (chronic illness, chronic pain, impaired senses, impaired mobility) and emotional pain (loss, mental illness) and the stresses of caretaking a loved one. What is said in the room stays in the group. Email **Don Hope** for more information at donhope48@gmail.com or call at **860 463 7982**.

Caring Network

From the USH Caring Network:

Valerie Klokow, a long time member of USH, has been very ill for quite some time. Cards and notes would brighten her day. Her address is 44 Fairview Street, West Hartford, CT 06119. Home cooked meals for her 16 year old son, Xavier, would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to make and deliver a meal, please contact me at

janicecnewton@gmail.com or 860-212-6923 with the details so I can be sure there are not two meals delivered at the same time. I will inform Valerie of any scheduled deliveries. We are trying this to see if it works better than Take Them a Meal. When you take a meal, you will be able to call Valerie's cell phone and Xavier will come out to get it so you will not have to take it up the stairs. There are no food restrictions.

We will also be needing folks to provide rides to Valerie's medical appointments. Please contact me, providing your contact information so I can reach out to you when rides are needed.

Thank you very much for any help you can provide. **Janice Newton**

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.

News in the Larger Community

**Personal News within the congregation.**

We are sad to learn of the death of USH member Lisa Galinski's grandmother, Grace E. Bourque. Please see obituary below.

Grace E. Bourque passed away peacefully in West Hartford on June 12, 2021. Born Eliana Grace Lemieux to Hector Lemieux and Merilda Lefebvre on May 15, 1930, Grace lived her entire life in the Hartford area.

She grew up in the French-Canadian community in Frog Hollow, and later moved to West Hartford when she married.

Grace was predeceased by her beloved husband of 67 years, Philip, whom she spent nearly every day with since they met as teenagers and enjoyed a rich and joyful life together. She is also predeceased by her daughter Denise, brother Joseph and sister Theresa. She is survived by her loving

son Ronald and daughter-in-law Barbara, and granddaughters Lisa Galinski (Seth Galinski) and Pamela Delfino (Daniel Delfino) who will forever love their Mémère.

Grace loved to connect and was loved by her entire family and extended friends. She was outspoken, loved to host celebrations, had a quick wit and great sense of humor. She especially cherished family get togethers, special events and life milestones. She and Phil would reliably show up, year after year, to be a part of the family stories.

As the family photographer and videographer, she recorded family events for well over fifty years. Thanks to Grace, weddings, birthdays, retirements, anniversaries, showers, bowling parties, holidays and other special memories can be remembered for many years to come on film reels then VHS tapes then DVDs. She and Phil played a big role in organizing the Bourque Family Fourth of July Picnic, a tradition that they continued for 50 years.

Grace had many talents and interests that she shared with those who knew her. She was a hairdresser for over 35 years, and worked at, then co-owned, Adore Coiffeur salon in West Hartford. She was a quilter and afghan maker who generously shared her creations with many family and friends, gifting over 120 handmade afghans.

One of her many loves was ten pin bowling, where she was the treasurer of the Senior's league for many years and carried a 170 average. She was an intense competitor, whether it was bowling, Foxwoods Bingo, or finding the recipe for the best hot fudge. She lived her life to the fullest and will be dearly missed, but always felt in spirit.

News from the USH Board of Directors

Your 2020-2021 USH Board

Rob Spector: President

Eve Pech: President-Elect

Bob Hewey: Treasurer

Sarah Harmon McKenzie: Secretary

Peter Meny: Spiritual Life Council Chair

Jon Covault: Administration Council Chair

Dana Donovan: Social Justice Council Chair

Tina Davies: Community Within Council Chair

Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister (ex-officio)

The latest financial reports for **Nov-Dec 2020 & Jan-Feb 2021** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **March & April 2021** have been posted. 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.

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 coordinated by the

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

To submit a Calendar Request (also for an online USH Zoom Room gathering) click [HERE](#).

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.

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Please contact our Office Administrator, **Buffie Pinney**, with any administrative questions or concerns. Buffie is working Sunday through Thursday from 9am-2pm. While the church remains closed, please email at her at **hartforduusociety@gmail.com**.
Buffie's always happy to hear from you!

The deadline for USH-Enews submissions is **Tuesday at 12 Noon.**

Email to: hartforduusociety@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.**

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles: The member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association covenant to affirm and promote: the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; a free and responsible search for truth and meaning; the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process, within our congregations and in society at large; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part. Consider the proposed 8th Principle as well! <https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/>.