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USH-Enews ~ June 15 2016
 Worshipping Together Since 1830
 Sunday Service 10:30 AM
 Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



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Sunday Service 10:30 AM - June 19, 2016 - "Tending Our Souls, Tending the Soil" Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister - Worship Associate: Ann LaPorte-Bryan -

Every week brings us great grief. Meanwhile, all around us, there is also great beauty. How do we hold these two extremes at once? How do we bear it all? Celebrating the summertime season of gardening and the goodness of getting our hands in the dirt, we will worship, sing, and ponder together. Bring your gardening gloves if you have them and join us after the service for some communal weeding and tending!



Sunday Service June 26th, 2016 - 10:30 AM - “Re-storying Hope” - “The stories that we tell matter. They have the power to shape who we are and how we are becoming. We Unitarian Universalists are blessed to draw from many sources. How do we choose stories that inspire us to live into the promise of our faith and up to the challenges of our time?”

Over 5,000 UU’s attended Sunday Morning Worship in Portland, Oregon at General Assembly last year. This service in Fellowship Hall will combine video of Rev. Alison Miller’s sermon at that service with our own worship traditions as crafted by Sue Smolski, worship associate, with the technical skills of Brian Harvey.

Contributors Please Note: There will be no Enews next week: June 22nd. Thank you for your understanding.

E-News Contributors Please Take Note: The deadline for USH-Enews submissions is Tuesday at 12 Noon. Thank you for helping us get the E-news out in a timely fashion.

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Check out our online Calendar for Upcoming Events:

<http://www.ushartford.com/events/>

To submit a Calendar Request, please cut and paste the FORM at the end of the E-News into an email and send to calendarchanges@ushartford.com

(Please double check the calendar for your event 1 to 2 weeks prior to make sure it's correctly posted. Please email corrections to calendarchanges@ushartford.com -Thank you!)



Dear Unitarian Society of Hartford Members,
Friends, Neighbors,

Like many of you, we have spent the past few days now learning more about, processing, grieving, lamenting, and feeling so many feelings in response to the awful events of early Sunday morning in Orlando.

We were grateful to the coordinators of the Vigil that occurred on Sunday evening on the State Capitol steps; you can read coverage of that event here, including Rev. Cathy's participation: <http://www.courant.com/breaking-news/hc-connecticut-orlando-shooting-reaction-0613-20160612-story.html>

We invite you to read more about the work of local organization True Colors, and we include excerpts of their letter to the community, below.

From True Colors: Reach out to the children. They need you.

The average age that LGBTQ youth are coming out is 11 - 13 years old. Think about it. Put yourselves in their shoes. Would you be scared to come out to others? What would happen if your family rejected you? Would you lose your friends? Will people bully you? The world is so much better now, isn't it? But, what if it isn't?

Now imagine you are that same 11-13 year old and your social media is blowing up with images and reports of the mass shooting in Orlando. Over 100 LGBTQ people murdered or wounded in their own special space. What might you be feeling? Who could you turn to for support?

Or imagine you are a Muslim child discovering that someone who 'shares your faith', was the perpetrator of the violence? Like the LGBTQ child above, wouldn't you be terrified of the responses of your neighbors or your classmates? What if they equate the actions of an individual to your entire group? Will you be safe at school? On the street? In the community?

Each of these children is blameless. Yet, each is a victim of the violence that bias, prejudice and discrimination creates. It is time to turn Compassion to ACTION.

What can you DO? Here's six ways you can make a difference. Pick one or devise one of your own. DO SOMETHING.

- Check in with the children in your life. Whether you want them to or not, they have heard about what happened. Talk to them; reassure them. Let them know that they are LOVED and that they CAN talk to you.?

