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USH-Enews ~ March 29, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



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Worship Service: Sunday, April 2, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "A Glint of Goodness" ~ Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister ~ Judy Robbins, Worship Associate ~ "Steering clear was no solution. Every day you have to stand up to evil. You might have to sit with it in an airless room and look it in the eye until you can see its all-too-human face. ...You [may] remember that once, you saw a glint of goodness in that same evil eye, and without you, it never would have been there. --the voice of Phoebe, from Absolute Brightness, by James Lecesne

"The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey" tells the story of the disappearance of Leonard Pelkey, a flamboyant 14-year-old who has been bullied by his peers. As the Hartford Stage presents this thought-provoking "whodunit" March 30-April 23, we take the opportunity to wrestle with the

profound questions this story raises and to enjoy the opportunity to build community with the Hartford Stage. Critically-acclaimed actor and writer James Lecesne portrays a tough New Jersey detective, a withdrawn teenage girl, a brusque yet gentle hairdresser and a dozen other intriguing characters--and he will be joining us on April 2 to share a very, very special Time for All Ages. Join us!



RE News You Can Use! ~ This Sunday, April 2, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship for infants and toddlers. Childcare will be available after service for those 10 and under until 1:45PM to allow parents to attend meetings, discussions or to enjoy a quiet coffee hour. The children and youth will have A Time For All Ages, followed by age appropriate classes.

Sermon Writing for Lay Preachers ~ We are looking for 3-5 people to assist in hosting this event. If you are able to host, your registration is free. Please contact the DRE for more information or to sign up to host. For more information about the event click [HERE](#). **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.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It! ~ The 3rd-5th grade RE class is collecting gently used and new books for children of all ages. Their Project is to provide the children of Homeless Families in East Hartford with something of their own. Please help by putting your book offerings into the book bins labeled, "Books for the East Hartford Shelter for Families." There is one in the Lobby and one in the 3rd-5th grade classroom, Murray.



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP. -The students in the 3rd-5th grade RE class - **Submitted by Diana Heymann**



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 Below:
<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 go [HERE](#) for more info.

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

**Sunday Service Recap by Kayla Costenoble
March 26, 2017
"Answering the Call"**





Photos: Harriet Gardner

It was almost too much for a single Sunday morning. It included the very welcome return of Rev. Heather and Robin; a more-than-ample free breakfast buffet with pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit; special music; and, of course, it was our annual Pledge Sunday, when we offer our financial pledges to keep the USH going for the 2017-2018 year. It was loud, crowded, rowdy, thoughtful, fun, and very necessary.

A widely-smiling Rev. Heather admitted she felt almost like a newcomer to the USH after several weeks at home welcoming Robin's sibling Braden to what the family calls "NewbornLandia." Having a new baby in the house "is a great excuse to tune out the world for a little bit," she said. We all have times in our lives when "we need to discover a new heart and a new identity," and need to use remembrance, resistance and hope as effective ways to resist the world's violence.

To deal with the mess our country is in, we need "to take a deep breath and press on by continuing to show up," realizing that our cumulative effects over time matter in the Big Picture. We must determine to stay positive, loving, being our best selves, and learning how to stay present to life's ever-changing moments. We need communities and gathering places where we can be present to each other and "put into words the despair we've been holding in our hearts," Rev. Heather said.

She reminded us that we need to answer the USH's "one clear annual call" (Pledge Sunday) because we are facing a "significant loss of fund raising," need to pay our staff an adequate wage, and need to continue to be a strong, resilient, confident port in a storm.

Members of the Stewardship Committee were introduced and applauded for the work they do. Committee Chair Peter Meny told the congregation he realized that "making a pledge can create some stress," so he asked us to take a deep breath, stretch our arms up high and stretch our hearts." He reminded us to think about the power and importance of our community and asked us to stretch the rubber bands we were given earlier as we thought about stretching our pledges. He described our pledges as "promises"—rather than obligations—and promises can be changed if unforeseen circumstances occur.

As we took part in the annual ritual of placing our pledges in the large blue china bowl, we were mightily entertained by the Meeting House Folk: Stephanie Briggs, Patrice Fitzgerald, Helen Koulidobrova, Sarah Harmon McKenzie, and Hugh Schweitzer. Their enthusiastic use of voices, guitars, drum and tambourine had a goodly number of folks dancing in the pews and in the aisles. The music they chose was fun, even though I have to disagree with some of the words in Price Tag:

We're playing with love tonight
 It's not about the money money money
 We don't need your money, money, money
 (note: yes, we do!)
 We just wanna make the world dance
 Forget about the price tag...

