



Unitarian Society of Hartford

Building Community Since 1830

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November 24, 2021



November 28th, 2021, 10:30am

"Hope or Fear – Which Will You Invite In?"

Our service will mark the beginning of the season of Advent – referring to the coming of the Christ child who will lead mankind away from violence and

war to a time of peace and justice for all people. As we enter the holiday season, which emotion is rising more strongly within you: **Hope** for that time of peace and justice for all people, or **Fear** that a climate of violence and war will continue to make life challenging? Join us this Sunday at 10:30 am.

Dianne Daniels, Interim Minister
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Smolski, Worship Associate
Buffie, Zoom & Coffee Hour Hostess
Susan Hope & Harriet Gardner, Greeters
Kathy Lee & Larry Lunden, Ushers
Kathie Ferguson, Welcome Table
Maggie Greene, Chancel Art
10:30am 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 Fellowship Hall.

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

I sincerely hope that all of our members and friends enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. That you can see in your hearts and your lives the things for which you should feel gratitude. As well as remembering what came before that made us who we are, so that we can all move forward together to bring about justice, and change.

Happy Thanksgiving.

With love and gratitude, Rev. Terry Cummings

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



Hello USH Family!!

Week 2: This week we move into the 2nd week of exploring our 3rd UU principle. If you have not done so, please visit our FB page to hear the principle's story. .

3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

This 3rd principle calls us to accept. It does not ask that we agree or even like someone else. It just simply calls us to accept their spiritual path and their journey. When I was younger, I was told that people who had a different spiritual path from me were "wrong". As an adult, I have learned that like our USH building, there are many doors, many paths, many ways and they need not all be the same.

This week, I encourage you as you think more deeply on this principle, to utilize the arts. What would it look like if we were to truly accept someone else and their spiritual path? 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.

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>

USH Community & Business

Please take note that the next Board meeting will be on **December 14th at 6:30pm via [Zoom](#)**



Holiday Regifting Sale - The Joy of Buying Used

The Holiday Regifting Sale is back this season after services on Sunday, December 5th and 12th. Do your holiday shopping in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour!

Kids and families are invited to a special sale just for them, on Saturday morning December 11th from 10 am to 12Noon.

"It's a great way to find unique gifts and give things a second life – keeping them out of the landfill while raising money for the meetinghouse," Green Sanctuary's Jeff Howard and Mary Sherwin note.

Help out by donating unwanted gifts to the USH Regifting Sale and buying "second hand" this holiday season.

To Donate: Place your formerly loved items--jewelry, toys, decorations and knick-knacks--in the Regifting Bin in the lobby of the Meetinghouse now through Sunday, November 29.

To Help with the Sale: Volunteers are welcome to help sort, finish pricing, and stage gift items on sale tables on Thursday December 2nd from 5pm - 8pm or Friday December 3rd from 5pm to 8pm. To volunteer, please contact Mary Sherwin at mary.sherwin@gmail.com or 860-874-6399.

If you aren't going to use a gift then you can turn it into a donation to a good cause—USH!



USH November 2021 Auction

A Big Thank you to all of the auction donors and bidders. Together we had 72 items or services sold this past Sunday to 23 successful bidders – for a sales total of \$6,770 to support the good work of USH. If you hadn't taken your auction item with you on Nov 14th it is either in the office waiting for you or the donor has not yet made arrangements.

We will be e-mailing auction statements this week to donors and buyers. Many people settled up their account on Sunday – Thank you. If not your statement will show a balance to pay by check to USH with auction in memo line. You can also review your statement by signing into the auction

website <http://www.togetherauction.com/ushartford>

Special thanks to Bob Hewey our live auctioneer, Laura Cipriano our credit card and payment specialist on auction day, John Bengtson and youth for great soup and biscuits, Janice Newton and Evan Williams for baked treats, to all those that helped set up and take down chairs and tables. Ginny Hedrick, Mike and Jon Covault, and Buffie Pinney did a great job soliciting donations and organizing the auction.

There were 21 unsold items after the Auction. We have reopened the online site for entering bids on these until Dec 10th.

