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**USH-Enews ~ May 3, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr**



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Worship Service: Sunday, May 7, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "On the Journey"

Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister ~ Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate

Rev. Susan M. Smith writes: "Our Unitarian Universalist Association is in a time of great turmoil as we confront our institutional failure to become an anti-racist, anti-oppressive organization. Some brilliant and brave self-examination and real soul work is being done. Several leaders have stepped down, and a new leadership team with more persons of color has stepped up to serve. On this

Sunday, we will join more than 600 Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country who are dedicating a service in late April or early May to a "teach-in" about the pervasive effects of white supremacy in our culture and our lives. 51 years ago in Hollywood, FL, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke to our Unitarian Universalist Association's national annual conference, General Assembly, about the need for the church to fight this horrible curse among us. The work continues." Join us in continuing the Journey Towards Wholeness at the Unitarian Society of Hartford this Sunday. **Special Musical Guest UHarmonies will be joining us in song!**

"We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association,
covenant to affirm and promote:

journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build
a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably
dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

~proposed Eighth Principle, written by Bruce Pollack-Johnson and Paula
Cole Jones



Sunday, May 7, 2017 – 12:30 PM

Isaac Reguera

Benefit Concert for USH Music

Our fabulous accompanist, Isaac Reguera, will play pieces from his final Hartt recital for a Masters of Music degree. You'll hear gorgeous classical and modern pieces (including Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata") and perhaps a sample of Isaac's delightful improvised music.

This concert is Isaac's gift to the congregation as he finishes up his year with us.

Suggested donation is \$15. - Invite your Friends!



This Sunday, May 7th, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship. There is also be after care for those 10 and under until 1:45pm.

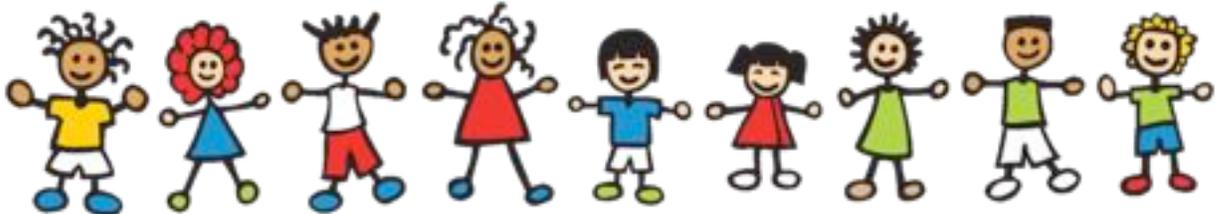
There will be A Time For All Ages followed by age appropriate classes. The COA (Coming of Age) group will meet as well.



This past Sunday, the Coming of Age program participants helped out the Farmington Valley Trails Council by dismantling old and rotting rail fencing. This fencing was falling down and was a hazard. The COA team stacked up this old fencing for removal by the public works department.

Sermon Writing for Lay Preachers, May 20, 2017 at the Unitarian Society of Hartford. Now is the time to register for the UUA WORKSHOP for LAY LEADERS and RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS. Registration ends on May 14. Click [HERE](#) to register. Cost is \$35 - contact Sue Smolski (sue.smolski@gmail.com) if the fee is prohibitive - our goal is to have everyone who is interested be able to attend. Click [HERE](#) for more details on the USH calendar.

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.



E-News Contributors Please Take Note: The deadline for USH E-News 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 to the USH Facebook Page Here.

Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events at the Unitarian Society of Hartford:

www.ushartford.com/events/

To submit a Calendar Request go [HERE](#).

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

Sunday Service Recap by Kayla Costenoble

April 30, 2017

“Movement in Musicals”



Photo: David Newton

There are some special Sundays when we are reminded of the abundance of musical talent we have at the USH. “Movement in Musicals” on April 30, 2017, was certainly one of those days; the filled parking lots and the standing ovation at the end of the service showed our appreciation of the work and dedication Choir Director Rebecca Pacuk and her merry band of singers put into this service.

Small but mighty, Pulpit Guest Rebecca introduced herself saying it was “against my nature to get in trouble,” and said she has turned to music (no surprise) as a way to get out a “broader message” for social justice and change. Most of the music in the performance came from popular—current and past—Broadway shows.