- Give up denial. You are biased. We ALL are. It is in our nature to create groups who are US and groups who are THEM. The "us's" and the "them's" differ from family to family, group to group and community to community - but we ALL have them. The first step to letting our biases go is to admit that they exist.?
- Move TOWARD those you have 'othered'. The most effective form of prejudice reduction is face-to-face interactions over a period of time. Don't know any lesbian or gay people? Never met someone who is transgender? Attend a pride event. Ask an LGBTQ co-worker for coffee or lunch. Don't know anyone who identifies as Muslim? Visit a Mosque. Ask a co-worker about Ramadan. Invite someone you never talk with to sit at your table. You get the idea...?
- Hear mean? Intervene. Everywhere and every time. At work, at play, at home, within your community of faith, across a holiday table... Biases are passed from generation to generation in all of these places. Consider: every time you don't say something, you HAVE said something. You have said it is okay with you. Practice ways of gently intervening: Say "OUCH". Say, "Grandma, I see that very differently." Say, "Dad, please don't use that word around me or my children." Say, "Sir. I respectfully disagree." Say SOMETHING.?
- Volunteer. Identify a community you want to learn more about and volunteer. So many non-profits need help. So many non-profits need someone like you. Support a candidate that shares your values. Encourage Congress to ban assault rifles so no civilian has the means to create such carnage. ?
- Make a donation. Support a cause in your community. Pick a charity or a non-profit that works with a community you don't know much about. Their newsletters, annual reports and thank you notes will teach you a lot about who they are and why you should care.

June is Pride month. It is also Ramadan. Reach out.

You can make a difference. Right now. Today. Do whatever moves you, but DO something.

True Colors works to create a world where youth of all genders and orientations are valued and affirmed. Our programs include one-on-one and group mentoring; school based youth advocacy and leadership development; the production of the largest LGBTQ youth conference in the country; professional cultural competency training; and the management of a state wide task force focused on the needs of LGBTQ youth in out-of-home care. We can be reached at(860) 232-0050 or at www.ourtruecolors.org

Summer at USH - The Revs will be at General Assembly, Vacation & Study leave June 20 – August 30th - After a final June 19th worship service

led by Rev. Heather with our choir, the Revs head to General Assembly in Columbus, OH June 20-26 with John Brancato, young adult Adam Brown, and Nina Elgo (who will be the new UUA Parliamentarian!). Rev Cathy will represent USH in workshops about our AIM work and our Black Lives Matter work (as well as working on Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray's campaign for the UUA Presidency). After that, we begin our vacation and study leave with our annual trip to Oregon to see Rev. Heather's family. We'll be baci in town from July 12th onwards doing a combination of play, rest, study, office cleanup, and more that we don't get to do during the flurry of the church year.

During this time, Rev Cathy will be completely off of email, and Rev Heather will be checking email periodically (revheather@ushartford.com). Please do contact us by phone if someone is in the hospital or otherwise significant things come up, and please hold your non-urgent communication until we're fully back August 30th.

If you'd like Caring Network support or have a joy or sorrow to be shared in worship while we're away, please contact Caring Network Co-Chairs Eve Pech (elpech@sbcglobal.net, 860-379-5035) or Janice Newton (janicecnewton@gmail.com, 860-335-3742).

Summer Worship & Religious Education: Six Sources Summer

Worship and Religious Education will continue every Sunday at 10:30am.

Our summer is organized around the Six Sources of our faith (a companion to the 7 Principles). As UUs, we draw inspiration for our faith not just from one sacred text, but from direct experience, prophetic justice seekers, various world religions, Christian & Jewish teachings, humanist teachings, earth-centered traditions, and more. We have an incredible line up of guest speakers, including our kids, our young adults, our crones, and a few terrific guests (an atheist chaplain, a Jewish storyteller, and a Shin Buddhist teacher). Meanwhile, our children will be exploring the sources through interactive activities and play in the garden. Pi-Hsun Shih will be our Summer Accompanist. If you're in town, you won't want to miss these Sundays!

What are the Sources?

Here is the text about our sources. You can also find this in your Order of Service and at the front of the hymnal.

Unitarian Universalism (UU) draws from many sources:

- * Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- * Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;

- * Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
 - * Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
 - * Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
 - * Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.
- These principles and sources of faith are the backbone of our religious community.

Sunday Service Recap, Sunday, June 5, 2016 by Kayla Costenoble





Photos: Harriet Gardner

From the Fragmented World - It was as close to perfect as a day can be. It included an inspiring service written and delivered by the USH's amazing youth group, honoring its graduating seniors, thanking teachers, enjoying a lively intergenerational service, and reveling in our annual fun and food picnic. It was June 12, 2016, at the Meeting House.

