



Unitarian Society of Hartford

Building Community Since 1830
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October 27, 2021



October 31st, 2021, 10:30am

"Soul Cakes"

This Sunday, we will celebrate Halloween and the earth-centered religions from which it sprang, including Samhain. Please feel free to attend the service in Halloween costume.

**Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister
John Brancato, Worship Associate
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries
Buffie, Zoom Queen & Coffee Hour Hostess
Phil Gardner & Dana Donovan, Greeters
Chris Noble & Larry Lunden, Ushers
Kathy Ferguson, 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.



Letter from The Minister

Dear members and friends of the Unitarian Society of Hartford,

I am really excited that Fall has arrived in earnest. I love this time of year, and I feel especially privileged to be serving in New England, where Fall invigorates one's senses perhaps more than any other region in our country.

It is unfortunate that the COVID 19 pandemic required us to suspend our Halloween *Trunk or Treat* celebration until next year. I think the decision to cancel the event this year was very wise, and I look forward to candy and surprises instead on Halloween 2022. I am very grateful to Rayla, Dana, and Marye Gail for taking the lead on this project.

I would like to share with you that starting this Sunday going forward, we will be making space in our Sunday morning worship services for people to share "*Matters of the Heart*."

If you have a personal joy, concern, hope, or sorrow about your life or the world in general that you would like to be shared with those in attendance at a Sunday service, please send me an email (revterryush@gmail.com) by the end of the day on the Saturday before the service.

This Sunday being All Souls Eve, I especially invite you to share with me the names of those people, living or deceased, who you would like me to read aloud. Feel free to add a few words, or simply send me their name(s). You will have an opportunity to share names again during our service the following week, November 7th.

I will read *Matters of the Heart* and the names you wish to be called out aloud during the service before the Candles of Memory.

For those who attend by Zoom, please feel free to share your *Matters of the Heart* in the chat, as well as any names, and I will read them to the congregation as well. Those in attendance in the sanctuary will also be invited to call out the names of their loved ones before our candle ritual.

At a future date, when it is feasible to do so, I will invite people to step up and share their *Matters of the Heart* in their own words from the chancel during our Sunday services.

This Sunday, we will celebrate Halloween and the earth-centered religions from which it sprang, including Samhain. Please feel free to attend the service in Halloween costume. I can't wait to see you this Sunday.

With love and gratitude, 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.



HELP! We try to have gluten-free cookies, etc. at events where such food is served. It would be a great help if I had some idea of how many of our Members and Friends are Gluten Intolerant so I can know if I am baking for 1, 2, 20, 50 or more folks. If you are Gluten Intolerant, I would greatly appreciate if you would let me know ASAP (like TODAY!) at janicecnewton@gmail.com. Thank you very much. Janice Newton

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



Hello USH Family!!

This Sunday we move into the 2nd week of exploring our 2nd UU principle. If you have not done so, please visit our FB page for an update on this year's program and to hear a beautiful real life story about this principle.

2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Like our 1st principle, on the surface, the 2nd principle seems so easy. For the little ones, we often ask them to be kind and show kindness in everything. It seems simple until there is an argument over a toy or a game. And as adults, it also seems easy as well until

someone cuts us off while driving or we have a disagreement with a friend or coworker. This 2nd week, I would like to encourage you as you think more deeply on this principle, to utilize the arts. What would it look like if we were to show justice, equity and compassion in our relations with others? In your weekly travels, I'd like you to take a photo of something that reminds you of this principle. You may also choose to draw a picture or make a collage. Other ideas include finding songs or music that represent the principle or write a story or poem. Use your imagination!

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

October 31st is this Sunday!! Please join us in wearing a fun Halloween costume to church and remember to come share a treat with us after service!

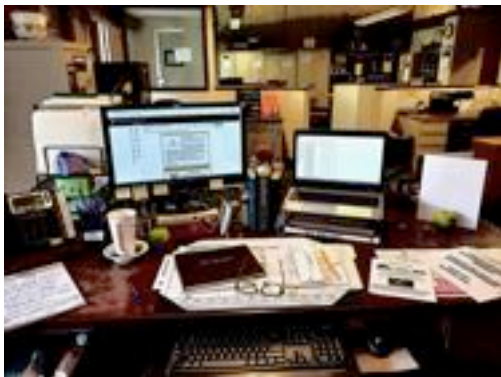
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I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
<https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianSocietyOfHartford>



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!!



