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USH-Enews ~ October 26, 2016  
Worshipping Together Since 1830  
Sunday Service 10:30 AM  
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



**Worship Service, Sunday, October 30, 2016**

**10:30 AM ~ "Facing Death" ~ Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister ~  
Worship Associate, Rick Tsukada ~** On this Sunday when some say the veil  
between life and death is especially thin, we reckon with the inevitability of death  
for each and every one of us. We remember – with laughter and tears – those  
who have died recently or long ago. Bring an object or a photo to remember a  
deceased loved one for our collective altar



## Halloween Breakfast Buffet

**9:00 – 10:00 am Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

- ★ Come enjoy the fun! You get pancakes with various ingredient and topping options, veggie sausage patties, bacon and beverage. Come in costume or just take in the festivities around you.
- ★ The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Proceeds will benefit the USH General Fund
- ★ We also have premium tickets at \$10 per person. It's the same food - but you'll just feel better knowing you're helping a good cause!



### Help Us Create Community at the Meeting House on Christmas Day

Christmas Day is a Sunday this year. Are you going to be here in the area on Christmas Day, without other morning plans or commitments? Would you be interested in helping create a simple worship service and community energy here on Christmas morning? Rebecca Pacuk, our Choir Director, is available to help with music. The morning could take many forms--meditation, story, simple breakfast, singing, poetry sharing. We could have a shared Christmas meal if we have people to organize it. Please let us know if you would like to be here and/or can help in any way on Christmas morning. Will you be coming? --RevHeather, revheather(at sign) ushartford.com, RevCathy, revcathy(at sign) ushartford.com -Image: www.zazzle.com

**A Message from the Revs: Your Revs On-the-Road and Out In-the-World, Next Week** ` On Nov. 1-3, RevCathy will be at the first-in-memory all-New England Region Unitarian Universalist Ministers' Gathering at the Barbara Harris Conference Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire. She will be busy with the programming, worship, a forum with all three Candidates for UUA President, and collegial connection and re-connection. She is taking her cello!

RevHeather had planned to attend this Gathering as well but has instead been called to respond to the Call for Clergy to stand in Solidarity with our Native American communities at Standing Rock in North Dakota, in protest of the

Dakota Access Pipeline. You can read for yourself the call to which RevHeather is responding, here:

[http://www.clergyclimateaction.org/clergy\\_standing\\_with\\_standing\\_rock](http://www.clergyclimateaction.org/clergy_standing_with_standing_rock)

She will be flying to Bismarck, North Dakota, on Tuesday, November 1, returning on Friday, November 4, carpooling and sharing a hotel room with another UU colleague. She is taking our Standing on the Side of Love Banner, her robe, collar and stole.

For both of our journeys, we welcome your prayers, good thoughts, support, patience and understanding. We look forward to being back with you in the Hartford-area on November 5.

**Rayla Mattson is now also serving as our Rentals Manager. For new rental requests to use space at USH, please contact her at: [dre@ushartford.com](mailto:dre@ushartford.com) or 860-839-5001. For Rates and Rental Application, go here.**

**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.

#### **In This Week's Enews:**

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Upcoming Special Events and Other News: Waking Up White | Lunch Bunch to Meet | Art News | Update on the Syrian Family USH is Co-Sponsoring

Upcoming Special Events & News in the Larger Community:

Free Concerts featuring Pi-Hsun | Climate Stewardship Summit | Election 2016

Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Here:

<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/newsletters/> See Articles and News for USH and the Surrounding Area you may have missed.

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](mailto:calendarchanges@ushartford.com)

Please look at the calendar the day you email a request to reserve space to make sure the space is available. This will help me to avoid double booking rooms. Thank you. ~Linda

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

USH STAFF <http://www.ushartford.com/about-us/staff/>

**UU USH & YOU**

**A Path to Membership**

**3 Sunday sessions**  
**(Oct 23, Nov 6 & 20)**  
**12:00-1:30 pm**

Followed up with a  
**Membership Sunday on December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Join us in our three-session workshop and examine how Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Society of Hartford relates to your spiritual growth, sense of community, and everyday life.

**Free child care provided.**

Rev. Heather will be present for these sessions.

