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Minister's Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. or by **appointment**. *Rev. Bob Janis will be away July 26 – August 16.

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.



"The Spiritual Art of Imperfection" **Beth Hudson Hankin, Pulpit Guest** Carol Simpson, Worship Associate

Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries

View this Sunday's Order of Service <u>Beth Hudson Hankin – Pulpit Guest</u>

part of a pulpit-sharing program with the Unitarian **Universalist Society: East of Manchester.** I am a life-long UU and have joined congregations in

worker and therapist. Spending time with my grandchildren as well as bicycling and hiking are what I live for! Early Christianity and UU history fascinate me, although I'm by no means an expert. <u>Carol Simpson – Worship Associate</u> Carol and her husband Bob Hewey live in the Seabury Community in Bloomfield, CT and are members of both the

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 in person 10:30 a.m.

Annie Witzler, Interim RE Coordinator Can't be here in person for worship? Join us on ZOOM 10:30 a.m.

Meeting ID: 931 0388 7934 Passcode: 128493 **Virtual Coffee Hour to follow!**

Universalist Society: East (UUS:E) in Manchester, CT.

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**

Weekly Update from Space Station USH "On the road again...going places that I've never been...seeing sights that I might never see again...I just can't wait to get on the road again." — Willie

Nelson I've only just got here, so it's a little weird I'm going away again. But this trip to England – my first trip back since I left the U.K. in 2021 – was planned for months. And, actually, it comes at a pretty good time: I've got a flavor for the congregation now, and I can go away and think about things. When I get back, we'll plan the year together. I've really enjoyed my Sundays here, getting to know several of you. There's a considerable intelligence, humor, and great kindness in the atmosphere. It's a privilege to be here.

journey together in the year ahead! Here's to the road we embark on together at USH. Gratefully yours, Rev. Bob

later this week, I won't be answering email until mid-August. I'm excited about my trip. But just as much, I'm also greatly looking forward to our

Upcoming Services: August 6 - "Woke" and Awakened, Margaret Leicach & Michael Michaud, **Worship Leaders**

August 13 – "A Summer Respite: Music, Movement, &

Meditation", Sue Smolski, and Lucille Giammatteo, Worship Leaders **August 20 – "Finding The Meaning of Life"**, Rev. Bob Janis/Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate, *Meeting House* Ensemble

Sue Smolski Worship Associate Coordinator

Remembering Ed Sax Long-time member Ed Sax passed away early Sunday,

July 16. He and his late wife, Margaret, were deeply

involved in our community: Ed as Co-Chair of B&G, and

Only a seemingly short time ago Ed's infirmities caused

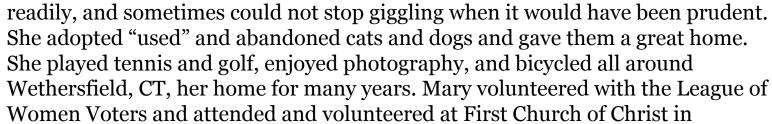
Remembering Mary Leonard

Longtime member Mary Leonard passed away Monday, July 17 at her Seabury healthcare residence after a long

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craftsman, repairing/designing electrical, plumbing, drainage, and other creative "fixes". And, he was a kind, gentle man. His memorial service and reception will be held September 9. You may see his obituary **here.**

period of declining health. Mary loved music, animals, good books, knitting, gardening, nature, and spending time with family and



Wethersfield and later the Unitarian Society of Hartford. She was a member of church choirs and choruses throughout her life, adding her clear soprano voice to For more information, you can view Mary's obituary here.

pressure about wearing the "right" clothes at school. The required clothes – in colors that are specific to each school – serve as an equalizer. This helps children and their families at Hartford schools

approach the school year with less apprehension. Uniforms are about \$30

for one top and bottom, nothing fancy about them as you can see in the

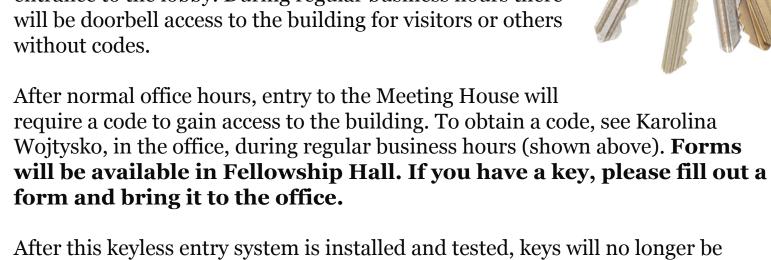
The Village for Families and Children is helping families who need assistance to buy school clothes by holding its Annual Uniform Fundraiser this July and August. This summer, for the eleventh year in a row, the Unitarian Society of Hartford continues its tradition of supporting The

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY GIVEN.

Village by donating to the Uniform Fundraiser.

THE FUNDRASIER ENDS AUGUST 11. Donations may be made by check, made out to the Unitarian Society of Hartford, with Uniforms in the memo line, or via our **Online Giving Portal**. Any amount is welcome. Thank you for continuing to support The Village for Families and Children. ~ Joanne Orlando

Admin with suggestions!



functional. We expect to have the keypad system fully in use by Ingathering in

Assistance With Moving Bryant Moore is seeking help with moving on

RE and Chalice

Witzler for more information. Click HERE for this week's RE Newsletter **Monthly Gatherings 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

There will be no regular council meeting in July or August. **USH Resources**

Tina Davies: Community Within Council Chair Laurie Kelliher: Membership Council Chair Jim Venneman: Finance Council Chair

Board Meeting

There will be no Board meeting in August unless some urgent business

should arise.

