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USH-Enews ~ January 11, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



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Worship Service: Sunday, January 15, 2017 ~ "Commitment, Courage and Resistance: Making Real the Promises of Democracy" A Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service with guest speaker Janeé Woods, Rev. Cathy as liturgist, and special music from Meeting House Folk.

Janée is a former attorney who left the law to focus on supporting inclusive community engagement and strengthening democracy. She is currently the Director of Organizational Culture for a philanthropic organization that focuses on racial justice and economic justice, especially in the context of education. She writes and speaks often on social justice issues, and has engaged in acts of

nonviolent resistance with Moral Monday CT and Black Lives Matter. www.facebook.com/whatmatterswithjaneewoods/

Spirit and Action - an ongoing series ~ After the first heartening gathering of Spirit and Action, we've decided to continue gathering regularly to feed your soul and support one another in taking action for a more just world - as individuals and a congregation.

Mark your calendar for our January events:

**Friday, 1/20, 6-8pm: Inauguration Day Spirit and Action
Potluck in the Library: let's be TOGETHER on Inauguration day.**

Wednesday, January 25, 6:30-8:30pm - David's Den ` Each event is a time to come together to have your spirit nourished in brief worship and circle sharing, followed by a facilitated open space to talk about what individuals are doing to live out our justice principles right now (and what support you need to continue those) as well as begin talking about how to deepen and build on our work as a congregation (e.g., becoming a Sanctuary Congregation, letter writing campaigns, building more bridges with impacted communities, deepening our refugee support and racial justice work, etc). Come with your spirit (however buoyant or broken), come with your longings, come with your ideas and energy, come with your questions. Families welcome (let RevCathy know asap if you'd like childcare). Let RevCathy know if you'd like to help.

Also save the date: Sunday, Feb 12 is our second annual Share the Love service -- the culmination of Standing on the Side of Love's 30 days of love (see below for more info). If you have a local group you'd like to nominate for this year's "Courageous Love Award," please let Gloria Mengual and myself know soon!

In faith and love, - Rev. Cathy



A Note of Gratitude from the Revs.

We are so grateful to all who contribute to the Ministers' Discretionary Fund that we might use it as needed to support people, families, and special unbudgeted-for USH projects as needed. We are especially grateful for this important Fund at this chilly, dark, and often-extra-stressful time of year. We appreciate being able to turn to this Fund for those who really need some help right now, and we want you to know that we have done so multiple times lately. Thanks to all who've contributed that we might quietly and confidentially care for others. Additional contributions to this Fund are always welcome; just send or drop-off a check to the USH Office with "for the Ministers' Discretionary Fund" clearly marked. On behalf of all those who rely upon the Meeting House community for support of many kinds, we thank you. Warmly -- **Revs. Heather & Cathy**

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 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.

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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 or find a link on the USH Facebook Page Here.

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 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. 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. Thank you! ~Linda

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

Sunday Service Recap



Photo above from John Bengtson



Photo above from Rev .Heather

There is no Sunday Service Recap this week. There was a well attended Semi-Annual Meeting in which we watched the video linked below:

To view the video that was played during the USH Semi-Annual Meeting, click [HERE](#). (Drew Dudley: Everyday leadership)



It's a **B A B Y!!!**

Please join us to celebrate Revs. Cathy's and Heather's baby on the way!

When: Saturday January 14th 12:30-2:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

What to bring: Bring along an object (NOT a gift) that represents your wishes or intention for the birth, baby, or parents (example: a rock to stay grounded).

If you would like to help out or if you have questions, contact Katharine Ann Anderson at katharine.ann.anderson@gmail.com

Go to the following link to make a friendly wager in the baby pool (your bets on the due date, length & weight of baby):



Click [HERE](#) to make a friendly wager.

