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**USH-Enews ~ December 6, 2017**  
**Worshipping Together Since 1830**  
**Sunday Service 10:30 AM**  
**Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr**



**Image: <http://debrahurd.blogspot.com>**

**Worship Service: Sunday, December 10, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "Music of Different Faiths" ~ Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries, Lay Leader**  
**Margalie Belizaire, Worship Associate** ~ USH will be holding its biannual Music Sunday. The theme for this special service will be "Music of Faith." Join us as you are treated to a service filled to the brim with music from a variety of faith traditions provided by the USH Choir.



**Christmas Cookie Elves Needed!** ~ Help bring about the festive cheer that lifts all our hearts and spirits during the longest nights of the year! Coordinate the cookie plates that people will happily bring and help give it all some order and flair. Can you be our 2017 Christmas Eve Cookie Coordinating Elf for the 4pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service? We can't do it without you! Please let Linda Clark ([ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark@gmail.com)) or RevHeather ([revheatherionstarr\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:revheatherionstarr@gmail.com)) know if you can fulfill this sweet, delectable, delightful, once-a-year role!

**Enews 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.

**In This Week's Enews:**

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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/](http://www.ushartford.com/events/)

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

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



**The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Festival of the Season**  
**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Save the Date!**

**Join us at the Unitarian Meeting House**

**this Saturday, December 9th, 2017**

**The Fun Starts at 3:30pm.**

Activities include: Selfies with Santa, Holiday cookie decorating, Gingerbread houses, Wreath making, Holiday movie theatre, Holiday music and caroling, Winter character creation station, Puppet theater

At 5:30 there will be a short winter seasonal story and blessing by Rev. Heather Rion Starr after which we have a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall.

Potluck starts at 6! Please feel free to bring a main entree, side dish, or dessert. Refreshments are provided. Please label your dishes with your name and ingredients. We have some guests with food allergies.

RSVP By Dec. 2 for guaranteed seating at the potluck dinner! Cost is as follows:  
\$10 per adult \$5 per child / \$25 per family of 4 (combo of adults and children)  
Reservations are not necessary and no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Email kristal.babyguru(at)gmail.com to arrange payment or come to USH and drop off a reservation form in the mailbox located in the church office during regular office hours: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 10am-3pm.

All children must have a parent/caregiver attending the event.



### **RE News You Can Use:**

**Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education**

This Sunday, December 10, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45am for morning worship service for infants and toddlers. There will be a Children's Chapel followed by age-appropriate classes.

I am still looking for participants for our Solstice and Christmas Eve services. Please let me know if you would like to participate.



**The High School Youth Group seeks the donation of new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks to decorate the USH Christmas Tree and to distribute afterwards to the children at the Village for Children and Families.** Please help us beautify our holiday tree with the gifts of love and warmth to our neighbors. Please bring your offering to the front lobby and adorn the tree yourself from now until New Years! ~ **Thank you!! -The**

**High School Youth Group**

### **The 3-5th grade is requesting help for their project to Help Alleviate Poverty Dear USH Kids and Parents,**

There are Native American Kids near the pipeline in South Dakota who are the same age as you are who don't have any toys. The kids in the 3-5 class want to donate new toys to these kids. We want all USH kids to do something special to earn money and buy toys like we are doing.\*\* Also, we don't want anything with batteries because when the batteries run out, these kids will be back to square one: with NO TOYS! We also want no electronics because they don't have ways to use electricity: again, with NO TOYS! Boxes will be by each door labeled TOYS FOR HAWKWING\*

Below is a list of toys that are needed:

- \* New Items for Babies: Infant Developmental & Educational Toys, Baby Dolls
- \* New Toys for Toddlers, Children & Art & Sport Items for Children and Teens
- \* Art Supplies (drawing pads/charcoals/pastels) ~ Board Games

\* Trucks & Cars ~ Preschool Play-sets & Building Blocks ~ Baby Dolls  
 \* Basketballs ~ Soccer Balls ~ Volleyballs ~ Lego's ~ Action Figures  
 Please: No battery or electric toys. Avoid violent or religious themes.  
 Please: No Stuffed Animals!