The Board Meeting Minutes for May and June 2023 have been posted. Click **HERE** to view the USH Directory, Reports, meeting minutes, and other church business information online. Contact **Karolina Wojtysko** for the username and password.

The latest financial reports for FY 2023-2024 have been posted,

Rev. Bob Janis, Minister <u>ushminister@gmail.com</u> | 860-233-9897 ext. 103 Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries

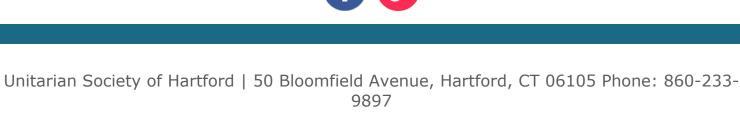
Patty Peck, Bookkeeper <u>ushtreasurer50@gmail.com</u> | 860-233-9897 ext. 102 Karolina Wojtysko, Office Administrator & Building Rentals

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Email Your Submission

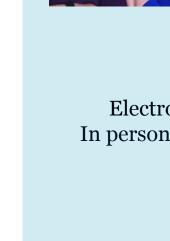
Missed Last Week's Enews? Click HERE

The calendar for August **2023** can be viewed **HERE**. Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events coordinated by the



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This is the first of two summer services presented as Anchorage AK, Minneapolis MN, as well as Storrs and Manchester CT. I've recently retired from work as a licensed clinical social Unitarian Society of Hartford and the Unitarian



While I'm away, please let Karolina or Janice Newton know of any pastoral concerns. They can contact me in a pinch, but for the most part, once I leave

Join us, in Fellowship Hall or online.

Worship Calendar

August 27 – "From Broken to Beautiful", Vivian Carlson & Sandy Karosi, UUS:E/Judy Robbins, Worship Associate

him to step down from Building and Grounds Sub-Council activity. Ed's legacy of work maintaining the Meeting House is found throughout the building today, and his contributions go back many years. He was a confirmed

Margaret as Archivist.

friends. She had a quick wit and sharp sense of humor. She could create new lyrics on the fly to make songs fit any occasion or invent a limerick on the spot. She laughed



the music.

photo.

Classroom D Clean Out! Stop by after worship on Sunday and take a look in Classroom D for any items you might like to take home. Arts and crafts supplies, books, and some furniture are available. Do you know an organization that could use these items? Reach out to our Office

Do you have a key? The Meeting House is installing a new keyless entry system

security around our Meeting House.

The keyless entry pad will be installed on the main entrance to the lobby. During regular business hours there

this month. This is part of USH's ongoing effort to upgrade



Tuesday morning, August 1, around 10:30 -

If you can help, please call or text him at (205) 245-

noon. Specifically, he needs help lifting some heavier (and bulkier) objects, such as TVs and a

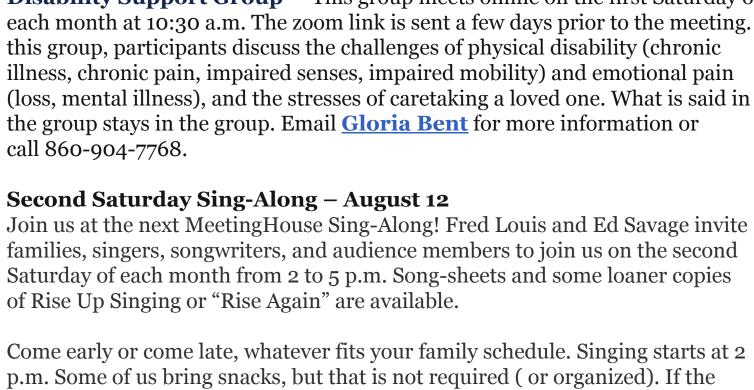
mattress, down two flights of stairs.

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

> Sign up for Sundays **here** online or in person at the welcome table. Questions? Reach out to our Interim Religious Education Coordinator **Annie**

spiritual journeys.



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.

2023 – 2024 USH Board of Directors

Contact: Fred Louis or Ed Savage for more information.

Social Justice Council —

Dana Donovan: President

Gloria Mengual: Secretary

Jon Covault: Treasurer

click **HERE** to view.

USH Staff:

Unitarian Society of Hartford

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Nancy Kemmerer: President-Elect

Rick Tsukada: Spiritual Life Council Chair

The 2022/23 Annual Report is available **HERE**

Paul Cipriano: Administration Council Chair Judy Sullivan: Social Justice Council Chair Have a question or comment for the board? Send an email to: ushboardofdirectors@gmail.com.

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Tuesday at Noon.

Articles should be sent as email file attachments, and images need to be sent separately as jpeg, jpg, png, tiff, bmp, or gif files. Thank you for your submission!

USH Calendar of Events

To submit a Calendar Request (also for an online USH Zoom Room gathering)

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