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**USH-Enews ~ June 7, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr**



Photo of original acrylic painting by Jonah Spector and Owen Marcia

Worship Service: Sunday, June 11, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "Creating a Culture of Inquiry" A special service led by the Unitarian Society of Hartford's High School Youth Group with the Coming of Age participants ~ Today, the UU principle that we affirm "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning" is more important than ever. Join the USH High School Youth Group in exploring how we must create and sustain a culture of inquiry and how diligence and courage is required in order to find our larger truths.

We've got all the ingredients - we just need you!



Fun Games:
for all ages.

Weather Forecast:
Sunny & warm



USH Annual Picnic

Sunday, June 11, 2017 - 11:45 am

Food: we supply hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey or ham dinner roll sandwiches, veggie burgers, chips, soda and watermelon. You're invited to bring a dish to share.

Games: volleyball, whiffle ball, badminton, frisbee, hula hoop, plus egg and spoon relay, wheelbarrow race, 3-legged race, sack race, water balloon toss

Let us know you're coming, so we can plan !

Contact: bharvey@ushartford.com

Volunteers needed for set-up, grilling, games and clean-up.

Special Guests
from

The Village
So every child believes in tomorrow



Great Food:
just bring a side or dessert, if you wish.



Beautiful Setting: the meadow between USH and the Village.

Don't miss the USH Annual Picnic on Sunday June 11, 2017, immediately following the Youth Sunday worship service. For planning purposes, please let Brian Harvey (bharvey@ushartford.com) know if you are coming and how many will be in your party. You don't want to miss this fun event.

We will be using the beautiful grassy meadows to the east and south of the Meeting House. There will be volleyball, badminton, whiffle ball, Frisbee, hula hoops and the "classic picnic pentathlon": wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, sack race, egg & spoon relay, and balloon toss. In the past we've had as many adult players as kids, so, adults: "come prepared to play!"

No matter the weather, we have plenty of covered seating on our balconies overlooking our beautiful grounds. We will be supplying hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, chips, dinner roll sandwiches, watermelon, soft drinks and water. There will also be a shared food table for those who want to bring some other yummys for folks to sample. Some of our neighbors from The Village are expected to join us also.

We always need volunteers to assist with set up, clean up, grilling and help with the games. Please contact Brian Harvey. We look forward to picnicking with you!
- The Membership Sub-Council

RE News You Can Use! ~ This Sunday, June 11th, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship. All other children will remain in the sanctuary this week for the Youth and Coming of Age Service. Please remember our annual picnic will follow the worship service. I hope to see you all there.

Last Sunday, June 4, Rayla Mattson (our Director of Religious Education) was "snuck in" to Williamsburg, Virginia UU Church to celebrate our former Interim Minister Rev. Dave Johnson's Retirement after many years of ministry. Here is his appreciation!

A Letter to Rayla from Rev. Dave:



Dear Rayla:

I'm still absolutely on Cloud Nine, following this past Sunday's celebrations marking my retirement from UU ministry. Somehow you and Austen Petersen, and gosh-knows-how-many others at USH and in Williamsburg, managed to underwrite your trip and sneak you in to the building last Sunday morning. I had no idea at all that you might return. When you did so, I was stunned speechless. That doesn't often happen to us ministers. But when you peeked around the corner of my office with your bright grinning smile, I

realized at that moment that you and Austen -- and others -- were up to something rather unusual. And sure enough, the pancake breakfast and the spoken (and written messages) were truly an amazing gift: one for which I shall forever be grateful.

For now, please convey my best wishes to all the fine folks at USHartford, and know that I'm continuing to cheer you on in your many adventures and opportunities. My best wishes to those fine kids of yours; glad they're still using those four-pronged wooden forks -- for something or other.

Onward. dave j. (still scared of snakes)

Rayla D. Mattson ~ Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford ~ 860-233-9897 ext 104 ~ I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.



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. Please include the dates that the submission should be included in the 'Subject' field.

