

Unitarian Society of Hartford

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October 24th, 2021, 10:30am

"The New Abnormal"

The COVID 19 pandemic came upon us so suddenly that shock compounded the trauma of having to go into lockdown and radically change the way we lived. As we, hopefully, begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we will reflect this Sunday on the ways in which the last year-and-a-half affected us spiritually. In her sermon Rev. Terry will reflect upon the need to commit to keeping our inner selves in tune with the world around us.

Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister
Sue Smolski, Worship Associate
Rayla Mattson, Religious Education
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries
Buffie, Zoom Master & Coffee Hour Host
Marilyn Stockton, Greeter
Kathy Ferguson & Dana Donovan, Ushers
Helen David, Welcome Table
Diana Heyman, 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.

A Letter from the Minister

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, Dana Donovan or Marye Gail Harrison.

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.

I am also very excited to remind everyone that we are planning to have a multigenerational holiday pageant during our service on December 19th. 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 prerecord 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, 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 Director of Religious Education Leave of Absence
The USH Board of Directors has approved a leave of
absence for our Director of Religious Education, Rayla D.
Mattson.

Rayla will be on leave from October 26th through November 26th. We will provide information regarding our religious education program in her absence in future announcements.

In the meantime, please direct any inquiries to Rev. Terry via email, revterryush@gmail.com.

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



HELLO USH FAMILY!! 2nd Principle - Justice, equity and compassion in human relations

Week 1: I hope you all were able to fully engage in what our 1st UU principle means to you and how we go about remembering the inherent worth and dignity of every person in all that we do. The good thing about each of our principles is that every day is a new chance to incorporate them into our lives.

The book for our 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations is a beautiful

story based on true events that happened in Holland. Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming shares with us kindness and compassion

even during difficult times. Right now with Covid, many of us are at our wits end; people are stressed, some are sick or out of work, and we are all wondering when this will be over. The current events, as stressful as they are, can also allow us to pause and be mindful of our interactions with others. I hope you and your family enjoy this story as we move into our next four weeks of reflection.

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Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education 860-233-9897 ext. 104 | ctraylab@gmail.com I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianSocietyOfHartford



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 <u>DRE</u>, <u>Dana Donovan</u> or <u>Marye Gail Harrison</u> 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!!



Two of our youth making soup again after 20 months of no soup!! Happy to be back in the kitchen.

USH Community & Business

Please take note that the next Board meeting will be on November 9th (Buffie's B-day) at 6:30pm via Zoom

We are Recreating the Communications Sub-Council

We are betting you did not attend the recent Fair in Fellowship Hall where various groups seeking your participation in USH activities solicited interest.

This is a demonstration-Example of what the recreated Communications Council might do. Just consider the possibilities: (Note our quick amplification of a recent event! Timely communication, ease of response, how you could write this and various other things as well or better)

What is it? We seek individuals with various skills and interests appropriate to communications activities. Please consider the following items.

I would like to help/participate in (list the appropriate numbers in your response email):

- 1. I am interested in writing and would be happy to author articles for the USH-Enews about USH activities in which I participate and/or as a separate reporting gig.
- 2. I have some web editing skills and will be happy to work on the USH website and/or learn more about using our Word Press Software.
- 3. I am competent in Facebook use and would be happy to work on the USH Facebook page(s).
- 4. I would be happy to edit writing by others in preparation for publication in communication vehicles.
- I would be happy to work on communication policies, what sorts of things should appear on the web or email distributions, paper distributions, bulletin boards and similar matters.
- 6. I have a good deal of experience with Gmail and would be happy to work with others having problems.
- 7. I would be happy to serve on the Communications Sub-Council attending meetings and that sort of thing.
- 8. I would like to be a Communications Supporter, receive, minutes, various distributions and participate from time to time.
- 9. You should have mentioned

And I would be interested in working on that aspect of communications.

Send your email to dcnewton999@gmail.com Put

Communications in the subject line, and in the text list the numbers for the items in which you have an interest. Also, provide a preferred phone number for contact if desired.

Thank you, we will expand our list and soon you will learn what is contemplated next. No pain, only gain, as was said in the past, we will just do stuff.

David Newton, an Organizer

Shared Facility - Shared Responsibility

Our shared Meeting House is full of exits and windows arranged in our uniquely circular building. Part of the original design was to feature an aspect of Unitarianism, respect for the environment of which we are a part. The design placed our religion at the center of the building, our Sanctuary, with peripheral rooms broadly connected to the external environment by large windows and doors facing the bays allowing us to always be aware of what is going on outside, ...our planetary observation point, so to speak.

As you know, we have various items of value in our Meeting House, and therefore, it is prudent to secure the building when it is not inhabited. Doing this is always a challenge as different groups come and go from the meeting rooms. When your group meets, please be aware as you leave the premises of any others who remain, and if there are none, then it is

your responsibility to secure the building. Designate somebody in your group to perform this function after meetings presuming your group customarily is leaving an otherwise empty building.

What is involved? you may ask. Essentially, you need to check all doors to see that they are locked. The west door may require a key to lock it from the outside. The north, south, and east doors usually can be secured by reversing the doors, so they are locked from the outside. In addition, check the bathrooms and the elevator to make sure they are empty. Obviously, you need to turn off the lights and lock the inner office door to the Ambulatory as well as the outside door. This is particularly important as the office has a concentration of valuable machinery within.

There is a detailed document about this business, but you probably know as much as you need without it. It can be produced on request.

Please be reminded for obvious reasons that we discourage eating and drinking in the Sanctuary and elsewhere where rugs will be soiled. Thank you.



