

## E-news June 14, 2023



### Unitarian Society of Hartford

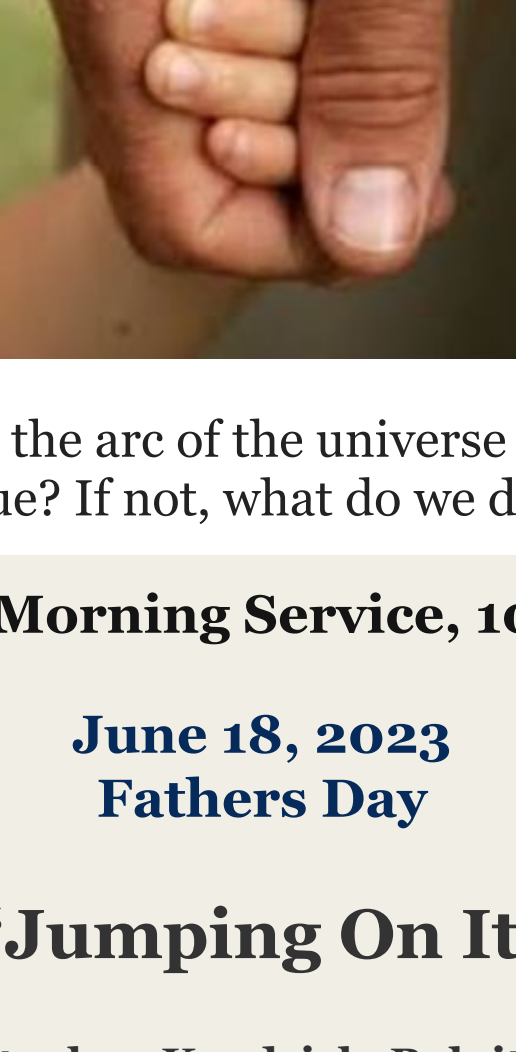
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#### Office Administrator's Hours:

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.

**Karolina will be away on vacation from June 16 – June 24.**  
**Tina Davies will be away on vacation from June 14 – June 23.**  
**E-news submissions received after June 14 will appear in the June 28 E-newsletter.**



Is the old saying about the arc of the universe bending toward justice actually true? If not, what do we do about it?

### Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 a.m.

June 18, 2023  
Fathers Day

### "Jumping On It"

Rev. Stephen Kendrick, Pulpit Guest  
Judy Robbins, Worship Associate  
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries

[View this Sunday's Order of Service](#)

#### Matters of the Heart

Electronically by 9 a.m. Sunday: [Matters of the Heart Email](#)

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

**Religious Education will not be held this Sunday.**  
**The Nursery will be available during worship.**

#### Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the service

Can't be here in person for worship?

[Join us on ZOOM 10:30 a.m.](#)

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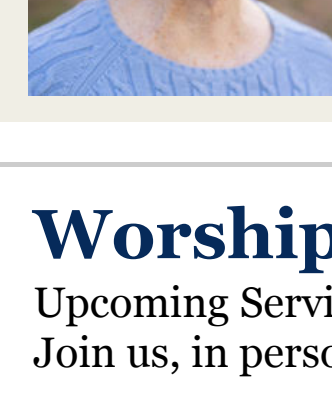
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**Virtual Coffee Hour to follow!**

The service is also streamed on [Facebook](#) – Follow our page and receive notifications every time we go live.

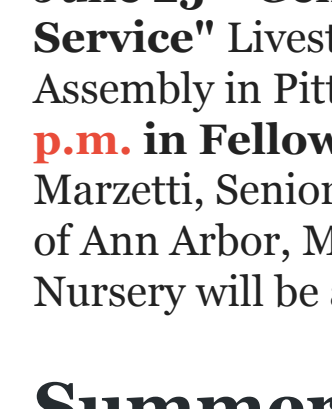
Couldn't make it to USH, and missed the livestream?

