

# **Unitarian Society of Hartford**



**September 28, 2022**

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**Unitarian Society of Hartford**

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**October 2, 2022: 10:30 a.m.**

**To Seek The Truth In Love  
A USH Forum Service**

**Judy Robbins: Forum Facilitator  
Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate  
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries  
Diana Heymann, Chancel Art  
Annie Witzler, Interim RE Coordinator, will meet with the children  
in the Chapel today.**

**Susan Hope, Usher**

**Matters of the Heart:  
Electronically by 9 a.m. Sunday: email [HartfordUUHeart@gmail.com](mailto:HartfordUUHeart@gmail.com)  
In person – use MOH basket for written cards on Sunday morning**

**10:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service**

**Join us in ZOOM [here](#)  
See Order of Service [here](#)**

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

**11:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour  
Immediately following the service,  
in person and ZOOM. Please join us.**

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



### **Judy Robbins: Forum Facilitator**

Judy Robbins, a UU since the late 1960s, has devoted herself to USH since her retirement as a psychologist. She is a founder of the successful SpiritLife programs that serve the three area UU churches.

### **Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate**

Margaret was baptized Methodist, raised Moravian, spent a few years as a Congregationalist, then abstained for a few years. She discovered USH by sheer accident in the 80's and immediately knew she was 'home'. Her adult children and 2 grandchildren, agnostics all, happily attend USH with her when they are in the area.



## ***Worship News***

**Come, Come, Whoever You Are...**

**Worship with this community of seekers and doers.**

Upcoming services:

**October 2** – Forum Format: "To Seek The Truth in Love" – Judy Robbins, Pulpit Guest and Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate

**October 9** – "In Their Own Words: Lucy Stone and Olympia Brown" – Carol Simpson and Susan Barlow, Pulpit Guests and Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate

**October 16** – Title pending – Rick Tsukada, pulpit guest/ Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate

**October 23** – Title pending – Rev Josh Pawelek/Judy Robbins, Worship Associate



**October 30** – Title pending – Rev. David Horst/Carol Simpson, Worship Associate.

**Come let us worship together in the light of our sanctuary and the warmth of this congregation.**

*Sue Smolski*

*Worship Associate Coordinator*

### **Welcome Team Sign-Up**

Volunteer to be a greeter, usher, or to staff the welcome table this fall. Simple, rewarding short-term commitments helping extend hospitality to members and visitors.

Use the Sign-Up Genius app [here](#) to be part of our Sunday Morning Welcome Team.



## ***Congregational Matters***



### **USH 2022 Auction – Sunday, November 13**

With Fall comes USH Auction season. We will have an online silent auction this year with bidding open starting October 16 followed by a hybrid live /zoom auction of select items on Sunday November 13 at noon. USH member Bob Hewey is our auctioneer. The auction provides great additional opportunities to connect and interact as well as contribute to our Stewardship fundraising.

Our auction is an important event supporting USH, and a great way to bring people together. Do you have a special talent, skill, or a unique service to offer? Can you

host a dinner? Your donation(s) of a service, teaching, cooking, guiding, craft/art item, local business gift certificate, guided walk, historical outing, vacation time share {let your imagination run wild} are needed in the next few weeks to generate our catalog of auction items to bid on.

We will be using an auction website — [www.togethераuction.com/ushartford](http://www.togethераuction.com/ushartford) — that we've used the last few years. This site has preloaded member/friend information, allowing you to sign in to the site easily using your telephone number. Simply the clear directions on the website.

You can enter donated item description or bring forward your description from the 2021 auction if you'd like to start there. Alternatively, you can email us information about items you'd like to post on the auction site at [USH.auction2020@gmail.com](mailto:USH.auction2020@gmail.com). Volunteers are needed to contact folks to encourage item donations for the auction as well as to help plan and set up the live auction on November 13th .

**Thanks — auction team Michael Michaud, Paul Cipriano, Mike Covault, Ginny Hedrick, Jon Covault and... YOU?**



**It is with saddened hearts that the Unitarian Society of Hartford shares the passing of Gustav F. Papanek, father of long time member Joanne Papanek Orlando.**

Gus died peacefully, surrounded by family, on September 20, 2022 at his home in Lexington, Massachusetts. Gus was 96 years old, a Holocaust survivor, a veteran of World War II Intelligence, a professor, economic advisor, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be missed. Please see obituary [HERE](#).

