

**March 1, 2023**

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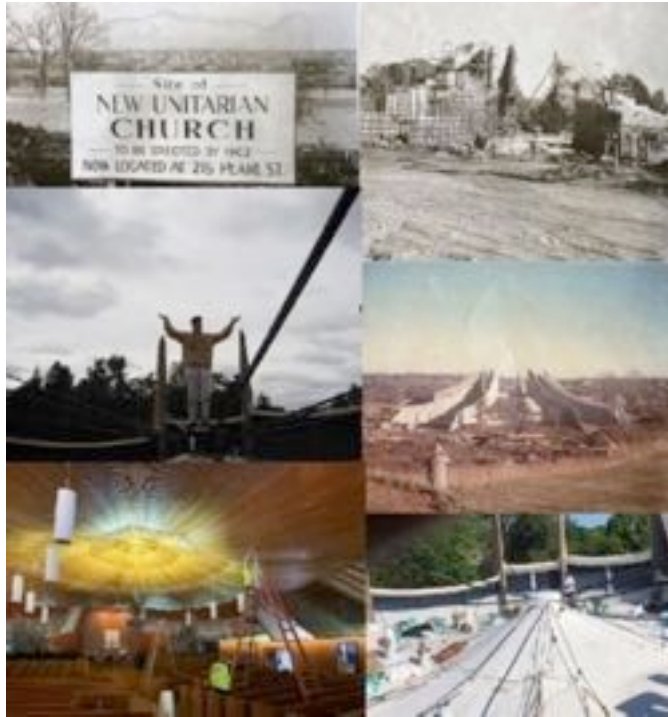
**Office Administrator's Hours:**

**Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Monday & Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Please email/call for an appointment.**



This Sunday Service is unique. David Newton has created a service, including a slideshow, Love in Action, that will help us reflect on the work, seen and unseen, then and now, of some of those who have built this church; They are us... We are them.

**Slide Show: Love in Action**  
**Show Times: 10:20 a.m., 11:35 a.m.**

**March 5, 2023: 10:30 a.m.**

## **"Standing on the Shoulders of Those Who Came Before"**

**David Newton, Pulpit Guest**  
**Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate**  
**Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries**

**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

## **10:30 a.m. Religious Education in person**

Annie Witzler, Interim RE Coordinator

**11:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour immediately following the service, in person and ZOOM**

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

*Masking is currently optional. Our policy is to follow CDC guidelines.*



### **David Newton, Pulpit Guest**

David Newton is a retired Professor of Biology, Faculty Union President, and Vice President for Personnel for the former Connecticut State University System. In the mid 90s he and his wife, Janice, joined the USH becoming active members of Building and

Grounds, Caring Network, and Communications. David was editor of the USH Newsletter and Web Master from the mid 2000s until 2015. He has been Chair of the Administration Council. David and Janice have two daughters, a son-in-law, and two grandchildren of whom they are very proud, who reside in MA, ME, and NV. They provide a home for a cat named Nadia, and tropical fish.



**Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate**

He takes his coffee black with Truvia and sits in the corner somewhere downstairs. If lost, please return to Judy Robbins.

## ***Worship Calendar***



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

**March 12 – Title Pending**, Rev. Stephen Kendrick/Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate

**March 19 – Becoming Truly Welcoming**, Pulpit guest pending/ Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate

**March 26 – "On Change: Resistance Is Futile"**, Rev. Aaron Payson/Carol Simpson, Worship Associate

**April 5 - USH Focused**, David Newton Pulpit Guest/Judy Robbins, Worship Associate

*Sue Smolski     Worship Associate Coordinator*



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

Volunteer to be a greeter, usher, or to staff the welcome table. 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.

### **More You Can Do on Sunday**

Here are some other things you can do once and be done – see Rick Tsukada or Laurie Kelliher if you're interested.

- Candle Bowl Lifter
- Chalice Lighter
- Welcome Table
- Chancel Art



## **You've Got Mail!**

The in-office mailbox is going to go through reorganization and relabeling. Please stop by on Sunday before or after worship to check your mailboxes and empty out anything you may have. After **March 12**, all mail not picked up will be disposed of. Please reach out to the Office Admin if you have any questions/concerns.



## *Love In Action*

“Love in Action” is the theme for the 2023-2024 Stewardship Campaign. During the next month, please think about examples of love in action that you have observed at USH — who did what that exemplified love in action? You can mull it over with warm thoughts, and/or thank the person, and/or stop by the Stewardship Table in Fellowship Hall after services in March and post it on our board!

Also, if you’d like to help with the campaign, contact Carolyn Carlson at [carlsoncjc@gmail.com](mailto:carlsoncjc@gmail.com).

## *Looking for a Minister... Part Three*

The Review Committee met with a very qualified applicant last week and it was a most encouraging meeting. The Committee was unanimously impressed. And, most important of all, he liked us!

So I am pleased to report that we are one step closer to having a minister next year. There are a thousand details to work out and a few potential snags, but there is reason to be very hopeful at this point. Keep your fingers crossed and we just may make it over the finish line!

