



Unitarian Society of Hartford

**Building Community Since 1830**

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Each year, on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, we gratefully acknowledge the courage and the sacrifices of those who have served our country in the past as well as those who are serving our country in the present, as members of our armed forces. This coming Sunday, in the wake of the heartbreaking twenty years of war in Afghanistan, our service will endeavor to add to those important national recognitions of valor, by focusing as well on the subject of peace. What would the world look like if we gave peace a chance? Our sixth Unitarian Universalist principle calls upon us to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. In my homily I hope to start a conversation about ways in which we can become peace activists, in the hope that we can make a difference in the future.

## Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister

Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate

## Rayla Mattson, Religious Education

Sam Moffett, Director Music Ministries

Buffie Pinney, Zoom Master & Coffee Hour Host

Kathy Lee and Marilyn Stockton, Greeters

Ginny Hendrick & Cris Noble, Ushers

TBD , Welcome Table

Evan Williams, Chancel Art

10:30am Inhouse Worship Service

Also join us in ZOOM **HERE**.

Closed captions are available.

Meeting ID: 952 8306 7113

Passcode: 014277

11:30am - Fellowship Time will be immediately following services in the memorial Garden (weather permitting).

For those that are on Zoom, please stay on Zoom to chat with any remaining members.

You can also watch the Sunday service at <https://vimeo.com/unitariansocietyhartford> or on the USH Facebook page.

**Good Neighbor Offering – Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Recipient to be GHIAA, The Greater Hartford**  
**Interfaith Action Alliance**

We would like to donate the proceeds from this month's GNO to the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance. In the two years since they've been working, GHIAA has contributed substantial and much needed work for the inner Hartford community. Besides their impressive legislative results, GHIAA members have been involved with rallies and marches for social justice causes, improving the condition of public housing, forcing some slum landlords out of Hartford altogether – to name a few areas. We would like to do our share to support GHIAA, both in time volunteered and financially. Please be as generous as you are able and feel so moved.

Thank You All, Dana Donovan



*A Message from the Minister*

Dear members and friends of the Unitarian Society of Hartford, it has been wonderful to lead Sunday services with members of our beloved congregation present in-person as well as on Zoom these past few weeks. I had almost forgotten what it was like to lead a Sunday service with people present in the sanctuary, and I am deeply grateful to all of our staff and to all of our volunteers for helping to make Sundays both vibrant and meaningful.

A number of people have already volunteered to organize our *Trunk or Treat* event on Halloween weekend. If you would like to participate, or need more information, please get in touch with Rayla.

I am also very grateful to Rayla for organizing our congregation-wide “Secret Santa” partnership with a local Hartford school. Some folks have already expressed interest and we are optimistic that we can have an impact on the lives of some deserving children over the holidays.

To recap what we are planning to do, the names of a group of pupils of the school will be put into a hat, and a random drawing by our congregation will assign each pupil to a member-volunteer of the congregation, who will be given a copy of that child's Christmas wish list. Closer to the Christmas holiday a "USH Santa" will deliver the gifts we have collected to the children.

We have already identified a school that would welcome your gifts during the holiday season. This project will call for a substantial number of our members and friends to donate gifts, and several of our members to handle the logistics. And, of course, we will need to have someone to be Santa. Please contact Rayla if you would like to help with this exciting and generous project.

Last week I asked for volunteers to help with the annual USH auction. Please see Jon Covault's separate message in this ENews.

I am also very excited to share with you that we are planning to have a multigenerational holiday pageant during our service on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The pageant will be an enactment of the Twelve Days of Christmas as told in the wonderful story about a farm girl and a prince in *Emma's Christmas*, by Irene Trivas. (We will have a few copies of the book available for people to read and pass along to others. It is not available on Amazon, but there are some inexpensive used copies available from other vendors for those who would like to purchase a copy.)

