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



Worship Service: Sunday, May 14, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "I Am Not Your Mother...." Kamora Le'Ella Herrington, Pulpit Guest ~ Judy Robbins, Worship Associate

**I Am Not Your Mother But I Play Her In Real Life:
A look at our responsibility for children who are not our own.**

Kamora Le'Ella Herrington is the Director of Youth Programming at True Colors, Inc., a support and advocacy organization for sexual minority youth based in Hartford, Connecticut as well as an instructor in the City of Hartford's YDPA and MMI Institutes. Herrington has over 20 years of experience in the human services field and has become a vocal advocate for LGBT youth. She attended Springfield College and discovered during her semester of student teaching that she wasn't cut out to be an elementary school teacher.

In 2009, Herrington appeared on the Tyra Show titled "Hell to Pay: Gay Teen Exorcism" and was featured on the CNN special report titled "Gay Teens Talk Their Truth." She is a 2010 Faith Works Fellow with the Conference of Churches based in Hartford and is committed to bringing understanding to the intersectionalities of identity. Over the last year she has begun working with other Hartford area leaders to address the myriad of ways that trauma affects residents as well as the Hartford Police Department on new ways of looking at community policing.

Herrington, a member of the National Black Justice Coalition's (NBJC) Leadership Advisory Council, is an activist leader at the "OUT on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit" in Washington, D.C. where she collaborates with other thought leaders, faith leaders, philanthropists and activists who are organizing to empower their communities while educating Congressional leaders, the Obama Administration and federal agencies about Black LGBT public policy concerns.

Her proudest accomplishment has been raising her two sons.



**Let us know
if you're coming!**
RSVP to Brian Harvey at
harvey.b@comcast.net

Newer Member & Newcomer Potluck **(most recent 5 years)**

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!



RE News You Can Use! ~ This Sunday, May 14, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship. There will be a Time For All Ages followed by age appropriate classes.



On Sunday, May 7th, Coming of Age mentors and participants visited with the residents of McLean Assisted Living facility in Simsbury.

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

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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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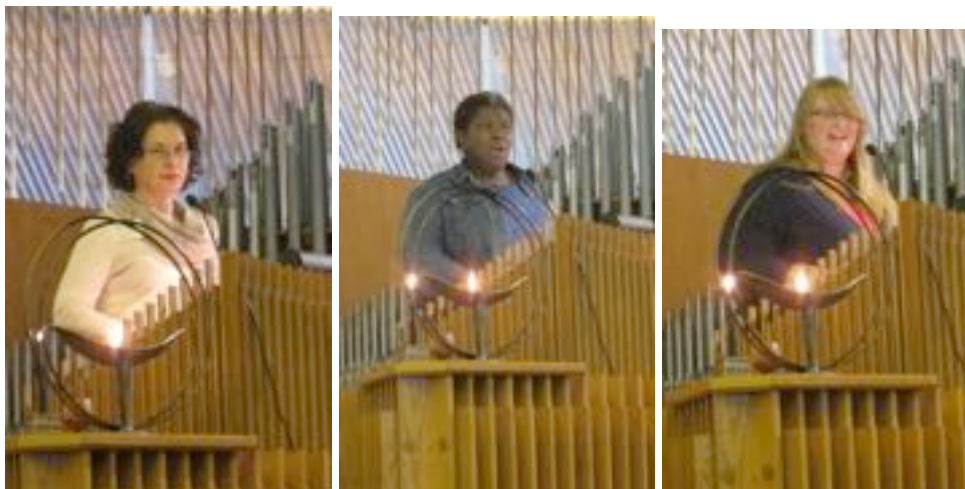
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See Articles and News for USH and the Surrounding Area you may have missed
or find a link to the USH Facebook Page Here.