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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

June 4, 2017

"Staying Your Course," by Rev. Heather Rion Starr

"Years ago--like, 12 or more--I was serving as a Chaplain Resident at Providence Portland Medical Center in Oregon, with the extraordinary team there of some 18 staff chaplains of many different faith backgrounds. The on-call pager rotated amongst the crew of residents and interns, and it was my turn that day with the small-but-substantial black weight in my hands. Here is all that I remember: I must have been me--not all that different than I am today, though somewhat slimmer, wearing different clothes, perhaps with slightly longer hair. Not yet -- not even nearly yet -- a parent. The hospital halls must have been carpeted in their muted tones. The pager must have gone off, with its red light and its brisk voice from the switchboard desk. And there was a room to which I was called, a conferencing-with-family sort-of-room, where family was sitting anxiously. The family was there, waiting there for their person--their much-loved husband, spouse, and father--to come out of open-heart surgery. And I must have walked there, to that room. I didn't know any of their names yet, and I don't remember them now. I do remember that a doctor came in, in the white coat he must have been wearing. I remember that he must have spoken. Because then, after telling the family that their much-loved husband, spouse, and father had not survived his heart being restarted, that his heart has refused to start again, I remember, most of all, one of the adult sons exploding in rage and punching the walls of the little conferencing room, over-and-over again, not more than a few feet from me, or from the doctor. And then I don't remember the doctor being there. And I'm sure I stayed for a while longer, but what else was there to say? And while I must have done some things in order to be helpful and I must have done some things in order to fulfill my duties as a Chaplain, what I most remember was probably not for days later, when my Supervisor spoke some powerful wisdom to me as I cried about this whole experience in her office.

What I remember with crystal clarity is her saying: "Heather: this is not your tragedy."

This is not your tragedy.

...I think we are all, more and more of us these days, holding and carrying extraordinary grief and pain, sorrow and agony, on behalf of so many others. We have got to let some of that go. We have got to set some of that down. We have got to remind ourselves that not all of these tragedies are actually our's to carry. And if we overburden ourselves with everyone else's tragedies, we will become prematurely buried in grief. We have so much life to live and growth to grow and work yet to do, dear ones. Our lives are for living.

In the classic mantra from Rabbi Edwin Friedman:

When you feel yourself getting blown about this summer--

'Know where you stand.

Know and stay on your course.

Manage your reactivity.

Stay connected.'

...In the weeks ahead, press on with what you know is nourishing the goodness in you, keeping on through the less structured and sometimes unsettling long days of summer. I hope you will spend the summer moving into the unknown, with me. What might we do together this next congregational year that is something very different and new for all of us? How might we explore together the "beyond" that can come with you having Co-Ministers entering our fourth year with you? Instead of (simply) trying to keep things going and shoring things up for another year at USH, what might we do with the incredible resources of this Meeting House and this community to serve the larger region and confront the uncertain future, together?

What might your summer daydreams unfurl?"

Enjoy the photos from the USH Talent-No-Talent Show that took place after the service during coffee hour. It was a fun time for all. Photos: Top Row: Patrice Fitzgerald; 2nd and 3rd row: RevCathy; Bottom: David Newton



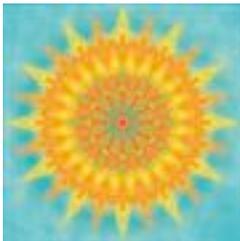


USH Has Got Talent! ~ What a fun, full, Family Share Talent/No Talent Show we had on Sunday, June 4th! Eleven "acts" were applauded by an enthusiastic audience, and we were sorry not to be able to squeeze in more... but the hope is that someone will step up to organize this event next church year. It's ideal on Soup Sundays, where folks can stay a bit longer because their bellies are full!

We had a recorder player, a violinist with her mom, three funny dancers, a couple of singing couples, guitar duets, a solo singer, a trumpet/piano duo, a marvelous magician and assistant, two songs from the Meeting House Folk, and our accompanist Isaac Reguera inaugurating the new-to-USH Steinway upright piano kindly donated by Ed Richardson. And we could have had more if there were time! Next year... let's do this several times so everyone has a chance.

