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USH-Enews ~ November 1, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



Photo: Harriet Gardner

Worship Service: Sunday, November 5, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~
"Remembering Our Ancestors" ~ Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister
Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate ~ Our annual service to honor, celebrate, remember, and mourn those who have died in the last year and others we hold in our hearts. We'll reflect together on the expansiveness of "ALL Souls Day," especially those souls who we never really knew, those we struggled with, and those we still cannot believe are gone.

Bring an object or a photo to remember a deceased loved one for our collective altar.

Join Rev. Erica Richmond and Caron Lanouette after worship for a workshop and conversation about your own End-of-Life Planning, and download the USH form Thoughtful Endings: Planning in the Event of My Death.

**Remember to turn clocks back one hour this weekend!
Daylight Savings ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 5.**

After the service at 11:30 there will be the Playground Blessing for our newly installed playground! This was postponed from last Sunday due to the rain.



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

November 5, 2017

Free Childcare Provided

A graphic featuring a calendar with a red square on the 5th of November. Below the calendar is a silhouette of five people sitting at a table. An arrow points from the text '1st Sunday CONNECTIONS' to the calendar, and another arrow points from the calendar to the text 'Upcoming Meetings'.

RE News You Can Use: Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education



This Sunday, November 5, the kids will begin Sunday morning in the Chapel followed by age appropriate classes. The nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45am for infants and toddlers. There will be extended childcare this week until 1:45pm for families to attend meetings or to have an extended coffee hour. We will be having Child Dedications on the 12th of November. If you would like to have your child(ren) dedicated, please contact the DRE, Rayla D. Mattson.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Fun Buddy Bags. If you still have not connected with your buddy, please let me know.



The High School Youth Group "Annual Sleepout for My Sister's Place" is scheduled from Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 to Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017. Please remember to support the Youth Group's efforts to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and funds to support My Sister's Place, a shelter for domestic violence victims. ~ **Submitted by Nina Elgo**



Donations will be brought to the Malta Food Pantry on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Please put food donations in the bins by the front/side doors or in classroom Ballou (next to the Chapel).

Monetary donations can be made by designating Food Pantry on the memo line of your check or putting cash in an envelope with "food pantry" written on it. For a link to the Healthy Foods list click [HERE](#). Any questions contact Diana Heymann: 860-461-0908. ~ **Submitted by Diana Heymann**

Rayla D. Mattson ~ Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford 860-233-9897 ext 104 | dre@ushartford.com

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. 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/>

The USH Auction is Back!

ACT NOW!! DONATE TO THE USH SUPERHERO SERVICE AUCTION



This is no ordinary auction!! We are looking for church members, visitors, friends and family to donate "Superpowers" to this auction. By "Superpower" we mean what are you really good at. Any questions? Email Kate Gervais at katebuschgervais@gmail.com

TO DONATE A SERVICE OR AN EXPERIENCE TO THE AUCTION, FILL OUT THE FORM AT [HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/USHSUPERHERO](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/USHSUPERHERO)

CONTRIBUTE YOUR PASSION!

SILENT AUCTION NOV. 19, 2017 - NOON

~ The Stewardship Committee: Stephanie Briggs, Carolyn Carlson, Kate Gervais, Virginia Hedrick, Laurie Kelliher, Rev. Cathy Rion Starr



The 40th Annual
Festival of the Season
Saturday, December 9th, 2017

Save the Date!



**A day of gingerbread houses, making wreaths,
 decorating cookies, a holiday shop, music,
 dinner, community and much more!**



**Consider
 helping!**

We are looking for helpers to volunteer
 their time, creativity, and/or holiday candy.
 Help us make this event a success.
 Please contact co-coordinators:
 Kathie Ferguson (kwinteriors@sbcglobal.net) or
 Crystal Kelley (kristal.babyguru@gmail.com).