Sign up at the Programs Table or contact Brian Harvey at [bharvey@ushartford.com](mailto:bharvey@ushartford.com)

-Submitted by Brian Harvey

**Sunday Service Recap "We Light This Chalice for the Energy of Peace"**

**October 23, 2016**

**Photos: Harriet Gardner**



Kayla was not at the service this past Sunday but Harriet was. She took several great photos including the Choir, who was open to people who wanted to join in for the service. The Meeting House Folk also sang a lovely song, "When Fall Comes to New England," by Cheryl Wheeler

If you would like more information in joining the Choir, please contact Rebecca Pacuk at [rgpacuk\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:rgpacuk(at sign)gmail.com)





Photo of the choir rehearsing -David Newton

**RE News You Can Use!** This Sunday, October 30, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for the worship service.

There will be a Time For All Ages followed by age appropriate classes. Please note that the middle school will be having its Coming of Age session.

The Youth Group is still collecting plastic bags. They can be dropped off in the youth room. We are also looking for knitters to help make the plastic sleep sacks for the homeless. Please contact Nina Elgo or the DRE if you are able to help. Thanks.

We have a need for one more assistant to help in our PreK-2nd grade class. The time commitment would be one Sunday every 4-6 weeks. Please let the DRE know if you are interested and available.



### **Youth Group Homeless Mat Project**

“There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.”

The High School Youth Group has decided to expand their knowledge of the homeless population this year. The group will be making plastic mats for the homeless out of recycled plastic store bags. The youth are starting to understand the issues and want to take action to help those in need. The Youth are asking the Congregation to donate plastic bags so they can get started. If anyone wants to help contribute or assist in making these mats, please contact Martin Barrows

at [martin.barrows4\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:martin.barrows4(at sign)gmail.com).

If you don't know or want to know more about these mats, please watch this video so you can get a better understanding. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiUC0iDQtkA>.

**Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford** 860-233-9897 ext 104 860-839-5001 - cell only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. If you need to reach me outside of those times, please feel free to text or call my cell.



### Church Business News:



#### **Unitarian Society of Hartford seeks a Religious Education & Ministers' Assistant**

**Position Description** The Religious Education (RE) & Ministers' Assistant will work two Sundays a month with the Religious Education Program supporting the Director of Religious Education (DRE) by setting up classrooms, tracking attendance, supporting teachers and being the "face" of RE when the DRE is away or unavailable. The Assistant will also provide administrative and filing support to the Co-Ministers.

Pay: \$13/hour for an expected 3 hours weekly. This position is non-exempt and eligible for overtime.

Reports to: The Director of Religious Education, primarily, in coordination with the Co-Ministers.

#### Essential Functions

Provide Sunday morning support for the DRE and assist with classroom administration.

Assist in tracking and maintaining RE attendance.

Assist Co-ministers with filing, organizing, and other office maintenance.

Assist Co-ministers with special projects as needed.

#### Core Competencies

Understanding of, appreciation for and support of the basic principles of Unitarian Universalism or willingness to learn

Strong organizational skills

Ability to work with volunteers and staff

Ability to focus and follow through on details

Competent in MSExcel, MSWord, GoogleDocs, and other basic computer skills

Independent, self-directed, organized and committed to follow-through

Warm and caring attitude with children, youth and adults

A positive attitude, a spirit of love, humor and optimism a plus!

Hours:

Two Sunday mornings a month from 9:30-12:30AM

Two weekdays a month during regular business hours to be scheduled

with the Co-ministers

Note: We are open to splitting this into two positions. If you are available on Sunday mornings but not during the week and you are an excellent candidate for the RE Assistant, please note that in your cover letter.

To apply: Send an email with the subject "RE & Ministers Assistant" with a cover letter, resume, and three references related to your skill and experience, to [dre@ushartford.com](mailto:dre@ushartford.com). Preference given to applications received by November 8, 2016.

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### **Curious about AIM (The Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry)?...**

...then you have two opportunities to learn more and share your opinions about what's going on with

others Under the Stairs after the service next Sunday, October 30th, where some members of the AIM task force will be leading a discussion and Q&A session about AIM's future plans for our church and...

Under the Stairs after the service on November 13th where Jack Felix, a licensed audioprosthologist, will be leading a discussion and answering questions about





hearing aids and the new hearing loop in the Sanctuary. A free hearing test will be available after this meeting for anyone who wants one.



