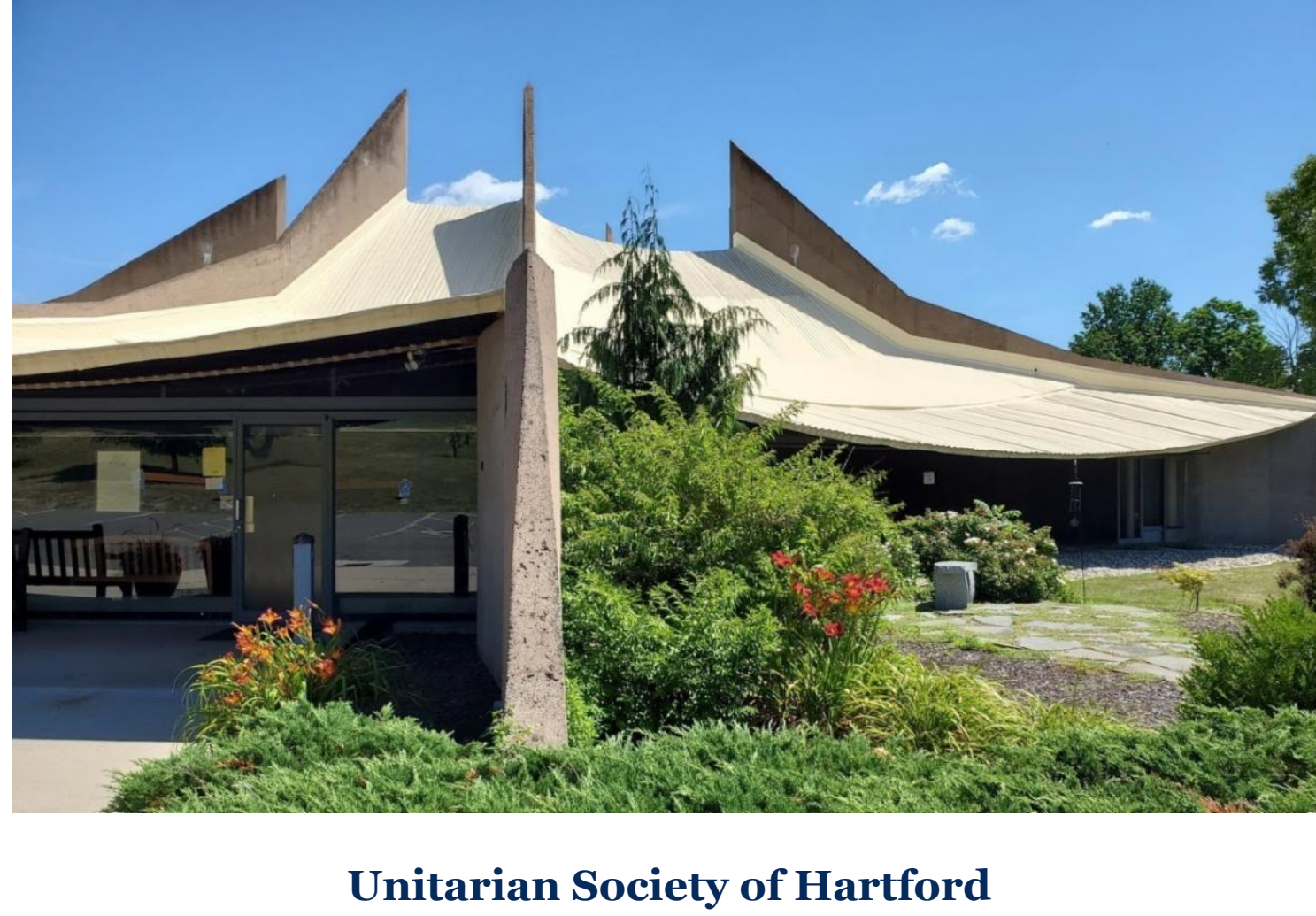


## E-news August 2, 2023



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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 until 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.

## Justice

Justice will come from  
displaying and living  
from the heart.