**We are searching for a couple more greeters, a portable photo printer,
 potluck volunteers and craft room helpers. Thank you!**

**Sunday Service Recap by Kayla Costenoble
October 29, 2017
“Facing Our Fears with Help from Harry Potter”
Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister**



Photos: Harriet Gardner

“Thank you so much for playing with fear this morning,” Rev. Cathy (alias Albus Dumbledore) told us during a fun and fear-filled service. It all began with a fortifying pancakes-with-all-the-fixings breakfast, followed by an energetic dance and costume parade (Tuesday was Halloween), followed by the acting-out of “Letters from No One” from the first Harry Potter book. It’s hard to believe this incredibly popular series began twenty years ago! I confess I am not addicted to Harry Potter et.al. In fact, I haven’t read the books. To me, their outstanding achievement is/was getting kids, and their parents, avidly reading. As I listened to today’s service, I was awed by the advice and wisdom found in these “children’s” books, some of which were printed in the Order of Service.

The religious education kids were responsible for many parts of the service, all well done. This included handing out the candles of memory and hope, picking up what seemed like hundreds of “letters” delivered by owls to Harry’s mean family, lighting the Chalice, and leading us in reading a revised Chalice lighting and extinguishing used in this year’s third to fifth grade curriculum.

The Chalice lighting: We light this Goblet of Fire with open minds, loving hearts and willing hands. We will use the magic of our creativity to make the world a better place, using the greatest weapon we have—love. Extinguishing the Chalice: We extinguish this Goblet of Fire until we meet again, but we do not extinguish the fire that burns within each of us to make the world a better place. We go forth now in love.

Rev. Cathy, as head wizard Albus Dumbledore, in a long black robe, long white beard (which she eventually removed to prevent eating it), magic wand, and special cap (see similar head wear pictured in the OOS) read “Letters from No One” from the first Harry Potter book. Collin McKenzie and Esther McKone mimed Harry’s mean step-parents, Aaron Bleck was his mean step-brother, and Jonathan Bleck was Harry Potter.

The story, greatly reduced for this report, tells of the mounting fear felt by Harry’s Muggle (normal) family as owls bombard them with hundreds of letters inviting Harry (who does not yet know he is a wizard) to attend the Hogwarts Wizard School. Trying to run away, the family flees, to no avail, and ends up perched on an icy-cold rainy rock far out at sea, in a shack with no heat or food. But they can’t escape the letter-bearing owls. End of chapter.

As Rev. Cathy reminded us, we all have fears, some ridiculous, some realistic. What can we do with them? She asked us to shout out our fears during this intergenerational service; answers included: laundry, spiders, my brother, yellow jackets, and getting older. “How far are you willing to run away from your fears?” she asked and answered her own question by suggesting that running away does not help controlling or escaping them. We must work on creating a culture to deal with our fears together and to live through what we’re afraid of.

The congregation was asked to “build a collective tool box” for what to do when you’re afraid. Shouted responses were many and varied. They included: Pretend you’re not afraid; turn to each other; whine; sleep; go to your dark chocolate stash; pray; turn off radio and TV; go to a beautiful place in nature; meditate; hide; cry; ask for hugs; have a glass of wine; curl up in a blanket. Whew!

“We truly are a community. We face our fears together. We share our love with one another,” was Rev. Cathy’s response to the outpouring of strategies for dealing with our fears.

Early in the service, to get things going, Worship Associate Carol Simpson read a poem by Irish poet and novelist Ciaran Carson, “Fear.” Here are some of the things he confessed to fearing:

The vast dimensions of eternity.
The gap between the platform and the train.
The onset of a murderous campaign.
The palpitations caused by too much tea.
The books will not survive the acid rain.
The bad decisions of a referee.
The only recourse is to plead insane.
The gremlins that have colonized my brain.
To read the small print of the guarantee.
And what else do I fear? Let me begin again.



Photos above: Bob White

Church Business News

Board Appoints President Elect ~ The USH Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Joe Rubin was appointed President Elect of the Board at the October board meeting. Joe was recommended to the Board by the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee and replaces Sherry Manetta, who was recently appointed President when Katharine Ann Anderson stepped down to focus on the new addition to her and husband Will's family. Under the USH constitution and bylaws, vacancies in board positions are filled for the remainder of a one-year term by a vote of the board. -Submitted by Sherry Manetta



Financial Report

The latest financial report has been posted. Click [HERE](#) to view.