John Bengston, the youth groups's long-time advisor (this is his tenth year), said he was "privileged to work with the awesome teenagers in this congregation." Here at the Meeting House, John said, "You cannot be anything other than what you are." Over the past nine months, the group has made 180 gallons of soup, 144 of which was delivered to Church Street Eats; the rest was bought by us to provide a delicious lunch and money for the group to buy the ingredients for the next soup.

Annie Witzler, Kate Olguin and Caroline Kriesen, our three seniors who have graduated from high school and will be leaving the youth group and their homes to go out into the wider world, were active participants in the service. In her Reflection, Annie said that "opposites" are what she thinks about a lot, and she presented a list of them, such as "Bernie could be an alternative for things." She said churches are extremely important places where "you are allowed to share in the human milestones of our lives," and that people "are more than how they vote or how they believe."

Kate's Reflection did not involve words. Instead, we were treated to two beautifully played pieces on her cello. She played "We Can Work It Out" by John Lennon and Paul McCartney for the service's opening Prelude; the congregation then sang it for our closing hymn. During the Offering, she played "Ghost Fight" and "Ashore" by Toby "Radiation" Fox, a very modern composer and game developer whose list of titles sound, to great-grandma me, like a foreign language.

Caroline reminded us that she has been a Unitarian "for my entire life." However, for three years, she thought she was Jewish. After that, she "absorbed a large amount of religion but was not sure what to do with it", and was confused. In her school life, one of her best friends had to come out of the closet as a

conservative. Carolyn felt she had to understand why his beliefs were valid to him and learned that, although she could not agree, she could respect the words of others.

In our traditional Bridging Ceremony, the three young women were given brilliant red roses, complete with thorns, to show them life can be painful but also rich in color and texture. They were welcomed and recognized by Rev. Cathy and RE Director Rayla. They were also welcomed by our Twenties Thirties Group, into which they will shortly fit. (note: It is so wonderful that we now have lots of new members who fit into that group; it has been a long time coming.). Nina Elgo, assistant youth advisor (and Carolyn's proud mother) spoke of the insights and gifts the seniors provided, their spirit, uniqueness, energy, reliability, and passion.

Youth group member, Jonah Spector, did a great Time for All Ages about being stubborn. He read, clearly, loudly and with expression, Dr. Seuss' "The Zax." In this tale, north-going Zax and south-going Zax refuse to budge to let the other pass, and stood where they were for 59 years until a bridge was built over them. The moral, Jonah said, was that when you're stubborn, everything else keeps going and "maybe, compromise is a solution."

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onah also gave a Reflection in which he talked about people unwilling to be understanding and open-minded. He gets "a little angry" when schoolmates make racist jokes, especially since he has two South Korean adopted siblings. When he tells them they are offensive, he often gets strong responses that don't invite conversation.

Rayla said there were about 30 persons who helped in the RE department this year, helping the children and youth in their search for the truth. She asked those present to come forward, and her blessing to them included the "hope your classes were filled with joy, and were places of growth in knowledge, wisdom and boldness." She also asked UU members to consider becoming teachers or helpers in this important department.

The at times emotional service concluded with the congregation telling the youth group "Today we applaud you for all you have been, for all you are now, and for all you will be."

But that was certainly not the end. Tables groaning with salads, veggies, and condiments to complement the hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers provided by USH cooks extraordinaire, plus drinks and desserts were a luscious prelude to games and contests in which everyone from mothers holding babes to grandmas participated and had fun. Serving as funny and inventive masters of ceremony were "our own" Brian Harvey (after he finished his setting up and cooking chores) and "our own" Kit Northup's grandson Will Northup, who had the spectators and participants in the water balloon competition laughing at his commands about what was, or was not, or should be going on. As he promised,

he allowed the teams to douse him with water at the close of the games, and went home wet and happy.

To top off a totally satisfactory day, your reporter and several other picnic people then mightily enjoyed the Connecticut Valley Symphony's final concert of the season at the gorgeous Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford. "Our own" Ginny Allen is long time first violin and Concertmaster for the symphony, celebrating its 85th season. Way to go, Ginny!