“Alto’s Lament,” the service prelude, had the congregation laughing as USH altos Kim McCain, Louise Schmoll, Patrice Fitzgerald, Tina Davies, and Rachel Watson lamented:

Please give me a chance to sing melody

Give me a crack at the tune

I'm filled with chagrin every time I begin

By the light of the silvery moon

One little shot at the melody'

Give me a moment to shine...

Most of us remember Oscar Hammerstein's "South Pacific," whose racial and romantic tolerance was considered "offensive" and "intolerable" by some. The show offered a benign choice between tolerance and prejudice. "You've Got to be Carefully Taught" was sung masterfully by USH Choral Scholar Andrew Schad.

You've got to be taught to be afraid

Of people whose eyes are oddly made,

And people whose skin is a different shade...

Another Choral Scholar, Rachel Watson, had a great solo part in "Children Will Listen" from Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods."

Careful the things you say

Careful the things you do

Children will see and learn...

Children will look to you

For what way to turn

To learn what to do

"Somewhere" from "West Side Story" (music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim) was movingly sung by Choral Scholar soloists Chrissy Walen and Cameron Forman with the choir as the choral anthem. Bernstein had a life-long commitment to promoting political change.

There's a place for us,

Some-where a place for us.

Peace and quiet and open air

wait for us, some-where...

Hold my hand and we're half way there.

some-how, some-day, some-where.

Soloists Sarah Harmon McKenzie and Mike Sereda and the USH choir sang "Make Them Hear You" from the musical "Ragtime," which shows the power of words:

Make them hear you,

How justice was our battle

And how justice was denied...

And say to those who blame us

For the way we chose to fight

That sometimes there are battles

That are more than black and white

Wow! We may not be among those lucky enough to get tickets to see "Hamilton," but we were lucky enough to hear "our" rap enthusiast white-wigged Rebecca 'Hamilton', originator and director of today's great musical service, rap her way through the very long "My Shot." Our energetic choir joined her in singing, swaying and rapping. "Hamilton" stresses the strength of love, understanding and inclusion.

Hey, yo, I'm just like my country.

I'm young, scrappy and hungry

And I'm not throwing away my shot.

This is not a moment,

It is a movement.

Church Business News



Stewardship Committee

We are pleased to announce that as of May 2 we have received \$266,000 in pledges from 122 members and friends. This is a very encouraging result! A BIG thank-you and hug to all who have made a pledge! By

comparison, at the same time last year we had received \$223,000 from 98 pledges. We anticipate we will receive 30 additional pledges or more so that our final total should reach



\$300,000 and quite possibly beyond. Can we reach our crucial goal of \$327,000? Contact our Office Administrator Linda Clark, Bookkeeper Brian Mullen or Stewardship Chair Peter Meny to get a pledge card. And thank you! YOU make it happen here at USH! Only time and you (if you have not yet made your pledge) can tell. So if you haven't, please do so. ~ **The Stewardship**

Committee: Peter Meny (Chair), Stephanie Briggs, Carolyn Carlson, Kate Gervais, Ginny Hedrick, Laurie Kelliher, Deb

Meny, Rev. Heather Rion Starr



"Some of you may have heard that this weekend (May 5-7), we will be joined by Mark Ewert. Mark is a lifelong UU, a stewardship consultant, a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy and an internationally certified leadership and philanthropy coach. At this exciting time of growth and vibrancy for USH, he has been engaged by the Board to visit and review us as a congregation and to make specific recommendations that will help us grow in financial health. He has

particular expertise in stewardship, endowments and decision making around capital campaigns. Mark will be meeting with Board leaders, our co-ministers, many committee and sub council members and staff. He will be participating in the service next Sunday (May 7th) and will be at coffee hour to meet members afterward." **-Submitted by John Brancato, Board President**

USH Board Meeting 9 May 2017 - All Are Welcome

7:00 PM Opening words (Rev Heather)

7:04 PM Board covenant (John)

7:07 PM Review/Approve March and April minutes (John)

Discussion Items

7:09 PM Safer Congregation Policy proposal (Virginia)

7:24 PM Endowment Committee positions (Virginia)

7:34 PM 2017-2018 budget shortfall (Phil and Peter)

