



Unitarian Society of Hartford

Building Community Since 1830

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October 6, 2021



October 10th, 2021, 10:30am

"The Family of Things"

This week's service will honor the many places that our domestic animals occupy in our lives. We will acknowledge their unconditional love and loyalty, forgiveness, gratitude and acceptance. There will be a special time in our service to remember animals that are no longer with us. Please bring a

picture of an animal that is special to you, alive or not, or a memento to place on a table before the chancel during our Candles of Memory. If you do not have a picture or memento to bring up, but would still like to remember an animal friend, you may write his or her name and years of life on the cards that will be supplied.

Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister
Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate
Rayla Mattson, Religious Education
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries
Buffie Pinney, Zoom Master & Coffee Hour Host
Fred Louis & Laurel Goodgion, Greeters
Bill Simmons, Usher
Dana Donovan, Welcome Table
Paula Bleck, 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 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.

This Sunday will mark five Sundays in a row that I have had the pleasure of leading worship services. We have gone over some

new ground, thinking about forgiveness, love, food insecurity, ways to work for a more peaceful world.

It is hard to believe that we have covered so much ground in such a short period of time.

This Sunday we will belatedly celebrate St. Francis' Day.

St. Francis was the patron saint of animals, and we will celebrate all of our furry, winged and scaled friends this coming Sunday.

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, 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 4th and final 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 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

- <https://zoom.us/j/99021049603?pwd=bStvR2x1WXVYNlhBWxJrdGNGN0Jidz09>

We will take time to reflect on this month and the work we have done. I hope to see many of you there.

This week will be celebrating animals in a multigen service! I hope you all will join us. RE class will resume next week.

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education
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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

Good Neighbor Offering – Sunday October 10th 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



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](#)****



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.



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 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.togethераuction.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

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



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) 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 An Introductory Program for Newcomers and Friends And Interested Members

The Inquirer Series is an introductory program to the Unitarian Society of Hartford for newcomers, friends and interested members. You may register for one or more sessions. There is a deadline for each session. See session dates and deadlines below. Send registrations to 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.

· **October 17: Session 3: Adult Programs and Community Partnerships:** Dianne Daniels and Dana Donovan. Registration Deadline is 10/13/21.

· **October 23: Session 4: Education and Faith Development for All and Becoming a Member:** Rayla Mattson and Rev. Terry Cummings. Registration Deadline is 10/20/21
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.

Welcome Team 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! Contact Carolyn Carlson at carlsoncjc@gmail.com if interested.

Carolyn Carlson

carlsoncjc@gmail.com

860-462-9757

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.

Many Thanks, Staff at USH



Sunday Welcome Volunteers

At USH, we have returned to in-our-sanctuary worship, and Fellowship Hall-based "Coffee Hour". To continue this, 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 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 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

Adult Programs:

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

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

Disability Support Group:

This group 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: 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

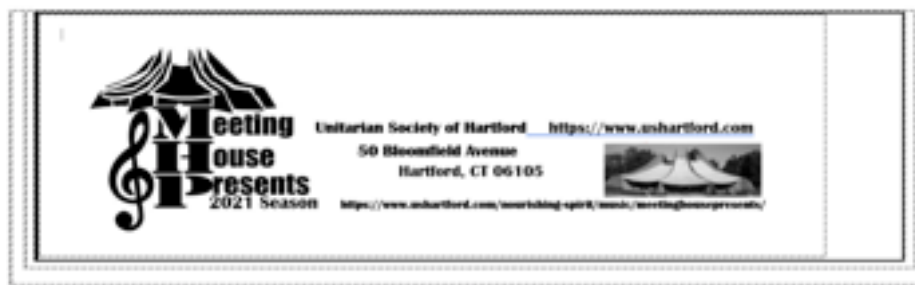
Questions about registration? Send an email to ghiaa@clict.org

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



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 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



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/aiYmt2V3ao>

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



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 2nd 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
sehill@ctfoodshare.org
 860.856.4347



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.

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 year's 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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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 hartforduusociety@gmail.com for the username and password.

Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Below:

<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/newsletters/>

See Articles and News for USH and the Surrounding Area you may have missed or find a link to the USH Facebook Page [HERE](#).

Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events coordinated by the

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

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

To read the USH Blog click [HERE](#).

E-News Contributors please take note: The deadline for USH E-News submissions is Tuesday at 12 Noon. Please include the dates that your submission should be included in the 'Subject' field.

USH Staff:

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

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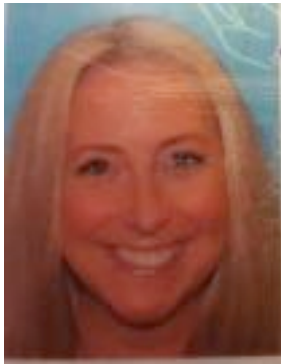
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**Peace – as we come to the close of the USH-Enews week.
 Be kind to others – and to yourself.**

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