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Monday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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Sunday Morning Services 10:30 a.m.
January 7, 2024

"A New Perspective"
R.E. – Faith Focus

Rev. Rob Janis, Minister
Ray Kenefick, Worship Associate
Sam Mallett, Director of Music Ministries

Matters of the Heart

Thoughts, prayers, concerns, and joys/celebrations are welcomed in our Sunday morning, small group ministry, "Matters of the Heart."

In person – use the Matters of Heart basket for written cards on Sunday morning. "Please send in your Matters of the Heart, indicating exactly what you want shared, to the office by Friday noon."

Religious Education: ages 3 – 12
Amanda Wickham, Interim RE Coordinator

Can't be here in person for worship?
Join us on ZOOM 10:30 a.m.
Meeting ID: 7188264827
Password: uuhart
Video and Audio options available.

Worship is also streamed on Facebook – follow our page and receive notifications every time we go live.

Couldn't make it to UHS and missed the livestream? Watch any service, anytime, here on Vimeo.

Worship Calendar
Join us, in person or online.

Upcoming Services:

January 14 – Rev. Rob/Judy Robbins, Worship Associate

January 21 – Laurie Kelliher, Pulpit Guest/Michael Michaud, Worship Associate

January 28 – "Lessons in Sensing", Reverend Aaron Pearce, pulpit guest/Joseph Simpson, Worship Associate

Happy New Year!

2024 has been a January year so far, with January 1st falling on a Monday, and this back to 2024, the publication on January 2nd, also a Monday. In order to confirm the veracity of the opening statement, we have to wait for Friday.

Did I get out from a blue chair, couch, sofa, or some at least once?

Did I eat any food that filled my belly and my tongue enjoyed?

Did I get to spend some time – even just a few minutes – not being hooked into the phone or virtually – with someone whose company I genuinely enjoy?

Did I have a language my mind is as though, a type of book, or even a conversation?

Did I get to move my body a little bit, but this life is those old bones?

Did I have a chance to breathe in a AND breathe out?

If ALL of these conditions are true – then I can in fact confirm – 2024 is shaping up to be a fantastic year.

Yours gratefully,
Rev. Rob

NEWCOMERS —
Are you UU-curious?

Join "First Connections", an informal gathering Under the Barn on Sundays at 9:00am, following Sunday service. Bring your coffee or tea for conversation with Rev. Rob and other members of the Unitarian Society of Hartford, and meet some of the people who make our congregation a community.

Whether it is your first time or you've been coming and curious for a while, join us. Members and friends are always welcome and broaden the conversation to ones' very special faith.

Coffee and food and conversation...and you, join us Under the Barn.

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Winter's Here — and Snow's Coming

2023 was a year of ups and downs, and 2024 will be no different. Sometimes, life's challenges sometimes pun obstacles in the way. "Winter" is a metaphor for those challenges, conditions and parking lot clearance are the primary factors in play.

Our Sunday morning services will be decided by, or cancelled by, Mother Nature. Please pay attention to your weather app, and WNPR, TV channels, and your email. Sometimes, the decision will be a Zoom service at the link shown in that week's E-News, so please stay home and safe.

During the week, program leaders will determine whether their group will meet, if the building otherwise remains open.

Recurring Preparedness Meetings: Date Changes

Sunday, January 7, at 12:00 Meeting to review the Pledge Campaign Results.
Sunday, February 14 monthly security meeting (rescheduled so we can attend Valentine's Day).

Banner Year for B&G in '23

Our Building and Grounds sub-council is one of the most visible active, and productive groups in our congregation. Their work is not only evident by the amount of constant attention and work needing to be done to keep the building and grounds in good condition, but also by the fact that they have a large sub-project group (almost, others of the "It's broken and needs to be repaired" variety) that is ongoing, and includes, but not limited to painting, plumbing, scheduling, floor leveling, and adding some decorative touches. We're highlighted some of these as they were in process.

If you'd like to review the impressive progress those folks achieved, you can see a year-end note and photos report compiled by David Bowles, here.

Peter Upton – Celebration of Life Memorial Service, Jan. 20th

Our friend, UUA member, Peter Upton Upton, 75, left this life on November 22, 2023. He was a member of the Unitarian Society of Hartford, and most of the time when he was here, he was a quiet, but very dedicated, presence. He was a member of the Buildings and Grounds sub-council, and was a very dedicated member of the Sunday Morning Greeters team. He was also a member of the Ushers team, and was a member of the Pledge Campaign team. He was also a