**Curious about what the AIM survey says about our church?**

Go here for a summary: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-5F9M38BX/>

Image: <http://www.uua.org/accessibility/aim>

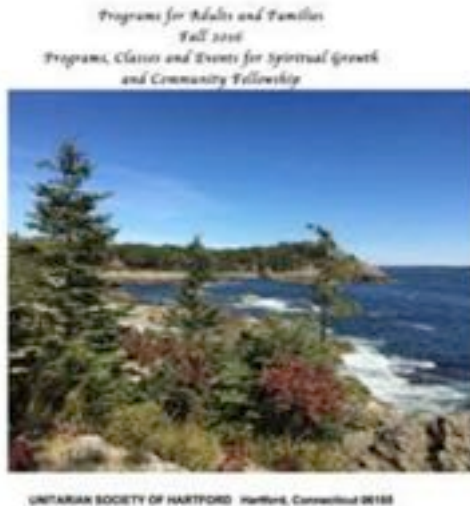


**What is the Festival of the Season? ~** For those of you new to USH or unfamiliar with this beloved, annual tradition, FOS is a multi-generational event for our community to come together to partake in the holiday spirit. We invite our friends from the Village of Children and Families next door while young and old begin the festivities by making gingerbread houses covered with colorful candy and white frosting, decorating hundreds of scrumptious Christmas cookies perfectly baked by our own Jim Vennemann, and creating glorious wreaths with sparkling decorations and colorful ribbons. Aided by his elf, Santa always stops by for jolly laughs and lots of

selfies and there will be music all afternoon in the chapel performed by four different groups performing folk, jazz and madrigal music. Helen David will organize the annual Holiday Boutique featuring lovely items, for sale to benefit USH, many handmade by our talented artists here at the Meeting House. We will have carol singing just before a short, but meaningful worship service, capped off by a delicious potluck supper with our annual 12 Days of Christmas, zany singalong!

Look for more details, sign up to volunteer and most importantly, save the date: THE FIRST SATURDAY OF DECEMBER, DECEMBER 3, 2016, AT 3:30 PM THROUGH 8:30 PM!!!!

For more questions or to sign up to help, contact: Sarah Cassidy and Nina Elgo [ninaelgo\(at sign\)comcast.net](mailto:ninaelgo@signcomcast.net)



## 2016 Programs for Adults and Families

Stop by the Programs Table Sunday to register for the Friday Pizza and Movie Night on November 11. A new program will start in January, "Living Your Faith – An Interfaith Journey". Information and handouts about this program and others offered at USH will be available.

The Fall 2016 Programs for Adults and Families catalog is available online. Go to <http://www.ushartford.com/>. At the top of the page, click on Building Community and then Adult & Family Programs. In the

bottom right corner, click on Adult Programs Catalog 9/16/16.

You may call Janice Newton (860.677.1121) or email her at [janicecnewton\(at\)sign\)gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton(at)sign)gmail.com) to register or for program information.

### Programs

USH Book Club: Thursday, November 3, 5:30 PM.

Friday Pizza and Movie Night: November 11, featuring "North by Northwest."

Living Your Faith – An Interfaith Journey: Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, January 10 – June 13 (every other week).

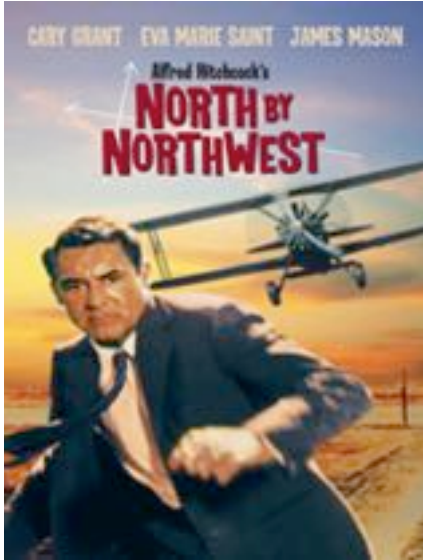
Ballroom Dance: Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

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 DharmaGathering: Wednesdays, 5:45 – 7:00 PM.

Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM.



**DINNER & MOVIE - NOV 11 ` "North by Northwest" `** The curtain will be raised for the re-scheduled opening of the 2016-17 USH D & M series on Friday, November 11, with the classic harrowing thriller "North by Northwest." Rated 100% by the Rotten Tomatoes critics, it is frequently listed as one of the best American films of all time.

"Fifty years on, you could say that Hitchcock's sleek, wry, paranoid thriller caught the zeitgeist perfectly: Cold War shadiness, secret agents of power, urbane modernism, the ant-like bustle of city life, and a hint of dread behind the sharp suits of affluence. Cary Grant's Roger Thornhill, the

film's sharply dressed ad exec who is sucked into a vortex of mistaken identity, certainly wouldn't be out of place in Mad Men. But there's nothing dated about this perfect storm of talent. . . ."