If you need the user name and password email Office Administrator Linda Clark at ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com

Contribute to the USH Ministers' Discretionary Fund ~ The Unitarian Society of Hartford Ministers' Discretionary Fund is drawn upon by the Revs in response to the direct requests of members, friends, staff, and visitors to the congregation when they are in need of emergency support. A whole variety of events and requests have occurred lately that have significantly depleted this important Fund. If you are able, would you consider a gift to the Discretionary Fund, knowing that it will be put to good use? Checks can be made out to Unitarian Society of Hartford with "Ministers' Discretionary Fund" in the memo line and mailed to USH or deposited in the Main Office safe box. Thank you so much for your generosity and concern for others connected to this congregation! –Rev. . Heather



On October 22, Rev. Heather led us in a service on The Diary of Anne Frank and the way that texts can speak to our hearts and minds in timeless, inspiring, personal ways regardless of whether or not they have been deemed "sacred" texts by others. RevHeather asked: "What are your sacred texts?" Thanks to all of you who shared what a sacred text or texts is to you. Below are just some of the responses –a few more came in via e-mail which we will include next week!

"Be the change you want to see in the world" –by Gandhi; Anam Cara by John O'Donahue; "And every common bush afire with God."—Elizabeth Browning; Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery; anything by Mary Oliver, poetry or prose; "Auguries of Innocence," by William Blake; Birches by Robert Frost; "Desiderata," by Max Ehrmann; Gilead by Marilynne Robinson; Godel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal

Golden Braid, by Douglas Hofstadter; Great Expectations by Charles Dickens; Home by Marilynne Robinson; "This Is My Song," Hymn 159 in our Singing the Living Tradition hymnal, by John Andrew Storey; I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou; If It Is to Be, It's Up to Me, by Thomas B. Smith; Imagination and taking in the beauty of life; Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte; "Let the soft animal of your body love what it loves," by Mary Oliver; "Lila," by Marilynne Robinson; "Love Is A Place," by e.e. cummings; Machinery's Handbook 25th Anniversary Edition, by Erik Oberg; Man's Search for Meaning, by Victor Frankl; Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers, by Theodore Baumeister; Micah 6:8, The Hebrew Bible; My Dead Friends, by Marie Howe; O Magnum Mysterium, by Morten Lauridsen; Our Numbered Days, by Neil Hilborn, Perry's Chemical Engineers' Handbook, by Robert Perry, Physics for Engineers, by Halway; Pie Jesu (a hymn) by Mozart; Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, by Annie Dillard; Rumi: the Book of Love—Poems of Ecstasy and Longing, by Coleman Banks; Skin Shows, by Jack Halbertstam; Skin Shoes, by Jack Halberstam; Sula, by Toni Morrison; Tao Te Ching, by Lao Tzu & Stephen Mitchell; The Alchemist's Manuscript, by Paulo Coelho; "The Blue Boat Home," (hymn #1064 in our Singing the Journey hymnal); The Bridge on the Drina, by Ivo Andric; The House of the Spirits, by Isabel Allende; The I That Is We, by Richard Moss; The Invitation, by Oriah Mountain Dreamer, The Journey, by Mary Oliver; The Once and Future King, by T.H. White; "The Oversoul" (reading #531 in Singing the Living Tradition), by Ralph Waldo Emerson; The Power of Myth, by Joseph Campbell; The Power of Now, by Eckhart Tolle; The Prophet, by Kahlil Gibran; Under a Cruel Star, by Heda Kovaly; Understanding Power, by Noam Chomsky; Walden, by Henry David Thoreau; Walk with Peace in Your Feet (unknown author); "War Prayer," by Mark Twain; "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger," by Fredrick Nietzsche; "Wild Geese," by Mary Oliver; "You must forge your own path for it to mean anything," by Rick Riordan; "Your children are not your children, they come through you, but not from you..." by Kahlil Gibran.