**Joanne and Rocco welcome cards. Please send to:  
25 Drumlin Road, South Glastonbury, CT 06073**



Kiyomi T. Joyce

IN THE CARE OF  
Tobias Funeral Home - Far Hills Chapel

On Saturday, August 20, 2022, Kiyomi Joyce, loving mother, passed away at age ninety-one. Born in Wuhan, China on November 1, 1930 she was raised in Nagasaki City, Japan. A survivor of the atomic bomb attack in Nagasaki, Kiyomi has been featured in the Dayton Daily News and Hartford Courant. While working at Fukuoka Air base, she met and married Paul Brooks Joyce, an Airman 1st Class and came to America in 1958. Her two daughters were born here. She was widowed in 1961 and chose to stay here for her daughters, raising them in the Hartford, CT area.

Kiyomi was an avid artist, flower arranger, active in her children's lives and at the Unitarian Meeting House of Hartford where she was awarded the Unsung Hero Award for her years of unassuming service.

**A private gathering will be held to celebrate this courageous woman on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. In lieu of giving flowers, the family asks that those who are able instead donate to Ohio Hospice. See obituary [HERE](#).**

## ***USH Security Planning***

***Emergency Response Planning Session /Workshop  
 Sunday, October 9, in the Chapel***

Part of the recently-organized Security Committee's assignment has been  
“to form a task force to review and report to the board and congregation on findings about actions we might take to better protect ourselves from some type of terrorist attack, and what existing protocols are in place at USH for fire or other emergencies.”

In response the Security Committee engaged the help of Cressy Goodwin as suggested by Larry Lunden. Cressy helped UUSE in Manchester develop an emergency preparedness plan. Cressy is FEMA trained and has helped many congregations develop emergency response plans.

Cressy has volunteered to help USH develop an emergency response plan and use the information generated to apply for a Connecticut grant for non-profit organizations to fund such initiatives. The deadline to apply for state funding in the year ahead is November 18, 2022. Cressy will lead a workshop Sunday October 9, from 12 noon to 2:30 pm in the USH Chapel. The workshop will also be available on zoom..

**Anyone interested is invited to attend and help develop this plan for USH.**

**Contact: Paul Cipriano at [pcipriano01@gmail](mailto:pcipriano01@gmail.com) to sign up.**



## *Social Justice*

Volunteer with UU the Vote!  
and



**Center for Common Ground**

A non-partisan voting rights organization led by people of color

**Message from Carol Rizzolo (Center for Common Ground rep)**

Hi all! I am excited that Center for Common Ground now offers texting where all you need to do is send texts, rather than try to figure out how to respond. When you sign up with this link, you'll begin to receive notices of texting campaigns that you can choose to join. In that sign up link, you are given the wonderful option to just *send texts* or *send and respond* to texts.

If you are new to texting, this just entails hitting *Enter* or *Return* over and over again! IF you are more experienced then by all means, sign up to send and respond.

This is another really important Get Out the Vote skill that we need to learn and use. Please join me in this! I confess that texting is one of my favorite things to do during election season. I find it fun and interesting...but then...some folks might find me a bit strange for enjoying this!

TEXTING!

We have begun texting to Virginia and will be extending our reach into other voter suppression states. Sign up [HERE](#) to be alerted for texting.

Thanks! Carol





## THE CALL OF OUR TIME

We are all called to take bold steps to undo [white supremacy](#) in our Unitarian Universalist faith communities.

## ARE Fall Gathering and Spiritual Caucus

Link: <https://www.uuare.org/event-4976349>

We invite members and friends to join ARE's upcoming **virtual Fall Gathering and Spiritual Caucus** on **Saturday, October 1, from 1 pm to 3 pm ET** (12pm CT/ 11AM MT/ 10AM PT). This is an opportunity to connect with other Unitarian Universalists who have been racialized as White and who seek to nourish an anti-racist community of faith. At the invitation of DRUUMM's leadership, this event will be concurrent with [DRUUMM's Fall Caucus](#).