The second song, Why Shouldn't We?
 told it more like it is:
 And we believe in things that will give us hope
 Why shouldn't we? Why shouldn't we?
 Let your voice be heard, celebrate your voice
 Why shouldn't we? Why shouldn't we?

The USH Choir joined the Meeting House Folk for the third song, Susan Werner's Help Somebody.

I got a roof over my head
 what do I do...
 I go out and help somebody
 get a roof over their head, too...
 'cause I got it to give
 I got it to give
 and when you got enough to give away
 well it's the only way to live



A Special Thank you to the Stewardship Committee and everyone else who helped out with the wonderful pancake breakfast this past Sunday!

Church Business News



Stewardship Campaign off to Great Start! ~ We're off to a great start! On Stewardship Sunday members and friends made pledges totaling nearly \$180,000! This amount represents 55% of our goal of \$325,000. Now it is up to the rest of us who couldn't make it on Sunday to get us to our goal. Every pledge is important.

Members of the Stewardship Committee will have a table set up in the lobby this Sunday and next. We will have a pledge card and all the information you need. So stop by and make your pledge and 'answer the call of love!'~ **The USH Stewardship Committee: Stephanie Briggs, Carolyn Carlson, Kate Gervais, Ginny Hedrick, Laurie Kelliher, Deb Meny, Peter Meny**

!WE ARE ANSWERING THE CALL OF LOVE AT USH!

12 Month Stewardship Pledge – July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

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Your 2016-2017

Annual Pledge

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Your 2017-2018 Annual Pledge \$

Send pledge in the attached envelope or bring with you on Stewardship Sunday, March 26, 2017

Check here if you are interested in setting up your pledge as an **automatic withdrawal** from a **debit or credit card**. Additional document required

Check here if you are interested in making a gift of securities

Name(s) _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Fair Share Guidelines		
Gross Annual Income	Monthly Contribution*	Annual Contribution*
\$10,000	\$17 to \$33	\$200 to \$400
\$20,000	\$33 to \$67	\$400 to \$800
\$30,000	\$50 to \$100	\$600 to \$1200
\$40,000	\$67 to \$133	\$800 to \$1600
\$50,000	\$83 to \$167	\$1000 to \$2000
\$60,000	\$100 to \$200	\$1200 to \$2400
\$70,000	\$117 to \$233	\$1400 to \$2800
\$80,000	\$133 to \$267	\$1600 to \$3200
\$90,000	\$150 to \$300	\$1800 to \$3600
\$100,000	\$167 to \$333	\$2000 to \$4000
\$150,000	\$250 to \$500	\$3000 to \$6000
\$200,000	\$333 to \$667	\$4000 to \$8000
\$250,000	\$417 to \$833	\$5000 to \$10000
\$300,000	\$500 to \$1000	\$6000 to \$12000



Pledges may be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or in a single amount. If you would like to phone in your pledge, please contact Business Manager Brian Mullen at 860.233-9897.

If you would like to confidentially discuss any special financial circumstances, please contact the ministers.

* Suggested Amount from 2% to 4%

USH Board Meeting: April 4, 2017 - All Are Welcome

7:00 PM: Opening words

7:04 PM: Board covenant

7:07 PM: Review/approve minutes

Discussion Items

7:09 PM: Donation Policy Proposal

7:24 PM: Safer congregation policy endorsement

7:44 PM: Nominating Committee recommendations

7:54 PM: Stewardship For Us consultation proposal

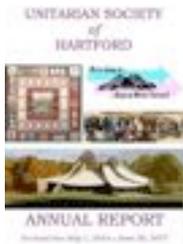
8:09 PM: Budget review/update

8:24 PM: Building and Grounds priorities

8:39 PM: Annual Meeting planning (May 21)

Short Items

8:49 PM: Regional and General Assemblies
 8:54 PM: Board retreat (2-3 June)
 Closing Items
 8:54 PM: Comments from guests and board members
 8:59 PM: Review decisions and follow-up actions, Board Under The Stairs
 9:04 PM: Closing words
 Adjourn