Thanks to all who performed and all who created the audience. It's wonderful to **see both the fresh and experienced talent our congregation has to offer!**

-Patrice Fitzgerald, for Performing Arts



CELEBRATE SUMMER SOLSTICE JUNE 18 –

The first people to keep calendars observed the turning of the year – the position of the moon – the motions of the planet – the growing times -- that marked the changing of the seasons.

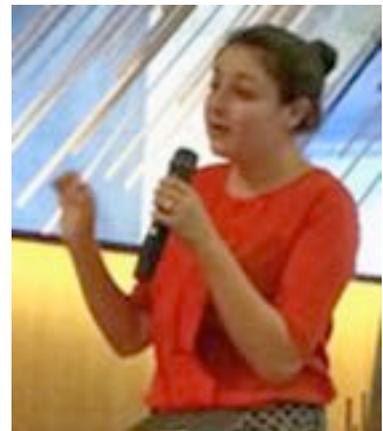
Holidays were named in those ancient days in recognition and gratitude of the life-giving forces which provided what was needed to sustain life – and in hope they would continue to do

so. Some of those traditions continue today ... harvest festivals, Halloween, Easter, Yule time, etc. June 21 is not a date usually celebrated in the Judeo/Christian calendar – but it was a sacred day to our pagan ancestors: it is the Summer Solstice: the longest day, the most sun, a day to celebrate the life force and a reminder that we must remember to prepare for winter, the first harvest. It is the time to honor the Earth, our mother who provides all we need for life and the Universe, our father, from whom came the spark of life and to whom we reach for inspiration, spirit, dreams, faith and hope.

Last year, a group of people interested in incorporating some pagan holidays and rituals into our congregational life, made the suggestion to our ministers. We have been offered an opportunity to celebrate summer solstice during the service on Sunday, June 18th. **We hope everyone will join us but if you have a particular interest in participating in the creation, presentation and/or inspiration for this event please sign up at the activities table or contact Kit Northup at 860 965 4431. Blessed Be!**

Saying Farewell to Choir Director Rebecca Pacuk

On Sunday, June 18th, we will be bidding our talented Choir Director Rebecca goodbye and wishing her well as she goes on to other endeavors closer to her home. Rebecca started with us five years ago as a Choral Scholar, then took on the role of Interim Choir Director, and has been our



official Choir Director since graduating from the University of Hartford. We'd like to give her a parting gift when she leaves. Contributions can be made to USH with an indication that it's for "Rebecca's Purse." Please also join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after the service for cake! **-Submitted by Patrice Fitzgerald**

After 5 years of dedicated service, Choir Director Rebecca Pacuk is leaving us this summer. We are so sad to see her go, but not surprised since this year she was commuting 2 hours each way to us! We are now looking for a Director of Music Ministry, combining the Choir Director and Accompanist role. **Please spread the word! The job posting is here: Director of Music Ministry Job Announcement.**

Please share this in your networks, and/or let Rev. Cathy know if you know of specific people we should reach out to!

Unitarian Society of Hartford seeks a Director of Music Ministry

The Director of Music Ministry position is for 20 hours/week and \$20/hour to coordinate and lead our Music Ministry. In particular, to lead our 12-15 member Chancel Choir, provide piano (or other instrumental/organ) accompaniment during Sunday worship services, and provide oversight to our Music Ministry (coordinating guest musicians, managing the budget, and leading the visioning and rebuilding of our Music Ministry).

We are open to the possibility of splitting this position into Choir Director and Accompanist – we welcome your application if you are only a Choir Director or Accompanist.

The Unitarian Society of Hartford is a growing, spiritually alive, welcoming, and justice-seeking Unitarian Universalist congregation of 200 adult members and 60 children, with an average Sunday attendance of 160 and a strong musical tradition. We look forward to welcoming and sharing ministry with a Director of Music Ministry who will harness our voices and our songs to nourish spirits and inspire us to live our faith in the world.