Our focus will remain on the work of Anti-Racism, but through the lens of our personal and collective spiritual journeys. We will reflect together on the question: *How are we spiritually called and grounded in this work?* We will begin with an opening panel featuring religious professionals in conversation around this deep question and then we will enter into breakout reflection groups organized, as much as possible, by shared religious and spiritual identities.

### Tentative agenda:

- Welcome
- Opening Panel
- Break
- Reflection Groups
- Regathering
- Closing

After the programming concludes around 3pm (ET), there will be an opportunity for additional conversation and connection for those who wish to remain together in the virtual space.

Please feel free to share information about both events with others who may be interested. Sharable links are included below:

[DRUUMM Fall Caucus: Spiritual & Religious Journeys\\*](#)

[ARE Fall Gathering and Spiritual Caucus](#)

\*As a reminder DRUUMM's event is for DRUUMM members and BIPOC friends, only.

**About ARE (<https://uuare.org/>):** Allies for Racial Equity disrupts oppression, uproots white supremacy, and plants seeds of justice. This is a ministry of faith which leads all who participate to spiritual growth and wholeness. We honor each other's humanity and capacity for growth by offering ourselves and each other grace and accountability. As part of this ministry, ARE encourages members to support DRUUMM.

**About DRUUMM (<https://www.druumm.org>):** DRUUMM is a Unitarian Universalist BIPOC ministry and anti-racist collective bringing lay and religious professionals together to overcome racism through resistance and transform Unitarian Universalism through our multicultural experiences.

### **West Hartford Food Bank Information**

. If you are a West Hartford resident, the Food Bank is at West Hartford Town Hall.

Here are this week's needs:

**Cold Cereal**

**Canned Chicken**

**Shelf stable milk**

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!

**Grocery bags are now being collected by the office door rather than the main entrance.**

*~Diana Heymann*

## ***RE and Chalice Clubhouse***



**A new year of RE is here.**

We have exciting opportunities available for ages 0-18.  
Signup online [here](#) or on Sundays in-person at the welcome  
table.

**Please note that there will be no Time for All Ages this  
week, so youth and children who wish to participate in RE  
programming should be in Fellowship Hall (located directly**