2017 Annual Report Submissions ~ Hello all, I sent an email reminder to everyone who will be submitting a report this year. If you did not receive this reminder but will be sending a report, please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark(at sign)gmail.com or call 860-233-9897. Below is an excerpt from the email reminder: "It's time to begin collecting submissions for the 2016-2017 Annual Report which will be distributed prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2017. *The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 23, 2017. This will enable us to have the reports available the Sunday before the meeting on May 14. Earlier is greatly appreciated. Please send in a separate email with 'Annual Report -the Title of Report-' in the Subject." - **Thank you, Linda Clark, Office Administrator**



2017 Programs for Adults and Families ~ Stop by the Programs Table Sunday to register for the Friday Pizza and Movie Night April 14 and the women's retreat at the Senexet House rescheduled to May 5-7. The Green Sanctuary Sub Council will have a sign up sheet for those interested in attending the Peoples Climate March on the National Mall Saturday, April 29. Information for other programs at USH will be available including Meditation and the USH Book Club. The Winter Spring 2017 Programs for Adults and Families catalog is now 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 Current Adult Programs Catalog. You may call Janice Newton (860.677.1121) or email her at janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com to register or for program information.

Programs

USH Book Club: Thursday, April 6, 5:30.
 Friday Pizza and Movie Night: April 14, 5:30 PM, featuring "Spotlight".
 Faith and Living – An Interfaith Journey: Contact Tom Gervais at tom.j.gervais@gmail.com or 860-558-3000 for dates; time: 7:30 – 9:00 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. Any questions please contact Jan Bennett, chair2clinic@juno.com
 Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Any questions please contact Jan Bennett, chair2clinic@juno.com



**THE POWER OF A FREE PRESS
 Dinner & Movie
 Friday, April 14**

On Friday, April 14 the award-winning 2015 film "Spotlight" will be featured at the USH Dinner & Movie series. You may have already seen it, but now we

will use this meaningful perspective: ". . . a potent reminder that investigative journalism is critical to a just society, and that we need it now more than ever."
 * "It's not a stretch to suggest that "Spotlight" is the finest newspaper movie of its era, joining "Citizen Kane" and "All the President's Men" in the pantheon of classics of the genre." * ". . . but mostly it's a love letter to investigative journalism." * "At its heart, Spotlight is an argument against deference to authority, which informs so much great journalism."*

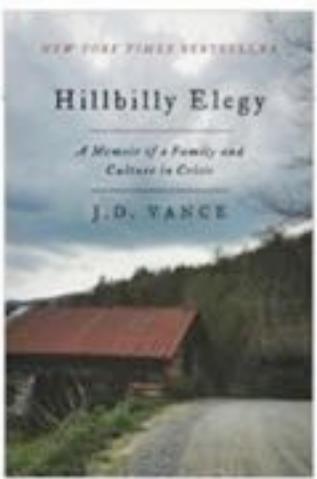
Watch a trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56jw6tasomc&sns=em>

Note ~ the movie is just over 2 hours long, so we will follow our early time schedule of 5:15 popcorn and socializing, 5:45 pizza and salad dinner, 6:30 film with optional discussion afterwards. You may reserve (\$10 each) at the Programs Table during Sunday Coffee Hour or call Janice (leave a message at 860-677-1121) by Wednesday, April 12. Please indicate your choice of meat or veg pizza toppings. *from Rotten Tomatoes website **-Submitted by Nita H.**

USH Book Club

Thursday, Apr 6, 2017 – 5:30 PM @ USH

All are
welcome!



Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance

At this time in our nation's history, it is important for all of us to understand some of the critical issues driving large segments of our citizenry. Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside.

Please let Richard or Jean know if you will attend: rgroopofus@me.com or 860-678-1030

2nd Principle Things You Can Do ~ "Focus: Resistance is Daily Practice" Each day we must choose to focus our energies. Each day we must take actions of resistance to tyranny & oppression; we must engage in acts of self-care & perseverance; we must reach out and connect with other human beings in building meaningful relationships. If you use Facebook, type the group name: "Focus: Resistance..." into your Search box and ask to join the group. 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 earnestly, now and in the days ahead. Warmly--
RevHeather, revheather@ushartford.com, cell/text: 541-390-6052, on Facebook & Twitter



Join the Spirit & Action ministry meeting every month on the first and third Thursdays, in Emerson/Meditation Sanctuary, 6:30-8:30pm. Our gatherings are open to anyone seeking spiritual sustenance and ideas for taking action during this time of chaos and change. **For more info. contact Julie Grace: [jgbuko\(at\)sign@yahoo.com](mailto:jgbuko(at)sign@yahoo.com)** For all dates for this event click [HERE](#).



