SHARE: **f** X Join Our Email List **USH E-News: July 10, 2024** "Nourishing Spirit, Building Community, Working for Justice" 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 Tel: (860) 233-9897 Email: hartforduusociety@gmail.com www.ushartford.org **Minister Office Hours:** Tuesdays & Thursdays Sunday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday or by appointment. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. *Rev Bob is away July 13 - August 1. **Sunday Morning Service** 10:30 a.m. July 14 "The Mythical Jesus" The Tiffany window, "Come unto Me," was installed above the pulpit in All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in New London, CT, 100 years ago. It was sold to the Lyman Allyn Art Museum in 2014. **David Klotz, Pulpit Guest Judy Robbins, Worship Associate** Sam Moffett, Music Director **David Klotz, Pulpit Guest** David Klotz was brought up as a Lutheran in Bethlehem, PA. During his confirmation classes, he thought that the tenets he was being taught made no sense and he became an atheist while still in grammar school. David went to the University of Chicago for a physics degree and discovered UU during orientation week, promptly joining a student group at First Unitarian of Chicago. He has been a member of several UU churches since that time. He and his wife, Jane, currently belong to UUS:E in Manchester. He is a retired engineer and happily sings tenor whenever given the chance. David enjoys decoding the Jesus myth and welcomes every opportunity to talk on this subject. **Judy Robbins, Worship Associate** Judy Robbins, in true UU fashion, differs with David, in that she has no problem with Jesus as a real-life historic figure. At the same time, she subscribes to Joseph Campbell's idea that myth is "something that never happened but is happening all the time." The story of Jesus and the teachings ascribed to him, whether embellished facts or pure myth, are an example of this. Judy delights in the opportunity to engage with different points of view in her role as a Worship Associate. **Matters of the Heart** To have a Joy or Sorrow read from the pulpit on Sunday morning, e-mail **Matters of the Heart** In person – use **Matters of Heart** basket for written cards on Sunday morning. Please provide concise information. 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** Worship 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 **Upcoming USH Summer Services** in Fellowship Hall: July 21 - "The Long Goodbye", Nina Elgo, pulpit guest/ Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate July 28 – "The Creative Life", Artist's Way, pulpit guests/ Carol Simpson, Worship Associate **August 4 – "This is The Life"**, Reverend Bob/ Miriam Byroade, Worship Associate **August 11 – "Are We There Yet?"**, Gloria Bent, pulpit guest/Sue Smolski, Worship Associate **August 18** – Rev. Andrew Millard, pulpit guest/ Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate **August 25 – "The Blue Diary"**. Reverend Bob/ Peter Meny, Worship Associate **September 1** – Annie Witzler, pulpit guest/ Sue Smolski, Worship Associate Message from Rev. Bob... I may call you in August, if it's all right with you. My ambitious plan is to go through the directory, and ask everyone two questions: • How's life? • What are your hopes and desires for this congregation? If you're one of those people who can't stand surprise phone calls – and you're in good company! - feel free to just let it go to voicemail. You can call or email me back, or you can just ignore it. I won't mind. I just want to reach out and check in with whoever would like to. Happy summer! If you're not in the directory and would like to be, please let us know. And if you're not in the directory but would like to chat, I'm happy to. You can reach me at 860-233-9897 x. 103, or at <u>USHMinister@gmail.com</u> With gratitude, Reverend Bob An Invitation... ...to Help Expand Knowledge [During the 2022/23 academic year – and the summer after – Bryant Moore was taking classes at the University of Hartford in an advanced degree program. A UU for several years, he came to USH and served as volunteer youth leader, before returning home to complete his studies. Now, he has a request... read on, below.] Hello, USH family. This is Bryant Moore; perhaps you remember me from last year. I'm a psychology student at Antioch University New England and have been a UU since 2017. I am now working on my dissertation and need adult participants to fill out a short survey at the link below. I am doing this study to develop a measure of well-being based on existential theory, a philosophy that focuses on things like a person's sense of meaning. For this research, I am looking at whether the measure of existential well-being is related to concerns people often have. You will be asked questions about physical, social, and psychological health, including your thoughts about