Because of COVID considerations and the mixed in-person and Zoom attendance, we will need to be creative in the way in which we prepare the service, including possibly asking some participants to pre-record their parts at home on their cell phones. We will need members of our congregation to participate with our children and youth to participate as Lords-a-Leaping, Maids-a-Milking, Swans-a-Swimming, and ... you get the picture. Rayla and Marye Gail Harrison are the contact persons for the pageant, and I will also be supporting them in helping to organize the event. I hope that we can get as many volunteers as possible to make this year's pageant an event to remember notwithstanding the COVID and technical challenges.

Please feel free to call me on my cell phone, 973-951-9904, or email me at [revterryush@gmail.com](mailto:revterryush@gmail.com), if you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding these projects, and especially if you would like to volunteer to help.

Again, thank you.  
In peace and love, Rev. Terry Cummings

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



HELLO USH FAMILY!!

**This Sunday we are in our 3rd week of exploring our 1st UU principle. If you have not done so, please visit our FB page for an update on this year's program and to hear the first story.**

**1st Principle: The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person.**

**On the surface it seems so simple to respect ourselves and others. However, the last few years have shown me that it's not always easy to show respect and hold everyone's dignity with respect and worth. Especially during those times when we truly disagree**

**with someone or when they have caused us or a loved one harm. During those times we asked ourselves how can we still value and uplift this person when they are causing so much harm?**

**This 3rd week of exploring our 1st principle. I hope you have pondered how this principle fits into your everyday life. This week I would like to encourage you to utilize the principle in your day-to-day life. What does it look like when you engage with someone you get along with or have similar viewpoints with? How are we able to continue to hold up someone's worth and dignity when they have done ill to us or caused us harm? Whether you respond the way you think you should have or the way you wanted to or not, think on it and ask yourself if you would continue with the same type of response in the future or does your faith call you to make a change?**

**Finally, I would again encourage you to talk to your family and each other about how you are engaging with this principle in your everyday life.**

**<https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianSocietyOfHartford>**

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education  
860-233-9897 ext. 104 | [ctraylab@gmail.com](mailto:ctraylab@gmail.com)  
I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Hello all you Halloween fans!!!

**This year USH will be holding a fun Trunk-or-Treat event after service on the 31st of October. Sign-up to decorate your trunk and pass**

**out treats for this neighborhood fun and safe event! Treat ideas include: candy, stickers, granola bars, popcorn, etc.**

**We will have a sign up sheet at the volunteer fair this Sunday after service. You can also contact our [DRE, Dana Donovan](#) or [Marye Gail Harrison](#) to sign-up or for more information.**



Have you ever taught OWL (Our Whole Lives)?

I am looking for facilitators for this year. We need to finish a 1/2 year of an OWL for the group that started before the pandemic and we need to start a full year for our new group. If you are an experienced OWL facilitator, please let our DRE know!!

## USH Community & Business



### Personal News of the Congregation

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of long time USH member, Jeannette Angelbeck.

Jeannette Moser Angelbeck passed away peacefully on Monday, August 30, 2021 in Darien, CT at the age of 87. Please see her full obituary **[HERE](#)**.



Please take note that the next Board meeting will be on **October 12th** at 6:30pm via **Zoom**



### **USH 2021 Auction – November 14th**

With Fall comes USH Auction season. We will have an online silent auction this year with bidding open starting October 17<sup>th</sup> followed by a hybrid live /zoom auction of select items on Sunday November 14th at noon with USH member Bob Hewey as auctioneer. The auction provides great additional opportunities to exchange and interact as well as contribute to our

Stewardship fund raising.

Our auction is an important fundraising event for the church and a great way to bring people together. Do you have a special talent, skill, or a unique service to offer? Can you host a dinner?

Your donation(s) of a service, teaching, cooking, guiding, craft/art item, local business gift certificate, guided walk, historical outing, vacation time share {let your imagination run wild} are needed in the next few weeks to generate our catalog of auction items to bid on.