7:49 PM Building use fee issue and proposal (Chris, Hank, Phil)

8:04 PM Audit Committee Report (Tom)

8:19 PM Annual meeting (All)

8:29 PM Board retreat (John)

Short Items

8:39 PM Ministers' Report

8:44 PM Margalie Belizaire ministerial sponsorship

8:49 PM General Assembly (Rev Heather)

8:54 PM B&G Roof update (Hank)

Closing Items

8:59 PM Comments from guests and board members (if time allows)

9:04 PM Review decisions and follow-up actions, under the stairs

9:09 PM Closing words

Adjourn

What Does the Caring Network Do? ~ Have you heard about the Caring Network? Do you wonder what the Caring Network does? The Caring Network's mission statement is:

Our mission, facilitated by the generosity of volunteers, is to provide comfort and assistance as needed, to those within the Unitarian Society of Hartford community.

We offer help to our members and friends in times of need and celebrate with them on joyous occasions.

We arrange rides to and from the services and to medical appointments. If a family needs a few meals, we can set up a website sign up so meals can be provided. We solicit cards, notes and visits (home, hospital or rehab) as needed.

Since its inception in 2002, the Comfort Shawl Knitters have distributed over 270 shawls to friends and members going through difficult times. This group meets on the 2nd Sunday of month under the stairs. All knitters are welcome.

When a family desires a Reception following a Memorial Service the Caring Network, with congregational help, hosts the event.

We are there for you. Working together we make our community a caring community.

We welcome new participants, either as Sub-Council Members, or as Supporting Members for occasional participation, as needed.

If you are interested in joining us on the Sub-Council or in some other capacity, or if you would be interested in additional information, please contact one of the Sub-Council or Supporting members.

Sub-Council Members: Co-Chairs: Eve Pech and Janice Newton, Nita Hansen, Ginny Hedrick, Valerie Klokow, Deb Meny, Rachel Mintell, Yakhonda Edith Mwenelupembe, David Newton, Kit Northup, Nancy Reed, Tom Reed, Laurie Rollins, and Marilyn Stockton.

Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, and Rev. Erica Richmond (Affiliated Community Minister), **ex-officio members.**

Supporting Members: Kayla Costenoble, Katie Doyle, Ron Friedman, Diana Heymann, Susan Hope, Joan Kemble, Cat Lanser, and Peter Magistri. -
Submitted by Eve Pech and Janice Newton

COMING UP AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017: A NEW UUA PRESIDENT!

Are you ready to practice our Fifth Unitarian Universalist Principle, "...the use of the democratic process"? We have a Presidential Election coming up--for President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. This will be a historic election no matter what--all three candidates are women, and we have not yet ever had a UUA President who is a woman. Based on our current membership number (206) the Unitarian Society of Hartford is granted five member delegates. Delegates do not have to travel to General Assembly (in New Orleans this June) or even register as off-site delegates (a small cost) in order to vote. Voting will start online on June 1. Would you consider being one of our five member delegates? We want to make sure to vote early and use all our votes!

Most everything you could want to know about the Presidential Election can be found here: <http://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/president>

There are three candidates running (in alphabetical order):

The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray: <http://susanfrederickgray.com/>

The Rev. Alison Miller: <http://www.alisonforuupresident.org/>

The Rev. Jeanne Pupke: <http://www.jeannepupke.com/>

At our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21, following the service, we will ask you to vote for UUA President so that our delegates may then vote on behalf of our congregation. Please take the time to read up on each of the three Candidates for UUA President and let Rev. Heather (revheather@ushartford.com, 541-390-6052) know if you would like to speak briefly on behalf of any one of them at our Annual Meeting! This is a particularly pivotal time for our denomination and your engagement matters.



2017 Programs for Adults and Families

Plan to stop by the Programs Table Sunday to register for the Friday, May 12 Pizza and Movie Night. Information about other programs at USH will be available, including the June USH Book Club, the Spirit and Action Ministry, and a program beginning in September to be held jointly with our 3 local UU churches: Building Your Own Theology, facilitated by Tom Gervais.

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](mailto:janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com) to register or for program information.

Programs

USH Book Club: Thursday, June 1, 5:30. For more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroopofus@icloud.com

Friday Dinner and Movie Night: May 12, 5:30 PM, featuring "Hannah Arendt".

