

E-news July 26, 2023

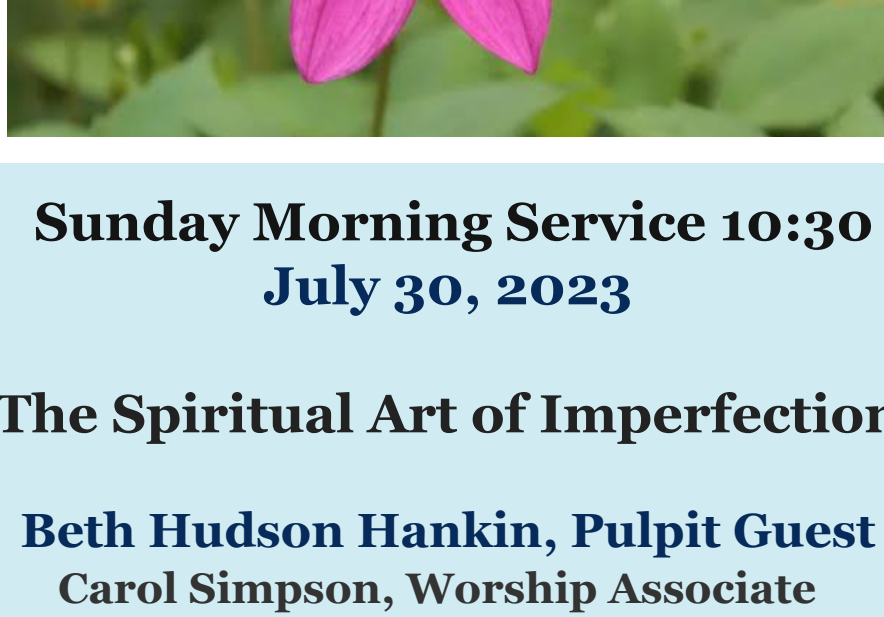


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***Rev. Bob Janis will be away July 26 – August 16.**

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Sunday Morning Service 10:30 July 30, 2023

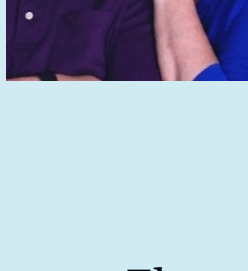
"The Spiritual Art of Imperfection"

Beth Hudson Hankin, Pulpit Guest
Carol Simpson, Worship Associate
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries

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Beth Hudson Hankin – Pulpit Guest
This is the first of two summer services presented as part of a pulpit-sharing program with the Unitarian Universalist Society: East of Manchester.



Carol Simpson – Worship Associate
Carol 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) in Manchester, CT.

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!

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 [Yimeo](#)



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.

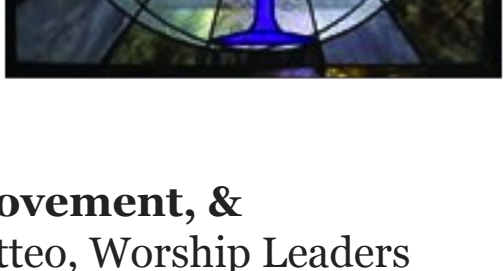
I've really enjoyed my Sundays here, getting to know several of you. There's a considerable intelligence, humor, and great kindness in the atmosphere. It's a privilege to be here.

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 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 journey together in the year ahead! Here's to the road we embark on together at USH.

Gratefully yours,
Rev. Bob

Worship Calendar

Join us, in Fellowship Hall or online.



Upcoming Services:

August 6 – "Woke" and Awakened,
Margaret Leicach & Michael Michaud,
Worship Leaders

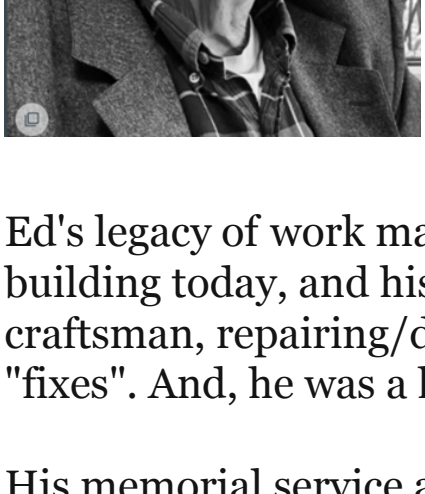
August 13 – "A Summer Respite: Music, Movement, & Meditation", Sue Smolski, and Lucille Giammatteo, Worship Leaders

August 20 – "Finding The Meaning of Life", Rev. Bob Janis/Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate, *Meeting House* Ensemble

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

Sue Smolski
Worship Associate Coordinator

USH News



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 Margaret as Archivist.

Only a seemingly short time ago Ed's infirmities caused 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 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](#).



Remembering Mary Leonard

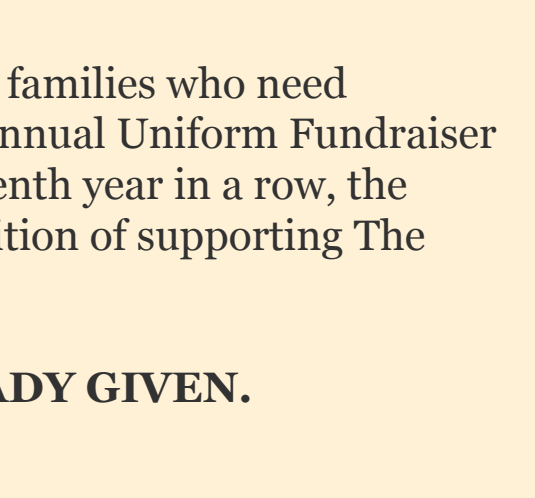
Longtime member Mary Leonard passed away Monday, July 17 at her Seabury healthcare residence after a long period of declining health.

Mary loved music, animals, good books, knitting, gardening, nature, and spending time with family and 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 readily, and sometimes could not stop giggling when it would have been prudent. She adopted "used" and abandoned cats and dogs and gave them a great home. She played tennis and golf, enjoyed photography, and bicycled all around Wethersfield, CT, her home for many years. Mary volunteered with the League of Women Voters and attended and volunteered at First Church of Christ in 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 the music.

For more information, you can view Mary's obituary [here](#).

A service is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at Seabury. USH family and friends are welcome to attend the service.

The Village for Families and Children Uniform Fundraiser 2023



Wearing school uniforms reduces peer 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 photo.

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 Village by donating to the Uniform Fundraiser.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY GIVEN.

THE FUNDRAISER 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

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 Admin with suggestions!