You can watch the original trailer here

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=HRfmTpmlUwo>

Because the film is over 2 hours long, we will follow a revised time schedule. We will begin with popcorn and libations at 5:15, have dinner of pizza and salad at 5:45, and view the movie at 6:30, with optional discussion afterwards.

To reserve (\$10 each), please call Janice at 860-677-1121 and leave a message with number of reservations and choice(s) of meat or vegetable toppings for your pizza, then pay (cash or check) at the event. Or, you may reserve at the Programs Table during Sunday Coffee Hour, paying with cash, check, or credit card. Please reserve by Wednesday, November 9. And if you have any questions, please call Nita (860-380-7062). \*quoted in Wikipedia -Submitted by Nita H.



**USH Book Club-- Thursday, November 3**

**5:30pm in David's Den at Church**

**Brooklyn by Colm Toibin**

Committed to a quiet life in little Enniscorthy, Ireland, the industrious young Eilis Lacey reluctantly finds herself swept up in an unplanned adventure to America, engineered by the family priest and her glamorous, "ready for life" sister, Rose.

Eilis's determination to embrace the spirit of the journey despite her trepidation-- especially on behalf of Rose, who has sacrificed her own chance of leaving--

makes a bittersweet center for Brooklyn. Colm Tóibín's spare portrayal of this contemplative girl is achingly lovely, and every sentence rings with truth. Readers will find themselves swept across the Atlantic with Eilis to a boarding house in Brooklyn where she painstakingly adapts to a new life, reinventing herself and her surroundings in the letters she writes home.

Just as she begins to settle in with the help of a new love, tragedy calls her home to Enniscorthy, and her separate lives suddenly and painfully merge into one. Tóibín's haunted heroine glows on the page, unforgettably and lovingly rendered, and her story reflects the lives of so many others exiled from home.

**For more info. contact: Richard Groothuis - rgroopofus(at sign)me.com.**



Every Sunday after worship – 12:00 PM  
**20s/30s Sunday Brunch**

The 20's/30's Group is hosting a 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 (860) 716-1920

In The Library  
 @ The Meeting House

RSVP to  
 Stephanie.e.briggs@gmail.com

*We look forward to seeing you!*

### Upcoming Special Events and Other News



**Sit Down, Break Bread and Join Book Discussion & Relationship-building with Fern Street UUs** ~ Approximately 20 members from Universalist Church West Hartford on Fern Street will be joining with USH members and friends to read 'Waking Up White'. Interested individuals from USH and the Universalist Church of West Hartford will meet together on October 30, November 20 and December 11th at noon for three two-hour facilitated dialogues to reflect not

only upon the book *Waking Up White*, but also share our own stories and listen to those of others. We will read a portion of the book in preparation for each date. Locations will vary:

- October 30th    Noon UU, Fern Street, West Hartford
- November 20    Noon USH
- December 11    Noon        Location TBD

**For more information, contact Gloria Francesca Mengual at [gloriafmengual@gmail.com](mailto:gloriafmengual@gmail.com) or at 860-729-2093.-Submitted by Gloria Mengual**

**Lunch Bunch to Meet:** We will meet at Concetta's in Bloomfield at noon on Tuesday, November 15h. Please let me (Janice Newton) know by noon on Wednesday, November 9th if you will be joining us.



Would you be interested in sharing your life's adventures with us? If so, please contact Tina Davies or me (Janice Newton).

To register for the November lunch, contact me at 860/677-1121 or [janicecnewton\(atsign\)gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton(atsign)gmail.com). You may also sign up at the Programs Table during Fellowship Hour.

We will order from the menu and will be given separate checks. I am always extremely happy to hear from you sooner rather than later!

We will gather at Concetta's Italian Restaurant, 22 Mountain Avenue, Bloomfield. We will continue to meet at noon on the third Tuesday of the month ~ September through November and January through June. The December Women's Alliance/Lunch Bunch Christmas party will be at the Meeting House on a date to be decided.

**I hope you will be able to join us on November 15th . ~ Janice Newton**



**Art News:** We welcome back our own Peter Upton, the artist "who dances with paint." Paintings may be purchased to help support The Warrior Connection through Peter: 560-308-3649. The exhibit will be up through November 23.