Watch any service, anytime, here on [Vimeo](#)



#### Rev. Stephen Kendrick – Pulpit Guest

Reverend Stephen G. Kendrick received his BA from Princeton, an MA from Hollins University, and his Masters in Divinity from Harvard. He has served congregations in Maryland and Pennsylvania, was minister of the Universalist Church in West Hartford and is now Minister Emeritus at First Church in Boston. Stephen and his wife, Liz, now live in Farmington. He is author of six books, most recently Nine Days (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011).

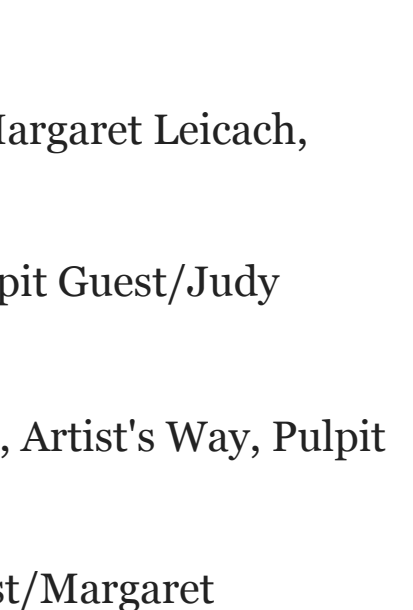


#### Judy Robbins – Worship Associate

Judy Robbins is a retired psychotherapist and co-founder of the UUSpiritLife program. She relishes her role as a Worship Associate and sometimes pulpit guest at USH.

### Worship Calendar

Upcoming Services:  
Join us, in person or online.



**June 25 – General Assembly Sunday Service** Livestreamed from the General Assembly in Pittsburgh from **11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Senior Minister of the First UU Church of Ann Arbor, MI will lead the service. Hosted by Dana Donovan. The Nursery will be available.

### Summer Services

Pulpit Guest and Worship Associate teams for the summer:

**July 2** – Title Pending, Sue Smolski, Pulpit Guest/Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate.

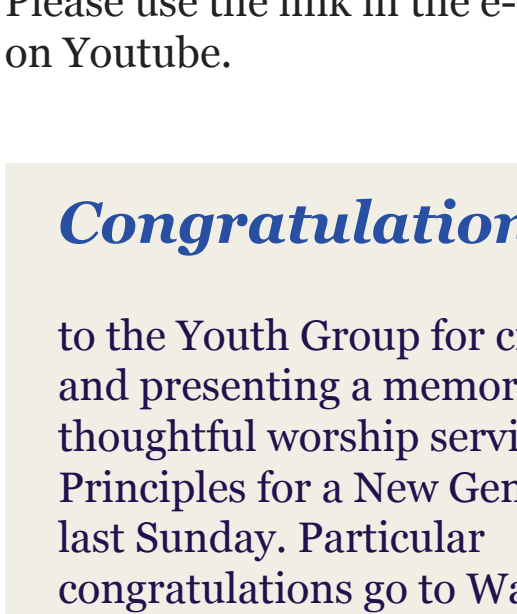
**July 9** – "Great To Be Here", Rev. Bob Janis, Pulpit Guest/Judy Robbins, Worship Associate

**July 16** – "Living in Art: Into the Flow We Go", Artist's Way, Pulpit Guests/Rick Tsukada Worship Associate

**July 23** – Title Pending, Rev. Bob Janis, Pulpit Guest/Margaret Leicach Worship Associate

**July 30** – "The Spiritual Art of Imperfection", Beth Hudson Hankin (UUS:E) Pulpit Guest/Carol Simpson, Worship Associate

*Sue Smolski*  
Worship Associate Coordinator



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**PITTSBURGH • JUNE 21 - 25, 2023**  
"Faithfully Becoming"

To register to attend the General Assembly, access [uua.org](http://uua.org), click on "menu", and select "General Assembly" for the details.

**June 25 – "General Assembly Sunday Service"** Livestreamed from the General Assembly at **11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

The pandemic has wrought change and created uncertainty for institutions, like our Unitarian Universalist congregations, and our wider world. Who and what are we becoming, individually and collectively? Our GA Sunday service explores these themes as we gather in community to celebrate the best of who we USUs are.

Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Senior Minister of the First UU Church of Ann Arbor, MI will lead the service. The sermon is "Ever Willing: Becoming the People Our World Needs".