mortality, isolation, meaning and purpose, depression, and anxiety. Participation is completely voluntary and may be discontinued at any time. It should take approximately 10-15 minutes. Your answers are anonymous, and I will not know who has participated, or be able to link you with your answers. All information you provide will be kept secure. There is no compensation for participation, but I would greatly appreciate your help.. If you have any questions about this study or participation, please contact Bryant Moore, **mooredissertation@gmail.com**. This study is being supervised by Dr. Kathi Borden, kborden@antioch.edu. I hope you will click the link below and help me complete my research project. Thank you for your time and help. Link to the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQQT6FC "Like wildflowers; You must allow yourself to grow in all the places people thought you never would." ~ E.V. Rogina SpiritChat Summer Dates SpiritChat is a meditation and conversation program that explores the concept of non-duality — the belief that everything is connected. The moderator is Nicholas Bartoli, a former monk, who has had a profound spiritual awakening. Sessions are open to all. Summer meetings will be Fridays, July 19, and August 2; 10 - 11:30 a.m. at USH in Classroom D. USH Represents at West Hartford PRIDE Thanks to all our Pride volunteers - Diana Heymann, Sherry Manetta, Dana Donovan, Susan Hope and Sofia Rosselet. We had fun meeting and celebrating with lots of friends, old and new. Even the storm did not dampen the mood. We're already looking forward to next year! A Guide to Practicing Gender-Neutral Pronouns, **For Well-Meaning Cis Friends and Family** As a follow up to our June 30 "Sacred Stories Celebrating Pride" service, we are passing along an article that may help answer a frequent question. The website itself is a good LGBTQ+ resource. New exhibit on view **Artistry and Adaptation** The artwork of Stuart Williams returns to our Ambulatory Gallery. This time we are showing his work representing a creative pivot from masterworks replications to the new media of computer software and inkjet printing. Created between 2003 and 2013, these works were an expression of pure experimentation for him: breaking out of traditional media and subject matter into playing with scanned objects and Photoshop, resulting in abstract illustrations. Stuart's children have each contributed to bringing together this showing. His daughter, Evan Williams, pulled seventeen paper prints from over one hundred possible choices. Eleven were her brother John's favorites, which he named, and another six were Evan's picks. More than a decade ago our other brother, Todd, served as a mentor and facilitator for our 80 year old father on Photoshop. He also printed the illustrations that are on canvas. This work is in the gallery until October 1. Paper prints are priced at \$50. Prints on canvas are \$100. Proceeds will benefit USH at a rate of 70% instead of the usual 30%. ~ Evan Williams **Social Justice** The Village for Families and Children: **Uniform Fundraiser 2024** It's hot to think of school, yet many families in need are making plans for their children who are returning to school in Hartford next month. For the 12th year USH is donating to the Uniform Fundraiser sponsored by our friends and neighbors at The Village for Families and Children. The students in this photo attend Burns school in Hartford and wear blue tops and black bottoms. Going back to school can be both a happy and anxious time. Having uniforms that look good and fit well can make children feel more confident and proud. Last summer The Village served 1,000 families through their Uniform fundraiser. This year the goal is 1,5000. Costs have increased, and The Village is issuing \$50 vouchers per child for the purchase of Uniforms. USH is contributing to this special summer Uniform Fundraiser **from July 7 – August 17.** Donations may be made by check with uniforms in the memo line or through the link in our online Portal. Any amount is welcome. Thank you for thinking of the children. ~ Joanne Orlando Horace Bushnell Children's Food Pantry What a Shame! Most of the food that was in the bins on June 30 had to be thrown away! Please make sure your offerings have current expiration dates, are unopened, and are properly labeled. The bins have been moved downstairs for the summer and sit centrally located in front of the sitting area under the stairs. Lots of protein foods, please! (Checks with "Horace Bushnell" on the memo line in the offering basket would be greatly appreciated as well!) Thank you! **Religious Education RE Welcome Retreat** An RE Welcome Retreat will be held **September** 13 - 15 in Granby at a waterfront location. Families with kids/youth in RE and those who have assisted or would like to assist are invited. A flyer for the event may be found **HERE** Sign-up