**Thank you, -The kids in the 3-5th-grade class**

\*\*PS: Adults can give too if you'd like. \*<https://www.hawkwing.org/>  
 Any questions contact Diana Heymann: 860-461-0908 or [heydiana42@gmail.com](mailto:heydiana42@gmail.com)  
 ~ **Submitted by Diana Heymann**

**Rayla D. Mattson ~ Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford**  
 860-233-9897 ext 104 | [dre@ushartford.com](mailto:dre@ushartford.com) ~ I only check my email on Tuesday,  
 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.



### Church Business News

**Outside Locks Changed** ~ All of the exterior doors locks were changed on December 5th. Please come to the office Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 10-3 PM to pick up a new key or see Linda Clark on Sunday before the service or after the service during coffee hour. The new key will be for the main front door only. If you need access to the office on a regular basis and currently use an outside office key, you will need to use a hall door key instead. **Any questions contact Linda Clark during office hours, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 10-3 or Stu Spence at 860-916-2474. If you need a key outside office hours, please contact Stu Spence at 860-916-2474. Thank you.**

**Meeting House Safety and Security** ~ In response to inquiries from many people in religious communities around the state following the horrific events at the church shooting in Texas last month, the Connecticut State Police has organized a discussion called "Safety in Our House of Worship" which will be held on December 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the CSP Training Academy in Meriden. Anyone wishing more information or wanting to attend should contact Hank Murray ([hfmurray\(at\)lapm.org](mailto:hfmurray(at)lapm.org)). ~ **Submitted by Hank Murray**

### Financial Report

The latest financial report has been posted. Click [HERE](#) to view. If you need the user and password contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark@gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark@gmail.com).



### Christmas Day/Eve Services ~ Join your local Unitarian Universalist congregations for Holiday services!

Know that all beliefs—theists, atheists, agnostics, and humanists—are welcome at Unitarian Universalist congregations.  
 We welcome you, your families and your friends exactly as you are.

December 13, 7 PM Vespers Service acknowledging Hanukkah

December 24, 10:30 AM Contemplative Morning Service  
 December 24, 4 PM Multigenerational Christmas Eve Service  
 Unitarian Society of Hartford  
 50 Bloomfield Avenue (near intersection of Bloomfield & Albany, in Hartford)  
[www.ushartford.com](http://www.ushartford.com)

December 24, 6 PM Family Service, 8pm Multigenerational Service  
 Unitarian Universalist Society: East  
 153 Vernon Street West, in Manchester  
[uuse.org](http://uuse.org)

December 24, 10 AM Modern and Contemplative Service  
 December 24, 5 PM Christmas Pageant, 9pm Lessons and Carols  
 The Universalist Church of West Hartford  
 433 Fern Street (near intersection of Fern & North)

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Call for Holiday Service information: 1-203-237-9297  
 Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden  
 328 Paddock Avenue, in Meriden (south of East Main Street)  
[www.uumeriden.org](http://www.uumeriden.org)

May light, joy, and the warmth of community find their way into your hearts and your lives during these longest nights of the year.

### **Get Involved at USH - Be Part of a Great Team!**

Get more connected with this congregation through volunteering. Below are some areas, both seasonal and year-round, where Volunteers are especially needed and welcome:



**The USH Sunday Welcome Team** ~ Contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at)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 on Sundays.



**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\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at)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 for more information,**

**e-mail Sam at [smoffett\(at\)ushartford.com](mailto:smoffett@ushartford.com).**



**The Book Table During Coffee Hour** ~ Everybody enjoys browsing through the books for sale 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\(at\)comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:chris.wilt@gmail.com). -Submitted by Christopher Wilt**



