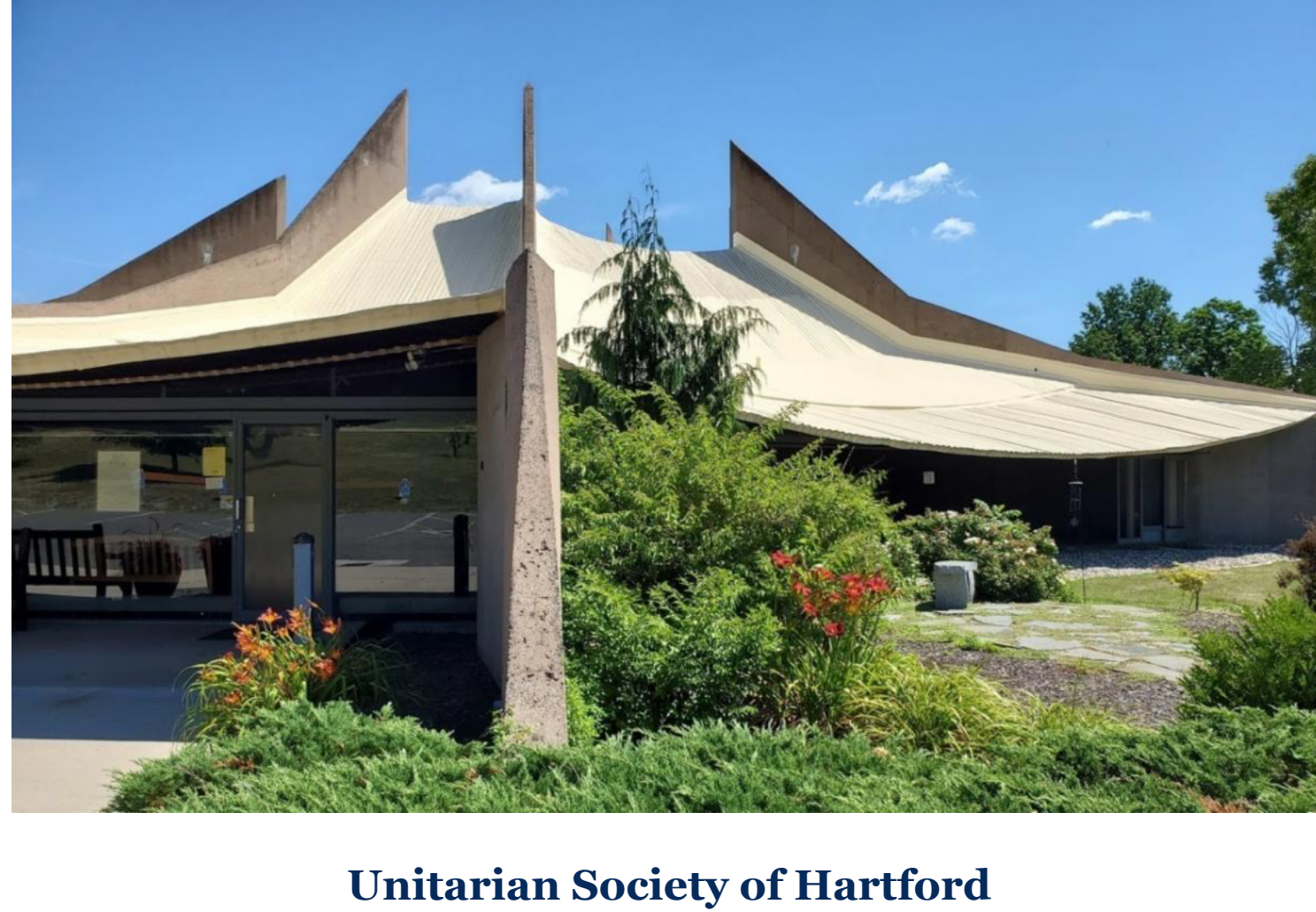


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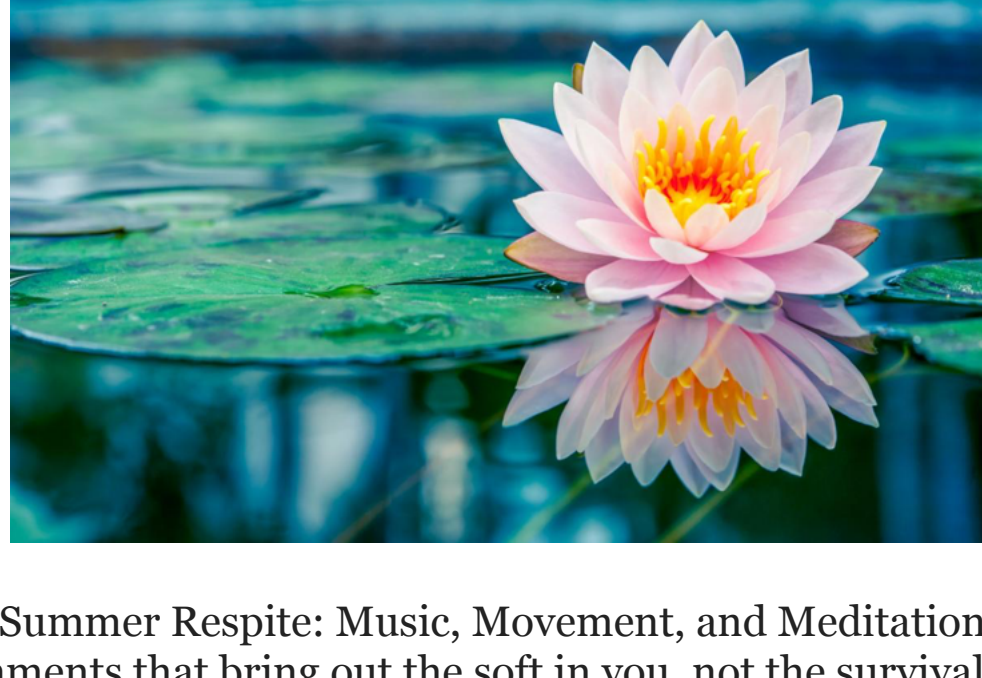


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Minister's Office Hours:
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 or by **appointment**.

***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.



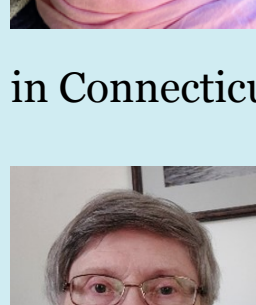
Join us for "A Summer Respite: Music, Movement, and Meditation". "You deserve environments that bring out the soft in you, not the survival in you."
 -Ronne Brown

Sunday Morning Service 10:30 August 13, 2023

"A Summer Respite: Music, Movement, & Meditation"

Lucille Giammatteo and Sue Smolski, Worship Leaders
 Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries

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



Lucille Giammatteo – Worship Leader

Lucille (LU) Giammatteo has been a UU since 2016. After moving back to Connecticut from Florida, she joined USH in 2021. A retired Dietitian, LU has been a Certified Yoga Instructor since 1974. She is a gourmet cook; enjoys pickleball, Tai Chi, kayaking, biking, and her Grand-cats. Her two adult children Suzanne/Eric and Michael/Eloise all live in Connecticut.



Sue Smolski – Worship Leader

A former Congregationalist, Sue found USH and Unitarian Universalism as an adult. Long-time member and Worship Associate, Archive Committee member, and new to Gentle Chair Yoga.

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 [Vimeo](#)



Hello from England...part two

I'm in England to visit family, old friends, and former congregations. I've lived in England, cumulatively, for at least ten of my forty-odd years. I'm mostly a Yank but with some British influence. I will happily share stories and photos when I get back! I wrote this in advance so I could just enjoy my holiday.