Revs. Cathy & Heather have confirmed that they will be doing a Second Parent Adoption with baby on the way given the current and ongoing political situation. The estimated cost will be between \$1500-2500. In lieu of a gift, please consider writing checks (made out to USH) or giving cash donations to USH, which will be bundled and given to the Revs. Also, in lieu of a gift, please consider bringing diapers to the baby shower, which will be donated to a local organization for parents in need of diapers. **Thanks! -Submitted by Katharine Ann Anderson**



RE News You Can Use! - This week, Sunday, January 15th: The nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship. There will also be aftercare this week for children 10 and under until 1:45PM.

There will be a Time For All Ages followed by age appropriate classes. **Rayla D. Mattson ~ Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford** 860-233-9897 ext 104 860-

839-5001 – cell I 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



Indoor Cleanup Day Planned - On Saturday, January 21, from 9 AM to noon there will be an opportunity for volunteers to generally clean up Meeting House spaces.

Take note! if you have, how shall we put it, junk or stuff stashed in various spaces you will need to label it, or otherwise identify who wants it and that it should be preserved. Otherwise, it very well may be tossed out. There is a tendency for the Meeting House spaces (rooms, shelves, closets, refrigerators, to become everyone's place to leave things behind for later or other folks to use.

Such accumulations need to be periodically cleaned out. That will occur on Saturday, January 17. Please consider showing up to give us a hand in dealing with the task. Many hands make light work. - **Submitted by David Newton on behalf of Building and Grounds**

Parental Leave Notes ~ The Parental Leave Planning Team (Martha Bradley, Phil Gardner, Eve Pech, Sue Smolski, and Revs Cathy and Heather) has been at work to make sure, as much as possible with the uncertainties involved with babies and due dates, that all bases are covered when Revs Cathy and Heather are away.

Based on a due date of 2/14, (what a Valentine!) both Cathy and Heather will be off for 4 weeks after the baby arrives. Heather will return half time for the second 4 weeks, and then full time for the next 4 weeks until Rev Cathy comes back, at which time they will both resume their normal half time schedules.

All the Sunday services during the Revs absence have been planned with either a guest or lay speaker. Watch your enews for some interesting and thought provoking speakers and topics. USH Associate Minister, Rev Erica Richmond, will be on call for hospital visits and pastoral emergencies while both Cathy and Heather are away. Erica can be reached at: reverendrichmond@gmail.com or 860-929-9429. While Cathy and Heather will want some uninterrupted private time after the baby is born, you can bet they will be keeping in touch on Facebook and through the weekly E-news.

Speaking of betting, you might want to start thinking about your entry for the lottery for closest guess as to the exact date and time of baby Rion Starr's arrival. See the earlier blurb in this E-News to place your bet!

During the Revs' leave, Parental Leave Team members will be available to field and refer questions and concerns as follows:

Worship, including music and RE; Sue Smolski

Business, building, personnel; Phil Gardner

Pastoral Care; Eve Pech

General issues; Martha Bradley
See your USH Directory for contact information: Click [HERE](#) for the directory online.



Get Involved, Find Your Niche, Get Psyched, Help Us Out!

~ Come to the all-Councils Fair on February 5 during coffee hour. Sub-Councils will have information on what their committee does and how you can get involved. Learn about all the wonderful things that volunteers do for USH. COME! -
Submitted by Virginia deLima

About That Front Window - Several folks have noticed our plywood covered west entrance front window. They wonder if we are under attack or some such anxiety producing thought. Turns out the window was initially hit from the inside on toward the bottom. This was determined by careful forensic work by Building and Grounds engineers. After the initial blow, as with a car windshield, the damage spread across the window creating a safety issue and need for replacement. A contract was signed with a glass vendor who measured once, and ordered up a replacement. When the installation was attempted, the company discovered the opening was not rectangular, so no profit on the job, a new replacement will be forthcoming, and, as they say, this one will be measured twice and installed once. And, we need to be careful of glass throughout the building. The replacement is worth almost \$1,000 installed.

