

Unitarian Society of Hartford



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July 24, 2022: 10:00 a.m.

"Saving Grace: A Tribute to UU Savivors"

The Sunday service on July 24, **Saving Grace: A Tribute to UU Savivors**, will be a forum facilitated by Judy Robbins. Congregants will be invited to share a story about being saved. Perhaps a few times in your life, a person or even an institution intervened and spared you from a less desirable path. These pivotal life-changing stories have blessed all of us and this Sunday we will share the grace.

**Judy Robbins, Forum Facilitator
Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate
Carolyn Halsted, Musical Guest**

Annie Witzler, interim RE Director, will be with the children today in the Chalice Clubhouse (a/k/a The Chapel).

**Dana Donovan, Welcome Table
Annie Witzler, Greeter**

Matters of the Heart:

Electronically by 9 am Sunday: email HartfordUUHeart@gmail.com

In person – use MOH basket for written cards on Sunday morning

**10:00 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service
Summer Services held in Fellowship Hall**

Join us in ZOOM [HERE](#).
See Order of Service [HERE](#)

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

**11:00 a.m. – Coffee Hour – immediately following services,
in person and ZOOM**

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



Judy Robbins and

Rick Tsukada

Judy Robbins and Rick Tsukada are both retired psychotherapists. They are Worship Associates at USH and are busy living happily ever after in Glastonbury.

Musical Guest, Carolyn Halsted

Carolyn Halsted was our music director in 2011 and is happy to visit again Sunday morning. She teaches piano at Wesleyan University and privately. Her plant-filled home is in Middletown.



**Sunday Welcome
Volunteers are STILL
Needed!!**

Please see Sign Up Genius Link **HERE** to volunteer for Sunday services. Summer is vacation season, but we really do need your help.

Buffie can be reached at **hartforduusociety@gmail.com** for any assistance or additional questions.



Congregational Matters

One very quick note: There are no developments to report on prospective available ministers.

The National Register of Historic Places: Meeting Summary, Part I

An information session/hearing, about the prospect of seeking designation of our Unitarian Meeting House as a “national historic place”, was held on Sunday, July 17. A Building and Grounds sub-group comprising Toni Gold, Laura Stewart Cipriano, and Jim Venneman has been working on this project for several months, researching potential benefits and drawbacks, if any, of such a designation. Last Sunday they, joined by Mary Falvey (Executive Director of the Hartford Preservation Alliance) shared their findings with approximately 50 members of the Society (in person and via a Zoom connection). Comments and questions were then solicited.

Questions were plentiful and wide-ranging. This week and next, we will replay (in print) salient points covered, attempting to consolidate this information by general topic. Here goes...

1. What is the National Register of Historic Places?

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation’s historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America’s historic and archeological resources. See [here](#):

2. How is the Meeting House qualified?

The Meeting House is an outstanding example of the mid-century modern architectural style, and is designed by a distinguished architect, Victor Lundy. Now that it is over 50 years old, it has become eligible for listing in the National Register.

Once a detailed research account has been written and accepted by the

Connecticut State Review Board, that board will then forward the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of the National Park Service, which will officially list it. This action automatically also places it on the Connecticut Register of Historic Places and brings it under the jurisdiction of Hartford's historic preservation ordinance. The National

Register was created in 1966 to protect historic structures, which were being destroyed wholesale in cities all over the country by construction of the Interstate Highway System.

3. How much would it cost us to achieve this designation, and how long would it take?

The Hartford Preservation Alliance, of which Mary Falvey is the executive director, has proposed for a fee of \$1500 to help us prepare a funding request for \$15,000, for a consultant who would actually research and write the detailed National Register nomination. If funded, Ms. Falvey would help us select such a consultant — an architectural historian on the state's approved list — to do the research and writing and guide us in an appearance before the state preservation review board. The entire process generally takes about two years.

4. Would the designation allow us to access funds through grants?

Yes, matching grants are available (up to \$200,000) from Connecticut's Historic Restoration Fund. These matching grants require the grantee initially to finance the full cost of a project and then request reimbursed at the 50% level up to the grant's maximum allowable amount.