**In person:** In USH Fellowship Hall, hosted by Dana Donovan. The Nursery will be available.

**Online**  
Please use the link in the e-news Worship Reminder. The service will be streamed on Youtube.

### Congratulations

to the Youth Group for creating and presenting a memorable, thoughtful worship service on Principles for a New Generation last Sunday. Particular congratulations go to Walter J, who graduates from high school this year and "bridged" into young adulthood. Walter, unfortunately, was unable to be here, but his mom Miriam and sister Sophie stood in admirably. Best wishes, Walter!

Each of the group reflected on what one of our seven UU principles meant for them, and Aaliyah further contributed a graceful and moving song, on which she accompanied herself. After the service, many comments were overheard, to the effect that "if this is our future, we are in good hands". Thank you to the youth, and to their advisors: Annie, Bryant, Paula, and John.

### ...and Thanks!

to all of you who came to our potluck picnic and brought your tantalizing culinary concoctions to share! It was wonderful to see everyone eating, talking, sharing summer plans, and enjoying themselves in Fellowship Hall. If laughter is good for one's digestion, there would have been little need for Alka-Seltzer Sunday night!

The expression "It Takes A Village" is appropriate not only for raising children, but to USH and like communities as well. *Many* people pitched in to help – setting up and taking down tables and chairs, getting food from cars to the kitchen, cutting and serving, cleaning up, and taking reusable plasticware home to wash. And, of course, preparing and bringing food to share. Thanks, everyone – potlucks are special (we've heard them colloquially referenced as the UU version of communion) and are some of our best and most enjoyable ways of expressing joy in community. Needless to say, this won't be the last!

### Will you help with the Memorial Reception?

On **Saturday, July 8**, we will have the Memorial Service and Reception for Gary Bent. The service will be at **2 p.m.** and the reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Finger foods, such as crackers/cheese, quick breads, cookies, bars, and other munchies are needed. We also need fruit and a veggie platter. Food should be brought on plates ready to serve. **Please be sure to label the plate with your name and include a list of ingredients.** We will supply the sandwiches and punch.

In order to help us plan, it is important that we know what foods will be contributed. We could also use a couple of helpers during the reception. Please contact Janice Newton 860/212-6923 or janice.newton [at sign gmail.com](mailto:at sign gmail.com) to sign up for a food contribution or to help. Thank you in advance for your help. We can't do this without you!

### NOTICE: Handicap Parking Area

We have noticed some divots in the Handicap parking area. Please do not steer/turn your wheel unless you are in motion on the new pavement. This will help prevent new divots in the pavement.

– Thank You, from Building and Grounds



## USH News

### UPDATE



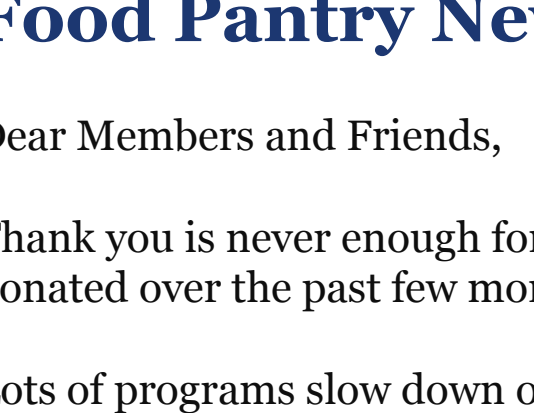
**Thank you to everyone who donated! We are happy to announce the GoFundMe campaign goal has been reached.**

Many of us remember Valerie Klokow as a friend and a member of USH. Valerie and her son Xavier came here for close to a decade before she passed away from cancer in July 2021. During her final months, her resources were sorely taxed, leaving nothing for cremation expenses. Her ashes remain with the crematorium.

Two of Valerie's friends have established a GoFundMe account, seeking help to redeem her ashes so they may be returned to Xavier. Most of the money has been raised; only a few hundred dollars is still needed. Any of Valerie's Meeting House friends wishing to contribute may do so [HERE](#). It would mean a great deal to Xavier to have his mom's ashes returned.