Ballroom Dance: Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. "Samba" featured in April.

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.



Dinner & Movie Night

Friday, May 12, 5:30 PM

Judging Good and Evil

The Movie "Hannah Arendt"

On Friday, May 12, the Dinner & Movie Group will feature a film about the famed political scientist Hannah Arendt and her coverage of the Eichmann trial, with archival footage of the trial.

"The German-Jewish philosopher Hannah Arendt caused an uproar in the 1960s by coining the subversive concept of the "Banality of Evil" when referring to the trial of Adolph Eichmann, which she covered for the New Yorker magazine."*

". . . there is renewed interest in Arendt throughout the world, especially among young people who find her insights into the nature of evil, totalitarianism, ideologies, and the perils faced by refugees, more relevant than ever."*

It's "ardent and intelligent. Turns ideas into the best kind of entertainment."**

Watch a trailer here: <https://youtu.be/WTQNWgZVctM>. Captions will be shown.

Note: the movie is nearly 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.

Please reserve (\$10 each) at the Sunday Fellowship Hour Programs Table or call Janice (leave a message at 860-677-1121) by Wednesday noon, May 10. Be sure to indicate your choice of veg or meat toppings for your pizza.

If you have reserved but find you cannot attend, please leave a voice message by noon on movie day (860-380-7062 - no texting), so the pizza order can be adjusted.

* Zeitgeist Films website ** A. O. Scott, The New York Times -Submitted by Nita H.

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—**

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



Above are photos from the march members of Green Sanctuary attended in Washington DC on April 29th



**SUMMER TIME
and our Sunday Service Schedule is ready!**

The anticipated Parental Leave of our Co-ministers provided very clear motivation to think summer even before the first snow flakes of winter arrived.

Rev Cathy, the Worship Associates, and Martha Bradley, chair of Spiritual Life Council, met last December and in January.

The Summer Services theme is "What Informs Your UUism?".

Topics include "OMG"; Cradle UUs; from Catholic beginnings...; Buddhist teachings; Integral UUs; UUism to Judaism.

Pulpit guests include Mary Gail Harrison, Rayla Mattson/RE kids, our 20s-30s group, Cantor Julia Cadrain, and Mark Unno.

Piano Accompanist will be Pi-Hsun Shih.

More details to follow...Plan to join us! ~ **Submitted by Sue Smolski**



Upcoming Performing Arts Series at the Meeting House

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

Sunday, May 7 - 12:30 PM ~ 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 PM ~ 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

Upcoming Special Events and Other News of Our Community

Will you help with the Memorial Reception? ~ On Friday, May 26, we will have the Memorial Service and Reception for Jim and Ellie Vennemans's son, David Venneman. The service will be at 11 AM and the Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Finger foods, such as crackers/cheese, quick breads, cookies, bars, other munchies are needed. We also need a fruit and a veggie platter. Food should be brought on plates ready to serve. Please be sure to label the plate with your name and include a list of ingredients. **PLEASE NO PEANUTS OR PEANUT PRODUCTS.** We will supply the sandwiches and punch.

In order to help us plan, it is important that we know what foods will be contributed. We could also use a couple of helpers during the reception. Please contact Janice Newton (860/677-1121 or janicecnewton@gmail.com) or Nancy Reed (860/521-1082 or ndreed35@comcast.net) to sign up for a food contribution or to help. You may also sign up with Nancy or Janice at Fellowship Hour on May 7 or 21. Thank you in advance for your help. We can't do this without you! ~ **Submitted by Janice Newton**



Plan to bring items that are served at room temperature or have their own warming devices (such as Crock-Pots).

New Member & Newcomer Potluck

Friday, May 19, 2017 - 5:30 pm

A very special evening to celebrate all our new members and newcomers from the past 5 years. A fun time that includes outstanding food, conversation and laughter. Always a great night!

Sponsored by the Membership Sub-Council

Save the Date!

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

May 7, 2017

Free Childcare Provided




From the linked published article by Mark Pazniokas: "Gov. Daniel P. Malloy nominated Judges Nina F. Elgo of West Hartford (and longtime USH member) and Maria Araujo Kahn of Cheshire to the Appellate Court on Tuesday, setting the stage for women to become a majority on Connecticut's second-highest court

for the first time.