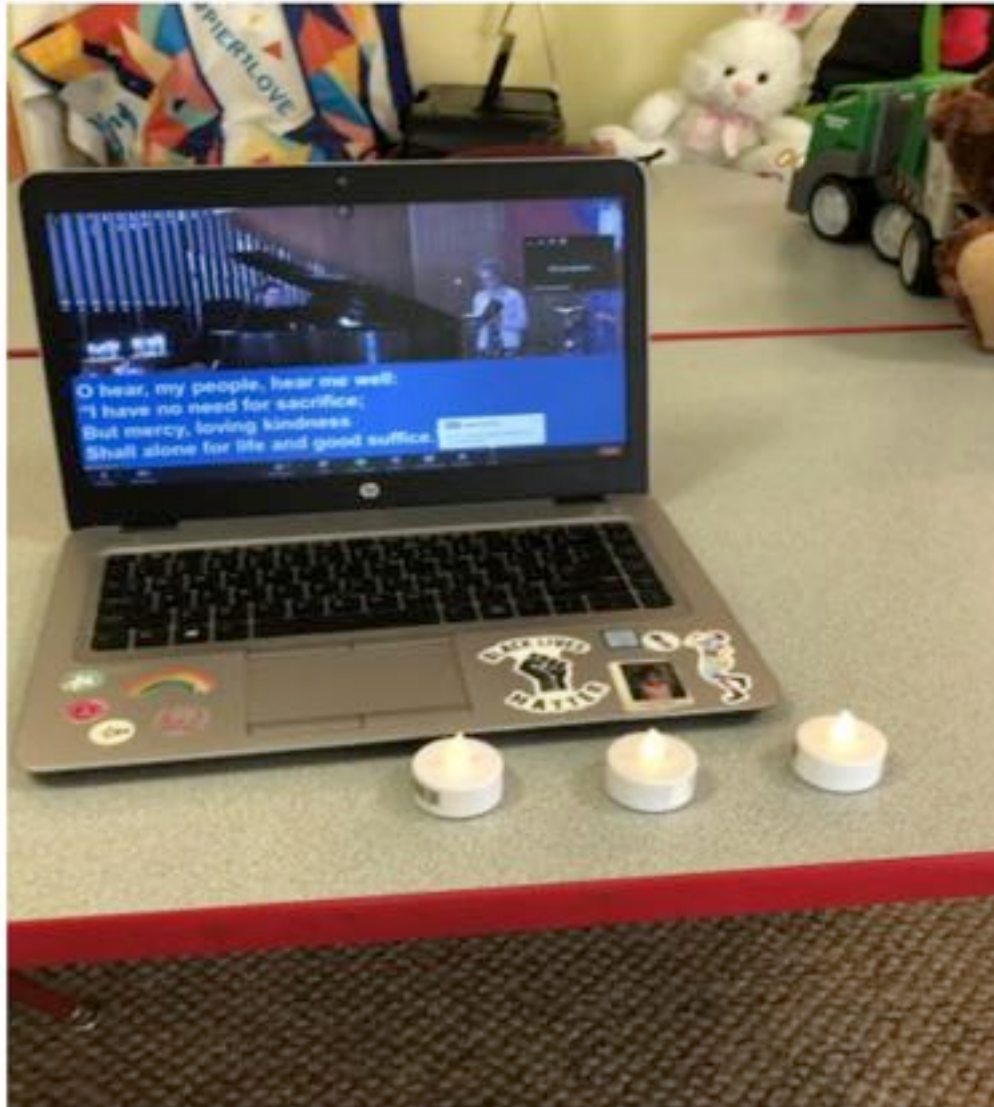
**downstairs from the main sanctuary) when the service begins at 10:30 am, or be dropped off there when their family arrives for service.**

**The Sprouts Nursery (Ages Infant-Pre-K):**



We are happy to announce that our nursery is open to all infants, young children, and their families. We have dedicated personnel and

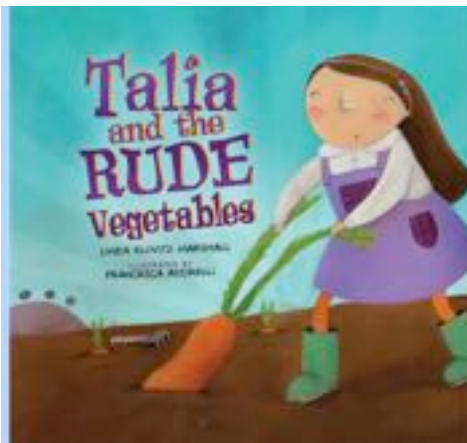
volunteers there to supervise every week, and the best part? You can now listen and participate in the service while you're there.



This last week marked our very first opportunity to allow nursery goers to listen to the service and even participate in our Candles of Memory and Hope ritual. Come visit any Sunday and never miss a single sermon.

### In The Chalice Clubhouse (Grades K-6th):

Last week we heard the story of *Talia and the Rude Vegetables* by Linda Elovitz Marshall. It tells of Talia, a young girl charged by her grandmother with helping gather ingredients for a lucky seven vegetable soup to celebrate the Jewish new year of Rosh Hashana. Talia doesn't quite understand the instructions, however, and some confusion ensues. If you would like to hear the story, you can find it for free either [here on YouTube](#) or at your local library.



The story reflects on one of the six sources of our Unitarian Universalist faith: “Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves”.





After the story, our clubhouse children got to make their very own “rude vegetables” (***above***) using root vegetables, craft supplies, and their imaginations.

**This weekend, Sunday, October 2nd, we will be having a special interactive story and making an autumn-themed craft to accompany it. We hope to see you there!**



USH Youth Group (Grades 6th-12th):

USH YOUTH GROUP



COME VIBE WITH US THIS SUNDAY!

