

Unitarian Society of Hartford



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Office Administrator's Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to email/call for an appointment.



October 9, 2022: 10:30 a.m.

"In Their Own Words: Lucy Stone and Olympia Brown"

Carol Simpson & Susan Barlow, Pulpit Guests
Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries
Chancel Art SubCouncil, Chancel Art
Annie Witzler, Interim RE Coordinator

Helen David, Welcome Table
Sue Smolski, Greeter
Fred Louis and Dana Donovan , Ushers

Matters of the Heart:
Electronically by 9 a.m. Sunday: email 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.

Pulpit Guests

Carol Simpson and her husband Bob Hewey live in the Seabury Community in Bloomfield, CT and are members of both the Unitarian Society of Hartford and the

Unitarian Universalist Society: East (UUS:E) of Manchester, CT. Since she took back her original name in 2011, she could be called a “Lucy Stoner”.

Susan Barlow and her husband, Malcolm, are founding members of UUS:E – making 50+ years of attending services and volunteering in various capacities. Like Olympia Brown, Susan believes that our liberal and living religion should “make war on the great social and political evils,” such as suppression of religious freedom, unfair treatment of women, and institutionalized economic inequality. Susan is Manchester’s Town Historian.

Worship Associate

Rick Tsukada is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist, and he still is.

It's Not Too Late to Add Your Voice —

The forum question last Sunday was: **Why do I keep coming back to USH?** Due to audio problems, people who were watching remotely may have missed parts of the program. I'd like to offer an opportunity for all who didn't get to share their thoughts. If you'd like to say why you keep coming back, along with a brief example, you can email me with **Coming Back** in the subject line, at judyrobb2@gmail.com. I hope to compile all feedback from this forum into an edited readable document.

~ Judy Robbins

Worship News

You are invited to revisit the questions that have been put forth in our last two worship services.

For the Jewish New Year, pulpit guest Rev. Jan Carlson-Bull shared questions by Julia Cadrain, Senior Cantor at a synagogue in Westport and daughter of Diane Cadrain and Joe Rubin:

What would I do if I weren't afraid?



How have I supported my family and community in the past year?

When in the last year have I felt connected to God or a cause greater than myself?

During last week's Forum Service, pulpit guest and Worship Associate, Judy Robbins asked this question: Why Do I Keep Coming Back to USH?

Today's question — How did you, or would you, answer those questions?

Upcoming Sunday Services: Join us, in person or online.

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 – "Recovery and Discovery of US(H)" – Rick Tsukada, pulpit guest/ Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate

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

October 30 – Title pending – Rev. Stephen Kendrick/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.



***Meeting House Presents – Special
Performance!***



Calan



**Meeting House Presents and the Welsh Society
of Western New England join forces to bring the
lively and acclaimed 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.

Congregational Matters

Help Shape USH's Future...

Nominating Committee Seeks Volunteers

Have you been talking with someone at coffee hour and thought, "hey, they'd be really great in (fill in the blank) role here at church"? Maybe they just need to be asked. The Nominating Committee, typically most active in spring, does that asking, and it needs a few people to help identify some candidates suited to various critical volunteer positions. This is **not** an intensive long-term commitment... the committee may be called upon during the year, but most of the action occurs, as mentioned, in springtime. Do you need to be a "long-timer"? No — in fact, a recent member may have just the perspective needed. If the Nominating Committee appeals to you, contact Rob Spector rspector0317@yahoo.com to find out more.



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 — that we've used the last few years. This site has preloaded member/friend information, allowing you to sign into 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. 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?

USH Security Planning

Emergency Planning?

"Naw! If something happens, we'll just figure it out!"

Really?

Come to our planning workshops —
learn how to create our own

Emergency Preparedness Plan

Sundays, October 9 and 23

Noon – 2:30 p.m.