The Annual USH Picnic was a marvelous time! Thank you so much Brian Harvey for all of your hard work! Photos by Kerry White

Thanks to 2016 Picnic Volunteers and Helpers - Last Sunday was a very busy day at the Meeting House. The congregation celebrated our high school youth, some of whom are leaving the youth group and moving into the Young Adults (20s & 30s).

The worship service transitioned nicely into the Annual Picnic where there was participation by all generations, and particularly more focus on the 20s & 30s and younger members than in the recent past. I want to thank some of the volunteers who contributed so much to the success of the 2016 picnic.

Bill Simmons worked tirelessly on both Saturday and Sunday setting up the volleyball and badminton nets and courts, doing all the protective staking and taping of the Memorial Garden, setting up tables and chairs and the sound system and then taking it all down and packing it away. **Virginia de Lima** did food prep/setup both days, and also behind the scenes work to procure more reusable plastic plates, cutlery and cups. This dramatically reduced the amount of garbage we generated at the picnic. **Will Northup** (high school sophomore) filled water balloons on Saturday and did a great job of emcee for the balloon toss contest on Sunday. This is the third straight year he has taken care of tedious task of filling balloons. **Joanne Orlando** acted as liaison for our guests from The Village for Families and Children. **Peter Magistri, Peter Meny, Hank Murray** and **Will Northup** worked on setting up, overseeing and putting away the grills. The 20s & 30s group supplied the game judges (**Chris Wilt, Stephanie Briggs, and Tara Cote**) and serving line host - **Katharine Ann Anderson**. High school sophomore **Martin Barrows** was also a game judge. Middle schoolers **Bradshaw Mattson** and **Edwin Lopez** helped as food runners and general helpers. **Virginia de Lima** and **Jeff Howard** supervised all the recycling and waste operations as we respect our Green Sanctuary commitment. **Crystal Acevedo-Cruz** did a fabulous job of keeping things moving in all areas from setup straight through to cleanup on Sunday. And **Sherry Manetta** continued her work as my general assistant for whatever needs to be done for the last 36 years.

Great work, everyone. Your efforts last weekend will continue to contribute to the sense of community at USH well into the future. - **Brian Harvey, Membership Sub-Council chair**



2016 Picnic Evaluation and Suggestions

The Membership Sub-Council is trying to make sure that the events that we host are meeting the needs of the congregation. In that spirit, we have produced an Event Evaluation and Suggestion Form to be filled out by attendees after our events. Due to the windy conditions and people leaving at different times on Sunday, we are publishing the form here for your input. Please email your response to Brian Harvey at bharvey@ushartford.com or leave it in Membership mailbox in the USH office.

1. On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest), how would you rate today's event:

2. What was your favorite part(s) of today's event / How did it affect you personally:
3. How could we improve this event when we hold it again:
4. Any other feedback you would wish to share:
5. What other events for our membership should we consider holding: Thanks for your feedback. - **The Membership Sub-Council**



RE News You Can Use! - This week, Sunday, June 19th, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45am for worship. There will also be after care until 1:45PM.

There will be A Time For All Ages, followed by age appropriate classes.

Sunday, June 26th, there will be no Time For All Ages as we will be streaming a service from GA. There will be nursery and a one-room activity for older children.

The DRE is still looking for volunteers to work with the one room school house for the summer. We will be working on planning our worship service and looking at the sources of our faith. It will be a full and fun summer. Please contact her if you are available to help, even for one week, this summer. **Rayla D. Mattson**
Director of Religious Education Unitarian Society of Hartford
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Church Business News



Stewardship Tag Sale This Saturday: Great Success!
Thanks to all who participated!
Let's Keep on Movin' Forward.
Photos: Harriet Gardner



Seeking All Policy Wonks! USH's Bylaws, Policies, and Procedure documents are woefully out of date. Several times in the last couple of years, we've looked for guidance from these documents and find policies that are no longer relevant, need updating, or exist but are not being followed. Many of the current ones were created in response to a current hot issue. Not only do the existing ones need work, but we need to think strategically about what policies we SHOULD have.