About our Music Ministry:

Our Chancel Choir consists of a dozen active members and 4 paid Choral Scholars from the University of Hartford. The Choir sings 2-3 times monthly (excluding summers) with repertoire ranging from Brahms to songs from Hamilton. We have an innovative partnership with UHart in which we have a student as Composer-In-Residence each spring who composes music specifically for our Choir. Lay-led music-related programs at the Meeting House include a performing arts concert series, a monthly folk sing-a-long, and a group called Meeting House Folk that plays folk and pop songs in worship several times a year. We have many talented in-house musicians, including a drummer, professional violinist, and a variety of other instrumentalists. Our piano is a

Mason Hamlin piano. Our organ is an Austin three manual 57 rank instrument with full MIDI capability.

Our ideal candidate will:

- * Bring experience conducting volunteer or congregational choirs in a wide range of repertoire with spiritual grounding, musical excellence, creativity, patience, and joy
- * Be an accomplished pianist with experience as a worship accompanist, providing solos, hymn leadership, and other accompaniment. (Organ competency is not required, though it is a plus.)
- * Collaborate as part of our staff team with enthusiasm
- * Be creative in building and growing our Music Ministry
- * Have excellent people skills
- * Draw from a wide variety of musical styles and instrumentation to build bridges both between different tastes and generations, and bring a tender understanding to this bridge-building.

To apply or share this job announcement, see the full Director of Music Ministry Job Announcement [HERE](#).



"Come, Come Whoever You Are...."

Opportunity for meaningful worship, reflection, and connection continue throughout the summer. Summer Services at USH will consider the theme "What Informs Your UUism?" Summer services will be held in our air-conditioned Fellowship Hall with Pi-Hsun Shih at the piano except for July 16 when Carolyn Halsted will play.

IF YOU ARE IN TOWN...COME!

July 2 - OMG - Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate (WA),

with Julie Grace and Lisa Galinski

July 9 - To Everything There Is A Season - Pulpit guest, Julia Cadrain, cantor;

Sue Smolski, WA

July 16 - Cradle UUs - Martha Bradley, coordinating; Laurie Kelliher, WA

July 23 - Welcoming Our Humanity - 20s-30s group;

Lisa Galinski, coordinating and WA

July 30 - Integral UUism - Marye Gail Harrison, pulpit guest; Carol Simpson, WA;

with Meeting House Folk

August 6 - Our Catholic Beginnings - Martha Bradley, coordinating;
Margaret Leicach, WA

August 13 - Buddhist Teachings - returning pulpit guest, Mark Unno;
Margaret Leicach, WA

August 20 - Title pending- RE kids with Rayla Matson, USH Director of RE;
Julie Grace, WA

August 27 - Title pending; one of our Co-Ministers; Peter Meny, WA;
with Meeting House Folk

Sept. 3 - Title pending; Sue Smolski, pulpit guest; Rick Tskuada WA

-Sue Smolski, WA co-ordinator

A Note from the Revs: As we move toward summer, we want to let you know our schedule. We are fully around all of June, except that Rev Cathy will be traveling to General Assembly in New Orleans June 19-24. In July and August, we will be out of the pulpit and largely out of the office taking our vacation and study leave. We will be working on a few projects, beginning fall worship planning, and of course available for pastoral needs all summer. - **Revs. Heather & Cathy**



Cradle UUs

Were you raised in a UU home?

We want to talk with you about your experience coming up as a UU kid. We have some questions we'd like to send your way to help us plan a summer service on Cradle UUs. It will be part of the summer series on "What Informs UUism for You." Please contact us. It would be great to share some stories.

Laurie Kelliher klkelliher@hotmail.com

Martha Bradley marthabradley49@yahoo.com -Submitted by Laurie Kelliher

Church Business News



The financials for March and April 2017 have been posted online, Click [HERE](#) to view. Please contact Office Administrator Linda Clark for the user and password at [ushlindaclark\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at sign)gmail.com)



2017 Programs for Adults and Families

We wish everyone an enjoyable summer. During the coming months, there may be an occasional Programs Table for events requiring registration. You may call Janice Newton (860.677.1121) or email her at [janicecnewton\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com) for program information. 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 Adult Programs Catalog June 3, 2017.

Spring Programs

USH Book Club: Thursday, June 8: POSTPONED, New Date TBA. Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America. By Wil Haywood. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Friday Pizza and Movie Night: POSTPONED from June 9, New Date TBA.