The signs are here!

Available in 3 sizes:
 Lawn sign - 18" x 24" (2 sided)
 Window sign – 11" x 17"
 Car sign – 5.5" x 8.5"

On sale Sunday during Fellowship Hour (11:30-12:15)

Suggested donation: Lawn sign - \$20
 Window sign – \$5 - Car sign – \$2



A livable planet is the most fundamental of human rights

People's Climate March

Washington DC **Saturday April 29**

Round-trip charter buses from CT

Contact USH Green Sanctuary Committees: Jeff.Howard.29@gmail.com
 Mary.Sherwin@gmail.com

It is time to lace up your marching shoes and whip out your Sharpies. We need to deliver an emphatic message to all our elected representatives in DC, both Republican and Democrat. And you don't want to be driving or flying to deliver this message. You want to be in the convoy of buses arriving from New England as the sun is coming up over frost-bitten cherry blossoms. You want to put some mass in your transit. So buy a bus ticket. Do it today. Better yet, buy two or three or ten-- and line up your friends and family members.

* Tickets for charter buses to/from Hartford's Union Station are available here. For info on tickets to/from other Connecticut locations, contact Jeff Howard. If you want to travel with USH folks, be sure to communicate with Jeff Howard, Peter Magistri, or Mary Sherwin.

*** The round-trip price is \$55 for students and people of limited means, \$65 for everyone else. A bargain. Thanks to a generous donation from a USH member, free tickets are available for two people who otherwise could not go. If that is you, please contact Jeff Howard.**

*** Deadline for tickets is April 27, but please buy ASAP so we can be sure to have plenty of buses for everyone.**

*** Spread the word! - Submitted by Jeff Howard**



Upcoming Performing Arts Series at USH at the Meeting

House Please note that everyone is welcome to attend these events at no charge! The donation amounts are simply suggestions.

Sunday, April 2 - 1:00 p.m.

Many Voices One Song

Come hear an array of choirs including young people and the young at heart from ages 10 through 80!

More than 150 singers from these groups will join us at the "Many Voices One Song" concert that is part of the 17th annual Women Composers Festival of Hartford:

- * Springfield Children's Chorus (thirty students in 5th through 8th grades)
- * United Girls Choir of Connecticut (fifty students in 5th through 8th grades)
- * Connecticut Children's Chorus (thirty high school students)
- * Saecula Women's Choir (twenty college women)
- * Members of the UConn Collegium (college students)
- * Women Composers Festival Board Chorus
- * Members of the USH Choir



Free with a suggested donation of \$30 to support scholarships for children who participate in the youth choirs.

Photo: Singers from the Connecticut Children's Chorus, part of The Hartt School's Community Division, rehearse for Sunday's concert under the baton of Director Meredith Neumann.

Sunday, May 7 - 12:30 p.m.

BENEFIT CONCERT by Isaac Reguera for the Friends of Music Fund

Our own USH Accompanist Isaac Reguera will play piano solos from his final Hartt recital for a Masters of Music degree. Expect to hear gorgeous classical and modern pieces along with Isaac's delightful improvisational skills. This concert is Isaac's gift to the congregation as he finishes up his year with us, and is designed to replenish the Friends of Music Fund which will in turn help pay for next year's Choral Scholars and Accompanist.

\$15 suggested donation which will go to the Friends of Music Fund.

Saturday, May 20 - 7:30 p.m.

The Bill of Rights

A rousing choral presentation, accompanied by orchestra, of this nationally-recognized composition by Wesleyan Professor Neely Bruce. The ten

Amendments which make up the Bill of Rights will be proclaimed aloud before being sung. This piece has been performed repeatedly around the country to great acclaim... and we need it more than ever these days.

\$15 suggested donation to go to a non-profit organization to be identified.