If you would be willing to work with a small group to make recommendations, please contact Virginia de Lima (vadelima@yahoo.com).

ARE YOU GOING TO GA? - General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the UUA. It is 5 days of fabulous workshops, wonderful worship, and great conviviality. This year GA is being held in Columbus, Ohio from June 22-26.

In addition to all the programs, the "business" of the UUA is conducted at GA. USH has 4 official delegates to GA who vote on various items and help shape the future of the UUA. We need to know who's going so we can have people represent us for this important function.

PLEASE LET VIRGINIA DE LIMA KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND GA. (vadelima@yahoo.com)



The Memorial Gardens Needs Loving Care - We are in desperate need for some folks who could give some time to weeding, etc. of the Memorial Gardens.

We have the ashes of 40 members/friends buried in the Garden. When the families decided to place the ashes of their loved ones in our Garden we made the promise to them that the USH Memorial Garden

would be kept a beautiful and sacred place. Can you give us some time? Bring a bucket and trowel and weed for an hour or so. The weeds can be dumped into the woods. We would be delighted to give you a tour of the gardens, and join you for orientation and weeding. Just give us a call or see us at the Meeting House on a Sunday! If you are a gardener, just go for it! Let us know so we can thank you and set up a schedule for the next few months! **Submitted by Janice and David Newton**



2016 Programs for Adults and Families - We wish everyone an enjoyable summer. During the coming months, there may be an occasional Sunday Programs Table. We will look forward to seeing you in the fall. To register for the Small Group Ministry starting July 12, you may call Janice Newton (860.677.1121) or email her at janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com.

PROGRAMS:

Small Group Ministry: 4 sessions starting Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 –9:00 PM.

Ballroom Dance: Thursdays: Monthly enrollment, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Drum Circle: 3rd Tuesdays, 6:45 – 7:45 PM.

Tai Chi: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

Emei Qigong Cultivation: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. Contact Diana Heymann (860-461-0908).

Meditation and Dharma Gathering: Wednesdays, 5:45 – 7:00 PM.

Authentic Connection & Communication:

An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 PM.



Hey, movie fans! What movies would you like to see in our monthly Dinner & Movie series, October 2016 - June 2017?

Classics, noir, comedies, mysteries, sci-fi, docs, musicals, adventure, romance, foreign,

or . . . ?

Past, present, and future D & M participants can nominate 5 titles each. If you haven't recently or ever attended our showings, but you are interested, you can still nominate. Nominate by emailing your 5 titles (include your name) to pickmovies@ushartford.com or by using postal mail to D & M, USH, 50 Bloomfield Ave, Hartford 06105 - by Friday, July 15. Voting on the nominated titles will follow; if you wish to receive a ballot by postal mail rather than email, please indicate this and include your address with your nominations. D & M nights are the second Friday of each month - 5:30 PM social time with popcorn and drinks, followed by pizza (meat or vegetable toppings) and salad, film at 7, with optional discussion afterwards. Cost for each reservation is \$10, with a one-time \$5 program registration fee.

Questions? Leave a message at 860-693-4269. -Contributed by Nita H.

Summertime Small Group Ministry

For those looking for a place where deep sharing & listening happens, there will be a summertime SGM offered which will meet at the Meeting House (in Servetus). This will start on July 12, 2016; meetings will be in the evening from 7 to 9 pm. There will be a total of 4 sessions facilitated by Ron Friedman. If you are interested in signing up for this small group ministry series, please sign up at the programs table in fellowship hall or contact Janice Newton at 860-677-1121 or email her at [Janicenewton\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:Janicenewton(at)gmail.com). There will be a \$5 registration fee. Don't miss out on this SGM opportunity during the summer!