Ballroom Dance: Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:45 PM. For questions contact Ron Friedman 860-523-1105 or rsfriedman41@gmail.com.

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



Summertime Small Group Ministry (SGM) to meet at the home of Bruce Robbins, Hartford West End. Ron Friedman will facilitate this 4 session SGM. Meetings will start on Tuesday, June 20th from 7 to 9 pm.

What is Small Group Ministry? This is a group of approximately 10 people who will meet for 4 sessions during June and part of July. Group members will have the opportunity to share deeply and listen deeply in a safe, nonjudgmental, confidential space where you can get to know and strengthen connections with other UUs. Group members may respond to specially selected readings and questions which can help folks recall life experiences to share.

You may register at the programs table during coffee hour after Sunday service, \$5 registration fee. Or you can call Janice Newton at 860-677-1121, email janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com. If you have questions, please contact Esther McKone at ESTMCKONE(at sign)aol.com, phone - 860-677-6682. Don't miss this opportunity to sign up for this Summertime SGM. This will fill up quickly!

-Submitted by Esther McKone



Circle Dinners are back!

(Formerly called Small Dinner Parties)

2nd Saturday of the odd-numbered months
July 8, Sep 9, Nov 11, Jan 13, Mar10, May 12

REGISTRATION: Participants can sign up for as many or as few dates as they wish. You can sign up for each date one to four months in advance. Register in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour or by contacting Janice Newton - janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com. The registration fee is \$5.00 per household for the church year (July 1- June 30).

Registration Deadline: June 18, 2017 for the July event.

QUESTIONS: Contact Chris Wilt, 603-401-5704.

Small Dinner Parties (Circle Dinners) Are Returning to USH – The Membership Sub-Council is energizing a new series of Small Dinner Parties to be held on the 2nd Saturday of every odd-numbered month. (July 8, Sep 9, Nov 11, Jan 13, Mar 10 and May 12). The purpose of these Dinner Parties is to foster social camaraderie among new and more established members of USH. For participants, eight to ten adults will be randomly assigned in different groupings for each dinner. The host furnishes the entree, beverage and bread. Guests are

assigned to bring appetizers, salad, side dish or dessert. Right now we are gauging the interest and demand for dinner locations. We would anticipate 2 to 3 locations for each date. Please let Chris Wilt (603-401-5704) know as soon as possible if you would be willing to host a dinner party at your home.

REGISTRATION: Participants can sign up for as many or as few dates as they wish. You can sign up for each date one to four months in advance. Register in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour or by contacting Janice Newton - janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com. The registration fee is \$5.00 per household for the church year (July 1- June 30). Registration Deadline: June 8, 2017 for the July event.

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The registration form contains a space for: 1) listing dietary restrictions, and 2) if you plan to bring your children. We will try to group families with kids together so that they have some playmates for the evening. We will discuss providing supervision for children as needed and appropriate.

A MESSAGE TO ALL USH WOMEN

Dear Friends, our Women's Alliance dates back to 1894. It has become less and less active as those willing to organize events decline in number. But some traditions continue.

YES, we still hold a retreat each year; 16 women just returned from a wonderful weekend at Senexet House complete with May Day activities and a May Pole (coordinated by Louise Schmoll and Kit Northup). We provide occasional "Programs for All" on Sunday after services (coordinated by Nita Hansen). We gathered in December along with the lunch bunch for holiday cheer; we made small donations to the UUWF, to Rev. Cathy's shower, to USH, to E-News snail mailing, and to Senexet House and will soon enjoy a June picnic at Wood Pond. AND we would like to continue to offer an Educational Grant each spring as we have done for over 40+ years! BUT these things become more difficult with fewer planners and supporters.

ONLY YOU can keep these things going by making a donation to **USH – WOMEN'S ALLIANCE**. With your support we can continue our efforts.

Beginning now: Encourage applicants for our Educational Grant. \$300 given out last year. Details will be available in the E-News.

JUNE 14, Wednesday noon: PICNIC on Wood Pond, W. Hartford, hosted by Linda Ericson-Ebel

DECEMBER: Join our holiday luncheon party

NEXT SPRING: SENEXET Retreat – be sure to join us next year.