And, while we have your attention. The side door to the parking lot was found Monday afternoon propped wide open while the Sanctuary heat was humming along at 70 degrees. The building was secured after the Sunday Service and Semi Annual Meeting. We do not need this contribution toward global warming financed by you! All users of the building are urged to secure all doors, and check the elevator upon the conclusion of an event before the last person exits the Meeting House. Thermostats should be set to 55 degrees upon conclusion of events in various rooms. Follow [THIS LINK](#) for further directions on securing the building. Submitted by: Building and Grounds - **David Newton, Secretary Pro Tem**

*Programs for Adults and Families
Winter Spring 2017
Programs, Classes and Events for Spiritual Growth
and Community Fellowship*



UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF HARTFORD, Hartford, Connecticut 06103
November 18, 2016

2017 Programs for Adults and Families

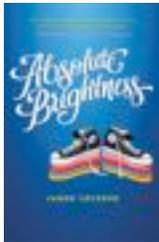
To reserve a copy of the 2016 USH Photo Directory for \$5.00, stop by the Programs Table on Sunday. Please note that Meditation and the NVC practice group will resume on Wednesday, January 18. Also, be thinking about a program you would like to offer in the coming months. We'd like to include your program, workshop, or event in the listing of the 2017 Winter/Spring Programs for Adults and

Families. On Sundays, there will be handouts for your course, event, etc. at the Programs Table for visitors as well as for members and friends. Registration for your program, course, etc. and any required payment can also be done at the Programs Table. To obtain a Program Proposal form, you may go to <http://www.ushartford.com/> From the Building Community pull down menu at the top of the home page, click on Adult Programs. In the lower right corner, click on Propose a Program Form. The form is also available at the USH office. Please attach a detailed paragraph in Microsoft Word (if possible) about the program to the completed Proposal Form that can be used for promotion. Please email the completed Proposal to Janice Newton at [janicecnewton\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com).

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

Friday Pizza and Movie Night: Friday, January 13, featuring "Paris, Texas."
 USH Book Club: Thursday, February 9, 5:30.
 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 Dharma Gathering: Wednesdays, 5:45 – 7:00 PM. Will resume on January 18 2017. Any questions please contact Jan Bennett, chair2clinic@juno.com
 Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Will resume on January 18 2017. Any questions please contact Jan Bennett, chair2clinic@juno.com



USH BOOK CLUB: Next Meeting - Thursday Feb 9 at USH at 5:30pm

Book: Absolute Brightness by James Lecesne

(Rev. Heather's choice because it will be the basis of a play at Hartford Stage in the Spring, and a service here at USH!)

Mr. Lecesne writes a harrowing story of how a community can react to someone who comes off as different. Leonard infuses joy in all he does, and only too late does Phoebe realize the effort that Leonard put into showing the world such a positive face. **-Submitted by Richard Groothuis**

2nd Principle Things You Can Do ~ Rev. Heather continues "40 Days. Focus!" effort ~ Recognizing my own need to not get overwhelmed, scattered, or be constantly in reactive mode, I thought of using the 40 Days leading up to the January 20 Presidential Inauguration as Days for Focusing: shoring up our energy and resources, building resilience and deepening relationships that will

enable us to better defend and protect all the marginalized communities we know that are now at greater risk. If you are on Facebook, type this Group name into your Search box at the top left: Focus / 40 Days to Focus...and Beyond and ask to Join. If you'd like to be added by e-mail, e-mail RevHeather at revheather@ushartford.com.

And for all of us: we are in this mess together. People are seeking out this congregation as a basecamp for connection, direction, relationship-building, solace, and clear ways to organize action. Your support for the work of this congregation is crucial right now. Perhaps more than ever, and certainly more than in recent years, people need this congregation as a conduit--a way to respond, make sense out of things, find community, build resilience and strength during difficult times. Let us support one another more than ever, now and in the days ahead. #40Focus is ongoing through January 20, 2017. Join us!