**-Submitted by Sara Sturges**  
Image: <http://www.imagekind.com/>



**All Are Welcome:** Joint UCWH and USH Thanksgiving 1PM. You are all invited to Thanksgiving in Fiske Hall at the Universalist Church on Fern Street in West Hartford, especially if family are not celebrating with you. Donna Lieben has volunteered to prepare the Turkey. We ask, if you are able, please bring a dish to share. If you need a ride, contact the Fern Street UU office (860-233-3669x106) and we will make an arrangement. (Image: ohmyveggies.com)



### **Living Your Faith - An Interfaith Journey**

Contact Tom Gervais 860-558-3000 with questions.

Day / Time – Wednesday, 7:30 – 9:00pm

Dates – Meet for 12 sessions, every other week from January

10 to June 13

Location – Rotates among the four congregations

Extras – There will be a couple of pot-luck dinners to be scheduled later.

Living Your Faith is an intensive 12-week interfaith discussion group in which participants define / discuss their faith and its impact on their lives. The program will include participants from Faith Congregational Church, Congregational Beth

Israel, The Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, and the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

It's expected that participants will bring a variety of traditions, opinions and perspectives to the group. Participants will be encouraged to use deep listening to be present for, and accepting of, the diversity. It is hoped that participants will find commonality in their human struggles and aspirations, despite the diverse traditions.

Logistics:

Program participation will be capped at 12 to provide enough space for sharing. This means that each faith community provides three members.

Meetings will be held on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening from 7:30 – 9:00.

Meeting locations will rotate among the participating congregations, so potential participants must be willing to travel to Hartford, West Hartford and Berlin.-

**Submitted by Tom Gervais**

### **October Update on the Refugee Family from Syria**

**Our Church Is Co-Sponsoring** - The Al Asmi family has been in the United States for five months now and is really doing quite well. After six weeks, we were able to help Fadi, the father, to secure a job as a baker at City Steam restaurant in downtown Hartford. He recently was awarded a salary increase. Eman, the mother, has been shopping for food and clothing.

Hamdi, the eight-year-old son enthusiastically attended a day summer school and camp program and is now in third grade in Bloomfield and receiving tutoring in English. Farah, the two-year-old daughter, has charmed everyone she meets with her bright smile and baby Nour Sham is now seven months old.

There are several teams of people from our nine congregations and partner retirement life centers (Seabury and Duncaster) who are involved in supporting them. After identifying and furnishing the apartment, there has been a steady stream of maintenance items to pursue. Teams, include the medical team, continue to work to ensure all family members have basic and follow-up medical tests and care. The finance team meets with Fadi weekly to assist with financial decisions and understanding of the various financial resources. The ESL team has arranged for regular English lessons for both Fadi and Eman; they now attend twice weekly sessions at Bloomfield Library. The transportation group coordinates transportation to and from activities. The employment team has supported Fadi with developing a resume and a flyer showcasing his beautiful baked goods and desserts as well as supporting him on job interviews and with

the negotiations related to his employment. One woman organized three days of special English training related to baking over the Fourth of July Weekend just prior to his beginning his job! There is a vegetable garden committed to the family by a volunteer at Duncaster! In addition, there have been a number of regulatory hurdles to satisfy.

Some people have hosted the family at special events related to visiting area mosques, participating in Ramadan festivities, enjoying the park and even a trip to Lake Compounce! Other people have assisted with computer, internet acquisition and setup and babysitting! The Clothing Group plans for needs related to school in the fall and clothing for winter. We obtained bicycles for Fadi and Hamdi, an air conditioner, microwave, acquired a portable washer for the apartment to help Eman with the daily washing of baby clothes and to economize in laundry costs.

Each week there is a planning meeting with the family with a planning coordinator and a translator to review all of the events of the forthcoming week, to coordinate the logistics and to ask and answer the many questions from both the family and the volunteers! There are a number of translators who help us all! And a few dedicated individuals have tried to steer all of the activities to be sure support is coordinated and nothing is missed!

Over 20 members of USH have been involved in this important effort.

Thank you again to all who have helped either financially or by donating furniture and household goods or by volunteering. The family is very appreciative of all our efforts.