We will be using an auction website – [www.togetherauction.com/usharford](http://www.togetherauction.com/usharford) - that we used last year. We have preloaded member/friend's information so that you can easily sign in to the site using your telephone number following the clear directions on the website.

You can enter donated item description or bring forward your description from the 2020 auction if you'd like to start there. Alternatively you can email us information about items you'd like to post on the auction site at **USH.auction2020@gmail.com**.

Volunteers needed to contact folks to encourage item donations for the auction as well as to help plan and set up for the live auction on November 14<sup>th</sup>.



Thanks – auction team Mike Covault, Ginny Hendrick, Jon Covault and Buffie Pinney

### ***About recognizing exemplary volunteers...***

*Service*, as a value, is deeply embedded in our culture. At USH, our weekly affirmation of our great covenant reminds us “love is our spirit; service, our law”.

We, as a community, depend greatly on willing involvement in activities and tasks which help us thrive... caring for people and facilities, leading groups, planning events, spreading information, teaching children. The list goes on. There’s a lot to be done, and the USH Board recognizes this.

A few years ago, though, the realization dawned, that while our community relies greatly on volunteers to keep us functioning, we as a body were not great at recognizing and honoring dedicated volunteers. Some ‘thank you’ notes were sent.

Annually, the congregation, *en masse*, was thanked from the pulpit. Sometimes, if an exceptionally active volunteer was moving to, say, Florida, that person would be feted and bade farewell with a cake and flowers. There existed no formal culture of institutional gratitude.

Sue Tenorio, at that time Chair for Council on Administration, determined to bring attention to this gap. She, with Carolyn Carlson’s help, proposed an annual award to recognize “exemplary volunteers” — a few members who historically and routinely answer calls to service when a need is apparent.

Here are the specifications:

***Purpose:*** To demonstrate appreciation and recognition by the Board, of the valuable contributions of an individual member of the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

### ***Selection Criteria***

- USH membership

- Nomination by Board member(s), one person per member
- For non-monetary service
- Neither a current Board member nor a USH employee
- Service in a selected role or multiple roles for a minimum total of five years
- Delivery of exemplary service
- Active promotion of USH values
- Demonstrated dedication to completion of necessary tasks
- Sustained and successful engagement with Congregation.

### ***Procedure***

- An individual Board member recommends, in a short written statement, a nominee, based on accomplishments and/or activities in service of USH
- A copy of the statement is reviewed by a subgroup of the Board, which selects a maximum of 5 individuals for presentation to the full Board
- A majority vote approval of each nominee is required
- Selected Awardees are presented a certificate of Outstanding Service at the USH Annual meeting or other suitable opportunity.

There are a couple of critical distinctions to observe here: first, this is recognition and thanks by the Board... not by the ministers, not by the congregation. The Board is aware of, and publicly notices and expresses gratitude, for the person's outstanding service. Second, this is not a "retirement/gold watch/enjoy Florida" recognition... the person, in addition to a history of service, *continues* active involvement with our society. For the 2020/21 year, our honorees were **Carolyn Carlson, Laurie Kelleher, and Jim Venneman**, and awards were presented on Sunday, September 26th. We wanted to do this

once we were “back together and in person”. As President of the society during the 2020/21 year, Martha Bradley was the appropriate person to deliver a short summary for each person and express deep gratitude on behalf of the Board. Next week, we’ll give you a synopsis of each honoree and their record of service. It’s pretty impressive, and totally characteristic of so many volunteers at USH.