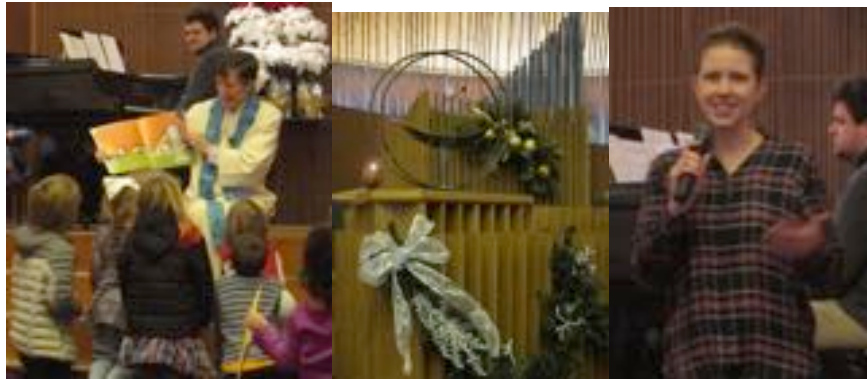
### **A Moment of Peace**

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**

**Sunday Service Recap  
Sunday, December 3, 2017  
"The Paradox of Embodiment"**

**Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister**



**Photos: Harriet Gardner**

**On right, Laura McLelland, Chief Executive Officer of Unified Theater; Unified Theater was the recipient of Sunday's Good Neighbor Offering. [unifiedtheater.org](http://unifiedtheater.org)**

**Kayla took this past Sunday off from writing a synopsis.  
The information below has been provided by Bill LaPorte-Bryan:  
AIM (Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry)**

AIM is a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association to encourage congregations to make their church more accessible and inclusive of people with physical and mental health challenges.

**What the USH AIM team has already done over the last 2 years:**

- \* 1. Surveyed the congregation
- \* 2. Conducted 7 workshops related to disability including one for our RE teachers and a disability-focused SGM (Small Group Ministry)
- \* 3. Participated in 2 disability worship services
- \* 4. Installed a hearing loop in the Sanctuary
- \* 5. Made our church website more accessible and informative for people with a disability

- \* 6.Improved rapid evacuation of the Meeting House in the case of an emergency
- \* 7.Formed partnerships between our church and Unified Theater and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
- \* 8.Shared the results of our work with other Connecticut UU churches

### **What we are working on for the future:**

- \* 1.Installing better lighting in the Sanctuary
- \* 2.Installing a projection system in the Sanctuary
- \* 3.Starting support groups for people with physical or mental disabilities and their families and supporters
- \* 4.Possibly providing ASL (American Sign Language) interpretation during our worship services
- \* 5.Getting official accreditation from our denomination as a church that's particularly accessible and inclusive of people with physical or mental health challenges.

AIM team members: Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, lead minister for the AIM team; Katharine Ann Anderson; Briana Bittel, leader of the chronic pain and illness group; Paula Bleck, leader of the mobility group; Lisa Campo; Dennis Gallant, leader of the perceptual group (hearing, sight, sensory); Debi Gosselin, secretary; Flo Grieb; Susan Hope, leader of the mental health group; Cat Lanser; Bill LaPorte-Bryan, chair; Larry Lunden, leader of the food and chemical sensitivities group; Peter Magistri; Doris Maldonado; Owen McKenzie, leader of the learning and intellectual disabilities group; Tom Reed; Edith Savage

If you have any questions or suggestions or want to join the AIM team, talk with any member of the team after today's service or email Bill LaPorte-Bryan at b37bryan(at)gmail.com.

### **About the International Day of Disabled Persons**

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992, by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

#### **Facts & Figures**

- \* 7 billion people: world population
- \* Over 1 billion people in the world have some form of disability, that's 1 in 7
- \* More than 100 million disabled persons are children
- \* Children with disabilities are almost four times more likely to experience violence than non-disabled children
- \* 80% of all people with disabilities live in a developing country
- \* 160 countries have signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**Source:** <http://www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/background.shtml> -Submitted by Rev. Cathy



USH also welcomed seven new members on Sunday during the New Member Ceremony.

Welcome: Gary Bent, Gloria Bent, Wildaliz "Wiz" Bermudez, Ken Krayske, Deb Hagen-Foley, Doris Maldonado and Kate Marolda.



The Re-Gifting Sale continues December 10 and 17 during coffee hour.  
There are lots of items to choose from!



### 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.) Meetings off-site. Contact: Tom Gervais: 860-558-3000;tom.j.gervais@gmail.com

**Emei Qigong Cultivation:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. Contact Diana Heymann: 860-461-0908.

**Tai Chi:** Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Contact Ginny Hedrick: 860-677-9272.

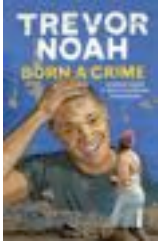
**Authentic Connection & Communication:** An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Any questions please contact Jan Bennett: chair2clinic@juno.com

**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](mailto:ed@thesavagees.com).

**Ballroom Dance:** Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:45 PM. Contact: Ron Friedman: 860-523-1105 or [rsfriedman41@gmail.com](mailto:rsfriedman41@gmail.com).