**Sunday, June 4 - Immediately after the service
Family Share Talent/No Talent Show**

Everyone with or without talent is invited to... sing, dance, play instruments, tell jokes, recite poetry, create drama, or otherwise entertain our very easily entertained USH family downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Be brave! The full title is "USH Family Share Talent/No Talent Show" -- remember, no talent necessary. (But please give us a heads-up so that we can put the performers in order.)

ALWAYS FREE!

Please be in touch with PatriceFitzgerald@gmail.com if you'd like to be part of the new Performing Arts Group Events which is now forming and is full of ideas. We want to have a lively slate of events for the 2017- 2018 church year. ~ Submitted by Patrice Fitzgerald

**Meeting House Performing Arts presents:
Allan Carr and Janie Rothfield, Scottish Songs,
Tunes, and Stories at The Meeting House Friday
April 7th, 2017 at 7:30pm**

Donation: \$20, Children under 12 Free

For tickets: www.BrownPaperTickets.com

Info: www.AllanCarrMusic.com

E-mail: celtic2wwuh@gmail.com

Call Ed Savage, 860-966-8155 for more information

A benefit concert for the University of Hartford radio station WWUH-FM. For more info. click [HERE](#). -

Submitted by Ed Savage



Upcoming Special Events and Other News

1st Sunday CONNECTIONS

For Visitors & Newcomers

Each month we host an informal gathering for visitors and newcomers to learn more about UU, USH, our mission, education program and membership. Ask questions, share your concerns, and meet others.

We meet "Under the Stairs" (Lower Lobby)
15 minutes after the end of the service.

Attend as many times as you wish.



Upcoming Meetings

April 2, 2017

Free Childcare Provided



Your generous Good Neighbor Offering on Sunday, March 19th, 2017, to our friends next door at The Village for Families & Children totaled \$642.

Dear Members of The Unitarian Society of Hartford,
Thank you for your continued support of The Village for Families & Children; we are truly grateful to have such generous neighbors. While you may never meet the children and families your donations have helped, please know their lives are better because you cared.

With appreciation, Sandra Kaye Baker, Development Associate
The Village for Families & Children /1680 Albany Avenue / Hartford CT 06105

www.thevillage.org - Submitted by Joanne Orlando



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

Followed up with a
Membership Sunday on Apr 23

A Path to Membership

Join us in our four-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

Thank you from the February and March USH featured artist, Tom Cameron ~ My wife and I have also enjoyed many Sunday mornings with you and have found USH to be very warm and encouraging in these troubling and turbulent times. Should you have any interest in framed or unframed prints, cards, or a variety of other items with these images, the exhibit is hosted on line at www.fineartamerica.com/profiles/tom-cameron. **Thank you for this opportunity, Tom Cameron**

Weekly Reminders

USH Website Maintenance ~ As Office Administrator, Linda Clark is our primary in-house contact for website maintenance. Please contact her first with any website issues you encounter. There is a team of USH members (USH Editors) who are sometimes able to address issues that she e-mails them about. If neither Linda or the USH Editors are able to resolve or address the issue, we have an outside website consultant who handles our ongoing website maintenance and updates on a monthly contractual basis. Linda will e-mail our consultant about things that are beyond her or our congregational capability. Thanks so much for your concern and attention to the USH website and our current process.

Rayla Mattson is 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](#).



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) 817-0940

In The Library
 @ The Meeting House

RSVP to
adambrown6@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!

Would You Like to be Part of a Great Team? ~ Join the USH Sunday Welcome Team! Please contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at sign)gmail.com), 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. The Welcome Team makes USH outstanding in its open and friendly atmosphere, and helps newcomers find their way around our Meeting House. Office volunteers are also welcome. If you'd like to help out in the office during the week for an hour or two, please contact Linda Clark. Pictured above: Phil and Harriet Gardner with their son Bruce, helping out with the Order of Service. (Thank you.)



Do you love to sing? Have you ever thought about joining the USH Choir? The USH Choir is a fun way to make beautiful music with some truly incredible people. We are rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 9 am before church. If you have ever considered joining our group, we would love to have you come 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! We mostly need People--those who are tech savvy, social media gurus, or Millennials, who would help us record, upload and podcast services. There are also some physical 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 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.**

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



**Photography by Ruedi Hofmann
at The Bushnell**

April 27 – May 25, 2017

**Opening Event Thursday, April 27,
6:00 – 8:30pm**

**Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr are
included in this multi-media project.**

The Golden Thread and photographer Ruedi Hofmann created an innovative and meaningful community art project titled "Pivotal Hartford: Faces of Change." This

multi-media project includes photography, film, and spoken word, combined in an exciting way that has yet to be seen in our region, creating an outstanding artistic experience. Pivotal Hartford celebrates a diverse collection of people that make an effort to create a strong and vibrant Hartford. Pivotal Hartford began pre-production in March of 2016 with an opening in April 2017. The opening will be held at The Bushnell in Hartford, with the ultimate goal of rotating the exhibit to new sites throughout Hartford. **Join Rev. Heather at the opening April 27th!** For entire article click **HERE**.