Image: Anne Frank poses in 1941; Frans Dupon—Anne Frank House/AP

Get Involved at USH ~ Be Part of a Great Team!

Staff and layleaders at USH are actively coordinating another lively year. We need your help to make this a spectacular year. Below are some areas where Volunteers are especially needed and welcome:



The USH Sunday Welcome Team ~ 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 ~ If you are computer-comfortable and familiar with Microsoft Word, Gmail, and data entry, the office is in need of you. People to help with general office duties such as making copies, 'sweeping the pews' and refilling the welcome boxes are also welcome. Please let Linda Clark know if you're able to help out in the office during the week for an hour or two: ushlindaclark@gmail.com | 860-233-9897



Pictured above: Phil and Harriet Gardner with their son Bruce, helping out with the Order of Service.

Join The Choir ~ Director of Music Ministries, Sam Moffett, is excited to be working with the choir at USH this year. He would like to extend an invitation to all in the community who have thought about joining the choir, to come and sing! If you would like to join, or would like more info, please e-mail Sam at smoffett@ushartford.com.



The Book Table During Coffee Hour ~ Everybody enjoys browsing through the books during coffee hour. In order to continue we are in need of some help setting them up and putting them away. Please contact Clara Horn if you are able to help out with this: clara.horn@comcast.net

Religious Education ~ The DRE is very short-handed for teachers in our Pre-K3-2nd grade class and in our middle school class. We desperately need teachers and assistants. The commitment is 1-2 Sundays every 4-7 weeks. If you are interested, have any questions, or would like to see the curriculum, please let Rayla know: 860-233-9897 ext 104 | dre@ushartford.com



Programs for Adults and Families Sub-Council ~ The Programs for Adults and Families Sub-Council needs members to continue doing its work coordinating the programs many of us participate in and enjoy at the Meeting House. Please step up and help if you are able! For more information and/or to join this Sub-Council, please contact Council on Community Within Chair, Christopher Wilt at chris.wilt@gmail.com. **-Submitted by Christopher Wilt**





A Moment of Peace ~ Need a quiet place to empty your mind of tweets and rants and fake news and anything else upsetting your equilibrium? Visit the Labyrinth at the far, lower, end of the parking lot in the Knox Gardens. The colors are fading, but the herbs are still thriving and you are welcome to cut some to add to autumn soups—rosemary, oregano, thyme, sage, parsley, and more! There is a centering bell to spread hopeful energy—every little bit helps! ~ **Submitted by Susan Hope**



2017 Programs for Adults and Families ~ For more information on current programs click [HERE](#) to view the Adult Programs catalog. You can also pick up a printed catalog at the Welcome Table. Please check the online calendar often as schedules can change, or contact the facilitator for more information. Contact information for programs is listed below.

Programs

Building (and Living) Your Own Theology: 12 Sessions, Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, start date September 12. (waiting list.) Contact: Tom Gervais: 860-558-3000; tom.j.gervais@gmail.com

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. Contact Ginny Hedrick: 860-677-9272.

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

Meeting House Sing-A-Long - All Are Welcome: Meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, in Emerson/Meditation room (or Memorial Garden if weather / memorial service permits), except December 2017 & June 2018. For more information contact Ed Savage: ed@thesavagees.com.

USH Book Club: See below for details:



Friday Night Dinner & A Movie
November 10
“Groundhog Day”
with Bill Murray and Andi MacDowell

“A hilarious and unexpectedly profound comedy.*

“A demonstration of the way time can sometimes give us a break”*

“Like us, he finds himself in an inexplicable situation, seemingly a plaything of fate. But, unlike us, he gets the luxury of being stuck in the same day until he gets it right.”**

This 1992 fantasy/comedy got good reviews when it opened, but, since then, some critics and religious writers have re-examined it for its spiritual messages. You will certainly enjoy Bill Murray’s comedic art; perhaps you will cringe at his predicament or perhaps you will envy his unexpected fate. Our optional discussion afterwards will be give you a chance to react. Watch a trailer [HERE](#). The film will be shown with captions. We will gather on Friday, November 10, for popcorn and socializing at 5:30 PM, pizza and salad dinner at 6, movie at 7.