USH Sanctuary

The first of two USH Emergency Response workshops is being held this Sunday, in the sanctuary and on Zoom. We will be guided in preparing for major and minor emergencies by facilitator Cressy Goodwin, from UUS:E. FEMA-trained, Cressy has helped numerous churches develop emergency plans tailored to their specific needs, and he has offered to work with us in our own efforts. Members of our congregation have inquired about our state of emergency preparation, and the USH board has endorsed developing an up-to-date plan focusing on awareness and action.

The workshops involve not only information and training but also strategies for planning, deterrence, and response. Some systems and policy elements may suggest themselves, and it will be helpful to have representatives from all major "function" areas at these sessions. Board members, Worship Associates, employees, committee chairs — everyone is invited to participate in the workshops. If you can't work both into your schedule, don't let that deter you. **The workshops are not identical — each covers different terrain. Both are better than one, and one is better than none.** Friends and members who are trained as fire, police, or EMT responders are especially needed.

There is some sense of urgency as grant money has been released by the state of Connecticut and the application deadline for this year is November 18, 2022. There was some discussion about whether we should make a plan first or if we should apply for the grant this year. The consensus was to try for the grant this year along with making a plan. We have a wish-list from previous Building and Grounds meetings: upgrading camera monitors, motion detectors, keyless entry, a back-up battery for power outages, two-way radios for use in an emergency. We know the list might be completely different after the two planning sessions.

Please join us if you can.

We will provide all the handouts for both Sessions 1 & 2. **Please register by Thursday, October 6, so we know how many copies to print and how much pizza to order. Use the registration link below, or email pcipriano01@gmail.com.** Let us know if you will attend in person or by Zoom.

For more info: <https://ushartford.org/emergency-planning-task-force/>

RSVP registration

link: <https://forms.gle/acXztMjPPbgZDG2S7>

p.s.: A few folks have noted that it takes a lot longer than two sessions to develop a comprehensive plan. That is quite true; these can be considered an introduction, albeit one packed (we understand) with content and process. However, we will make a beginning, initiating a process which can be amplified and expanded for years, as circumstances dictate. What we **can** do, in these two sessions, is take the first steps, and that will put us farther ahead than we are right now!

Social Justice



hawkwing is October's GNO Recipient

by Diana Heymann

Our Good Neighbor Offering for October goes to **hawkwing** which, "for more than 20 years, has served the people of Cheyenne River Sioux/Lakota Tribe (CRST) in South Dakota. It works to empower The People of CRST to enhance health and education, end hunger, bring clean water, and empower individuals to overcome generational repression through programs focused on personal and community development." Its vision is that "the People of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe get the chance to live healthy, fulfilling lives free from generational trauma and hardship while building better relationships among all people."

- CRST currently manages these activities and/or services (plus more):
- Food programs
- Holiday Give Away to kids
- Funding a Garden Table Project for elders
- Seeking funding to offer stipends for teens in career training programs
- Working with the Tribe's Water Departmentt to bring clean water to the

homes off the main line (including piping to homes still without running water...a long process involving the US Army Corp of Engineers)/

Locally, a Wawokiye Tipi 2 has been established in Hartford to bring free goods to anyone who needs them.

For more information, visit www.hawkwing.org

You can donated to **hawkwing** throughout October; there will be a 50/50 split of funds between USH/*hawkwing* (unless specified for another purpose) by:

- Giving in person during the Sunday offering;
- Mailing a check to USH; or
- Donating online at the USH website.

Mid-Term Elections are November 8, 2022

What's new this year?

Connecticut's November general election ballot will let voters weigh in on a state constitutional amendment that would allow the Connecticut General Assembly to introduce early in-person voting. **The question will be; "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?" Voters can vote "yes" or "no."**

A "yes" vote **supports** amending the state constitution to authorize the state legislature to provide by law in-person early voting before an election.

A "no" vote **opposes** amending the state constitution, thereby maintaining that early voting is not authorized in the state.

Connecticut is one of 4 states that does not allow early voting. To make this major change, the state constitution would have to be amended. The amendment to the Connecticut Constitution would allow the Connecticut General Assembly to pass laws allowing early voting. In states that permit early voting, a voter does not have to provide an excuse for being unable to vote on Election day.