Of course, watch the E-News for details and for other items of interest.

HOW TO DONATE? Checks payable to USH – marked for THE ALLIANCE can be placed in the Sunday collection plate or mailed to the Meeting House. -

Submitted by Louise Schmoll



Educational Grant Applications: May 15 – June 15

Educational Grant Applications - The USH Women's Alliance is proud to announce that applications are now available for the Women's Alliance Educational Grants. Applicants should be pursuing study at a post high school level, with priority given to those with minimal scholarship aid or loan sources. Grants are small (generally under \$500), but may be used for expenses such as tuition, books, child care, and transportation. Affiliation with USH is not required, though will be considered.

Applications, by postal or email, are due June 15. Applications are available [HERE](#) - or call 860-693-4269 and leave a message or any questions. In past years, these grants have been welcomed by those pursuing graduate and undergraduate study, members and friends of USH. Last year, one grant of \$500 was awarded.

Applications and grants are confidential. The Alliance has been awarding these grants for many years and is pleased to be able to continue doing so, realizing that these small monetary awards help women in pursuit of their educational goals. -**Submitted by Nita H.**

Other News of Our Community and Upcoming Special Events



Ed Stubbs, 79, of Hartford, died on Saturday, June 3, 2017. He was born on August 18, 1937, in Brooklyn, NY, to Francis Thomas Stubbs and Mary Dorothy Evelyn. He was a librarian with the Brooklyn Public Library, before becoming Director of the Simsbury Public Library in 1970. He owned the Bookfair Bookstore in West Hartford for many years, then later became Chief Librarian at Wolcott Public Library. A kind and honest man with a philosophical bent, Ed was a longtime member of the Unitarian Society of Hartford. He was a passionate fan of the St. John's and University of Connecticut basketball teams, the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Boston Red Sox. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Frank Stubbs, and nephew Frankie Stubbs. He is survived by daughter Amy B. Cleary, son Thomas F. Stubbs, daughter-in-law Monique Stubbs, grandchildren Katherine Cleary, Samantha Stubbs, Olivia Stubbs and Dorian Stubbs, and longtime girlfriend Nita Hansen. Ed's family asks you to strongly consider giving a donation to your local public library. in his memory.



June 2-3, 2017 Combined (outgoing & incoming, and missing Stephanie Briggs, Katharine Ann Anderson and Gloria Francesca Mengual) Unitarian Society of Hartford 2017-2018 Board Retreat, with facilitator Stan McMillen from UUS:E in Manchester. Big thanks to Kit Northup for hosting us so delightfully (and deliciously) at Senexet House!

News from the Board Retreat: Margaret Leicach shared this observation following the Board Retreat on June 2nd and 3rd, for incoming, continuing and outgoing Board members. “The vision and path of this congregation are in such good hands! We have an incoming Board that is creative, talented and passionately dedicated to the vitality, integrity, and future of this congregation. They understand that reaching our goals, becoming what we envision that we could be, isn’t easy and doesn’t lend itself to quick fixes. They – collectively – have the patience and commitment to embrace the long view, to persevere even – or especially – when challenges are difficult and their efforts may take a long time to come to fruition. We are in such good hands!”

-Submitted by Margaret Leicach, photos above and below of Senexet House & Board Retreat from RevHeather



A little history from Senexet House

"I received a phone call several weeks ago, from Mary Ella Holst who introduced herself as the historian for All Souls UU in New York. She was seeking a photograph of Thelma Chickering Williams, founder of Senexet House. Ms. Holst has been commissioned to write a history of the Unitarian Women's Federation (now UU

Women's Federation) established in 1890. The federation, according to Ms. Holst, was founded primarily to be recognized by the denomination as an organization permitted to attend the General Assemblies. Up until being accepted as an official organization, the various womens' groups had no voice - literally women were unable to speak, no vote in the business of the denomination although they were very actively involved. In 1932, Velma Chickering Williams wrote the constitution which was accepted by the Women's Federation and submitted to the denomination which subsequently gave the organization and therefore, all women, the right to participate fully in the denomination. In 1934, Ms. Williams opened Senexet House, our retreat house in Woodstock, CT. Did I mention there are three candidates for President of the UUA this year - all of them women!" ~ **Kit Northup, Manager, Senexet House**

Lunch Bunch to Meet: We will meet at Concetta's in Bloomfield at noon on Tuesday, June 20th. Please let me know by noon on Wednesday, June 14th if you will be joining us.