<http://www.togetherauction.com/ushartford>

You must log in to bid

Using phone # without 860 ie xxx-yyyy

Your pin is last 4 digits of phone number

Send questions to ush.auction2020@gmail.com

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

A Message to Our USH Community.

We are putting together a Governance Task Force of congregants to meet regularly and develop a Strategic Plan for the Unitarian Society of Hartford as part of our vision for the future of our congregation. This is a project that should result in a plan for governance, a design for personnel management, a revised organizational chart and a discussion of your vision for the future of this church and this congregation. The work of this task force will also help us prepare for beginning our search for a settled minister. Please join us for this exciting project. All meetings will be via Zoom.

Contact Reverend Terry (revterryush@gmail.com), Rob Spector (rspector0317@yahoo.com) or Eve Pech (elpech@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in joining the Task Force.



LUNCH BUNCH~

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

Tuesday of the month (except December) through June. The remaining dates for 2021-2022 are: 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! Please call me at 860-212-6923 (Leave a message if I don't answer.) or email me at janicecnewton@gmail.com.



Book Table at Coffee Hour!

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.**



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.

[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
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.

Book Selections 2021-2022

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

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**.

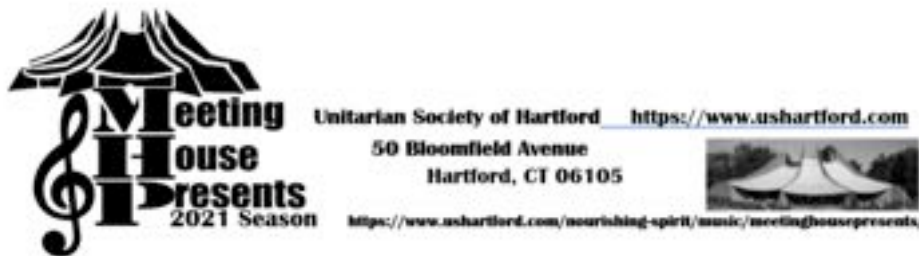
Social Justice

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



Thank you for your support of Meeting House Presents!! If you are receiving this email you have signed up to be on our mailing list or you have purchased tickets online through brown paper tickets and given us your email address.

Regarding covid we are currently following CDC guidelines and require masks and proof of vaccination for all those in attendance. 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. We do this for the safety of our volunteers, performers and fellow concert goers.

We hope you understand. Feel free to contact us with comments or questions. Thank you for supporting independent musicians, live music and Meeting House Presents!
Hope to see you soon!!

Laura and Paul Cipriano
Meeting House Presents, Unitarian Society of Hartford, CT
<http://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

Dec. 17, 2021 **Reggie Harris and Pat Wictor**
Apr. 22, 2022 **Mad Agnes (4th Friday)**
May 20, 2022 **Seán Heely**

Tickets are available in advance from [brownpapertickets.com](https://www.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.

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>

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News in the Larger Community

More to come~

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

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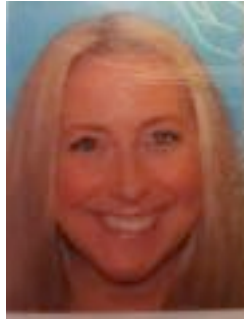
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Please contact our Office Administrator, **Buffie Pinney**, with any administrative questions or concerns.

Buffie is working Sunday through Thursday from 9am-2pm. Please email at her at hartfordusociety@gmail.com.

Buffie is always happy to hear from you!



Musings from Buffie's Desk

Happy Thanksgiving to you all and as you gather to enjoy the holiday in your own unique ways please remember this, when you think you don't have anything to give, **you actually do.**

Time, love, hugs, smiles, kind words... all these things "feed" other people more than any meal ever could. Be kind to yourself as well as others as often as you are able, and lets all continue to nourish each other in the

most united, and loving ways possible.

I "see" you all and appreciate my part here at USH. **Stay awesome people!!**

The deadline for USH-Enews submissions to Buffie is by


Tuesday at 12 Noon.

Email to: hartfordusociety@gmail.com

Please note in the subject line "USH-Enews." Thank you for your submission!

May your choices
reflect your **hopes**,
not your fears.

-Nelson Mandela

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