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Unitarian Society of Hartford:
www.ushartford.com/events/

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**Sunday Service Recap by Rev. Heather ~ May 7, 2017
"On the Journey"**

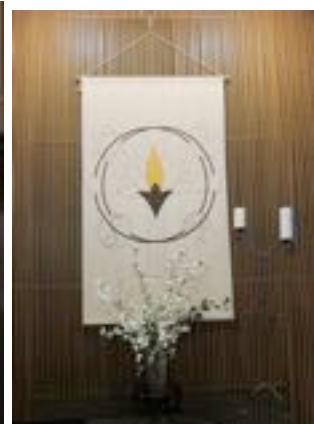


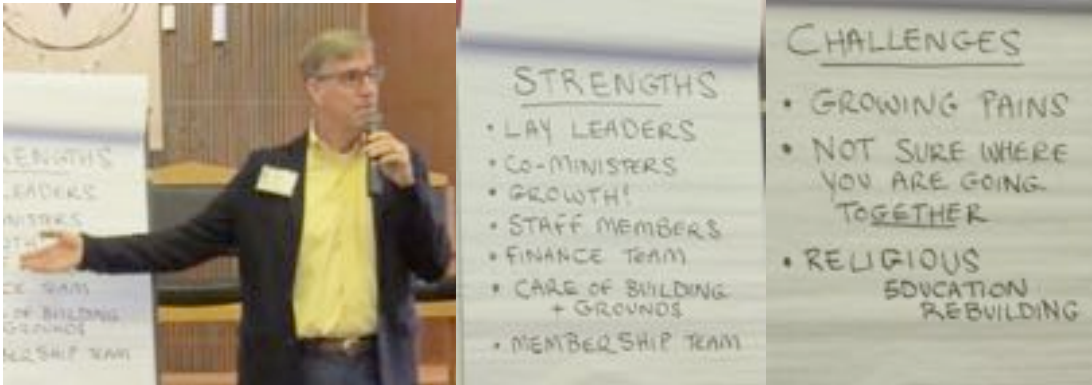
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"Let this work--our commitment to combat white supremacy culture 'out there' and 'in here' be and keep becoming a deeper and ever-more-constant aspect of our spiritual practice as Unitarian Universalists. Let us not stop when we get annoyed by someone else's reaction, when we feel we've done enough, when we've taken an action and feel self-satisfied. Let us not stop there."--RevHeather, "On the Journey" at the Unitarian Society of Hartford, May 7, 2017.

This past Sunday's #WhiteSupremacyTeachIn service truly felt to me like an important congregational wrestling, and I so appreciate every single one of you who was here and who stayed until the very end of the unusually-long, unusually-important service. Hearing from USH members Gloria Francesca Mengual, Margalie Belizaire, and Lindsey Jones was moving and profound--huge thanks go out to each of them and to all those of you who shared from your hearts for this service--Flo Grieb, Laurie Kelliher, and Rayla Mattson in particular contributed your thoughts and great care to its preparation. I think one of the sensory experiences I'll hold close to my heart in the days, weeks, and months ahead is looking out and seeing all of you that morning singing "We Are Building Up a New World," words in English and in Spanish by Dr. Vincent Harding and Rev. Anne Dunlap. You rose to the challenge that it is for some to sing a new song and sang out those Spanish verses just as loudly as the rest. I felt your energy and your commitment in the room and I will not soon forget it. Let us keep on moving forward together.

An important piece that I did not delve into primarily for reasons of time is that of specific ways that White Supremacy Culture can show up in our communities. Perfectionism, a Sense of Urgency, Defensiveness, Quantity over Quality -- there are some great specific things to think about outlined here. Please take the time to read this article, and let's keep the conversation, reflection, and action going.





Mark Ewert, a consultant who met with USH Board Members on Saturday and Sunday, gave a brief talk at the end of the service as well.

Forgive me, dear Choir Director Rebecca. I goofed on reporting how you described yourself in my report on the wonderful music program you gave us on April 30. What you said was that "It is against my nature to stay out of trouble." ~Kayla Costenoble

Church Business News



Stewardship Committee

We are pleased to announce that as of May 8 we have received \$276,407 in pledges from 129 members and friends. This is a very encouraging result! A BIG thank-you and hug to all

who have made a pledge! By comparison, around 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

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.alisonforuapresident.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

There will not be a Programs Table Sunday, May 14. The Winter Spring 2017 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 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.

Spring Programs

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

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

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. 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 Interfaith Discussion Group recently finished up its discussion series on Living a Life of Faith. Participants included representatives from Faith Congregational Church, The Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, and the Unitarian Society of Hartford. The sessions were held during April and May of this year.