Our speaker will be Ed Sax. We are looking forward to hearing his remarks! To register, contact me at 860/677-1121 or janicecnewton(atsign)gmail.com. You may also sign up at the Programs Table during Fellowship Hour. We will order from the menu and will be given separate checks. I am always extremely happy to hear from you sooner rather than later! We will gather at Concetta's Italian Restaurant, 22 Mountain Avenue, Bloomfield. I hope you will be able to join us on

June 20th. This will be the last meeting of the Lunch Bunch this church year. We will return in September, so stay tuned. ~ **Janice Newton**



USH/Watkinson/KNOX Labyrinth continues "growing" in 2017! ~ 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. 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 RevHeather or Rayla Mattson know how you'd like to be involved! See you at and outside the Meeting House!

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

Upcoming Performing Arts Series at the Meeting House ~ 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

Weekly Reminders

Rayla Mattson is our Rentals Manager. For new 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 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**

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-Submitted by Toni Gold



In The Library
@ The Meeting House

RSVP to
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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!



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

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

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"



Contacts:
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Would You Like to be Part of a Great Team? ~ Join the USH Sunday Welcome Team! Please contact Linda Clark at ushindaclark(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're able 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 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



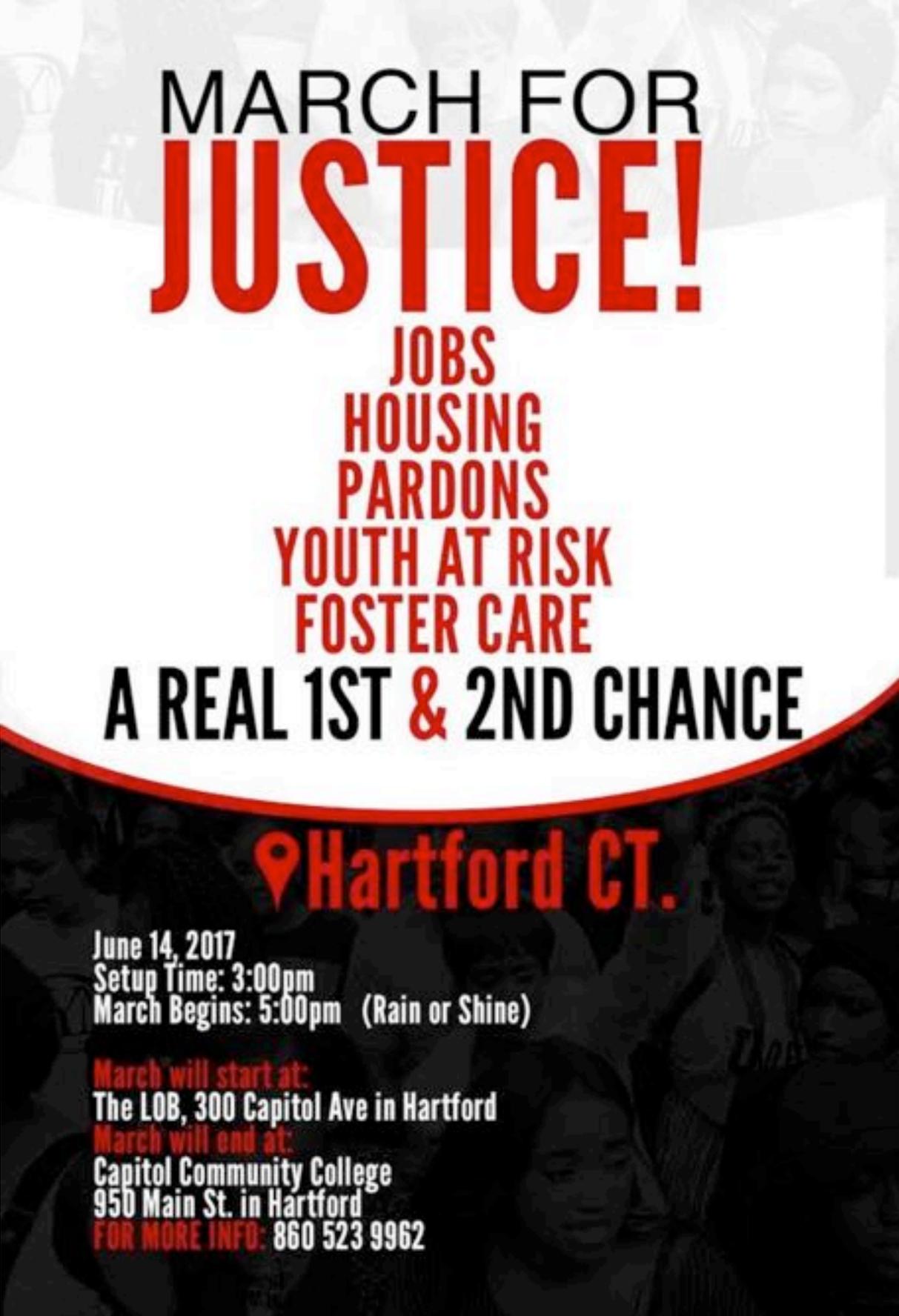
UUA News Alert

The Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) Interim Co-Presidents, the Revs. Sofía Betancourt and William Sinkford and Dr. Leon Spencer, shared the following news of the death of UUA Moderator and Chief Governance Officer, Jim Key:

Jim Key, who served as Moderator of the UUA from 2013 until he recently was forced to step down for health reasons, died Friday morning, June 2. Jim was many things to us: an inspired and collaborative leader, a warm and humble colleague, an advocate for justice with respect and love for people deep in his DNA, and an evangelist for our faith.