**If you are interested in joining our group, it is best to volunteer for one of the sub-groups mentioned above. Contact Carolyn Carlson at [carlsoncjc@gmail](mailto:carlsoncjc@gmail) or Richard Groothuis at [rgroopofus@icloud.com](mailto:rgroopofus@icloud.com). - Submitted by Richard Groothuis**

### **Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community**

#### **FOLK REIMAGINED WITH THE FARELA DUO**



**Saturday, November 5 at 1:30pm**

**Russell Library, Hubbard Room**

**123 Broad Street**

**Middletown, CT 06457**

**Free admission**



**Sunday, November 6, 4pm**

**Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series**

**South Congregational Church**

**242 Salmon Brook Street**

**Granby, CT 06035**

**Free admission**

**For more info: <http://www.tanyaanisimova.com/farela> -submitted by Pi-Hsun Shih**

## **Climate Stewardship Summit: *A Greener Future***

**Sunday, November 13, 12:00-6:00 pm (reception to follow)**

**CCSU Student Center, 1615 Stanley St., New Britain, CT**

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Join us for a half-day conference where we will discuss strategies to achieve the greener future that the planet needs. We will hear from climate activist and University of Vermont student, Gina Fiorile, who has spoken at both the White House and the United Nations. There will be a plenary session and several workshops on topics including the impact of meat on the climate, electric vehicles, political action, and working with youth. **Special concert by renowned singer Kate Callahan at 12:00 PM!**

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**Register at: <https://climatestewardshipsummit4.eventbrite.com>**

**Information: [terri@irejn.org](mailto:terri@irejn.org)**

*Co-sponsored by Interreligious Eco-Justice Network & Central Connecticut State University*



**Suggested  
donations:  
\$30  
Students: \$10**



## Election 2016 – One Step Closer to WW III?

### Achieving Peace is NOT on the National Agenda

- Military Buildups with increased risk between nuclear powers, Climate Disruptions, Social Disruptions and Economic Inequality all threaten our planet.

- How do we work together to stop impending global catastrophes and rebuild our communities?

A one day Conference to bring together CT Peace and Justice Communities promoting a vision of Peace achieved through non-violent conflict resolution, social justice, economic equity and environmental sustainability.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bahman Azad, Professor of Economics and Sociology in New Jersey; Member of the Executive Board and Organizational Secretary of the U.S. Peace Council; Chair of the Iran Working Groups of Veterans For Peace; Member, Coordinating Committee, United For Peace & Justice Saturday November 12th, 12 to 5 pm Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, CT

For information contact – [skrevisky@mxcc.commnet.edu](mailto:skrevisky@mxcc.commnet.edu)

Sponsored by: Congress of Community Colleges (4C's/SEIU), Greater New Haven Peace Council, CT Coalition for Peace and Justice, No Nukes/No War and Hope Out Loud - **Submitted by Ed Savage**

### Weekly Reminders:



**Do you love music? Theater?** ~ USH is looking for someone to head an Arts and Entertainment Committee.

I receive many requests from performers asking if USH would be interested in hosting them. Since USH no longer has someone to organize these events, we have had to decline. **Please contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark@signgmail.com) if you are interested in bringing the many talented performers to USH. Thank you!**

**Would You Like to be Part of a Great Team?** ~ How about the USH Sunday Welcome Team? Please contact Linda Clark (at: ushlindaclark [at] gmail [dot] com) or phone the office at 860-233-9897 or talk to Brian Harvey if you are interested in being part of this wonderful group of volunteers. It's what makes USH outstanding in its open and friendly atmosphere to help first-time and newcomers feel welcome, find their way around our Meeting House, and want to return.



(If you'd like to help out in the office during the week, please contact Linda Clark).



**Do you love to sing?** Have you ever thought about joining the USH Choir? Well now is the year to turn that thought into a reality! The USH Choir is an incredibly fun way to make beautiful music with some truly incredible people. Best of all, this year we will be rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 9 am before church with only one weeknight rehearsal per month, drastically limiting the time commitment needed to participate. If you have ever considered joining our group, we would love to see you now to laugh and sing together! **If you have any questions or would simply like more information, please feel free to contact our Choir Director Rebecca Pacuk at [rgpacuk@gmail.com](mailto:rgpacuk@gmail.com). (Formal music training is not required).**



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

Walking the labyrinth means walking over dark, uneven terrain. Please only do this if it makes sense for you, and know that it is not currently accessible for all. Perhaps, someday, with your support!

Please sign up on the SignupGenius to "log" your efforts-just through October 30.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094cfa92ba1f49-ushgardeners>

Additional Plantings that will winter over are welcome in the labyrinth. Thanks to all for your patience and participation. Come down and walk the red labyrinth path if you haven't already!

**-Warmly, Rev. Heather**



### **The USH Wish List**

Hello Everyone! There are some items that we could really use at USH:

A Folding Lightweight Table to use at various events

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](mailto: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.

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

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Event Title:

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Date(s):

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