During the 2021-2022 legislative session, the amendment was introduced as House Joint Resolution 59 (HJR 59). HJR 59 passed the House by a vote 115-26 with 10 absent or not voting. It passed the Senate by a vote of 26-9 with one absent. **YOUR VOTE** on **November 8th** could be the deciding factor in our states next steps!

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:

Canned tuna

Canned chicken

Baked beans

Canned spaghetti/spagettios

Cold cereals

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

Fall is here and so is fun at USH!

We have exciting opportunities available for ages 0-18.

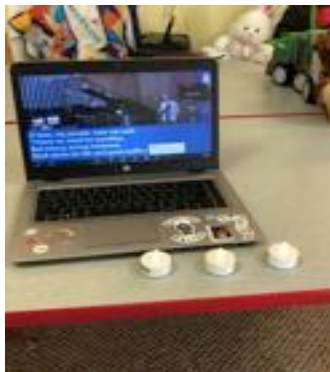
Signup online [here](#) or on Sundays in-person at the welcome table.

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.



These past weeks marked the opportunity to allow nursery go-ers 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 acted out the story *We're Going On A Leaf Hunt* by Steve Metzger to a delightful rhyme:

***“We’re going on a leaf hunt,
We’re going right away!
Let’s find beautiful leaves,
And have a wonderful day!”***

Together we climbed over mountains, walked through a dark forest, and even crossed an entire lake all from inside Fellowship Hall.

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 our 3rd principle as Unitarian Universalists: “We believe that we should accept one another and keep on learning together.”. We all experience the world differently, but we all can share the experience of exploring and learning how to overcome obstacles as a team.

After the story, our clubhouse children got to make autumn leaf mosaics using plenty of different colors and their imaginations.



This weekend, Sunday, October 9th, we will be hearing a new story and making an October-themed craft to go along with it! We hope to see you there!

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



The USH Youth Group will be meeting for its second session of the fall this weekend, October 9. **There will be snacks!!!**

They will be having a discussion about their individual identities, and how they think it affects how they live out the seven UU principles.

Any youth who wishes to participate should report directly to The Youth Room (also known as Faustus Socinus) when they arrive. We hope to see you there!



Events & Happenings



Lunch Bunch Information

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 12 NOON. We will be meeting at the Meeting House in Fellowship Hall. **Bring your own lunch and drink.**

**THIS IS NOT A POTLUCK.
BRING WHATEVER YOU WANT FOR LUNCH!**

We will talk about where we might meet in the future. If you have any suggestions, check them out and bring the information with you on the 18 th . If possible, please let me know if you will be joining us so we will know how many tables and chairs to set out. We need to have a place that has a separate room

large enough for 20 or so people; that will allow us to order off the menu; and will 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 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.



UU SpiritLife

October SpiritLife Conversations take place 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 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 –

Sing-Alongs, 2nd Saturday each month: NEXT UP: **OCTOBER 8.**

Contact: Fred Louis (FLouis@yahoo.com) or Ed Savage 860-966-8155 (mobile) (EdSavage03@yahoo.com)

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 from 2 to 5 p.m. Song-sheets and some loaner copies of Rise Up Singing will be 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.

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.

Sign up at coffee hour, so we know how much pizza to order (choose cheese, meat, or vegetarian pizza). \$15 per diner covers the pizza, salad, basic beverages, and dessert. If you want to enjoy some wine or a beer, please feel free to bring your own.



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 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 **HYBRID** 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.

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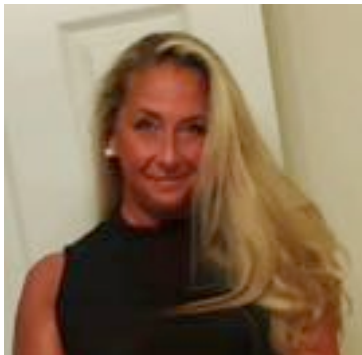
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### *From Buffie's Desk*



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 [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@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.**

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**Tuesday at 12 Noon.**

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

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