Thoughts from Buffie's Desk~

Growing up in a household that was one part Native American Indian, one part Scottish, and one part Sicilian I can safely say that all three influences had a similar sentiment; **remembering our ancestors.**

As Samhain approaches I remember the stories my Dad would tell us about the "veil" being lifted for one night, and "all manner of beings" could **walk with us for just a wee bit of time.** I was taught that you should be grateful for what you have, but what you've "lost" as well. Some people or

situations serve us better when they are "now", but some of these influences better serve us as memories, reminders, and sometimes as "warnings".

During this period of transition from Autumn to Winter please take time to reflect on your current situation, (I know I will), and take stock of what you have learned, what you currently enjoy, and look forward to the next "season" ahead. Our life is a wonderful tapestry that we create ourselves, out of both good and bad, to better suit us so that we can keep ourselves warm and safe when things change. And change they will.

Stay Cozy and Happy Samhain ~

USH Community & Business

**SORRY, OUR
10/31
TRUNK OR
TREAT GOT
SPOOKED
AND WILL
NOT**

APPEAR! "BOO-HOO!!"

***BUT* IN USH HALLOWEEN TRADITION, IF YOU ARE YOUNG AT HEART,
PLEASE COME TO SUNDAY SERVICES IN COSTUME (MASKS ABOVE AND
MASKS BELOW!).**

SPECIAL TREATS WILL BE SERVED AT COFFEE HOUR!!

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



We have updated the USH Photo Directory online. Numerous people have told of us email addresses and phone numbers that appear to be out-of-date. Please check to see that your information is correct. Send any corrections to Buffie at hartforduusociety@gmail.com. We will be posting an updated version of the directory the week of November 8th with the corrections plus information about our new members that are joining on November 7th.



Sunshine On, and On

Recently a congregation member asked, "***So, now that the solar installation has been purchased by USH, how did we do?***"

Here are some useful summary facts:

As you may remember, USH acquired ownership of the solar equipment on June 30, 2021. This was about five years after the equipment began to produce electricity. The original deal had a Sole Proprietor borrow funds from the Endowment to purchase solar equipment. The Endowment loan was at a rate, that turns out to be favorable, of four percent. After about a year, 30 percent of the loan was discharged with US government incentives to the Sole Proprietor not otherwise available to a non-profit. This loan generated interest for USH of

\$17,254 over the period before the loan was fully discharged on June 30 of this year.

Meanwhile, the sole proprietor paid an annual lease payment to USH. This resulted in income for USH of \$4,500. During this period, USH paid the Sole Proprietor for electricity generated at 95 Percent of what Eversource would otherwise have charged, and received ZREC payments further reducing electrical costs.

Beginning in June 30 of 2016, USH began receiving CT ZRECs (**Z**ero **R**enewable **E**nergy **C**redit) payments from Eversource. To date, these payments to USH have totaled \$15,277 and, these payments for the clean electricity being generated will continue to 6/20/31. No, that is not an error, as the payments continue for 15 years (The fixed dollar amount will be eroded by inflation, it is true. However, the electricity generated will also increase in value in inflated dollars).

On average, the Meeting House has consumed about the same amount of electricity per year as is generated by our equipment. But you might point out, we used less electricity last year as the building was idle because of Covid restrictions. This is true. Fortunately, the sun continued to shine, and the solar panels continued to generate electricity the excess being credited to our Eversource power account. The 20,560 KWH credited as excess were paid off by Eversource as a credit on the USH energy bill last March. USH has had no Eversource Bills requiring payment from last April through September.

Going forward, Eversource Bills will largely consist of hookup charges and a streetlight charge from the light at the foot of the north driveway. The original solar project group is unaware of any arrangement in any nonprofit institution as beneficial to the nonprofit. If USH continues to conserve on electricity use in reasonable ways, our electrical bills will remain amazingly low.