The USH Youth Group will be meeting for its first session of the fall this weekend, October 2nd. Our new youth leaders, Bryant and Paula, are eager to meet their participants and get the fun started. Any youth who wishes to participate should report directly to The Youth Room (also known as The Couch Room) when they arrive. We hope to see you there.

***Meeting House Presents***



**Calan**



**Meeting House Presents and the Welsh Society of Western New England join forces to bring the Welsh band CALAN to Hartford.**

**Thursday, October 20 7:00 pm**

website <https://www.calan-band.com/> \$20 general admission

tickets: <https://calan.brownpapertickets.com> or at the door

CALAN is a multi-award-winning Welsh folk band featuring four virtuoso musicians. They won international acclaim at the world-renowned Inter-Celtic Festival in Lorient, France, where they would eventually become the first Welsh ensemble to win the coveted International Band Trophy. In April 2019, they were voted Best Band at the inaugural Wales Folk Awards.

**"Mere words cannot describe the Welsh band CALAN. You must see CALAN perform to know why Folk Wales called them "A storming juggernaut of cool-Cymru\*-with-attitude, power-folk with a jaw- dropping repertoire".**



\* If you're wondering, "Cymru", pronounced "Kim-ree", is the Welsh name for their homeland.

## *Events & Happenings*



### **Lunch Bunch Information**

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 12 NOON. We will get together at the Meeting House in Fellowship Hall. **Bring your own lunch and drink.** We will talk about where we could meet in the future. If you have any suggestions, check them out and bring the information with you on the 18th . If possible, please let me know if you will be joining us so we will know how many tables and chairs to get out.

We need to have a place that has a separate room large enough for 20 or so people  
and that will allow us to order off the menu and give us separate checks.

**Looking forward to seeing you on October 18. Janice Newton**

### **Creative Connection Circle**

The USH Artist Way group and Connection Circles are combining to offer a new program on Living More Creatively. The 7 weekly sessions use materials specifically created for this Creative Connection Circle (CCC).

The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings, starting October 27 and ending December 15 (with a break for Thanksgiving). Meetings will be 6 – 7:30 p.m.

All sessions will be held on Zoom, facilitated by Marye Gail Harrison and hosted by Diana Heymann.

We hope some newer members and friends will use this as a way of getting to know us better.

To register as one of 6 participants contact Diana Heymann at:  
[heydiana42@gmail.com](mailto:heydiana42@gmail.com) with "CCC" on the subject line.

### **New Connection Circles starting mid-October**

They're back by popular demand. New Connection Circles are forming. I've heard from so many of you how you miss the true sense of connection that these groups promote (hence the name). In addition to the 7- session **Creativity Circle** offered by Artists' Way on **Thursday evening** with Marye Gail Harrison, **three new groups are taking sign-ups now**. If you prefer a daytime meeting, we have a **Tuesday afternoon** group facilitated by Judy Hopkins. Martha Bradley will facilitate a **Tuesday evening** group, and Fred Louis will lead a circle on **Wednesday evening**. If there are enough folks who would like an online circle, we will try to accommodate, so let me know and send me your preferred time. Groups generally meet once weekly for 8 sessions,

but there's room for adjustment based on the needs of the members. Groups are limited to 8-10 participants, so sign up soon. Text or email Martha Bradley at (860) 305-3307 or [marthabradley49@yahoo.com](mailto:marthabradley49@yahoo.com).



### ***UU SpiritLife***

October SpiritLife Conversations are 10/8 on Thomas Merton and 10/22 on Lao Tsu. Saturday mornings 9 – 10:30. You read an article first and then drop-in to a facilitated discussion with UUs from the three area churches, no registration required. Go to [UUSpiritLife.org](http://UUSpiritLife.org) for the complete

fall schedule and log-in instructions. One of last year's participants said: "Wow, what an interesting, heartfelt opportunity to go deeper with other UUs!"

## **Monthly Gatherings**

**Second Saturday Sing-Along** – Join us at the next Meetinghouse Sing-Along. Fred Louis and Ed Savage offer an opportunity to join in song on the second Saturday of each month (**October 8**) 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 NEW "Rise Again" sequel – 1200 more songs to sample. And — can we find songs that celebrate our Native American brothers and sisters ?