## Social Justice

### June Good Neighbor Offering



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

dedicated to serve those in need. In March, they visited Church Street Eats and volunteered in serving dozens of individuals. Inspired by this experience, The Youth Group chose to partner with them for this month's Good Neighbor Offering.

For more information visit <https://www.cccathedral.org/gods-mission/church-street-eats>



**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**  
**West Hartford Pride – A Day to Celebrate Diversity and Unity!**

West Hartford Town Hall  
50 South Main Street

**11 a.m.: Rally on Town Hall Auditorium Steps**  
**Noon: Stage opens and festival begins!**  
**6 p.m.: Festival ends**

Friends, Families, and Allies  
Join us to celebrate and support our LGBTQ+ neighbors

Volunteers needed!

Can you spend 1 or 2 hours at the USH/WH Universalist Church booth?

Contact Judy: [jasullivan57@gmail.com](mailto:jasullivan57@gmail.com)

### Social Justice Council

Interested in justice work? Come meet with us to learn the latest about ongoing activities and discover new initiatives. Our next ZOOM meeting is **June 20th, at 7 p.m.** Everyone's invited. Contact [Judy.Sullivan](mailto:Judy.Sullivan@ussh.org) for information.

Click the button below to Join!

Meeting ID: 819 3540 3837  
Passcode: 026862

[ZOOM Link Social Justice Meeting Click Here](#)

### Food Pantry News

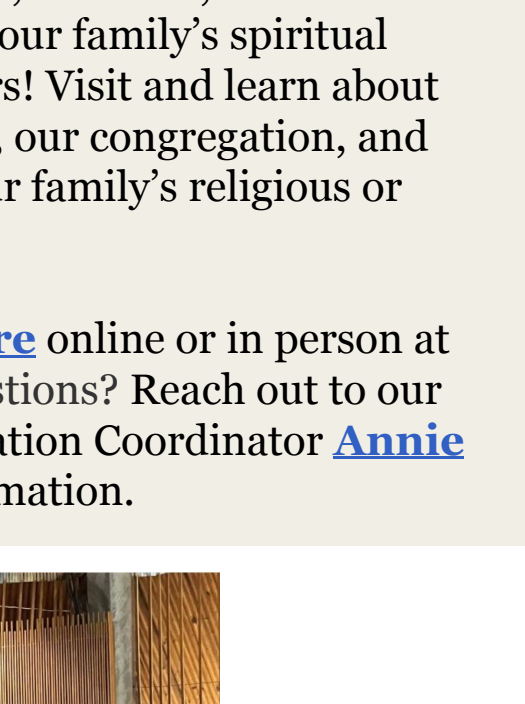
Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you is never enough for the food you've donated over the past few months.

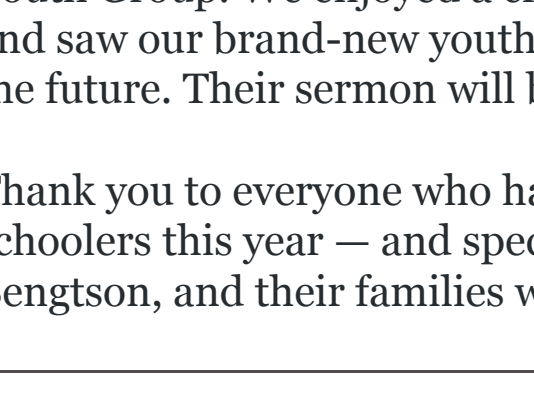
Lots of programs slow down or stop over the summer but hunger and food insecurity never take a vacation.

Please continue to fill our bins in the Lobby with food for our neighbors in need. They are incredibly grateful for all you do.