~ *Judy Robbins, for the Review Committee: Dana Donovan, Rob Spector, Mike Covault, Sarah Harmon McKenzie, Paul Cipriano*

Meeting House presents

# SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

## CÉLTIC MELODY

IRISH DANCE MUSIC AND SONGS!

BRENT MORGAN   JANEY MORGAN   TOM MORGAN   LIZ RAYMOND   ELLEN BURKE

**7:00 PM**  
**MARCH 17TH @ MEETING HOUSE**

50 Bloomfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06105  
[unitarianmeetinghouse.org](http://unitarianmeetinghouse.org)



*Come, come, whoever you are...*



*...you are welcome here!*

## ***Social Justice***



### **March Good Neighbor Offering:**

The Village for Families and Children was one of the first agencies to provide care for neglected children. What began over 200 years ago as The female Beneficent Society to help children, grew over many iterations to become The Village for Families and Children in 1993. The mission of The Village is “to build a community of strong healthy families to support and nurture children.”

The 500 professional staff at The Village for Families and Children include child psychologists, clinicians, nurses, social workers, psychiatrists, teachers and parent educators. They provide outpatient and inpatient care, in school, in home, and in the community. The Village works in collaboration with local and state agencies and relies on supporters and donors.



In response to growing needs, The Village now has three campuses. The main, original campus is on Albany Avenue, next to USH. There are two other campuses in Hartford, on Wethersfield Avenue and Spring Street. Programming has also changed to include more resources for adults.

The Village for Families and Children has adapted to the increasing need for mental health services in a complex world.

<https://thevillage.org/>

## ***Social Justice Committee ~***

Our next Social Justice Committee Meeting is **March 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m.** in the Library and Zoom.

Zoom Link [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 819 3540 3837

Passcode: 026862

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

The following is a list of all the food groups and foods provided for individuals and families. Please choose those items that you are able to collect and drop off at the West Hartford Town Hall:

•**Proteins:** Canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, canned beans, bean-based soups

•**Grains:** Pasta, one-pound bags of rice, cereal

•**Comfort foods:** Macaroni and cheese, chicken noodle soup

•**Fruits and Veggies:** Canned fruits, applesauce, jelly, tomato, and vegetable soups

**Grocery bags are now being collected outside the office door.**

**Food can be dropped off in the bin to the right located in the lobby/entryway.**

The West Hartford Food Bank is located at West Hartford Town Hall.

Thank You! ~*Diana Heymann*

## ***USH Collaborates with Universalist Church Backpack Program***

Three members of USH's Social Justice Ministry are volunteering at the Fern Street Backpack program which provides weekend meals to 14 West Hartford schools, each having food-insecure families with 118 students being served.

Judy Sullivan, Louise Harmon, and Diana Heymann are currently trained to pack bags for families with special needs/dietary restrictions.

We are also filling in when there is a need to deliver these weekend bags to schools.

Each family's bag contains food items of the following: Protein, Starch, Vegetable Breakfast items, Snacks, and Drinks.

Take a look at the list below for items in need:

**Peanut Butter, Canned/Dry Beans, Green Peas, Oatmeal, Pasta, Rice, Crackers, Chips, Other Grains, Cereal/Granola, Granola Bars, Dry/Can Fruit, Dry/Can Soup, Pasta Sauce, Can Tomatoes, Can Vegetables, Dry Potatoes, Fruit Juice, Fruit Cups, Applesauce, Oatmeal Packets, Bars, Cereal Cups, Nuts/Trail Mix**  
**Non-Food Items: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Soap, Toothbrush/Toothpaste, Socks, School Supplies, Menstrual Supplies**

Also, if you'd like to make food contributions to this program, please use the bin on the floor to the left in the front entryway at USH.

Thank You!  
~*Diana Heymann*



*RE and Chalice Clubhouse*



Spring will be here soon and we're planting the seeds of the 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 children and youth who wish to participate in RE programming should report directly to their classes when they arrive. Locations for all classes are indicated in red under each category!**

### **A Quick Announcement:**



Our RE department is aware of the rise of Norovirus, influenza, (and the persistent Covid-19) cases among children and youth this season here in Connecticut and around the country.

**We highly encourage any RE participants and volunteers to stay home if they feel under the weather in any way.**

To do our part in promoting a safe and healthy environment for our children and youth, we are disinfecting all used surfaces and materials (tables, toys, books, etc) both before and after RE on Sundays.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out any time via email or phone (text messaging works best) at [re4ush@gmail.com](mailto:re4ush@gmail.com) or 706-248-9438.

Thank you!

- Annie Witzler, Interim Coordinator of RE.

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

Our nursery is open to all infants, young children, and their families. There are toys, books, art supplies, and plenty of room for imagination to grow free!