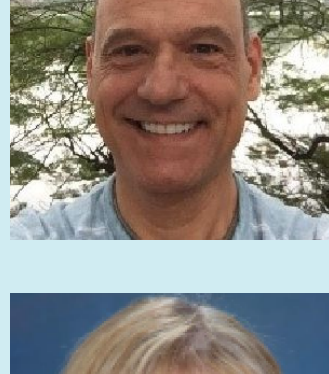
*"Listen with the ear of your heart."*

## Sunday Morning Service 10:30 August 6, 2023

### "Woke" and Awakened

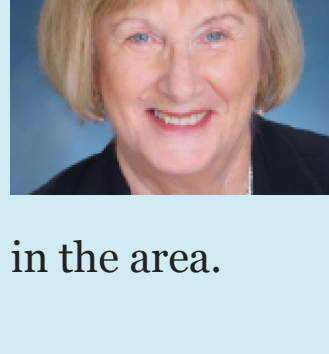
Michael Michaud and Margaret Leicach, Worship Leaders  
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries

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



### Michael Michaud – Worship Leader

Michael has been a Unitarian Universalist since 2001. He practices yoga and Buddhist spiritualities and is a yoga teacher. Michael has a deep appreciation for mindfulness, meditation, sacred chanting and Earth-centered spirituality.



### Margaret Leicach – Worship Leader

Margaret was baptized Methodist, raised Moravian, spent a few years as a Congregationalist, and then abstained for a few years. She discovered USH by sheer accident in the 80's and immediately knew she was "home". Her adult children and 2 grandchildren, agnostics all, happily attend USH with her when they are in the area.

### 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.](#)

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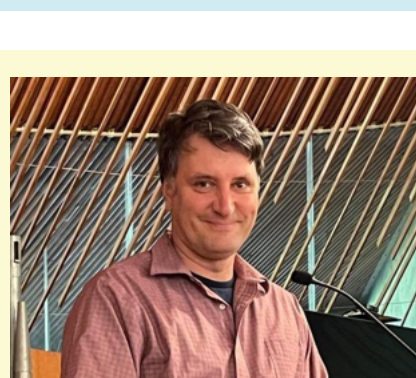
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**Virtual Coffee Hour to follow!**

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 [Vimeo](#)



### Hello from England...probably.

I wrote this ahead of time, so for all I know I'm still on the tarmac at JFK. But I'll be gone until mid-August. I know we've only just met, but... once I get back to USH, I'm in the office for the foreseeable future.

In the meantime, please call the office with any concerns. I'm sorry I won't be able to answer questions on email. I've found I minister a lot better during the year, if I switch off during the summer. I'm sure any teachers among us will vouch for this model!

I hope you're having a good summer, and will see you soon!

Yours gratefully,  
Rev. Bob

## Worship Calendar

Join us, in Fellowship Hall or online.

### Upcoming Services:

**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

**September 3** – "How Do You Live?", Annie Witzler, Pulpit Guest/Sue Smolski, Worship Associate

*Sue Smolski*  
Worship Associate Coordinator



# USH News

## The Village for Families and Children Uniform Fundraiser 2023

The end date of the Uniform Fundraiser held by The Village for Families and Children has been extended until August 18!



The need for mental health and support services for children, youth and their families in Greater Hartford has risen sharply since Covid-19. In response, The Village has developed new programs and expanded existing services. The Uniform Fundraiser, which helps families buy required school-specific uniforms for their children, served 800 students in 2022. The need in 2023 has increased to 1,000.

The Unitarian Society of Hartford has supported The Village Uniform Fundraiser for eleven years, helping children return to school with smiles, like the girls pictured here. Uniforms serve as an equalizer; they create a sense of community, and can decrease anxiety about fitting in with peers.

As of Tuesday July 25, the amount raised by USH for this Fundraiser was \$1,372. With extra time, that amount can grow. Help continue the tradition of giving to The Uniform Fundraiser into the next decade.

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY GIVEN.

### THE FUNDRAISER ENDS AUGUST 18.

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

## Security & Emergency Preparedness Update

The Security and Emergency Preparedness Subcouncil is in the early stages of drafting a Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan. Last year, at congregational meetings, we identified twelve types of emergencies, or annexes, that we should plan responses for. Our next task is drafting plans for response to Fire or Smoke and for response to Medical Emergencies.

We meet on the third Sunday of the month from 12-1 and welcome new members. Our next meeting is **September 17**. Contact [Laura Cipriano](#) or [Lu Giammatteo](#) for more information.

## Do you have a key?

The Meeting House is installing a new keyless entry system this month. This is part of USH's ongoing effort to upgrade security around our Meeting House.