He offered warm friendship, hope and confidence through complex and challenging times. We will miss him deeply. We hold Jim and his family in our hearts and prayers. We hold the larger circle who knew and loved Jim. And we hold our entire community as we grieve his passing and remember the gift of his presence among us.

This message is also available on UUA.org.



MARCH FOR **JUSTICE!**

**JOBS
HOUSING
PARDONS
YOUTH AT RISK
FOSTER CARE**

A REAL 1ST & 2ND CHANCE

📍Hartford CT.

**June 14, 2017
Setup Time: 3:00pm
March Begins: 5:00pm (Rain or Shine)**

**March will start at:
The LOB, 300 Capitol Ave in Hartford
March will end at:
Capitol Community College
950 Main St. in Hartford
FOR MORE INFO: 860 523 9962**



SAVE THE DATE!!! PRIDEFEST 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 / PRATT STREET, HARTFORD, CT

12 Noon to 6 PM

Hartford Capital City Pride is a committee of CLARO, Inc.

Hartford Capital City Pride is the volunteer-directed committee behind the official Hartford Pride roster of events. The 2017 roster will include different pride events for LGBTQ+, the general public, and allies of all ages. PrideFest week takes place during the second Week in September. Hartford Capital City Pride's mission is to work toward a future without discrimination where all people have equal rights. We do this by promoting and producing LGBTQ+ events that inspire, educate, commemorate and celebrate our diverse community.

For more information go to: www.hartfordpride.com

or call Charlie Ortiz at (860) 841-2345.

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.

General Assembly 2017 will be at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130. Google Map. **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.

Attention! ~ Please note: Janice Newton will no longer be setting up the 'Happenings' insert found in Sunday's Order of Service. Please email Linda Clark any information to be included in the 'Happenings' by noon on Tuesday at ushnews@ushartford.com. Please put 'Happenings' in the subject line.

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

For the username and password for the Members Only section, please email Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com

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. Please make sure you also coordinate with our Rental Manager, Rayla Mattson, if this is a one-time-open-to-the-public event. Thank you! ~Linda

Put in the Subject: 'Calendar'

Event Title:

Room:

Time:

Date(s):

Contact Person:

A Short Description:

Cost: (if applicable)

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

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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.