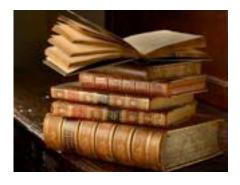
LUNCH BUNCH~

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Concetta's, Italian Restaurant, 22 Mountain Ave., Bloomfield. You will be able to order off the menu. Separate checks will be provided. There is convenient parking. We usually will meet at Concetta's on the third Tuesday of

the month (except December) through June.

The remaining dates for 2021-2022 are: 11/16/21, 12/14/21 (to avoid Christmas week), 1/18/22, 2/15/22, 3/15/22, 4/19/22, 5/17/22, and 6/21/22. We are looking for speakers. Are you interested, or do you know someone who would be interested, in speaking to the group? If so, please contact me. Reservations are necessary!

Hope to see you on the 19th!



Book Table at Coffee Hour is Back!

We will be setting up outside, near the coffee urn in the memorial garden, as long as the weather holds—please bring your dollars and find great books that your USH friends have chosen to share with

you! AND please continue to cull your bookshelves and donate books that YOU really liked and want to pass on. Fiction, non fiction, cookbooks, mysteries, spiritual, nature, art, self help and also books for kids and youth—let's get into the spirit of sharing with one another!

Books can be left in the office in a plastic container labeled for book collection. We have a good group of volunteers for this activity. **Any questions, contact**Susan at susanhope51@gmail.com or 860 463 6407.

Still using one of USH's old email listservs? Where you could send an email to one of our groups, in one fell swoop? If you are continuing to employ, for instance, "choral@ushartford.com", it's time to stop. Those addresses, as of October 1, will not work.

Here's a workaround: create a 'text' file, on your device of choice, including the addresses of those with whom you generally include in your communications... such as "Morticia@gmail.com, Fester@hotmail.com, Wednesday@com cast.com" and then save the file as .txt. You can then, when sending to your group, open that file, copy the contents into the address line of your email, and send it off. Or you can use GMail's intuitive guesses regarding your intended audience, and edit as appropriate.

<u>USH 2021 Auction - November 14th</u>



With Fall comes USH Auction season. We will have an online silent auction this year with bidding open starting October 17th 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/ushartford - 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 item 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 14th.

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



Hi folks, we are back to singing on Second Saturdays

Join us at the next Meetinghouse Sing-Along! Fred Louis and Ed Savage are offering an opportunity to CT Singing families, singers, song-writers and audience members to join in song on the second Saturday of each month from 2 to 5 PM. We will have song-sheets and some loaner copies of Rise Up Singing available. Bring along your own 'Rise Up Singing' if you have one, as we have used it a lot in other months. We will also use the maroon/purple "Rise Again" sequel – 1200 more songs to sample, plus any song-sheets you care to contribute (bring about 20 copies for the group). If the October weather holds, we will meet to the right of the building, in the Memorial Garden patio.

We'll put some chairs in a circle and take turns singing or playing, with those who know the tune or words joining in as they wish. You can come early or come late, whatever fits your family schedule. The UU Meeting House is at 50 Bloomfield Avenue in Hartford. Some of us bring snacks, but that is not required (or organized). Donations to defray building expenses are encouraged. Look for a sign near the front door if you can't see or hear us right away. We will be around to the right of the main entrance, down the (rough) path to the patio.

VAX protocol - OK to sing, socially spaced, if you are vaccinated; even so, masks would probably be a good idea. If you have NOT completed a COVID Vaccination, we ask that you skip the Sing-Alongs for now, to protect you from US. Contact: Fred Louis (FlLouis@yahoo.com) with questions and suggestions.

Next month, we will probably be inside; let's discuss how that will work during our 3:30 break on Saturday (or via e-mails).

Are You Ready to Become a Member of USH?

There will be a New Member Ceremony during service on Sunday, November 7. Please contact Brian Harvey if you are interested in "Signing the Book" and becoming a

member! harvey.b@comcast.net carlsoncjc@gmail.com.

BOOKCLUB

USH BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS 2021-2022

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Many Thanks, Staff at USH



Sunday Welcome Volunteers

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 <u>HERE</u>. Please contact Buffie at <u>hartforduusociety@gmail.com</u> 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 28; Nov 11; Dec 9, 23; Jan 6, 20; and Feb 3. See more at <u>UUSpiritlife.org</u> in the programs tab.

Facilitated by Rev. Joy Christi Przestwor and Judy Robbins. For more information or to register, contact Judy Robbins at judyrobb2@gmail.com

Adult Programs:

<u>The USH Book Club:</u> 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 <u>fiddlenurse1@gmail.com</u> 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 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 or call at 860 904-7768.

Social Justice

GHIAA Annual Assembly

This is an invitation to a GHIAA assembly on October 24th from 2pm to 4pm via zoom. At this assembly we will kick off GHIAA's House Meeting Listening Campaign. This process will generate GHIAA's next set of justice issues. We will also take stock of the important campaigns that GHIAA won and the crucial work of accountability that follows. There will be opportunities participate in a break out session on antiracism/racial justice training, an inside look at how GHIAA congregations moved three pieces of legislation across the finish line, and an orientation/introduction to GHIAA for those who want to know more and/or are considering participating in GHIAA's six week leadership training.

Register for the assembly by clicking <u>here</u>.

If you have any problems with the link, please contact Dana Donovan, danadonovan@sbcglobal.net

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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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 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.

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 <u>brownpapertickets.com</u> 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.

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

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.



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

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 **FY July-Aug 2021** have been posted, click <u>HERE</u> 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 <a href="https://example.com/here.com

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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http://www.ushartford.com/about-us/staff/

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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 is always** happy to hear from
you!

The deadline for USH-Enews submissions to Buffie is by 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/.