Depending on the magnitude of the project, it may be possible to fund the entire amount with a single grant, or to plan the project in phases over a longer period, applying for successive grants.

We will get more into the nuts, bolts, and financial ramifications in the next segment of this synopsis. There will be more discussion before anything is moved forward, but it's important to become familiar with the process and its advantages. Many thanks go to the group who spent months learning and preparing for this presentation, and particularly to

Toni Gold for capturing the essence so clearly.

And, one final question for today:

5. *Who owns the Meeting House?*

We do!!! The Unitarian Society of Hartford owns the Meeting House. You can view the City of Hartford's property record online, and see for yourself.

To be continued next week...

Summer Services

Living Fully

*"Again the chance
To do the work
To see the world exactly
as it is and still
write it a love letter
...Rosemerry Wahtola
Trommer.*



July 24 through September 4
10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall, in person and livestreamed

Pulpit Guests/Worship Associates:

July 24 – *Saving Grace: A Tribute to UU Saviors*

Judy Robbins/Rick Tsukada

July 31 – *Both Sides Now: Living in the Contrast*

Brian Harvey/ Rick Tsukada

August 7 – *Stillness and Flow: Yogic Spirituality*

Lucille Giammetteo and Michael Michaud/Sue Smolski

August 14 – *Receiving Generously:* Rev. Erica Baron (UUA)/Margaret Leicach

August 21 – *The Importance of Aunts, Uncles, and Other Influential*

People John Bengtson/Laurie Kelleher

August 28 – *It's OK to Not Be OK:* Carol Simpson/Judy Robbins

September 4 – *Music in My Mother's House:* Fred Louis/Sue Smolski

Come to Summer Worship at USH!

Sue Smolski, Worship Associate Coordinator

p.s.: **INGATHERING SUNDAY** is September 11 this year.
The Worship Associates have planned services through September and have begun planning for the fall months as well.

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Book Table – Summer Giveaway!

.For the rest of July and August, all the Book Table bargain books are... wait for it... FREE! You can't get a better deal than this. The only stipulation is this — if you take a book (or several), please

do not bring them back to USH. Read, enjoy, pass along to your friends, donate to your library book sale, or earmark for a Yankee Swap, but don't bring them back here. The table this week featured a tempting assortment of travel, nature, and gardening treasures... visit the table to browse the array and select something that catches your eye.

Share Your Snacks for Summer with
USH!



Summer is the time of year when we relax, travel, and most importantly...snack! Share photos of your summer snacks with us on Facebook with the hashtag **#USHSummerSnacks** and show us what we should be craving! Be it ice cream out with friends, fresh salads from the garden, steaming lobster by the shore, or cotton candy at the local fair, we want to see it! Share on Facebook with the hashtag **#USHSummerSnacks**, or email your submissions to re4ush@gmail.com or hartforduusociety@gmail.com.

And don't forget to donate to USH's food pantry partners... summer should be a time of plenty for all, though the reality is sadly otherwise for many. Contact Diana Heyman at heydiana42@gmail.com for additional information.



**Annie Witzler's
Stuffed
Summer
Peppers**

Fresh summer peppers stuffed with organic marinara sauce, humanely raised beef, sweet Italian sausage, and topped with provolone cheese! Served with tomato basil linguini and a healthy serving a love!

Social Justice



**Reproductive Justice
Congregational Organizing
Series for Teams**

3 Sessions: 7/21, 7/28 and 8/4 8 - 9:30pm

Facilitated by Revs. Ranwa Hammamy and Ashley Horan of the Side With Love Organizing Strategy Team

Training to work with our congregation and other community organizations to respond to the recent SCOTUS decision to overturn Roe v Wade.
For complete course description and registration, see link below:

[https://secure.everyaction.com/ MRk97kgVkkID1k3wytP6Q2](https://secure.everyaction.com/MRk97kgVkkID1k3wytP6Q2)

Dana Donovan and I have signed up, so join our team! If you have any questions, please let me know, or I can register for you.