-Diana Heymann



## RE and Chalice Clubhouse



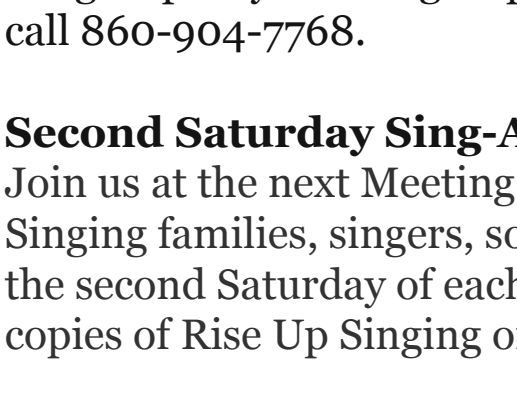
Looking for a supportive, inclusive, non-judgemental home for your family's spiritual needs? Let USH be yours! Visit and learn about Unitarian Universalism, our congregation, and how USH can foster your family's religious or spiritual journeys.

Sign up for Sundays [here](#) online or in person at the welcome table. Questions? Reach out to our Interim Religious Education Coordinator [Annie Witzler](mailto:Annie.Witzler@ussh.org) for more information.



Last Sunday, June 11, was our annual Youth Service, led entirely by the USH Youth Group. We enjoyed a creative and moving sermon, heard beautiful music, and saw our brand-new youth banner debut – all thanks to our stunning USUs of the future. Their sermon will be available in the coming weeks for viewing.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this fantastic group of middle and high schoolers this year – and special thanks to Bryant Moore, Paula Matzke, John Bengtson, and their families who brought them to our Congregation!



Want to play a role in helping guide the spiritual growth of the USUs of tomorrow? Consider volunteering in RE for the 2023-2024 church year!

Signup will begin in the coming weeks; if you're interested, email [re4ush@gmail.com](mailto:re4ush@gmail.com) with the subject line "Next Year's RE" in the subject line.

[Click HERE for this week's RE Newsletter](#)

## Monthly Gatherings

**\*Artist's Way, Gentle Yoga, Lunch Bunch, Pizza and Movie Night, and the USH Book Club will not meet July/August. These groups will resume in September or October.**

**The Lunch Bunch** – Our next gathering is **Tuesday, June 20, at NOON** in Fellowship Hall. Please brown-bag your own lunch and beverage. Whatever direction the conversation takes, it should be interesting. Please contact [Janice Newton](mailto:Janice.Newton@ussh.org) to sign up so we can arrange enough places at the table.

**Disability Support Group** – This group meets online on 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](mailto:Gloria.Bent@ussh.org) for more information or call 860-904-7768.

**Second Saturday Sing-Along – July 8**  
Join us at the next MeetingHouse Sing-Along! Fred Louis and Ed Savage invite CT Singing families, singers, songwriters and audience members to join in song on the second Saturday of each month from 2 to 5 p.m. Song-sheets and some looser copies of Rise Up Singing or "Rise Again" are available.

Come early or come late, whatever fits your family schedule. Singing starts at 2 p.m. Some of us bring snacks, but that is not required (or organized). If the weather is good, we meet outside around to the right of the building, in the Memorial Garden. If you feel unwell, we ask that you postpone your visit. Contact: [Fred Louis](mailto:Fred.Louis@ussh.org) or [Ed Savage](mailto:Ed.Savage@ussh.org) for more information.

## USH Resources

### 2022 – 2023 USH Board of Directors

**Eve Peck:** 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

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

### June Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 28: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. In person, Library

[ZOOM Link for Board Meeting](#)

**The latest financial reports for FY 2022-2023 have been posted,** click [HERE](#) to view.

The 2022/23 Annual Report is available [HERE](#).

The Board Meeting Minutes for March 2023 have been posted. Click [HERE](#) to view the USH Directory, Reports, meeting minutes, and other church business information online. Contact [karolina.wojtyko](mailto:karolina.wojtyko@ussh.org) for the username and password.

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The deadline for USH Enews submissions is

**Tuesday at Noon.**

**Please write in the 'Subject' field "USH Enews", and include the dates that your submission should be featured.** Announcements about upcoming events 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, png, gif, eps, pdf, or eps files.  
Thank you for your submission!

[Email Your Submission](#)

[Missed Last Week's Enews? Click HERE](#)

### USH Calendar of Events

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

Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events coordinated by the Unitarian Society of Hartford

To submit a Calendar Request (also for an online USH Zoom Room gathering) click [HERE](#).