A keyless entry pad is installed on the main entrance to the lobby. During regular business hours there will be doorbell access to the building for visitors or others without codes.

After normal office hours, entry to the Meeting House will require a code. To obtain a code, see Karolina Wojtylko, in the office, during regular business hours (shown above). **Forms will be available in Fellowship Hall. If you have a key, please fill out a form and bring it to the office.**

After this keyless entry system is installed and tested, keys will no longer be functional. We expect to have the keypad system fully in use by Ingathering in September, when Sunday services move back into the sanctuary.

~ Paul Cipriano, Chair, Administrative Council

## UUA Bylaws Article II: What Happened at GA

At General Assembly this June the Article II Revision proposal was passed and five amendments were included. The current version, which is not the final version, is available by clicking [here](#).



## Food Pantry News

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

This past year, USH was blessed with the presence of Bryant Moore, Youth Leader extraordinaire. Bryant was doing graduate work at the University of Hartford and, as a UU, he sought a UU congregation to connect with. We were that congregation, and did we ever get lucky!!



Last Sunday was his final worship service with us, before he heads back to northern New England. So we got him a cake! (One of his favorite things about USH was that we often have cakes – not just for birthdays but for all manner of special occasions) and a small token of our collective appreciation for all his hard work and enthusiasm.

Our hearts go with Bryant wherever his path takes him. He is a truly bright and caring individual, and we hope our paths cross again.

From everyone in the USH family, thank you, Bryant!



### A Message from the Kitchen Gnome

It has been a long time since I visited the USH Meeting House. That Pandemic certainly changed a lot of things! I stopped by last week. I was amazed at all the improvements you all have made, and by the tidiness of the building. It looks great! I understand that a lot of activities have resumed this past year.

You have had many meetings, activities, special Fellowship Hours, and Memorial Receptions. Many thanks to Kevin, Karolina, and those two wonderful Sunday Sections, Jaz and Nani. I am impressed. I hope to visit you again soon! Your Meeting House is one my very favorite places to visit. I look forward to meeting your new Minister. I was delighted to see my old friend, ET. We had a nice chat.

# 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](#) 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 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 Ben](#) for more information or call 860-904-7768.

### Second Saturday Sing-Along – August 12

Join us at the next MeetingHouse Sing-Along! Fred Louis and Ed Savage invite families, singers, songwriters, and audience members to join us on the second Saturday of each month from 2 to 5 p.m. Song-sheets and some loaner 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](#) or [Ed Savage](#) for more information.

**Security Task Force** – **September 17**  
We meet on third Sunday from 12-1 and welcome new committee members. Contact [Laura Cipriano](#) or [Lu Giammatteo](#) for more information.  
[Zoom Link for meeting](#)

**Social Justice Council** –  
There will be **no regular council meeting in July or August**.

# USH Resources

## 2023 – 2024 USH Board of Directors

**Dana Donovan:** President  
**Nancy Kemmerer:** President-Elect  
**Jon Covault:** Treasurer  
**Gloria Mengual:** Secretary  
**Rick Tsukada:** Spiritual Life Council Chair  
**Paul Cipriano:** Administration Council Chair  
**Judy Sullivan:** Social Justice Council Chair  
**Tina Davies:** Community Within Council Chair  
**Laurie Kelliher:** Membership Council Chair  
**Jim Venneman:** Finance Council Chair

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

## Board Meeting

**There will be no Board meeting in August unless some urgent business should arise.**

**The latest financial reports for FY 2023-2024 have been posted,** click [HERE](#) to view.

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

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 Wojtylko](#) 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, jpg, png, tiff, bmp, or gif files.  
Thank you for your submission!

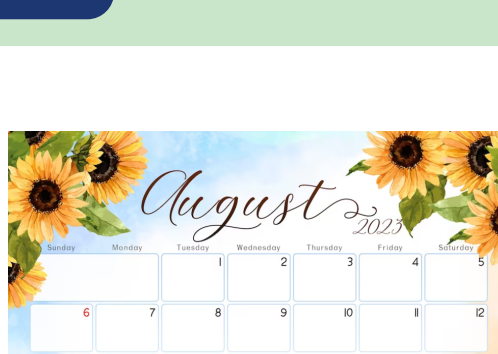
[Email Your Submission](#)

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

## USH Calendar of Events

The calendar for August 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](#).