-Submitted by Esther McKone Image: www.smallgroupministry.net

Twenties-Thirties Sunday Brunch - The 20's/30's Group are hosting their new weekly brunch Sundays at noon. It's open to existing members, friends, newcomers, and visitors in their 20's and 30's. Food will be provided but guests are encouraged to bring something additional to share. *Please let me know by Friday afternoon if you plan to join us so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone. - **Stephanie Briggs (stephanie.e.briggs@gmail.com / (860) 716-1920)**

Upcoming Special Events and Other News

Celebrate the Solstice - On Saturday, June 18, at 7 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, there will be a ritual celebrating the solstice, the longest day of the year. The ritual, led by Kit Northup, is open to all. No sign-ups are required. If you would like to participate, please bring an object that reminds you of the darkness. All are invited.

Submitted by Diane Cadrain Image: firstunitarian.org

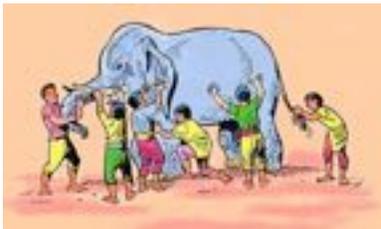


LUNCHEON PICNIC AT WOOD POND The Women's Alliance is coordinating this annual picnic.

All women (and guests) are invited to a picnic at Wood Pond in West Hartford on Wednesday, June 22. (Rain date is Thursday, June 23).

You can meet at the home of Linda Ericson-Ebel at 251 Ridgewood Road at 11:30 if you wish to car pool to the beach area about noon or meet us at the picnic area at noon at the end of Waterside Lane. Bring sunscreen, hat and a swimsuit and towel if you wish to swim. Bring a luncheon dish to share and/or your own sandwich, if you wish. \$1 per person will be collected on site to cover cost of paper goods and drinks. Sign up at the program table on June 12 or 19, or contact Linda to say you are coming – 860-561-0399 or leebellin@gmail.com

-Submitted by Louise Schmoll



Here's the original Rumi story: translated by E.H. Whinfield, the Youth Group based their service on this past Sunday, June 16th.

STORY V. The Elephant in a Dark Room.

Some Hindoos were exhibiting an elephant in a dark room, and many people collected to see it. But as the place was too dark to permit them to see the elephant, they all felt it with their hands, to gain an idea of what it was like. One felt its trunk, and declared that the beast resembled a

water-pipe; another felt its ear, and said it must be a large fan; another its leg, and thought it must be a pillar; another felt its back, and declared the beast must be like a great throne. According to the part which each felt, he gave a different description of the animal. One, as it were, called it "Dal" and another "Alif."

Comparison of the sensual eye to the hand of one that felt the elephant. The eye of outward sense is as the palm of a hand, The whole of the object is not grasped in the palm. The sea itself is one thing, the foam another; Neglect the foam, and regard the sea with your eyes. Waves of foam rise from the sea night and day, You look at the foam ripples and not the mighty sea. We, like boats, are tossed hither and thither, We are blind though we are on the bright ocean.

Ah! you who are asleep in the boat of the body.

Image <https://footprintsandsand.files.wordpress.com/2011/02/rumi.jpg>

Archives Update: Wrapping It Up

Oh, the weather outside was delightful, but the work inside was frightful (not really) as your USH Archives Team worked on the beautiful May 25 summer day wrestling with the tons of material that has not been appropriately sorted or filed since Archivist Extraordinaire, the late Margaret Sax, spent so many years doing just that.



Rev. Heather, the awesome organizer who started this whole effort, took notes, sent emails, took pictures, arranged the next meeting and urged team members Larry Lunden and Kayla Costenoble to concentrate on the project for the day - which was to inspect and organize the dozens of long and heavy rolls of yellowing architectural drawings that is the history of the Meeting House. These were donated to us by their creator Roy Cook and have been exhibited several times on the Fellowship Hall walls. Next on the list is ordering special archival boxes in which to preserve these treasures.

More helping hands are always needed and welcome to help us safeguard and keep the USH's amazing history. Our next meeting is 10:00am on Wednesday, June 29. Join Us!

Submitted by Kayla Costenoble

Hello USH Gardeners! Thanks to all those of you who have done some weeding and tending so far, of any of the USH Gardens--the Memorial Garden, Pet Memorial Garden, or Community Garden plot.