You know how, these days, you look at a concert and it's 80% people holding up their phones the whole time, to prove they were there? I get that – I've done it – but I wonder if I'm becoming an old fuddy-duddy, because I just like to experience something first, and document it later.

So ask me about England on my return, and I'll happily bore you with travel stories. Hope you're having an experientially rich summer, or simply relaxing!

Yours gratefully,
 Rev. Bob

Worship Calendar

Join us, in Fellowship Hall or online.

Upcoming Services:

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

September 10 – "INGATHERING/WATER COMMUNION", Rev. Bob Janis/Worship Associate, TBD.

Sue Smolski
 Worship Associate Coordinator



USH News

The Village for Families and Children Uniform Fundraiser 2023

Returning to school can be filled with happiness, excitement, and apprehension for many children and their families. The Village for Families and Children Uniform Fundraiser aims to alleviate some of the anxiety felt by families in need, by ensuring their children go back to school on August 28 with confidence, wearing their required school uniforms.

THE UNIFORM FUNDRAISER ENDS NEXT FRIDAY, AUGUST 18.

The Unitarian Society of Hartford is in its second decade of supporting the Uniform Fundraiser held by The Village for Families and Children.

Thank you to all who have already given. The need is great. Help send children back to school smiling, like the girl pictured here.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE YOUR GIFT.

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.