Working together for justice, Judy Sullivan

Food Bank Information

Food donations for all area towns go down in the Spring and Summer months while hungry individuals and families remain. If you are a West Hartford resident, the Food Bank is at West Hartford Town Hall.

Here are this week's needs:

- 1.SOUP (VERY LOW INVENTORY!!!)**
- 2.Shelf-stable (boxed) milk- 2% or Almond milk.**
- 3.Baked Beans**
- 4.Tuna and Canned Chicken**

If you live in another area town, you can check on your local needs by going online. Some towns like Bloomfield, Hartford, East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester have multiple sites from which to choose.

Please give as you are able! Thanks!

~Diana Heymann

Chalice Clubhouse

HAPPENING IN SUMMER:



The Chalice Clubhouse at USH

The Chalice Clubhouse is a fun, child-centric curriculum fostering individuality and free-thinking, using the Seven Principles as our guiding compass. For summer, we will have a freeform classroom set up with different activities available from week to week for children and youth to participate in, including arts and crafts, opportunities for dramatic play, cooperative games, meditation sessions, and much more!

Our Clubhouse is open on Sunday mornings to all children and youth present.

Please note that there will be no Time for All Ages during the summer, so youth and children who wish to participate in RE programming should be in the Paysen Miller chapel (which is located directly behind the main sanctuary) when service begins at 10 am, or be dropped off there when their family arrives for service.

We hope to see you there!



Summer Reading List USH

Throughout the year, we enjoyed stories during our Time for All Ages that reflected our Unitarian Universalist Principles in action. We met a little robot looking for the meaning of love, a raccoon going off to school for the first time, and Civil Rights icon Ruby Bridges during our reading journeys this year. Missed a story, or would you like to hear one again? No worries!

The complete listing of stories read, or inspired by, our TFAA throughout the last six months at USH is here! Some will be available for children and youth to read at The Chalice Clubhouse this summer, or can be checked out at your local library! The full list is available online [HERE](#), and paper copies will be available on Sundays at The Meeting House.

Happy reading!

Fall Registration for RE is Now



Open!

It's that time of year again... time to register for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year at USH! Forms are available online [HERE](#) and paper copies will be available at the welcome table throughout the summer! Only one form is required per family. Sign up today to be first in line for fun activities upcoming this fall and beyond!

Please contact Annie Witzler (re4ush@gmail.com) for additional information.

Make A Difference



Volunteers

Wanted for the Fall!

Love working with kids? Want to try something fulfilling and fun? We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in the running of our RE programming

this coming fall for all age groups. Contact Annie Witzler at 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!

Programs & Events

Meetings, Events, 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 2022

August 11 – *The Vanishing Half* – Brit Bennett

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 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 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 2022-2023 USH Board of Directors effective July 1, 2022

Eve Pech: President
Dana Donovan: President-Elect
Jon Covault: Treasurer
Sarah Harmon McKenzie: Secretary
Peter Meny: Spiritual Life Council Chair
Paul Cipriano: Administration Council Chair
Judy Sullivan: Social Justice Council Chair
Tina Davies: Community Within Council Chair

The August board meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9th at 6:30 p.m. Access link [HERE](#) and in the USH calendar via this [LINK](#)

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

The **2021/22 Annual Report** is available [HERE](#)

The Board Meeting minutes for **May and June 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 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/

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. Announcements about upcoming events typically appear for two consecutive weeks maximum, unless other arrangements have been made with the editorial team.

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USH Calendar of Events

for July 2022 can be viewed **HERE**.

Please contact **Buffie** with any questions or concerns.

From Buffie's Desk



Please contact our Office Administrator, **Buffie Pinney**, with any administrative questions or concerns. Buffie works Sunday through Thursday, from 9 am – 2 pm. Please email her at hartfordusociety@gmail.com

Buffie is *always* happy to hear from you!