As far as the Community Garden plot & Labyrinth vision, we were waiting on the plot being mowed by KNOX in order to move forward. That has now happened! Landscape fabric has been ordered and will be delivered on Friday. Then, on Sunday, after the service we need a team of people to lay out the fabric and staple it down together. I am looking forward to doing that with as many of you as

can help me. Please sign up on the SignupGenius or let me know if you can come and help, after the service on Sunday.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094cafa92ba1f49-ushgardeners>

We need carpet knives and rubber mallets. Do you have one or more of those things? Please let me know.

After this Sunday, Cynthia Dodd, our Labyrinth Designer, will come paint the labyrinth design onto the landscape fabric. She will also indicate areas to be cut out for plantings.

I will be gone with my family for our national UU conference, General Assembly, and visiting Oregon family from June 20-July 12. If you are around at all during that time, please sign up on the SignUpGenius page so that I can point Cynthia to who is around who she can show next steps.

We are moving forward, bit-by-bit! Thanks to all for your patience and participation.

**Warmly,
Heather**



Seeking Chalice Lighters!

Lighting the chalice on Sunday morning as an individual, a couple or a family is a way for you to take a small part in our shared worship service. It's also a way for all of us to see each other more fully and help everyone remember names more easily. Thanks for signing up to engage in this especially Unitarian Universalist ritual that begins our services.

If you haven't lit the chalice before, please plan to arrive by 10:10am so we can show you the routine before the service begins.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b45a5ae2baa8-chalice>



The USH Wish List

Hello Everyone!

There are some items that we could really use at USH:
A Functional 21st century computer that could be used for volunteer tasks

- Donated - Thank you!
- 2 Microphone Stands (like this one pictured)
- 2 Floor Length Mirrors
- New collapsible functional easels
- Staples gift cards

Please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com or 860-233-9897 x100 if you have one of these items and would like to donate it to USH. Thank you.



A Call for Office Volunteers! - Could that possibly be YOU? We are in need of volunteers to maintain a friendly office presence. Easy work - or bring a book, knitting and a smile for any visitors or phone calls the office may receive. Please contact Linda Clark (at: ushlindaclark [at] gmail [dot] com or phone the office at 860-233-9897 and let her know if you can spend a few hours a week in the USH Office to help us keep our friendly and efficient office going!

Events of Note in Our Larger Community

THE MUSLIM COALITION OF CONNECTICUT IN COLLABORATION
WITH THE FARMINGTON VALLEY AMERICAN MUSLIM CENTER
PRESENTS

A TASTE OF
RAMADAN
FASTING
WITHIN THE
ABRAHAMIC FAITHS

DATE & VENUE
SUNDAY JUNE 19TH 2016, 6PM TO 9:30PM
AVON SENIOR CENTER
635 WEST AVON ROAD, AVON, CT
FREE ADMISSION - DINNER TO BE SERVED AT 8:30 PM
TO RSVP, GO TO: WWW.MUSLIMCOALITIONCT.ORG/TOR2016.HTML
FOR INFORMATION EMAIL US AT TASTEORAMADAN@MCCT.US
OR CALL US AT 860-242-1707

Muslim
alition
of Connecticut

The Muslim Coalition of Connecticut is a not-for-profit organization working to build bridges in community. Check out our website on www.muslimcoalitionct.org



For Access to the Members Only Section on the Web Page:

For the username and password for the Members Only section, please email Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com

Special Note: Hi Everyone! Please check the online calendar to make sure the Room and Time you wish to reserve is still available before you make a request. This will help in planning your event.

Thank you! Linda Clark, Office Administrator

For events for the online calendar please include the following information:

(Cut and Paste from the E news will work)

Put in the Subject: 'Calendar'

Event Title:

Room:

Time:

Date(s):

Contact Person:

A Short Description:

Cost: (if applicable)

Is Childcare Provided?: (Note if childcare will be provided you must arrange it with the DRE.)

Email Calendar Events to: calendarchanges@ushartford.com Thank you. The deadline for USH-Enews submissions is Tuesday at 12 Noon.
Email to: ushenews@ushartford.com
Please note in the subject line, "USH-Enews". Thank you for your submission!

**Peace – as we come to the close of the USH-Enews week.
Be kind to others – and to yourself.**

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