USH E-news April 1 - 30, 2014

"Nothing, Observing, Asserting"

Rev. Sean Ormond Morris

Unitarian Society of Hartford
"Nurturing Spiritual Growth, Promoting Social Justice"
40 Woodland Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105
For videos to play, visit: **hartfordhymnsociety.wpmsl.com**
www.ushartford.org

Minister's Office Hours:
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
or by appointment

Office Administrator Hours:
Mondays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Weds - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Virtual Hours: Monday - Thursday 5 - 7 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services:
10:30 a.m. April 27

"Self Love and Acceptance: Always An Inside Job"

"Basically, Buddhism" a visual media collage by Sacred Arrangement

Sarah Arrangement: Pulpit Guest
Margaret Lalonde, Worship Associate
Sam Hamilton, Music Director

Matters of the Heart
Please send your Matters of the Heart prayer or Sunday sharing to staff@ushartford.org or Sharon Ormond Morris.

In person — see Matters of Heart basket for written prayer/sharing. Sunday Prayer provide contact information.

Religious Education: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Program

Check the Notes for Parents for Classroom assignments. RE Office is open on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 9 - 1 Thursdays 5 - 9 PM.

Virtual Coffee Hour Follows the Service
Soup Sunday is Coming Up! Sign Up Soon!
Worship is also streamed on Facebook — Search for Unitarian Society of Hartford. Click on Live Video.

Contact email is: USH_Hartford@yahoo.com Facebook? Search any service, anytime, from the Archives.

Worship Calendar

Click on, in person or online:

Upcoming Services:

April 27 - Earth Day — "The Self is Interbeing" Rev. Sean Ormond Morris, UUA Lead Intern from Rockingham, VT

May 4 - "Bedbugs", Al Kitzong, RE, Judy Robbins, Worship Associate

May 11 - Mother's Day, Reverend Kim Rice, Worship Associate / Dina DiMi Spender

May 18 - Memorial Sunday, Reverend Beth Lynch Kelliher, Worship Associate

Thoughts From Rev. Rob...

Hi, Folks,

This week, I'm at a week of study leave - available by phone and email, but unavailable for other visits and calls.

I'll be doing some planning, some reflecting, and some writing. I expect I'll be posting some of that here. I'm also looking forward to being with our thoroughly congenial group on the congregation's trip to Boston next Saturday. I'm looking forward to being with our congregation as we go to Boston (there are just many more hotels out there!) Sometimes, I miss being with you all on Sundays, and I'm looking forward to that, too. It's like being a visiting Unitarian Universalist minister, but with a little more travel involved. Hope you all have a good week and keep the virtues of Mr. Mister!

Yours in peace,
Rev. Rob

Become a member of USH...

A sense of belonging, a sign of your seriousness, a deep need to be counted, a way to make your voice heard, a way to make your presence felt, a way to make your gratitude or life's mission further manifest, a way to be counted on, a way to be counted.

Membership offers further opportunities of connection to the congregation, to the Church Polity, to the principles of living, and simple friendship.

Life's journey is filled with twists and turns both joyful and sorrowful. We need to be with others who are on the same journey.

Become a member. **Rev. Rob, Lauren Kelliher,** and our member **Elizabeth Spencer** invite you to become that one step to the **May, 4 Sunday Ceremony**, and offer:

THE JOURNEY:
A four-session course for New Members

Have you been a member of Unitarian Society of Hartford? Have you been a member of a church? Do you want to be a member? Do you make a difference in your life, and want to further the experience of your life? Do you want to be with people who are on a journey? This is designed for those who are considering membership or who have been members in other congregations. We will be using the Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalism, and Gang Gang Gifts. So, we'll be delving into our Principles and Purposes, our Sources, our History, our Polity, our Mission to reflect on our spirituality and why we gather in a house called Unitarian Universalist.

Four sessions courses:

Thursday, May 1, 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

To RSVP for the first course, please email **Lauren Kelliher**. Please let her know if you are able to attend both courses, or if you are negotiable in attending, and we'll see what we can do. If you can only make one of the two sessions, that's fine, too, so let us know.