**USH Book Club:** Next Meeting, January 11, 2018. *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. Off-site. For directions and more information contact Richard Groothuis: [rgroopofus@icloud.com](mailto:rgroopofus@icloud.com).



The compelling, inspiring, and comically sublime story of one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed.

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle.

*Born a Crime* is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother: his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.

~ Submitted by Richard Groothuis



**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 E-News 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 \(at\)aol.com](mailto:estmckone(at)aol.com), phone 860 677 6682. ~ Submitted by Esther McKone

**Participation & Planning for Small Group Ministries:** ~ I am encouraging all those who have an interest in the Small Group Ministry (SGM) program at USH to come to a planning meeting. Members and friends who would like to have input into the readings that inspire us to share during the SGM sessions should contact Esther McKone, email - [Estmckone\(at\)aol.com](mailto:Estmckone(at)aol.com) or call 860-677-6682. The date and time for this meeting will be determined depending on what is convenient for most folks who have an interest in this important program.

**Planning future SGMs:** I am considering more focused groups for the future encompassing such issues as (1) Structural Racism, and 2) spirituality of nature-based,

earth-centered faiths. Another idea came to me after meeting with a sociology professor at U of H which would be a gender identity focused SGM. Unfortunately, there was not enough interest in the Family Friendly Small Group Ministry to run it this Fall, but we shall see if there is enough interest to have it this in the Spring/2018.

So the ideas are plentiful, but I also need people willing to contribute their skills and talents toward the goal of continuing a robust Small Group Ministry program at the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

Please contact me (see contact info above) to let me know of your interest and what day & time would be good for you to come to a meeting on SGM planning. Thank you!

~ Submitted by Esther McKone



**2017-2018  
Season**



50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 -The intersection of Routes 44 & 189

**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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Friday, Jan 19, 2018 - Red State Road Trip

A reading of a new play written and performed by Jacques Lamarre with a reception with the playwright afterwards. Jacques 12th full-length play, *Raging Skillet*, premiered at TheaterWorks in July 2017.



### Friday, Jan 26, 2018 - New World Trio

Returning by popular demand are the familiar faces and exquisite classical chamber music of the New World Trio. (<http://www.newworldtrio.org/bios.html>.)



### Friday, Feb 23, 2018 - Dennis McCorkle

Dennis McCorkle's guitar repertoire encompasses classical, jazz, ragtime, blues, and Brazilian music. He is a prolific composer, performer, scholar, and teacher. Somehow he manages to do all that and still be humble and genuine.

## Other News of Our Community and Upcoming Special Events



### Art News: "Celebration of Life"

**November 29, 2017-Dec. 29, 2017**

To enhance the joyful spirit of Christmas, Linda Martin is sharing her amazing gift for creating works both unique and beautiful. Look what is hidden! This will be ours to share until December 29th. -Sara Sturges

"After retiring from my first career as a Professional Educator for the State of Connecticut I began quilting in 2010 and embraced the title of Fiber Artist in 2012. I am a self-taught

artist who, through my quilts, have been blessed to exhibit, lecture, teach classes, and win awards. My exhibits are opportunities for me to "Lift up the Gift".

I hope that all viewers find the spirit and celebration of life in each of these quilts and, as do I, marvel at the gift." ~ **Linda Martin** For more information visit:

<http://www.coloredgirlart.com/>



### Lost Owls!

There are several stuffed owls in the office waiting to go back home. These owls participated in the recent multi-gen Harry Potter themed service. Please come get your owl during regular office hours, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10-3 or on Sunday. **Thank you.**

## ★ USH ReGifting Sale ★

**Drop-off Dates: Nov 19 & 26, 2017**

**Sale Dates: Dec. 3, 10 and 17 (after worship)**



Find a new home for all your unwanted items (New, or like new, preferably smaller than a breadbox. ★ Do your holiday shopping. ★ Delight someone else who may love your item. ★ Clean out your closet. ★ Help the environment / conserve resources. ★ Make money for USH

★ Look for new environmentally friendly products you can give as gifts this year.

