



**Unitarian Society of Hartford**

**Building Community Since 1830**  
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**October 13, 2021**



**October 17th, 2021, 10:30am**

**"The Goodbye Season: Sunsets, Sorrow, and Sustenance"**

The Fall is a time of letting go - bright leaves and flowers begin to fade, and we begin to draw ourselves in as Fall comes and Winter's approach is on the horizon. We are still in a time when it's right to acknowledge what's been lost, the tremendous changes in all our lives, and that we can never go back to what was. We'll end the service with reasons to look forward with hope, and the promise of renewal that always comes with the approach of a new year.

**Dianne Daniels, Intern Minister**  
**Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate**  
**Rayla Mattson, Religious Education**  
**Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries**  
**Mike Covault, Zoom Master & Coffee Hour Host**  
**Diane Cadrain & Joe Rubin, Greeters**  
**Ginny Hedrick & Larry Lunden, Ushers**  
**Carolyn Carlson, Welcome Table**  
**Dianne Cadrain, 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 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!!

Thanks to all our children and youth who participated and sent in videos for our animal blessing last week! It was such a joy to see all your faces.

Since we had a multigen service, we will be doing our 4th week of the 1st principle this week. 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 4th week of exploring our 1st principle. I hope you have really spent some time with this principle over the last few weeks: reflecting on how you may or may not have been aware of its existence or lack thereof in your daily life. It is something I work on and think about a lot. I also find it's one of the main ones I often ponder with my kids and we incorporate it into many of our discussions. So, this week, I would like you to engage with someone on the topic of the worth and dignity of us all. I would encourage you to put some meaning and thought into who you choose to engage with. Maybe you pick someone from our directory and write them your thoughts; maybe it's a phone call to someone you've been meaning to talk to; maybe it comes in the form of our group discussion. In addition to our RE discussions on Sunday, I will be hosting a conversation that is open to anyone. It will be on Friday the 15th at 6:30pm - [HERE](#) We will take time to reflect on this month and the work we have done. I hope to see many of you there.

**Next week we move into our 2nd Principle: *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations***

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.

<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 [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**

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

### **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.

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



FIND **YOUR** VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Come learn about all the wonderful things that are happening at USH and find where you might share your talents and enthusiasm.

There will be a volunteer fair after worship on **October 17** to spark your interest and answer your questions. Sub-councils will have information and sign-up sheets available.

**For more information, contact Virginia de Lima, [vadelima@yahoo.com](mailto:vadelima@yahoo.com)**



## LUNCH BUNCH~

We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. If you plan to attend, please let me know by noon on Friday, October 15. Please call me at 860-212-6923 or email me at **[janicecnewton@gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton@gmail.com)**.

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!**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Morticia@gmail.com), [Fester@hotmail.com](mailto:Fester@hotmail.com), [Wednesday@comcast.com](mailto:Wednesday@comcast.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.



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



### 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/ushartford](http://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](mailto: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**

## **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!

### ***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***



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 ( [FLouis@yahoo.com](mailto:FLouis@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).

## The Inquirer Series

Is an introductory program to the Unitarian Society of Hartford for newcomers, friends and interested members. The last session will be on October 24 following the Sunday service. The theme will be "Education and Faith Development for All and Becoming a Member". Rayla Mattson and Rev. Terry Cummings will be the presenters. The deadline for registration is 10/20/21. Send registrations to [carlsoncjc@gmail.com](mailto:carlsoncjc@gmail.com). We will meet in the USH Library at 11:45 a.m. or 15 minutes after the service ends. Light refreshments will be served.

## Are You Ready to Become a Member of USH?

There will be a New Member Ceremony during service on Sunday, November 7. Please contact Carolyn Carlson if you are interested in "Signing the Book" and becoming a member! [carlsoncjc@gmail.com](mailto:carlsoncjc@gmail.com).

## Welcome Volunteers Needed!

It's an easy and rewarding way to contribute to the successful Sunday services at USH. Positions include Greeting, Ushering and Welcome Table. Instructions available. Choose dates that fit your schedule! You can register [here](#). Contact Carolyn Carlson at [carlsoncjc@gmail.com](mailto:carlsoncjc@gmail.com) if interested.