-Submitted by Tom Gervais

A JOINT OFFERING WITH OUR 3 LOCAL UU CHURCHES:



Building (and Living!) Your Own Theology is a newly designed, intensive and interactive 12-week program in which participants define/discuss their faith and its impact on their lives, taking a very deliberate look at who they are, what they believe, and who they, individually and collectively, can become. Program participants will be drawn from the three UU congregations in our area – us, the Unitarian Society of Hartford, and UU Society East. The group will be limited in size

(like a Small Group Ministry) and meeting locations will rotate among the participating congregations.

Sessions will be held bi-monthly, September 2017 - March 2018 on Tuesdays, from 7:30 – 9:00. The facilitator is USH member, Tom Gervais: 860-558-3000; tom.j.gervais@gmail.com **-Submitted by Tom Gervais**

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**



While our supply lasts!

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

Contacts:
 Lindsey Jones-Rowell lejrowell@gmail.com or
 Krisine Glenney kristineglenney@comcast.net



**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



Thanks to Isaac Reguera for Benefit Concert! ~ On Sunday, May 7, we were privileged to hear a beautiful concert by USH Accompanist Isaac Reguera that was a preview of his upcoming Hartt recital in completion of his Masters of Music degree. He played pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, and Heitor Villa-Lobos, followed by an encore of flamenco-inspired improvisation, composed on the spot by Isaac himself!

The audience was delighted, and the Friends of Music Fund, which supports our Choral Scholars and allows for other musical expenditures, will be enriched by nearly \$1,000. We thank Isaac for donating his talents and the attendees for donating their treasure. ~ **Submitted by Patrice Fitzgerald for the Performing Arts Sub-Council**



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

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

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**

USH/Watkinson/KNOX Labyrinth continues "growing" in 2017!



Photo of Kayla Angeletti and Ron Pitz of KNOX Hartford, meeting with Rev. Heather in our USH Labyrinth and Garden Plot of the Watkinson Community Garden

Wonderful news: KNOX (www.knoxhartford.org) staff have volunteered to help us move our USH Labyrinth along! They are coordinating volunteers from Watkinson School to jumpstart the project of planting many more plants in the area between the labyrinth paths. By the time they do this on June 7, RevHeather will have retaped the paths. Are you able to help us in any way with this truly community-building effort with our neighbors? Ways to help can include: helping to sweep and clean up the plot overall, helping to tend the plants that have wintered over, planting extras from your garden or other plants you acquire in the rest of the large garden area, helping to tend the plot as a whole over the summer, or helping our summer Religious Education program coordinate making Mosaic Stepping Stones. **Please let Rev. Heather or Rayla Mattson know how you'd like to be involved! See you at and outside the Meeting House!**



ATTENTION!!

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

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! For more information click [HERE](#). Co-facilitated by Susan Hope and Esther McKone. For more info, contact Susan: susanhope51@gmail.com or 860 463 6407. -

Submitted by Susan Hope

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USH Annual Picnic
 Sunday, June 11, 2017 - 11:45 am

Just a few weeks away!

**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



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) 817-0940

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

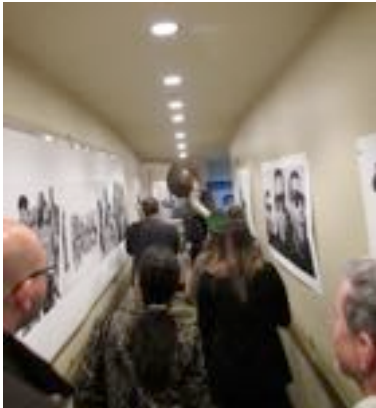
2 Floor Length Mirrors

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.

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



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 remaining Tuesdays, in May 16 and May 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 Pivotal Hartford project.

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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To submit a Calendar Event Request please cut and paste the text below into an email and send to: calendarchanges@ushartford.com. Please look at the calendar the day you email a request to make sure the space is available. This will help to avoid double booking rooms. Double check the calendar for your event 1 to 2 weeks prior to make sure it's correctly posted. Email any corrections to calendarchanges@ushartford.com. Thank you! ~Linda

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

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

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

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles: 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.