

## Unitarian Society of Hartford



Nourishing Spirit, Building Community, Working for Justice

**Unitarian Society of Hartford**  
**Building Community Since 1830**  
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**2:00 p.m. or email/call for an appointment.**

**MAY 4, 2022**



May 8, 2022, **10:30 a.m.**

**"Celebrating Mothers, Mamas, and Mothering"**

**Sue Smolski, Pulpit Guest**  
**Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate**  
**Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries**  
**Annie Witzler, Interim Religious Education Coordinator**  
**Buffie, Zoom & Coffee Hour Hostess**

**Laurel Goodgion, Usher**  
**Annie Witzler, Greeter**  
**Virginia de Lima, Welcome Table**

**Chancel Art: Tina Davies**

**MATTERS OF THE HEART** are shared from the pulpit each Sunday.

In person: Index cards and pencils are located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Online: Access [MattersoftheheartUSH@gmail.com](mailto:MattersoftheheartUSH@gmail.com) by 9 a.m. Sunday.

**10:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service**  
**Join us in ZOOM [HERE](#).**

**Closed captions are available.**  
**Meeting ID: 931 0388 7934**  
**Passcode: 128493**

**11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Time will be immediately following services both in person and ZOOM.**

**You can also watch the Sunday service at <https://vimeo.com/unitariansocietyhartford> or on the USH [Facebook](#) page.**

## *USH Annual Meeting*

The Unitarian Society of Hartford's annual meeting will be held May 22, 2022. It will be an in-person gathering at the Meeting House, following our service that Sunday. We will have a light catered lunch, including some gluten-free and vegetarian dishes. Also, Annie Witzler is planning family activities so childcare will be available.

A detailed agenda will be published closer to the date of the meeting. Board and council members will talk briefly about accomplishments during the past year, and the membership can vote on the slate of officers and council chairs proposed for the 2022/23 year.

The proposed slate is as follows:

President (One-Year Term): Eve Pech

President-Elect (One-Year Term): Dana Donovan

Treasurer (Two-Year Term): Jon Covault

Council Chair, Administration (2-Year Term): Paul Cipriano

Council Chair, Community Within (2-Year Term): Tina Davies

Council Chair, Social Justice (1-Year Term\*): Judy Sullivan

\* To serve Year 2 of Dana Donovan's elected term

We also hope to be able to share some findings from the personnel investigation, including steps to be taken, which will certainly be dictated by the contents of the report.

~ Rob Spector,

President

The next Board meeting will be on  
June 14, 6:30 pm, via Zoom [HERE](#)

## *USH Community*

### **Living Fully: A Summer Exploration**

Each summer at USH our Sunday services are lay-led and explore a rich theme. This year the worship team has chosen to delve into the rewards as well as the struggles of “Living Fully”.

“Living Fully” for some may immediately conjure visions of travel, adventure, facing life and daring it to challenge us....for others the full life occurs in the companionship of serenity and contemplation. In the paths that we take we culture gratitude, seek relationship and honor creativity as some of the entry points to a full life. The theme is wonderfully broad and celebrates the qualities that give our lives meaning and joy as well as the solaces that hearten our soul even as we confront loss or disappointment or live in the face of suffering. As the poet Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer says in her poem “Urgency”“.....”Again the chance.....To do the work.....To see the world exactly as it is and still write it a love letter.”

Our recent USH summers have had a strong lay-led presence in the pulpit on Sundays when the minister has vacation and compliments abound for the speakers, most of whom come from the congregation. Several Sundays are still open and the worship team welcomes suggestions and volunteers for sermons. Perhaps you have a love letter to the world. Sue Smolski and any of the Worship Associates (WAs) would be happy to hear from you. The WAs are very practiced at developing a Sunday service and can share and mentor the crafting of a beautiful Sunday worship.

## *Did UU Know?*

### **Ambulatory Luminaries**

Have you notice that the numerous rooms off the Ambulatory of our church are named after (you might have guessed) various Unitarian or Universalist luminaries? This is the sixth of several articles that will attempt to shine a light on who these Ambulatory Luminaries were and why they merit the honor of being named to these locations. [About the Ambulatory](#)



### **William Ellery Channing**

1780-1842 (Room 8)

*by Toni Gold*

William Ellery Channing was the foremost Unitarian preacher in the United States in the early nineteenth century and one of Unitarianism's leading theologians. He is the first of our Ambulatory Luminaries born in the United States. Channing was known for his articulate and impassioned sermons, public speeches, and as a prominent thinker in the liberal theology of the day. He rejected the Calvinist doctrines of total depravity and divine election.

Channing was called as pastor of the Federal Street Church in Boston in 1803, where he remained for the rest of his life. He served on the Board of the Harvard Corporation, 1813-26, and worked toward the 1816 establishment of the Harvard Divinity School. He lived through the increasing tension between religious liberals and conservatives and took a moderate position, rejecting the extremes of both groups.

His famous "Baltimore Sermon" of 1819, entitled "Unitarian Christianity," explicated the distinctive tenets of the developing Unitarian movement, one of which was the rejection of the Trinity. Other important tenets were the belief in human goodness and the subjection of theological ideas to the light of reason. In 1828 he gave another famous sermon, entitled "Likeness to God." The idea of the human potential to be like God

that Channing advocated as grounded firmly in scripture, was seen as heretical by the Calvinist religious establishment of his day. It is in this address that Channing first advocated the possibility for revelation through reason rather than solely from Scripture.

