



Religious Education @ The Unitarian Society of Hartford March, 2022

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# Welcome Back!



As of February, USH's Sunday morning worship services are occurring without restrictions on the number of persons allowed in the sanctuary at one time, so long as they wear masks and observe social distancing. We strongly recommend attendees be fully vaccinated (two shots plus a booster in most cases). Online services are also still available, and we invite those who are not fully vaccinated or do not yet feel comfortable meeting in person to attend online.

**Worship services start at 10:30.** Whenever, and however, you come, we'll be happy to see you!

In-person Religious Education is also back here at USH! We are running a variety of activities listed below, with many more exciting opportunities incoming as we move into spring proper.

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# HAPPENING IN MARCH:



**The  
Chalice  
Clubhouse**  
*at USH*

## Introducing...The Chalice Clubhouse @ USH!

As we reawaken and sprout anew after so many months of virtual services, our RE program, like an autumn caterpillar in metamorphosis over the winter, has transformed.

Say hello to The Chalice Clubhouse!

A fun, child-centric curriculum fostering individuality and free-thinking, using the Seven Principles as our guiding

compass. In our clubhouse, we will be exploring the theme of the adult service in small groups assigned by age range (or one group depending on the size of turnout). Every week, we will provide coloring pages, crossword puzzles, brainteasers, cooperative games, hands-on crafts, chances for dramatic play, and much more! The upcoming special activities for our March services are listed below!

- March 6th: Celebrating our theme of stewardship, we will be playing cooperative riddle games that show together we can accomplish more than on our own!
- March 13: On our theme of feminism and mysticism, we will be creating our own "Goddesses" with a variety of materials!
- March 20th: On our theme of mental and emotional health, we will be putting on puppet shows together, exploring how to healthily express the emotions we feel.
- March 27th: On our theme of personal safety and the importance of boundaries, we will be having a personal safety relay race.

## Concerning OWL...



Due to pandemic-related setbacks, the Our Whole Lives (OWL) lifespan sexuality education program is being **postponed until the Fall of 2022**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We plan to start a new OWL program in the fall, and details will be incoming.

Please contact Rev. Terry ([revterryush@gmail.com](mailto:revterryush@gmail.com)) or Annie Witzler ([re4ush@gmail.com](mailto:re4ush@gmail.com)) if you would like more information!

## Upcoming Event: Easter Egg Hunt at USH!

Get your baskets ready! On **April 17th**, in celebration of Easter, USH will be holding an Easter Egg hunt for all children and youth present **directly after the Sunday morning service**! Our hunt will occur rain or shine! Feel free to bring guests, there will be plenty of eggs and spring joy for all!



## Upcoming Event: Building & Grounds Saturday at USH!



whole family! Don't miss out!

Get your gardening gloves out! On **April 23rd**, from **9am to noon**, USH will be holding a Building and Grounds workday! All members, regardless of age, are invited to come and help us put our 7th principle (that we care for the Earth's lifeboat) into action! We will work together to clean, weed, tend, and revive several areas around USH's grounds, including the RE flowerbeds right outside the nursery. A simple breakfast buffet will be included and served in Fellowship Hall an hour prior to our work, roughly 8am to 9am. A perfect outing for the

## Coming of Age Program 2022-2023:



For the 2022-2023 calendar year, we are planning on launching a Coming of Age Sunday school program for our youth in the 6th thru 12th grade and their families. In these deep, detailed workshops, participants will explore what it is they believe and how it fits into Unitarian Universalism, guided by a loving support network from their Congregation.

Over the course of the year, our youth will work together and individually to form a Credo, a statement of the beliefs or aims that guide someone's actions, which they will present to the Congregation in a method of their choosing at the end of the year. They will also choose, execute, and present a community service and/or social action project of their choosing. As they work and grow, they will have the support of an assigned mentor, an unrelated adult member from the main body of the congregation, who will offer their advice, experience, and nurturing presence to their partnered youth.

Interested as a youth, parent, prospective mentor, or facilitator? Please contact Rev. Terry ([revterryush@gmail.com](mailto:revterryush@gmail.com)) or Annie Witzler ([re4ush@gmail.com](mailto:re4ush@gmail.com)) if you would like more information!

## Make A Difference



Love working with kids? Want to try something fulfilling and fun? We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in the running of The Chalice Clubhouse on Sunday mornings.

Contact Annie Witzler at [re4ush@gmail.com](mailto:re4ush@gmail.com) or (706)-248-9438 for information on how to get involved!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We ask all volunteers working with children and youth to submit a Connecticut State Background check before they enter our classrooms. Stop by the RE office to pick up a quick, easy form!

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