Please reserve, \$10 each, by Wednesday noon, November 8. New policy - reserve by calling Nita (860-693-4269) and leaving a voice message (no texting); be sure to specify your choice of meat or veg pizza topping. Pay at the event with cash or check. If you reserve but find on Nov 10 that you cannot attend, please leave a voice message by noon so the pizza order can be adjusted. As with all courses, workshops, and programs offered at the Meeting House, there is a one-time \$5 registration fee for the Pizza and Movie Night series. You will only pay this fee for the first movie you attend in a year, in addition to the \$10 reservation charge. Questions? Call 860-693-4269 or email [bonnieandroberta\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:bonnieandroberta(at)comcast.net).

Submitted by Nita H. *from IMDb site **from transparency site of Ken Sanes



USH Book Club: Next meeting Thursday, November 9 at 5:30pm. Offsite at: 58 Hitchcock Lane, Avon. It would be helpful if you RSVP so we know how many to expect. For more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroopofus@icloud.com. This Fight Is Our Fight: The Battle to Save America’s Middle Class-Elizabeth Warren

*The fiery U.S. Senator from Massachusetts and bestselling author offers a passionate, inspiring book about why our middle class is under siege and how we can win the fight to save it.

Senator Elizabeth Warren has long been an outspoken champion of America's middle class, and by the time the people of Massachusetts elected her in 2012, she had become one of the country's leading progressive voices. Now, at a perilous moment for our nation, she has written a book that is at once an illuminating account of how we built the strongest middle class in history, a scathing indictment of those who have spent the past thirty-five years undermining working families, and a rousing call to action.

Warren grew up in Oklahoma, and she's never forgotten how difficult it was for her mother and father to hold on at the ragged edge of the middle class. An educational system that offered opportunities for all made it possible for her to achieve her dream of going to college, becoming a teacher, and, later, attending law school...To read more click [HERE](#). ~ **Submitted by Richard Groothuis**
*From Amazon.com

Small Group Ministries: What is Small Group Ministry? This is an opportunity to strengthen your connections with USH members and friends by sharing your life experiences with them in a covenant group. Watch for announcements of Small Group Ministry offerings in eNews and during coffee hour after the service at the Programs Table in Fellowship Hall.

A trained facilitator will have special readings and questions to guide your sharing and deep listening experience. Contact Esther McKone for more information on Small Group Ministry, email: [estmckone \(at sign\)aol.com](mailto:estmckone@signaol.com), phone 860 677 6682. ~ **Submitted by Esther McKone**



Circle Dinners ~ Circle Dinners give all participants an opportunity to expand their social circles at USH and learn more about some of the interesting people who call USH their spiritual home. The dinners are scheduled to be held on the 2nd Saturday of every odd-numbered month. (still ahead: 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 are 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 anticipate 2 to 3 locations for each date. Please let Chris Wilt 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. Registration can be done online, using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/qkbiZBQzZbWTLpQF3>
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 where appropriate. You are not required to be a host in order to participate in this program. Questions: Contact Chris Wilt, 603-401-5704. ~ **Submitted by Brian Harvey**

Meeting House Presents!



Meeting House Presents – A concert series at the Unitarian Meeting House, 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford. All events begin at 8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30). Tickets \$20. \$12 for students with ID. Children under 12 – free with parent. Click [HERE](#) for Advance tickets. Proceeds benefit the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about upcoming events at USH. Click [HERE](#) to read the Blog.

Contact Laura and Paul Cipriano (MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com or 860-298-9984) to contribute your ideas, volunteer time, pledge financial backing for the series, or find out more!



The Sam Moffett Quartet opened the new Meeting House Presents 2017-18 season.

The quartet led by Sam on soprano sax also featured Mike Carabello on piano, Matt Dwonszyk on bass, and Max Meether on drums. The band did a nice mix of jazz standards from Dave Brubeck to the Gershwins and original compositions by Sam.