**Pizza and Movie Nights** – The movies are returning, starting **Friday October 14** and continuing on the 2nd Friday each month through June. October's movie is *The Hate U Give* — while the title seems rather off-



putting, it's been recommended by Brian Harvey, who comments this is "the best film he's ever seen." Brian will lead a discussion afterwards. Next week we'll have more time, sign-up, and cost details.



### **Book Cart Replenishment!**

Please help us restock after the summer of giveaways. We are looking for adult fiction, mysteries and non-fiction primarily, and the more recent the edition the better. The idea is to pass on books you really enjoyed.

**They can be left in a marked bin in the staff office. Thanks!**

### **INVITATION FROM THE BOOK GROUP**

***Our UU Book Group invites you to join us in reading our October selection – Tasha: A Son's Memoir by Brian Morton (see preview\* below).***

***Enjoy the reading.***

***If you want to participate in (or listen to) a discussion of the book and related issues, join us on Thursday, September 8 at 2:30, by Zoom or a hybrid meeting.***

***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 2022/23**

**Second Thursday of each month**

*October 13 – Tasha: A Son's Memoir by Brian Morton (see preview\* below)*

*November 10 – Girls of Tender Age by Mary-Ann Tyrone Smith*

*December 8 – Midnight Library by Matt Haig*

*January 12 – Things We Lost in the Water by Eric Nguyen*

*February 9 – The Premonition by Michael Lewis*

*March 9 – The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles*

*April 13 – Power: The limits and prospects for human survival by Richard Heinberg*

*May 11 – Beloved by Toni Morrison*

*June 8 – The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate*

*July 13 – Matrix by Lauren Groff*

*August 10 – Mismeasure of Man by Stephen J Gould*

**\* Our October selection: Tasha, A Son's Memoir**

***Tasha Morton is a force of nature: a brilliant educator who's left her mark on generations of students — and also a whirlwind of a mother, intrusive, chaotic, oppressively devoted, and irrepressible.***

***For decades, her son Brian has kept her at a self-protective distance, but when her health begins to fail, he knows it's time to assume responsibility for her care. Even so, he's not prepared for what awaits him, as her refusal to accept her own fragility leads to a series of epic outbursts and altercations that are sometimes frightening, sometimes wildly comic, and sometimes both.***

***Clear-eyed, “deeply stirring” (Dani Shapiro, The New York Times Book Review), and brimming with dark humor, Tasha is both a vivid account of an unforgettable woman and a stark look at the impossible task of caring for an elderly parent in a country whose unofficial motto is “you’re on your own.”***

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**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. The Nationwide Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention hotline is available by calling or texting **988** to talk with a counselor.

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 [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com) for the username and password.

### **2022-2023 USH Board of Directors**

**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 October board meeting will be 10/11, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom link [HERE](#) and in the USH calendar via this [LINK](#)

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. Announcements about upcoming events typically appear for two consecutive weeks maximum, unless other arrangements have been made with the editorial team. Articles should be sent as email file attachments, and images need to be sent separately as jpeg, jpg, png, tiff, bmp, or gif files. Thanks for cooperating.

USH Staff:

<http://www.ushartford.org/staff-members/>

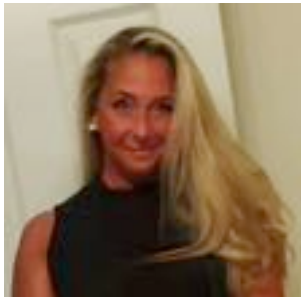
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### *From Buffie's Desk*



Please contact our Office Administrator, **Buffie Pinney**, with any administrative questions or concerns. Buffie works Sunday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m..

Please email her at [hartforduussociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduussociety@gmail.com)  
 Buffie is *always* happy to hear from you!



### **USH Calendar of Events**

The calendar for October 2022 can be viewed **HERE**.

Please contact Buffie with any questions or concerns.

The deadline for USH Enews submissions is

**Tuesday at 12 Noon.**

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

Email to: [hartforduussociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduussociety@gmail.com)



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