★ **Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Sub-council**



**Teacher/ Senior Care Giver available for companionship, housekeeping and personal care in exchange for pro-rated furnished room and bath rental from Nov. 12-Dec. 17th or longer if the situation requires. References available upon request. Please note that I am a member of the Unitarian Universalist of Hartford community. ~ Contact Maura at: Thebegster(at)juno.com**

### **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](http://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**



#### **Lost and Found**

Lost and found items were left on the shelf at the entrance to the office. There is now a 'Lost & Found' box in the office on the bottom shelf of a storage rack near Linda Clark's desk. Items found in the building will be placed there. Please check in the office if you have misplaced something. Thank you.



#### **Braver/Wiser**

**(<https://www.uua.org/braverwiser>) is a feature on the Unitarian Universalist Association website and it is also a source of wonderful weekly readings that you can subscribe to and receive in your e-mail inbox.** Braver/Wiser gives you weekly messages of courage and compassion for life as it is. Every Wednesday the Braver/Wiser team delivers an original written reflection by a contemporary religious leader, and brief prayer, grounded in Unitarian Universalism. Join the Braver/Wiser community and sign up today! The writing and reflection of our own Rayla Mattson has been featured -- look for it, "share" it if you're on social media or send it to a friend by e-mail. Congrats and thank you for all your sharing and contributions to Unitarian Universalism, Rayla!



**20'S/30'S BRUNCH**

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

 **VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS WELCOME!**  
 CONTACT: Allie Pistolessi [a.pistol17@gmail.com](mailto:a.pistol17@gmail.com)



**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"

**LOVE your neighbor\***  
 \* your black, brown, immigrant, disabled, religiously different, LGBTQ, fully human neighbor

**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](mailto:lejrowell@gmail.com) or  
 Kristine Glenney [kristineglenney@comcast.net](mailto:kristineglenney@comcast.net)

**Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community**

**Vigil for Victims of Gun Violence**  
**December 16 at 3:30pm**  
**Ana Marquez-Greene Memorial Playground**  
**Elizabeth Park, 178 Elizabeth St, Hartford**

December 14, 2017 marks the 5-year mark of the Sandy Hook tragedy. Since that heartbreaking day in Newtown five years ago, half a million Americans have been killed or injured by guns. We urge you to join us in our effort to continue to shine a light on the devastating epidemic of gun violence in our nation until these gun deaths and injuries are reduced.

NATIONWIDE VIGILS & EVENTS TO #EndGunViolence: The victims, survivors and the families impacted by gun violence are often forgotten. Therefore, the Newtown

Foundation, the charitable arm of the Newtown Action Alliance, in partnership with Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Everytown Survivor Network, Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Organizing for Action, States United to Prevent Gun Violence, St Marks Episcopal Church and Women's March will host the annual national vigil service of mourning and loving remembrance for all who have fallen victim to the ongoing epidemic of gun violence in America on December 6th and nationwide vigils/events during the month of December. Full info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/171295873459971>

**HARTFORD GAY MEN'S CHORUS**  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

**FROM  
TINSELTOWN  
TO  
TIMES SQUARE**  
*A Holiday  
Adventure*

**HOLLYWOOD**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH @ 8:00 P.M.,  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @ 8:00 P.M.,  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH @ 3:00 P.M.**

**AETNA THEATER**  
AT THE WADSWORTH ATHENEUM MUSEUM OF ART  
600 MAIN STREET, HARTFORD CT 06103  
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HARTFORD  
GAY MEN'S  
CHORUS

TICKETS: \$45 AND \$30, HANDLING FEES ADDITIONAL.  
RESERVED SEATING  
PURCHASE ONLINE AT: [TICKETS.HGMC.ORG](https://tickets.hgmc.org)

**Candlelight  
Festival of  
Lessons & Carols**

**Sunday  
December 10  
3:00 p.m.**

St. John's Youth and  
Adult Choirs  
Scott Lamlein, choirmaster  
Floyd Higgins, organist

In the tradition of King's College,  
Cambridge, prepare your soul  
for the Christmas miracle with  
carols for choir and organ.  
This event is a long-standing  
tradition at St. John's  
– a "must" to center your soul  
during the Advent season.

Free admission,  
with donations received,  
no tickets required.  
A reception follows  
in the church hall.

 St. John's Episcopal Church  
579 Farmington Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515  
www.RedDoorMusic.org

**Music at the Red Door**

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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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