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

RE and Chalice Clubhouse



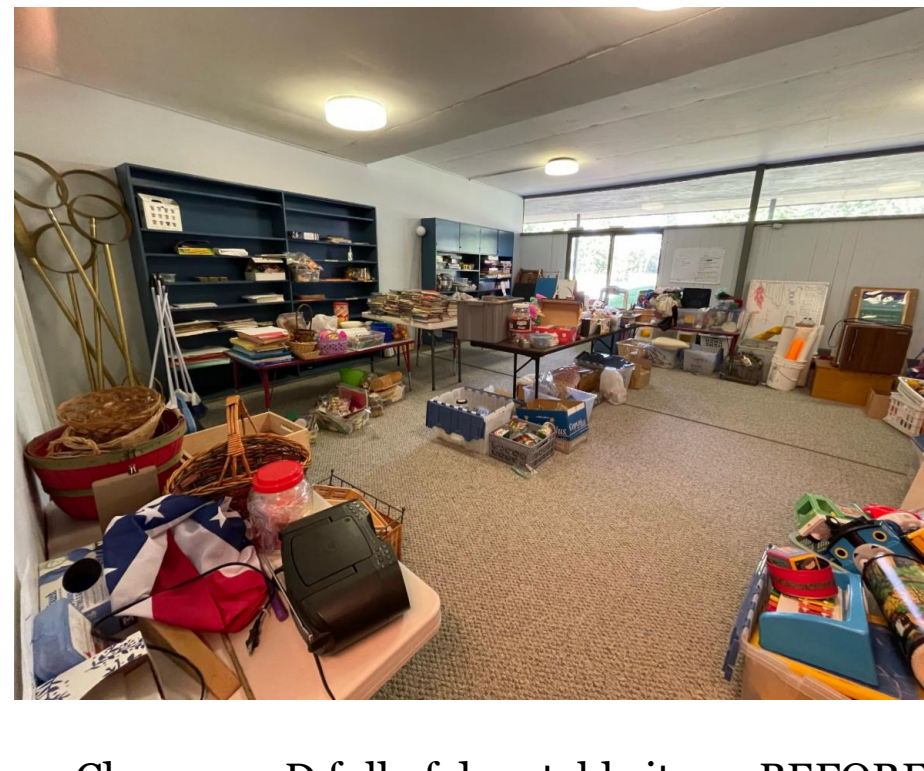
Looking for a supportive, inclusive, non-judgemental home for your family's spiritual needs? Let USH be yours! Visit and learn about Unitarian Universalism, our congregation, and how USH can foster your family's religious or spiritual journeys.

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.

USH RE Gives Back!

For most of July, RE has been doing a spring (or rather summer) clean-out of several storage rooms around the Meeting House. We found a treasure trove of items that we no longer needed, so with the help of our wonderful office administrator, Karolina, we have advertised all our extra supplies to local teachers, daycares, and parents that could use them and over a dozen have come by USH to get some of what they needed for the coming school year!

Thank you to all who helped clean, organize, and oversaw individuals coming in to take a peak at what we had up for grabs from the entire RE family!



Pictured Above: Classroom D full of donatable items BEFORE visitors came



And: Classroom D AFTER visitors came

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

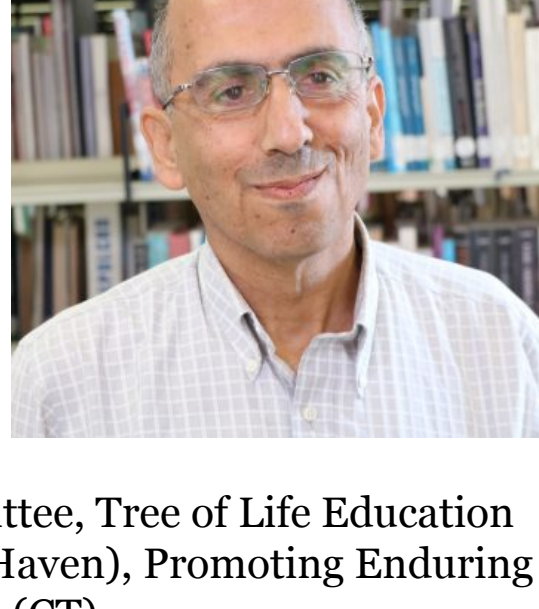
Local Events

Mazin Qumsiyeh

Palestinian Scientist, Museum Founder, Activist

"Decolonization of Minds and Nature in Palestine and Globally"

Wednesday, **August 9** at the Unitarian Society
 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford
7 p.m.



Sponsoring Organizations: Middle East Crisis Committee, Tree of Life Education Fund, Hope Out Loud, Jewish Voice for Peace (New Haven), Promoting Enduring Peace, Workers Voice (CT), We Refuse to Be Enemies (CT)

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

Second Saturday Sing-Along – August 12

Join us at the next Meeting House 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 Sundays 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 Kennemer: 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.

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Board Meeting

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

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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](#).