The judicial milestones Malloy can claim after six years as governor include nominating majorities of the Supreme and, as of Tuesday, Appellate courts, while expanding gender and racial diversity throughout the court system. Women comprise just 35 percent of the Superior Court judges, while 40 percent of Malloy's nominees have been women. Overall, 30 percent have been minorities, twice the percentages of his two immediate predecessors." [READ MORE HERE.](#)

Congrats, Nina!!!

Lunch Bunch to Meet: We will meet at Concetta's in Bloomfield at noon on **Tuesday, May 16th**. Please let Janice Newton know by noon on Wednesday, May 10th 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 Janice Newton. To register for the May lunch, contact Janice at 860/677-1121 or [janicecnewton\(at\)sign@gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton(at)sign@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 ~ through June. I hope you will be able to join us on May 16th. ~ **Janice Newton**



ATTENTION!! AIM (Accessibility and Inclusivity Ministry) is having a workshop called: STANDING UP FOR WHAT I NEED May 28th at the Meeting House

Do you or someone you love or work with have a disability or a limitation (mobility, mental or emotional health, hearing, vision, chronic pain, other) that requires accommodation?

Is it hard for you to ask for what you need? Could you benefit from hearing how others have managed this? Would you like to help others who may be struggling with this issue?

Join us for sharing in a small group ministry format in the Meditation Room at USH on Sunday, May 28th from 12-1:30. There will be snacks!

Co-facilitated by Susan Hope and Esther McKone. For more info, contact Susan: susanhope51@gmail.com or 860 463 6407. -Submitted by Susan Hope

Image: <https://goo.gl/images/N5odFr>

USH Annual Picnic
 Sunday, June 11, 2017 - 11:45 am
**Food.
 Games.
 Fun for All Ages.**
Mark Your Calendar.
 Volunteers needed: Contact bharvey@ushartford.com

Weekly Reminders

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](#).



Greater Hartford Cohousing
Community – Sustainability – Life Enhancement

We are a group of households planning to build an urban cohousing project in Greater Hartford. We intend to create a project that fosters community bonds and sustainable living through thoughtful design. Our vision is to create an adult-centered community in or near the city of Hartford so we can enjoy its diverse amenities and peoples, become part of the fabric of our neighborhood, and encourage aging in place.

We currently consist of three households that have met weekly for a year. During that time, we have created a legal entity, completed a feasibility study with a nonprofit development consultant, consulted with architects who specialize in cohousing, and identified several properties that could work, while still on the look-out for other promising sites.

Our building plan will encourage sociability as well as providing ample opportunities for privacy. It will consist of 22 to 30 private living units with 1 to 3 bedrooms, clustered around a large outdoor courtyard that provides opportunities for socializing and gardening, as well as a large common house—the ‘heart’ of the project—which will feature a large dining area and kitchen for shared meals, and other amenities desired by the community.

Legally and financially our project will be structured as a condominium. Unlike a conventional condominium, however, we seek to build the community first and engage members in the project, both as early equity investors and as designers. These early joiners will become co-creators of their cohousing community. For further information on cohousing see www.cohousing.org

We welcome your interest in our pioneering venture. Our current aim is to reach a critical mass of members who will eventually commit to joining us. If you think cohousing might be a good fit for you, let’s get together.

For further information contact:

- Toni Gold, Hartford, 860-232-9018, toniagold@gmail.com
- Susan and LeRoy Spaniol, Bloomfield, 860-216-1391, sspaniol@comcast.net

• Martha Bradley, West Hartford, 860-305-3307, marthabradley49@yahoo.com

-Submitted by Toni Gold



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, 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.

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



Pivotal Hartford project.

Show Hartford Some Love! Get yourself down to The Bushnell Center for Performing Arts in May and take in the awesome Pivotal Hartford: Faces of Change exhibit. Gallery Hours are Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, and 23, from 10am-2pm. Make sure to take in this show before it's over! There is also a smartphone app called Live Portrait that you can use, if you have a smartphone, to view the video clips that go with each photo. You may also enjoy perusing the beautiful exhibit book in our USH Main Office! We are delighted and grateful that our Revs. Cathy and Heather, were included in this

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.**

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