Is It Time?

Seeking, First time or return by pulpit speakers for the Fall and coming months.

Qualifications: A willingness to speak your truth as a sign of your mental health and as a gift to others of your Partially Formed Spiritual Self.

What is a truth like? Comments from recent by pulpit speakers who are Unitarian Universalists:

"Our congregation is a safe supportive and appreciative place"

"It really is an opportunity to speak your truth."

"The collective group is as strength in watching and wrestling."

"Relax, enjoy the opportunity, as much as possible. You are talking to a group of people who want to listen."

"The Worship Associate Ministry will support you as a pulpit guest developing a sermon that brings out your authentic voice."

To explore further or to volunteer, contact one of our Worship Associates or Rev. Rob.

- Sue Hendell

USH News

Stonewalling Update
Visit www.ccsh.net **WHAT YOU** do all can have great to our pledge. The Stonewall Inaugural ground breaking ceremony is Saturday, April 26 at 11 a.m. Stonewall Inaugural Ceremony is Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m. Stonewall Inaugural Ball is Saturday, June 28 at 7 p.m. Stonewall Inaugural Brunch is Sunday, June 29 at 11 a.m. Stonewall Inaugural Parade is Sunday, June 29 at 1 p.m. Stonewall Inaugural Pride Festival is Sunday, June 29 at 2 p.m. Stonewall Inaugural Pride Festival Closing is Sunday, June 29 at 5 p.m.

Also remind you that Ecco Ed and ecco cookie form, they are available at the Sections Table on Sunday morning. Or can can call the Church office and we can leave a form for you to pick up. Ecco Ed is a great way to pledge.

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- *Jim Tessmann, Finance Chair*

Board Positions Open for 2014/15

There are two positions on the USH Board of Directors which will be coming open for next year: President-Elect, and Council Chair for Community Within. Nominations are being accepted for these positions. Please contact Nominating Committee Chair Kim Rice for information.

Community Within is the council overseeing, and providing support to, many of our social justice, outreach, and community building programs. Kim Rice, Lauren Kelliher, and Rev. Rob are also looking for someone who would be interested in being a member of the Community Within Council, and would be willing to be the Council Chair.

Interested in learning more about either position? Contact Lauren Kelliher.

Meeting House Presents

Friday, April 11, 7 p.m.
The Hot Flashes
$10 donation at the door

cool Boomer musical comedy about menopause and more — you may remember them from the *Vagina Monologues*.
For more information, visit their website here.

Holly Neal at USH, May 4

Reserve NOW!

(Refreshments on the Menu)

Reservations are pouring in for Holly Neal's upcoming Hartford appearance on Sunday, May 4 at 3 p.m. Holly is a Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter who is moving up to a cabin-off-the-grid, **round** Hartford, Connecticut, to write her next album. Refreshments. Where can you get more entertainment for your money? Reserve now!

general seating only.

Email: ebcoxsing@yahoo.com or call: Nelly Neal (860-280-0108) or Ellen Cox (860-232-1232)

Donate for Mother Rose's Birthday

This Sunday, 4/27 and the Youth Group will again run a gallon of soup, for USH **and** for the Mother Rose Soup Kitchen. Mother Rose is a very busy Sunday, a free lift is required for the 1 p.m. Mass, and the soup kitchen needs soup. We can stop at our store after Sunday, to buy our staples and friends who can make a donation of a gallon of soup, can bring it to the Church on Sunday, and we will pick up the soup.

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Spring Cleaning Party in Meditation Rooms

Do you love to spend a quiet and lovely evening with your friends? Do you want to make your Meditation Rooms shine? Do you want to be part of a group that does good work? Do you want to have a lot of fun? Do you want to have a lot of laughs? Do you want to be part of a group that is a family? Do you want to be part of a group that is a family? Do you want to be part of a group that is a family

Want to Donate Online? Click Here

USH Calendar of Events

The calendar for **April 2024** 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**.

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