May the Sunshine on, and thanks to the contributors making this all possible. You will find their names listed on the wall of the North Meeting House Entrance on the splendid art installation created by Aaron and Paula Bleck.

David Newton
Sole Proprietor



Congratulations to Doris Maldonado!

Please join us in congratulating Doris for receiving recognition from the "Keep The Promise Coalition" on her continued dedication to mental health advocacy.

Please contact Doris at maldonado.doris.a@gmail.com to learn more about the AIM team and how to join.

Comuníquese con nuestra presidenta de AIM, Doris, en maldonado.doris.a@gmail.com para obtener más información sobre el equipo de AIM y cómo unirse ~



Book Table at Coffee Hour!

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 - Food, Fun, Fellowship and treasure

USH 2021 Online Bidding has started – Time to put in your bid. Online bidding will close noon on Saturday November 13.

The in person hybrid Auction will be November 14th, 12noon with bid sheets to place your final bid and our live auction with Bob Hewey shouting out for bids on select items.

Check out the website:

togetherauction.com/ushartford

All sorts of items are there to bid on – a beautiful quilt, Artist's Smock, genealogy, yoga classes, design and make a 3D art project, Middle Eastern dinner, delicious holiday cookies, flower arrangements, art work, youth art project supplies, choose a sermon topic, commission an original oil or pastel painting, spring yard clean-up, week's lodging in Atlanta..... more items added each week. **Online bidding will close noon on Saturday November 13.**

Click the login button top right of the main USH website page to sign in so that you can enter your bids – be sure to check back each week for new items and to check if you've been outbid. Remember this is a fundraising and fun event for USH. Your winning bid helps support USH and gives you back something of value you'd like, perhaps an opportunity to engage with someone new for a service-lesson-nature walk or perhaps a holiday gift for someone.

It's not too late to enter more items for the Auction. Drop off tangible items at the church office Mon-Thursday 9-2. Suggest call ahead to confirm that Buffie is there 860-233-9897

You can enter the donated item description on the auction website or bring forward your description of an item you donated from the 2020 or 2018 auctions if you'd like to start there. Alternatively, you can email us information about items you'd like to post on the auction site (including if available a photo) at **USH.auction2020@gmail.com** and cc our auction co-chair Jon Covault at **jncovault@hotmail.com**.

Thanks – auction team Mike Covault, Ginny Hendrick, Jon Covault Bob Hewey 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 (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).

BOOK CLUB

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 [HERE](#). Please contact Buffie at hartforduusociety@gmail.com for any assistance or additional questions.

Programs for Adults and Families

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

STAY TUNED~

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



Unitarian Society of Hartford <https://www.ushartford.com>
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<https://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/>



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

Hello friends and music lovers.

- We 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 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.

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



ONE BIG EVENT

YOU can help us get the 2021 One Big Event off to a good start!

YOU can be one of the many folks who are signing up and making donations. Sign up at www.onebigevent.org. Tell your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to join you as you support a great cause: The Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective.

Auction items are pouring in: Overnight stays in P-town, Newport and more; a Sailboat Ride on Long Island Sound; Restaurants; Home Goods; Art Work. And much more. Something for everyone!

Here is the plan for One Big Event:

11/8/21-starts at noon with the opening of the auction

11/9/21 to 11/12/21-auction continues throughout the week with the addition of more auction items added at noon each day. Plus special guest appearances. And you will get to know some of the clients of the Health Collective to hear how our services have impacted their lives.

Saturday, 11/13/21, early evening: A virtual get together. You and your guests will have some time together to visit and chat. We will wrap up One Big Event, gathering all guests together for a few minutes so we can say thank you to everyone who supported One Big Event.

Thank you SO very much. Your support of what we do here at the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective everyday is appreciated more than you can imagine.

Thanks to our Biggest Sponsor Travelers. We are still looking for Sponsors, Program Book Advertisers and Auction Donations. YOU can make this the best One Big Event ever. Contact Dan Millett at (860)278-4163 x118 to get involved with our Nov. 13 event.



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.

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.

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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

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/>.