and permission to attend may be found **HERE** More photos and information about the location are **HERE** If you are interested in helping with RE and/or wish to be part of an RE Committee, kindly contact Shahan at shahano6410@gmail.com **Visiting German UU Youth —** We will have some young German UU visitors during the last weekend of July. Youth in particular are encouraged to meet with them. Details to follow. **USH Gatherings** During July and August, the following gatherings/events are on break for the summer: **USH Book Club** Men's Group Spirit Life First Tuesday Hangouts First Thursdays in the Chapel Gentle Yoga Pizza and Movie Night Lunch Bunch The USH Book Club will resume its meetings on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 2:30 PM. A list of the book selections and dates for the next year will be listed here in August. The Book Club meets from 2:30 - 4 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month, September through June, either on Zoom or occasionally as a hybrid meeting. If you would like to participate in a discussion of the book and related issues, please contact Ginny Allen at **fiddlenurse1@gmail.com**. An email with the Zoom link will be sent to you a day or two before the meeting. 30's & 40's Group Plans for summer are in flux at the moment — if you have some ideas for gettogethers or outings over the next few months, get in touch with **Rev. Bob** and we'll see what we can pull together! Magdalene Circle Monday, July 22 This group normally meets the second Saturday of the month from 2 to 5 p.m., however, due to a scheduling conflict, the group will meet Monday, July 22. Join us as we explore the Divine Feminine principle with particular attention to the historical, archetypal, and spiritual Mary Magdalene. We look at ancient and modern material as well as practices we can integrate into our daily lives to expand Love of ourselves and each other. If you are interested in participating in this group please contact **Lisa Burch** before attendance for orientation. A free-will donation is requested, to be directed to USH. **Saturday Sing-Along** July 20, 2 – 5 p.m. Join us at the next Meeting House Sing-Along. Song sheets and some loaner copies of **Rise Up Singing** or **Rise Again** are available. Come early or come late, whatever fits your schedule. 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. Contact: Fred Louis or Ed Savage for more information. Social Justice Council July 16, 7 p.m. Interested in justice work? Come meet with us to learn the latest about ongoing activities and discover new initiatives. Everyone's invited! Contact Judy Sullivan, and Click HERE for the Zoom Link. **Disability Support Group — August 3** 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. To confirm summer scheduling, please Email Gloria Bent or call 860-904-7768. **USH Resources** 2024 – 2025 USH Board of Directors Nancy Kemmerer: President Nina Elgo: President-Elect Jon Covault: Treasurer Gloria Mengual: Secretary Paul Cipriano: Administration Council Chair Judy Sullivan: Social Justice Council Chair Laura Cipriano: Community Within Council Chair Laurie Kelliher: Membership Council Chair Jim Venneman: Finance Council Chair Rick Tsukada: Spiritual Life Council Chair Have a question or comment for the board? Send an email to: ushboardofdirectors@gmail.com. The latest financial reports for FY 2024-2025 have been posted; click **HERE** to view. See the 2023/24 Annual Report HERE The **Board Meeting Minutes** for **May 2024** have been posted. Click **HERE** to view the USH Directory, Reports, and other church business information online. Contact **Karolina Wojtysko** for the username and password. **Link for Welcome Team Sign-Up Genius USH Staff: Rev. Bob Janis**, Minister **ushminister@gmail.com** | 860-233-9897 ext. 103 Karolina Wojtysko, Church Operations Manager hartforduusociety@gmail.com | 860-233-9897 ext. 100 Shahan Islam, Director of Religious Education insert email here | 860-233-9897 ext. 104 Sam Moffett, Director of Music smoffettuu@gmail.com Patty Peck, Bookkeeper ushtreasurer50@gmail.com The deadline for USH E-news submissions is noon Tuesday! 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. When forwarding information concerning an "outside" event or organization, please pre-edit your copy in order to keep the piece to 200 words or less. Note that all material is subject to editing prior to publication. Articles should be sent as email file attachments, (MS Word preferred) and images need to be sent separately as jpeg, jpg, png, tiff, bmp, or gif files. Thank you for your cooperation. Editor-in-Chief: Tina Davies Church Operations Manager: Karolina Wojtysko 🎤 🥹 July 2024 🛡 🍗 🛡 **USH Calendar of Events** The calendar for **July 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 or Zoom Meeting click **HERE**.

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