#### Communications Sub-Council Reawakens

**You knew we have a Communications Sub-council, right?? If you didn't, I'm not surprised. The group has been very quiet (think of Sleeping Beauty-type quiet) for several years. Now, it's time to revive, regroup, and bring all our communications media/elements together to work with**

**each other, share information, operate transparently and inclusively, and function to enhance life within the Meeting House.**

**We'll start by bringing together the varied elements currently composing our communications portfolio... taking inventory (exactly what platforms do we have, and how are they used??); figuring out who is doing what, on which 'publication', and with whom; devising a plan for more relevant, current, coordinated messaging for members, friends, and visitors.**

**If you'd be interested in this effort — and particularly if you're one who's been contributing, quietly, through eNews review, web maintenance, or other media input — we want to hear from you. We're gathering a group of folks, probably in late October or November, to begin sorting and sharing thoughts. Tell us who you are, and how you might like to help. Contact me, Tina Davies at [daviesush@gmail.com](mailto:daviesush@gmail.com), or Buffie at [hartforduussociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduussociety@gmail.com) — or, come to the Communications table at the Volunteer Fair on October 17th. Talk with us... we need to know what you think!**

Updates from the Board

## Here's what you should know about coming to USH:

We continue to follow CDC guidance; right now, that guidance is for everyone to wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Bring and wear your mask; if you forget, we have a supply and will give you one.

The sanctuary is large enough to accommodate comfortably all who are likely to come. We can spread out, maintaining reasonable distance from each other. It's likely that alternate pews will be cordoned off to facilitate separation.

We will continue to livestream the service on multiple platforms... you will be able to participate, even if you cannot be here in person! The capacity to feature virtual participation has been one of the (few) ongoing benefits of the pandemic.

The building has been maintained at high standards, and is in great shape. Recommended cleaning protocols have been followed scrupulously. The space is well-ventilated.

We expect many will be hesitant to return, possibly for a very long time — *and that's perfectly fine!* Stay home, and join us on Vimeo, Facebook, or Zoom (including coffee hour). However, you choose to be here, you are welcome.

Our Ingathering coffee hour in the Memorial Garden was so enthusiastically received, we're planning to continue outside fellowship if the weather's decent. We can mingle at discreet distances and spread out a little more.

*Please take note: services start at 10:30!* If you happen to arrive at 10, that simply offers more time to visit, or meditate, or perhaps help out. Whenever, and however, you come, we'll be so happy to see you!

NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER AT THE UNITARIAN  
SOCIETY OF HARTFORD:

*Artwork from The Artist's Way Program*

**The Artist's Way, active at the Unitarian Society of Hartford since 2004, has become one of the most enduring programs in**

the congregation, encouraging participants to find, and honor, their inner artist, and to turn away the discouragement of the inner critic.

Now, for the first time ever in our hallway gallery, the participants in the Artist's Way program present an exhibit of their artwork, ranging from oil and watercolor to collage and fiber. We invite congregants and guests to visit and enjoy the art.

We will hold a Covid-safe reception on Sunday, September 19, after the service, in the memorial garden, during coffee hour. This will enable congregants and visitors to meet the artists.

Much of the work is for sale, and 25% of all sales will go to the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

*Art for a Good Cause*



#### Book Table at Coffee Hour

The book table is back! Come browse outside near the coffee table this Sunday!

**\$1 a book!**

If you have questions, contact Susan

at [susanhope51@gmail.com](mailto:susanhope51@gmail.com) or 860 463 6407.

#### The Inquirer Series An Introductory Program for Newcomers and Friends And Interested Members

*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 you 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.

**Advance registration required!** These four one-hour sessions will be offered on Sunday’s following the USH service from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. in the Library. Light refreshments will be offered. There is no fee, but advance registration is strongly recommended for the Wednesday prior to each session. Sessions will be canceled if insufficient enrollment. Requests for virtual participation must be made in advance. To register contact Carolyn Carlson at [carlsoncjc@gmail.com](mailto:carlsoncjc@gmail.com). The schedule and theme of each session is as follows:

**Sunday, October 3: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

### **Welcome, Introductions and About Unitarian Universalism**

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

**Sunday, October 10: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

### **Worship and Spirituality**

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

**Sunday, October 17: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

### **Adult Programs and Community Partnerships**

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

### **Education and Faith Development for All**

**Sunday, October 24: 11:45 – 12:45 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**



USH BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS 2021-2022

Oct 14 Giovanni's Room- James Baldwin

Nov 11 She's Not There- A Life in Two Genders- Jennifer Finney Boulan

Dec 9 The Signal Flame- Andrew Krivak

Jan 13. Mansfield Park- Jane Austin

Feb 10- A Promised Land- Barack Obama

March 10- Finding Higher Ground: An Adaption in the Age of Warming- Amy Seidel

Apr 14- First Friends: The Powerful Unsung (and Unelected) People Who Shaped Our Presidents- Gary Ginsberg

May 12- The Extended Mind: Thinking Outside Your Brain- Anne Murphy Paul

June 9- The Hellfire Club- Jay Tapper

July 14- Hamnet- Maggie O'Farrell

Aug 11- The Vanishing Half- Brit Bennett

ALL MEETINGS ON THURSDAYS AT 2:30 pm

We voted for 40 separate books. These were the best liked. Now go read all those other fascinating books which intrigued you. Our next meeting—in person- will be at 2:30pm on Thursday September 9 at our home. 58 Hitchcock Lane Avon. **We will discuss our summer and books we read and liked.**



### Unitarian Society of Hartford is on Vimeo

We are asking for volunteers: Live streaming video team needs volunteers. We will teach you how to operate our live streaming equipment so that you join in rotation to produce our Sunday service. Please email jon Covault - [jncovault@hotmail.com](mailto:jncovault@hotmail.com).

Many Thanks, Staff at USH



### Sunday Welcome Volunteers

**At USH, we will be returning to in-our-sanctuary worship, and Fellowship Hall-based "Coffee Hour". To do that, we need those Welcome Volunteers who previously were so instrumental in greeting members, friends,**

**and visitors, to help them feel at home here.**

Buffie has developed a SignUpGenius "invite"; where you can easily select dates which work for you. You can be a greeter, an usher, or a welcome table volunteer. The link is below; if you have questions, let Buffie know and the answer will be revealed to you.

See Sign Up Genius Link [HERE](#). Please contact Buffie at [hartfordusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartfordusociety@gmail.com) for any assistance or additional questions.

## Programs for Adults and Families



Your Former Catholicism Can Expand Your UUism

**Ex-Catholic? This course will explore aspects of the Catholic experience that speak to your current Unitarian Universalism, including rituals and rites, reconciliation, original sin, prayer, spiritual practices, and much more. 8 Zoom sessions on alternate Thursday evenings 6-7:30pm. Oct 14, 28; Nov 11; Dec 9, 23; Jan 6, 20; and Feb 3. See more at [UUSpiritlife.org](http://UUSpiritlife.org) in the programs tab.**

**Facilitated by Rev. Joy Christi Przystwor and Judy Robbins. For more information or to register, contact Judy Robbins at [judyrobb2@gmail.com](mailto:judyrobb2@gmail.com)**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:tcote11@gmail.com).**

### Disability Support Group:

This group meets on line the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. The zoom link is sent a few days prior to the meeting. 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 group stays in the group.

Email **Gloria Bent** for more information at [bentgloria@gmail.com](mailto:bentgloria@gmail.com) or call at **860 904-7768.**

## Social Justice

### GHIAA: CORE TEAM LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**Thank you for your interest in GHIAA Leadership Training. Leadership trainings will resume to in person trainings starting in September. However, we will make case by case accommodations for people who need to participate remotely via live stream.**

#### Training Sessions (Day/Time):

**Five Tuesdays - September 21, 2021 through October 19, 2021  
from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**or**

**Five Thursdays - September 23, 2021 through October 21, 2021  
from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Trainers: Cori Mackey, Pat Speer, Rev. AJ Johnson**

**Where: TBD**

Questions about registration? send an email to [ghiaa@cljct.org](mailto:ghiaa@cljct.org)

to register contact Dana Donovan and go to their [registration](#) page.