The audience applauded every solo and gave the band a standing ovation at the end of the concert. Audience members said it was "A wonderful event featuring four very talented young musicians!" and it was a "Fabulous concert!"

Up next in Meeting House Presents series is a rare Connecticut appearance by folk legend, singer, songwriter and Appalachian Dulcimer player David Massengill. David will be appearing right here at The Unitarian Society of Hartford (Thanksgiving weekend) Friday November 24th at 8:00 pm. Tickets are

available at the door the night of the concert and in advance at brownpapertickets.com

Here is a video of David performing "On the road to Fairfax County," a song he wrote that has been recorded by many artists including Joan Baez and David Bromberg. So many performers have recorded it that some people think it is a traditional folk song passed down for generations but Massengill wrote it the 1970's.

Other News of Our Community and Upcoming Special Events

UUUSH & YOU

A Path to Membership

3 Sunday sessions
(Oct 22 & 29, Nov 12)
12:00-1:30 pm

Followed up with a
Membership Sunday on December 3rd

Join us in our three-session workshop and examine how Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Society of Hartford relates to your spiritual growth, sense of community, and everyday life.

Free child care provided.

Rev. Heather will be present for these sessions.

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

Update on Great Decisions ~ There are now 5 people interested in Great Decisions in 2018. To get the minimum number to have a viable seminar, we need 10. Please indicate your interest ASAP to [edsavage\(at\)ushartford.com](mailto:edsavage(at)ushartford.com). This year's topics are as follows:
The waning of Pax Americana?, Russia's foreign policy; China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation; Media and foreign policy; Turkey: A partner in crisis; U.S. global engagement and the military; South Africa's fragile democracy; Global Health: progress and challenges. ~ **Submitted by Ed Savage**



make this collaboration happen in 2018. Thanks ~ **Rev. Heather**

Thanksgiving: Update ~ Due to the changing plans of some key organizers, the 2017 Joint USH-Fern Street Thanksgiving meal has been cancelled. Please let us know if you'd like to help

Collaboration...in Community -- with the Hartford Stage!

For the second year, USH will be collaborating with the Hartford Stage by focusing a service around an upcoming production at the Stage. This year that production will be *Feeding the Dragon*, written and performed by Sharon Washington, and directed by Maria Mileaf. Here's a synopsis of the play: "Sharon Washington plays nearly 20 characters in her own true story. A memory play about growing up in the custodial apartment of a Manhattan



library, *Feeding the Dragon* examines how both the power of forgiveness and the lifelong love for the written word have helped her battle dragons of all forms." *Feeding the Dragon* will run from January 11 - February 4, 2018. Tickets are available at hartfordstage.org or by calling 860-527-5151. You can save 25% on performances January 11-17 with the code Dragon25. RevHeather will lead our service on Sunday, January 14, 2018, inspired by the production and by Sharon Washington's story. Join us in being rejuvenated by the artfulness and insight in our midst.

For more about *Feeding the Dragon* and Sharon Washington, enjoy: <http://www.sharonwashington.com/feeding-the-dragon-play/>
Image: <http://www.sharonwashington.com/feeding-the-dragon-play/>

Weekly Reminders

20'S/30'S BRUNCH

Join us on the **3rd Sunday of each month**
@ 12 PM in the meetinghouse Library
for a **potluck brunch gathering**

 VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS WELCOME!
CONTACT: Allie Pistolessi a.pistol17@gmail.com



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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
Kristine Glenney kristineglenney@comcast.net

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



77 Forest St.,
Hartford, CT 06105
HarrietBeecherStowe.org
860-522-9258

We're Hiring Interpreters. Join the Stowe Center Team!