### BOOK CLUB

#### 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**

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 [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@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 Przeworski 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/>

Exciting news! Scott Cook has been nominated for The 2022 Canadian Folk Music Awards English Songwriter of the Year. We hope you will come out to see Scott Cook and support live music. <https://scottcook.net/>

**Video link:** [https://youtu.be/1evEG\\_L9-zo](https://youtu.be/1evEG_L9-zo) "Fellas Get Out the Way" recorded at Shelter Valley Folk Festival 2016 in Grafton, Ontario, Canada by Gary Woodill.

**Listen:** <https://scottcook.net/track/2438259/what-to-keep>

Edmonton's Scott Cook toured almost incessantly across Canada, the US, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and elsewhere from 2007 until 2020, when the pandemic made living in a van less appealing. While averaging 150 shows and a dozen summer festivals every year, he also managed to release seven albums of straight-talking, keenly observant verse along the way. His latest collection Tangle of Souls comes

packaged in a cloth-bound, 240-page hardcover book of road stories and ruminations, equal parts introspection and insurrection. He still believes, more than ever, that songs can change your life, and your life can change the world.

Scott Cook Concert Friday October 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.  
Unitarian Society of Hartford, 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT.  
tickets: <https://scottcook.bpt.me> or \$20 at the door.

**Meeting House Presents**  
Unitarian Society Hartford  
50 Bloomfield Avenue  
  
2021-22 Season

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**Farmington Valley 4th Annual Acoustic Festival**  
Presented by **LODESTAR ENERGY**  
Saturday, October 16, 2021 • 11:30am - 4 pm  
at Winding Trails in Farmington, CT

**Performers include:**  
Nashville Stars - Rob Siders and Troy Hervey  
The Flatmates - presented by The Soundboard  
Love Life - Troy Wilson Band - Stephen Frowder  
Disruptor - Mike Sola Trio - High Top - The Blind  
Blackberry Jam and other regional and local acts

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance.  
\$10 for adults, and \$10 for Children 12 & under. Working Family members \$5 for adults, and \$10 for Children 12 & under.

To purchase tickets visit: <https://www.meethouse.org/farmington-valley-acoustic>  
Phone: 860-253-2600

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For more information visit [www.meethouse.org/farmington-valley-acoustic](https://www.meethouse.org/farmington-valley-acoustic)  
or call 860-253-2600



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.

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

Tickets are available in advance from [brownpapertickets.com](http://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**  
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## News in the Larger Community

The image contains three flyers. The left flyer is for 'October Drive-Thru Food Distributions' with a list of dates and locations. The middle flyer is for 'Healthy Families Build Healthy Communities' Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the Parker Memorial Community Center. It lists various services like food bank, dental, vision, and more. The right flyer is for 'EnVision Center/Construyendo una Comunidad Saludable' on Saturday, October 02, 2021, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the EnVision Center at Parker Memorial, 2621 Main St, Hartford, CT. It lists services in both English and Spanish, including food bank, dental, vision, and more. All flyers mention that the events are free and open to the public.

### **Good Morning Hartford HAT Members,**

Happy Thursday! Please see the resource update and event reminder above.

**CT Foodshare's Drive-Thru Distributions will continue in October.**

- Connecticut-grown produce will be available at all distributions.
- Attached is the schedule.

### **Annual Health and Wellness Fair this Saturday**

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am -2pm at the Parker Memorial Community Center, 2621 Main Street
- Onsite screening services available.
- Flyer attached above in English and Spanish.

Thank You~

**Sarah Hill**

Community Coalition Builder

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## 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).



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

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>

Stay healthy everyone,  
Ben



## **It Starts With Faith: Organizing School 2021**

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**

**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 [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 hartfordusociety@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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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!**

**The deadline for USH-Enews submissions to Buffie is by**

**Tuesday at 12 Noon.**

Email to: [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto: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/>.