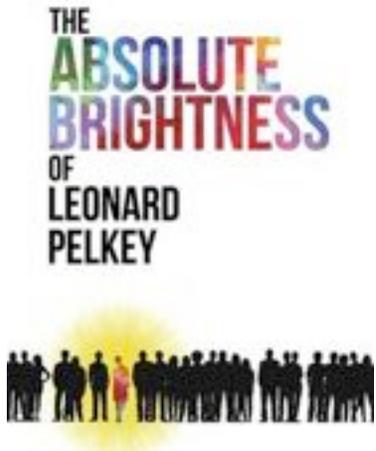
Gather this spring in Woburn, Massachusetts with Unitarian Universalists across New England to celebrate our faith. Come for inspired worship, engaged learning, community singing, UUA Presidential Candidates Forum, regional workshops, fellowship and fun. Awaken your spirit!

Click **HERE** for more info. **Please let John Brancato, USH President, and Revs Cathy and Heather know if you are able to attend.**

General Assembly 2017, June 21-25, New Orleans, LA

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates.

Planning is well underway for General Assembly 2017 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130. Google Map. By going to New Orleans, we can both celebrate our successes and recommit to the relationships that have been forged with this community. For more info. go **HERE**. **Please let John Brancato, USH President, and Revs Cathy and Heather know if you are able to attend, either in person or as an off-site delegate, at home online.**



USH Members & Friends, all of you who are reading this--we have a special opportunity coming up to attend a Hartford Stage production at a discount. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get into Hartford and enjoy some theater! Call the Hartford Stage Box Office now, at 860-527-5151, to book your seats, using the coupon code below.

Absolute Brightness is about the disappearance of Leonard Pelkey, a flamboyant 14-year-old who has been bullied by his peers. Critically-acclaimed actor and writer James Lecesne (I Am My Own Wife at Hartford Stage, the writer of the Academy Award-winning Trevor) portrays a tough New Jersey detective, a withdrawn teenage girl, a brusque yet gentle hairdresser and a dozen other intriguing characters as they join forces to solve a mystery that will forever change their lives. The New Yorker called it "A whodunit with a heart of gold." Enjoy this "sneak peek": <https://youtu.be/8dPCzrM3gRQ>

Use code USH20 to purchase tickets online or by calling the box office. When you select a seat, you will have 3 price options to choose from (adult, college or youth 18 and under only). A standard \$2 facility fee will be added to each ticket price (but not the handling fee). Please note that this coupon code does not guarantee that there will be tickets available--they can still sell out, so call now!

The valid dates and times for using our USH20 code are:

- April 2 (7:30 pm performance only)
- April 5 (7:30 pm performance only)
- April 7 (8:00 pm performance only)
- April 8 (2 pm performance only)
- April 9 (2 pm performance only)

Enjoy this special opportunity to see a Hartford Stage production, and look forward to a service focusing on the Absolute Brightness story here at the

Unitarian Society of Hartford on April 2! Building resilience is a collective, community-deepening effort. Join us in deepening our Hartford collaborations!

Nicki Mathis' Afikan Amerikan Jazz

Sat. April 9, 3pm

Hartford Public Library

Nicki Mathis is probably best known in Hartford for The Many Colors of A Woman showcases, which began in 1987. Mathis runs the organization and its concerts to promote women and their contributions to jazz. Nicki started singing in Hartford when she stepped up to sing with Emery Austin Smith's band in the old Mad Murphy's bar downtown. She formed the Afikan American Jazz Resurgence Band and made her debut album in 1986.



Nicki Mathis: vocals; Paul Arslanian: piano; Jim Daggs: bass; Jocelyn Pleasant: drums

For more info. click [HERE](#). -Submitted by themanycolors@aol.com

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