We have dedicated personnel and volunteers to supervise every week and the best part? You can now listen and participate in the service while you're there! Nursery goers can 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! **Located downstairs adjacent to Fellowship Hall.**



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



Last weekend, our clubhouse goers played a game of charades to learn about African American historical figures to close out Black History Month. After acting out a traffic light, blasting off in a spaceship, and being a hero, we heard about and discussed figures such as Garrett Morgan, Dr. Mae Jemison, and Rosa Parks. It was a fun time and we all learned something new!

The Chalice Clubhouse will have a brand new story and accompanying craft this Sunday, March 5th, with our puppet friends joining us!

We hope to see you **downstairs in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am!**

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



This weekend, Sunday, March 5th, our Youth Group will meet for their seventh session of 2023! (And there will be snacks!) They will be holding a discussion and choosing a field trip location for this May!

**The Youth Group will meet and participate in the first fifteen minutes of the main service upstairs this weekend, then report downstairs to Classroom D. We hope to see you there!**

## **An Exciting New Project for Youth is Here!**

Thanks to the help of our wonderful office administrator, Karolina, USH is now a part of the wonderful and whacky world of TikTok (**@ushconnecticut**)! And what better way to get followers than get help from the experts of the platform: teens!



**Any youth ages 13+ who have a signed guardian permission slip may assist with the creation of content for our new TikTok page. Please note that all content will be family-friendly, prescreened by our RE Coordinator, and no names of youth or other participants will ever be mentioned in the content or postings.**

Pick up a permission slip this weekend if you or your youth are interested!



## *Events & Happenings*

### **Monthly Gatherings**

#### **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 **860-904-7768**.

**Pizza and Movie Nights** – Join us, **Friday March 10**, for conversation, pizza, a movie, and more conversation (about the movie). Movies are recommended by your friends at USH who have found them interesting, perhaps provocative, and worth seeing. Our March selection is ***Selma***, widely acclaimed as a powerful and faithful representation of events surrounding the historic march. This 2014 release signals Ava DuVernay's directoral debut and stars David Oyelowo as Dr. King. Sign up at the Caring Network table at coffee hour, or email [Janice Newton](mailto:JaniceNewton@ush.edu) to register. \$15 covers pizza, salad, dessert, non-alcoholic beverages. Feel free to bring your own beer or wine, if that's your preference. Generally, we begin gathering at 5 for libations and conversation. The pizza arrives at 5:30; we aim for a 6:15 'showtime'.

#### **Second Saturday Sing-Along – March 11**

Join us at the next Meeting House 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 – 1200 more songs to sample.

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

**The Lunch Bunch** – Our next gathering is **Tuesday, MARCH 21, at NOON in Fellowship Hall**. Please brown-bag *your own* lunch and beverage... you'll ensure having something you enjoy! Whatever direction the conversation takes, it should be interesting. Please contact [janicecnewton@gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton@gmail.com) to sign up so we can arrange enough places at the table.

**Social Justice** – Interested in justice work? Come meet with us to learn the latest about ongoing activities and discover new initiatives. Our next ZOOM meeting is **Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m.** Everyone's invited... contact [Judy Sullivan](#) for information.



## *Newcomers ~*

Are you UU-curious?

Join an informal gathering Under the Stairs on March 5, 2023 following our service. Bring your coffee or tea for conversation about Unitarian Universalism, the Unitarian Society of Hartford, and most of all to consider the wondering question...What brought you here today?

Whether it is your first time or you've been coming and curious for a while, join us. Members and friends are always welcome and broaden the insights to our very special faith.

Cookies and fruit and conversation...and you...join us Under the Stairs.

Thanks,  
Laurie

## INVITATION FROM THE BOOK GROUP

*Our UU Book Group invites you to join us in reading our March selection – **The Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles (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, March 9 at 2:30, by Zoom.*

*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*

*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 March selection:*

**"The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles**

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction—to the City of New York.

## *Caring Network*

**The Caring Network** has had a number of requests for Pastoral Care during the past few months. Generally, we have been able to reach out to the individuals and meet their needs.

However, there are situations when contact with a minister is preferred. If you wish to speak to a minister, please contact me and I will give you the contact information. You can reach me by phone (860/212-6923), by email

(janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com) or see me on Sunday. I will usually be at the Caring Network table at the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Please also know there is a wide range of community services available to those in need by calling the Community Info Line at **211**, and the Nationwide Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention hotline is available by calling or texting **988**, where you can speak with a counselor.

~ Janice Newton, Chair

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 **November and December 2022, and January 2023** have been posted. To view the USH Directory, Reports, meeting minutes, and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Karolina Wojtyska at [hartfordusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartfordusociety@gmail.com) for the username and password.

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

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Have a question or comment for the board? Send an email to: [ushboardofdirectors@gmail.com](mailto:ushboardofdirectors@gmail.com).

**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 note: The deadline for USH E-News submissions is ***Tuesday at Noon***. Please include the dates that your submission should be featured 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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**USH Calendar of Events**

The calendar for March 2023 can be viewed **[HERE](#)**.

**Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.**

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**Tuesday at Noon.**

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

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



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