- Facilitate engaging Stowe House tours-
 - Connect the past to the present-
 - Inspire visitors to act for social change-
- More Information / Send resume & cover letter

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Coming in November:

Conversations on Historic Preservation: Remembering David Ransom  
Friday, November 3 / 5:30 - 7:30

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Behind the Scenes: Stowe House Preservation  
Saturday, November 4 / 2 - 3pm  
\$18/person; \$12/Stowe Center Member

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Author Talk & Book Signing: Richard Brown  
Equal Rights May Be Self-Evident, But Have They Been Realized?  
Wednesday, November 8, 6pm / Free Event: Harriet Beecher Stowe Center

### **Intimate Stories, Bravely Told**

When Todd Farnsworth first heard the stories coming out of the Brookfield Institute's writing workshop for veterans, he was floored. Then he was energized. He and the veterans wanted more people to hear these stories. They started tossing out ideas of how to make this happen and, thanks to Farnsworth's work in community theater, a play was born. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11, 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m., at Monson Memorial Hall. Tickets are available [HERE](#). A special performance is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Majestic Theatre in West Springfield. For more information about the Brookfield Institute click [HERE](#). –

**Submitted by Valerie Klokow**

**Love Beyond Belief: Practicing the Heart of Our Unitarian Universalist Faith with Rev. Dr. Thandeka. November 10-12, at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn, Mass.**

Thandeka, the Affect Theologian in Residence at Andover Newton Theological School, is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, congregational consultant, a Westar Institute Fellow, and formerly an Emmy award-winning television producer. She is the creator of the Love Beyond Belief™ initiative for UU congregations and the founder of Contemporary Affect Theology, which is designed to explain emotional development in religious settings and terms. Polebridge Press will publish Thandeka's new book, Love Beyond Belief: The History of a Lost Emotion, in March 2018.

**Weekend Workshop:**

Part I: Building A Foundation For a Unitarian Universalist Theology Of Personal Experience.

Part II: Creating a Common Vocabulary For a Unitarian Universalist Theology Of Personal Experience.

Part III: Practicing A Unitarian Universalist Theology Of Personal Experience In Social Justice And Eco-Justice Work.

More info here: <https://uucgl.org/life-long-learning/community-courses/>



**You're invited to Yale Humanist Community's Sagan Day Celebration  
Sat., Nov. 11, 2017 7:30pm-9:30pm  
at The Grove, 760 Chapel Street, New Haven**

Come for the delicious desserts, coffee & wine, shop at the YHC Boutique, connect with Humanists from across Connecticut, and enjoy a special presentation from NYC filmmaker, Chris Johnson! Chris will present film clips and discuss with attendees. His beautiful coffee table book and DVD will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. Purchase tickets through our website: <https://yalehumanists.com/>  
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Rev. Megan Lloyd Joiner & USNH Social Cinema Present...

# Whose Streets?



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## Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>

**Potluck@6:30pm - Film@7:15pm**

Social Hall @ USNH - 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden

*Child Care Available By Request in Advance for Parents Attending the Film*

For more information contact Jesse Greist at 203-288-1807 or email [office@usnh.org](mailto:office@usnh.org)



**What We Sing is Who We Are  
Saturday 11/18, 10am-4pm,  
All Souls New London**

**19 Jay St, New London, CT / 860-443-0316**

This workshop is for anyone who believes in the future of Unitarian Universalism, but will be especially appreciated by music directors, choir members, clergy, and anyone else who loves to sing. No experience necessary!

**CONGREGATIONAL SINGING WORKSHOP** with Rev. Jason Shelton

Vibrant congregational singing is a sure sign of a healthy, thriving church. Why? Because congregations that sing with vitality are congregations that know who and why they are. Revitalizing congregational singing is one of the best growth strategies available, and it's easier to do than you might think!

Rev. Jason Shelton is an award-winning composer, arranger, conductor, singer, multi-instrumentalist, workshop and retreat leader. He served the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, for 19 years and he is now a freelance minister of music, working to grow our capacity to sing our UU faith.

LOCATION: All Souls UU in New London, CT (Directions)

Link for info & registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-we-sing-is-who-we-are-11182017-registration-38627217046>

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**Peace – as we come to the close of the USH-Enews week.**

**Be kind to others – and to yourself.**

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