He expressed sentiments as much appreciated by the orthodox as by liberals in his audience. But Channing went on to pronounce a spiritual and intellectual manifesto which voiced the germ of Ralph Waldo Emerson's Transcendental movement. "I call that mind free which jealously guards its intellectual rights and powers, which calls no man master, which does not content itself with a passive or hereditary faith, which opens itself to light whencesoever it may come, which receives new truth as an angel from heaven, which, while consulting others, inquires still more of the oracle within itself."

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Continued articles and past *Did UU Know* articles may be found [here](#).

## Social Justice



GHIAA is inviting all interested to participate in a racial justice training on May 24 and 25, via [Zoom](#). A daytime training will be offered from 9am to 12pm and then the training will be repeated in the evening from 6pm to 9pm.

This training will explore a framework that will help unmask and dismantle racism wherever it appears. The training is designed for both BIPOC and white individuals looking to explore the ways our multiple identities and experiences inform how we show up in multi-racial spaces with compassion and a commitment to anti-oppression.

Please register [HERE](#). Any questions, please contact me.

Judy Sullivan  
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[USH Calendar  
of Events  
for May 2022](#)  
can be

viewed [HERE](#).

Please contact [Buffie](#) with any questions or concerns.



### **Farmers' Market**

This is a reminder that the Regional Farmers' Market is **ALIVE & WELL** — Saturday and Sunday mornings from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Please try to visit at least once this year, to support Connecticut's farmers and this vital public outlet for fresh, locally-grown food!

## ***Meeting House Presents***

### **Seán Heely and Beth Patterson Friday, May 13, 2022**

Experience the magic music of Scotland and Ireland with Seán Heely and Beth Patterson. U.S National Scottish Fiddle champion Seán Heely and bouzouki player Beth Patterson perform fiery dance tunes and ancient, soaring melodies from Scotland and Ireland. Original compositions abound and they have rich vocal harmonies in their solid song repertoire that features ballads, sea shanties, and songs in Irish and Scottish folk tradition. Seán plays fiddle, mandocello, shruti box, and sings in English, Irish, and Scots Gaelic. \$20 general admission and \$14 for students with ID.

tickets: <https://seanheelyduo.bpt.me>

Laura and Paul Cipriano

Meeting House Presents, Unitarian Society of Hartford, CT

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



## Programs & Events for Adults and Families



### *May Lunch Bunch ~ Join Us For Lunch!*

We will gather on Tuesday, MAY 17 at 12 Noon. Fred Louis will share Part 2 of his story. If you plan to attend, please let me know by noon on Thursday, MAY 12. Call me at 860-212-6923

(leave a message if I don't answer) or email me at [janicecnewton@gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton@gmail.com).

The Lunch Bunch meets 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, 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 17th!



### **Meeting House Sing-Along Saturday, May 14 We are still Singing!**

Contact: Fred Louis ( [FILouis@yahoo.com](mailto:FILouis@yahoo.com)) or Ed Savage 860-966-8155 (mobile) ([EdSavage03@yahoo.com](mailto:EdSavage03@yahoo.com))

Join us at the next Meeting House Sing-Along: Fred Louis and Ed Savage offer 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.

HARTFORD GAY MEN'S CHORUS  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

*Singing from  
the Heart*  
OF  
HARTFORD

Saturday, June 4th, 2022 @ 8pm  
Sunday, June 5th, 2022 @ 3pm

**HGMC**  
HARTFORD GAY  
MEN'S CHORUS  
CELEBRATING  
10 YEARS

**AETNA THEATER**  
at the Wadsworth Atheneum  
Museum Of Art  
600 Main Street Hartford, CT  
(Enter at Avery Door on Atheneum Square North)

Tickets:  
**\$45 and \$30**  
Handling Fees Additional  
Reserved Seating  
Purchase Online at:  
**HGMC.ORG/EVENTS-TICKETS**



### Meetings and 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.

#### **Book Selections 2022**

May 12 – *The Extended Mind: Thinking Outside Your Brain* – Anne Murphy Paul

June 9 – *The Hellfire Club* – Jake Tapper

July 14 – *Hamnet* – Maggie O'Farrell

August 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](mailto:tcote11@gmail.com).**

#### **Disability Support Group:**

This group meets online the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 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.

### Caring Network

**From the USH Caring Network:** Please inform the Caring Network of needs, or volunteer your services. If you know of any member or friend experiencing some difficulty, please contact **Janice Newton** at [janicecnewton@gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton@gmail.com) 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.

#### **Your 2021-2022 USH Board of Directors**

**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 next board meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM.**

The latest financial reports for **FY Nov-Dec 2021** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **January 2022** 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](mailto:hartfordusociety@gmail.com) for the username and password.

**Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Below:**

<http://www.ushartford.org/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.org/events/](http://www.ushartford.org/events/)

To submit a Calendar Request (also for an online USH Zoom Room gathering) 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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### *News from Buffie's Desk*



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 [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com).  
**Buffie is *always* happy to hear from you!**



**Sunday Welcome Volunteers  
See Sign Up Genius  
Link [HERE](#). Please contact Buffie**

at [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com) for any assistance or additional questions.

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[enewsush@gmail.com](mailto:enewsush@gmail.com)

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