## Caring Network

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 Janice Newton 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.**

## Meeting House Presents



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<https://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/>

**Meeting House Presents 2021-22 Season**  
**Concerts are the third Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. at the**  
**Unitarian Society of Hartford, 50 Bloomfield Avenue Hartford, CT 06105**

**Hello friends and music lovers. We are very excited that Abbie Gardner is coming to the Meeting House this Friday live and in person to kick off the new season of live music!**

- We continue to follow CDC guidance; right now, that guidance is for everyone to wear a mask indoors.
- Please bring proof of vaccination.
- Bring and wear your mask; if you forget, we have a supply and will give you one. The sanctuary is large enough to comfortably accommodate all who are likely to come. We can spread out, maintaining reasonable distance from each other.
- Seating is every-other pew to facilitate separation.

Oct. 15, 2021	Scott Cook
Nov. 19, 2021	Vance Gilbert
Dec. 17, 2021	Reggie Harris and Pat Wictor
Apr. 22, 2022	Mad Agnes (4th Friday)
May 20 , 2022	Seán Heely

Tickets are available in advance from [brownpapertickets.com](https://brownpapertickets.com) and at the door for \$20.  
 Season tickets are available for \$100 for all six concerts and can be purchased at the door or after church services.

[Scott Cook](#) – October 15, 2021 50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

tickets: <https://scottcook.bpt.me>

listen: [https://youtu.be/6R0W\\_QbGhr8](https://youtu.be/6R0W_QbGhr8)



Vance Gilbert – November 19, 2021 50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: <https://vancegilbert.bpt.me>

[Vance Gilbert's website](#)

Listen: <https://vimeo.com/377104057>

Reggie Harris and Pat Wictor – December 17, 2021  
50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Websites: <https://reggieharrismusic.com/>  
<https://www.patwictor.com/>

Tickets: <https://reggieharris.bpt.me>  
listen: <https://youtu.be/aiYrnt2V3ao>

Save the dates for spring 2022 concerts. Tickets will be available next year.  
Mad Agnes – April 22, 2022 50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.



Mad Agnes is Margo Hennebach, Adrienne Jones and Mark Saunders. Each member arrived at the trio from a staggering list of solo accomplishments, including songwriting competitions, recordings, and the ability to sleep on any surface.



**One Wild Dove** video

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Seán Heely duo with bouzouki player Beth Patterson– May 20, 2022  
50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.  
website <https://www.seanheely.com/>

video: <https://youtu.be/087oijDW8IM>

Laura and Paul Cipriano  
Meeting House Presents, Unitarian Society of Hartford, CT  
<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/>

## News in the Larger Community



### The PATH Online Auction Is Coming!

Do you have a product or service you'd like to donate to the PATH Online Auction? We are actively seeing donations for this year's auction, which will take place November 26 through

December 5th.

Our online auction helps us continue to work with families with children with special needs offering support, advocacy, information, and training free of charge.

If you have a product or service you'd like to donate—or if you'd like to make up a gift basket as a donation, please contact Carmina Cirioli at [ccirioli@pathct.org](mailto:ccirioli@pathct.org).

Highlighting Latinos with Disabilities in Honor of Hispanic Heritage Month beginning Sept 15th - "Respect Ability".

See more information [HERE](#).



**A Special *ONE BIG EVENT* Announcement**  
**We are continuing to monitor the evolving situation with COVID-19 and the Delta variant in terms of impact to *One Big Event* scheduled for**

**November 13,  
 2021.**

**We were so very hopeful and excited about being back together in person for *One Big Event* this year.**

**Circumstances are such that it looks more and more that we will not be able to do an in person event. Disappointment does not begin to capture how we feel about this probable reality. We will let you all know soon about how we will proceed for this year.**

**Thank you all for your interest and support of the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective through your support of *One Big Event*.**

**Linda Estabrook, Executive Director  
 E. John McGarvey, Event Chair**



**Benjamin Dix**

**Hello everyone,**

**Hope you all are well,**

**So far it seems my Carnegie Hall Benefit Concert is still being held.**

**Saturday, 10/16/2021 @ 2 PM. Weill Recital Hall @ Carnegie Hall (No intermission per the guidelines, so simple 90 min and then the reception!)**