Warmly—Rev. Heather, revheather@ushartford.com, cell/text: 541-390-6052, on Facebook & Twitter

Upcoming Special Events and Other News



UUUSH & YOU

A Path to Membership

Free child care provided.

4 Sunday sessions
(Jan 29, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2)
12:00-1:30 pm

Followed up with a **Membership Sunday on May 7th**

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.



Rev. Heather will be present for these sessions.

Sign up at the Programs Table or contact Brian Harvey at bharvey@ushartford.com



A great documentary that explores the bottled water industry and its effects on our health, climate change, pollution, and our reliance on oil.

PLEASE JOIN US! The Green Sanctuary sub-council of the USH along with Save Our Water CT will be showing the award-winning documentary film “Tapped” on Sunday, January 29 starting at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. After the showing, members of the Save Our Water CT committee will lead a discussion about protecting Connecticut’s public water. “Tapped” is an award winning documentary that shows

the effects of the bottled water industry on our health, climate change, and environment. The film is particularly relevant as California company Niagara Bottling builds its plant in Bloomfield, CT. This event will be an opportunity to educate ourselves about the impact of the water bottling industry on our local water supplies and our environment. Members of Save Our Water CT will also give updates on efforts to protect CT's water at the state legislature this session and what citizens can do to help. Questions and comments about these issues are welcomed. **-Submitted by Mary Sherwin**

The students in the 2nd, 3rd and 3rd, 5th class have been investing and reinvesting an original \$25 which was collected from Society members one Sunday morning in 2011. We've averaged 2 loans per year since that time. Here's our current investment: -Submitted by Diana Heymann

kiva Repayment Update

Hi diana,

A total of \$8.33 in repayments have been made on your Kiva loans on December 17, 2016!

Full details can be found in your portfolio.

If you have available balance, you can choose to relend to another borrower or [donate](#) to support Kiva's operating costs.

On behalf of our borrowers, thank you for lending on Kiva.

Best wishes,
The Kiva Team

Have questions? We're happy to help at contactus@kiva.org.

KIVA CREDIT

\$8.33

As of December 17, 2016

Find a loan

Funded on Jan 19, 2016



Grupo Agricola Xejuyup 1 Group

Guatemala | Agriculture

You Loaned:	\$25.00
Newly Repaid:	\$8.33
Total Repaid So Far:	\$8.33 (33.32% of your loan)
Repayment Status:	Paying back on time

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community

Local Events

January & February

Jan 14	NE NATIVES IN CONVERSATION: SOLIDARITY W/ STANDING ROCK	1:00 to 5:00pm
	Hartford Public Library 500 Main Street, Hartford, CT	https://www.facebook.com/events/789720659698195/
Jan 16	FREE SCREENING OF '13TH' THE DOCUMENTARY: RACISM IN AMERICA	2:00 to 5:00pm
	First Baptist Church 90 N Main Street, West Hartford, CT	https://www.facebook.com/events/7857902225706524/
Jan 16	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OPEN HOUSE & FREE SCREENING OF '13TH'	9:30am to 5:00pm
	Harriet Beecher Stowe Center 77 Forest Street, Hartford, CT	https://www.harrietbeecherstowecenter.org/workxmi_published/calendar_page802.shtml
Jan 17	WEBINAR FOR EDUCATORS SUPPORTING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS	1:00pm
	Online	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7681951757622925059
Jan 20	GENERAL STRIKE - NEW HAVEN	9:00am starts
	New Haven Green Temple Street, New Haven, CT	https://www.facebook.com/events/581585692058254/
Jan 27	DR. MLK JR. LEGACY SYMPOSIUM (WITH CHRIS CRASS)	1:30pm
	Johnson Chapel Amherst College Amherst, MA	https://www.facebook.com/events/729653260858486/
Jan 28	RACISM 101	10:50am to Noon
	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT	https://www.facebook.com/events/780802209686845/
Feb 28	PATRISSE CULLORS, CO-FOUNDER OF #BLACKLIVESMATTER	7:00pm
	College Center at Crozier-Williams, 1962 Room, New London, CT	https://www.conncoll.edu/equity-inclusion/programming-and-events/