**Please see attached invitation.**

**If you go on line-you can purchase a ticket and the tickets can be mailed to you so then you do not have to go**

**to the box office.**

**(It looks like proof of vaccination is required to attend). Click here for the link to see me and to buy a ticket:**

<https://www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar/2021/10/16/Benjamin-Dix-Piano-0200PM>

**Whether I see you or not, it is great that you have always supported me and the performing arts.**

**Figures the year I make it to Carnegie Hall, we have to follow the COVID concert rules and then I also just got a District level**



**Administrator/Director job (at least only have September to have to practice and work all day long so not too bad, and then 2 weeks in October)**

**Stay healthy everyone,  
Ben**



It Starts With Faith:  
Organizing School 2021  
**The Organizing Strategy  
Team supports faith-  
aligned groups to  
empower leaders, provide  
training, political  
education and spiritual  
sustenance to show up to  
end oppression and build  
thriving communities.**

**This year's Organizing School for Teams was developed in response to volunteers, State Action Networks, and congregations' desire to deepen organizing skills, develop broader networks of folx doing faith-based organizing, and join in the work of our Side With Love campaign. Complete application by July 30th [HERE](#).**

**We are excited to support 20-30 cohorts for this years organizing school. This program is designed for teams that are currently engaged in social justice work. We are encouraging congregational social justice teams to apply as a cohort. Priority will be given to teams who are based in AZ, FL, GA, KY, MN, NC, PA, TX, and WI. You may apply as an individual. If admitted you will be placed in cohorts based on geographic location. All sessions are recorded and applicants regardless of acceptance into as a cohort, will have access to recorded sessions.**

**Cohorts will receive up to 10 hours of 1-1 organizing support following the completion of 80% of all sessions.**

Sessions will take place on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm ET/3:30-5:30pm PT until November 3rd.

**Session 1: Orientation**

**Session 2: Faithful Social Justice: Telling your story**

**Session 3: Finding Your Role: Building power in faith organizing**

**Session 4: Building Organizing Infrastructure: Leadership  
Development and Identification**

**Session 5: Facing Conflict: Covenant & Transformation**

**Session 6: Building for a liberated future: Campaigns and program**

**design****Session 7: Partnerships in a pandemic and recovery****Session 8: Growing your impact: Tools for evaluation and growth****Session 9: Meet the Moment: Tactics for Mobilizing Supporters and Contesting Power**

Join us to build power towards a world that affirms the worth and dignity of all.

In faith and solidarity,

Nicole Pressley

Field and Programs Director

UUA Organizing Strategy Teams

## News from the USH Board of Directors

### Your 2020-2021 USH Board

Rob Spector: President

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**The latest financial reports for FY July-Aug 2021 have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.**

**The Board Meeting minutes for July 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](mailto: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/](http://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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Thoughts from Buffie's Desk

**There are a few things in life I have learned, and one of them is this:** Peace is never given, it has to be won.

**It's a battle to be had, but I don't mean in a military sense. Peace starts with ourselves, with fighting our personal inner "demons" on a regular basis to prevent emotional, physical, and spiritual chaos. If we corral our chaos and manage our humanness on a daily basis, we can then cultivate some semblance of PEACE. This is the energy I**

**personally strive for, that outpouring of peace, love and harmony. I have a "sit down" with myself on a regular basis, to take stock of my challenges, my blessings and areas that need growth, (please pick an area here and meditate on that...) and I try to manage my energy appropriately.**

**I do this so that I can manifest *acceptance* of my personal path and ALL that this encompasses so I can be a better human being... and so with that being said, I ask this: manage your Peace, send out loving energy, and lets "Imagine All the People, Living In Harmony".**  
**See you all on Sunday ~**



**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](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com). Buffie is always happy to hear from you!**

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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/>.**