More about the film:

When Congressman John Lewis advocates “get in the way,” he stands behind his words, whether advancing civil rights in the 1960s or leading a 26-hour sit-in for gun control in the House this past June following the Orlando shootings. Former chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), an original Freedom Rider and a leader of the Selma march on Bloody Sunday, Lewis has always advocated nonviolence. ‘Non-violence is love in action,’ and Lewis still has plenty to spread around. The civil rights icon remains a vital force in the ongoing struggle for justice.

The first major documentary biography of Lewis, *Get in the Way* is a riveting, highly personalized narrative of an epic chapter in U.S. history that touches audiences deeply. Showing no sign of stopping soon, this U.S.

Congressman and human rights champion demonstrates an unflagging insistence on standing up to injustice wherever he finds it using strategy, legislation and direct action.



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!! I will be performing three different trio programs with the violinist Ann Stowe and the cellist Peter Zay. They both are long-time members of the Hartford Symphony. Please see the following information. You can also visit our website at newworldtrio.org for more detail. We hope to see you there.

~Pi-Hsun Shih

Mark Your Calenders:

Sunday, January 15, 2017 3:00 p.m.

Masters Old and New

Trio, Op. 70 #1, in D Major----Ludwig van Beethoven

"Torrents of Spring" from Spring Sonata----Joseph Fennimore
Trio #1 in B Major, Op. 8----Johannes Brahms

Sunday, March 19, 2017 3:00 p.m.

The Folk Tradition

Duo #2...Bohuslav Martinu

Seguidillas Gitanas, Op. 1...E. Fernandez-Arbos

Cafe Music...Paul Schoenfield
Trio in E Minor, Op. 90 [B166], "Dumky"----Antonin Dvorak

Sunday, April 23, 2017 3:00 p.m.

New World Plus One

Selections from Eight Duets, Op. 39....Reinhold Gliere

Dances and Nocturnes, commissioned by NWT in 1990....Stephen Gryc

Piano Quartet in G Minor, Op. 25.....Johannes Brahms

Guest Artist: Patricia Daly Vance

Location:

Sarah Porter Memorial Hall

First Church of Christ, Congregational, 75 Main Street, Farmington, Connecticut
Parking is available on the side streets. (Church Street, just south of the church, leads to the parking lots at the library and Noah Wallace School.)

Tickets:

Series Subscription \$60 / General Admission \$25 / Students with id \$15 /
Children 12 and under, no charge.

Weekly Reminders:



In The Library
@ The Meeting House

RSVP to
adambrown6@gmail.com

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

The 20's/30's Group is hosting a weekly potluck brunch Sundays at noon. It's open to existing members, friends, newcomers, and visitors in their 20's and 30's. Members and guests are encouraged to bring something to share. - Adam Brown (860) 847-0940

We Look forward to seeing you!



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. We have recently had one person volunteer to help with this but would love to have a team. Please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark(at sign)gmail.com if you are interested in bringing many talented performers to USH. **Thank you! -Linda Clark**

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 are 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. (Formal music training is not required).**



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 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.

The Archives Team is hard at work and has added this to the USH Wish List: Shelving for the Worship Arts and Archives for organizing the materials stored in the Fuller room. Our materials in there are overflowing the available shelving and cabinets. This will allow us to better use the limited floor space that is available. We are looking for two more metal units just like the six foot, six shelf one in there now. No casters.

Brand HDX, model 6T60184872C, stock number 100655787, or equivalent.

Thank You, Larry Lunden, on behalf of the Archives Team

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

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.

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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.**

Nuts and Bolts: The member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association covenant to affirm and promote: the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; a free and responsible search for truth and meaning; the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process, within our congregations and in society at large; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.

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