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Worship Service: Sunday, January 28, 2018 ~ Kamora Herrington, Guest Speaker ~ Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate ~ Kamora Le'Ella
Herrington is the Mentoring Program Coordinator for True Colors, Inc., a support and advocacy organization for sexual minority youth based in Hartford, Connecticut. She has over 20 years of experience in the human services field and has become a vocal advocate for LGBT youth.

She holds a BS in Human Services from Springfield College and discovered during her semester of student teaching that she wasn't cut out to be an elementary school teacher. In 2009, Kamora appeared on the Tyra Show titled "Hell to Pay: Gay Teen Exorcism" after one of the youth in her program was videotaped being exorcised. In 2010, Kamora was featured on the CNN special report titled "Gay Teens Talk Their Truth."

She is a 2010 Faith Works Fellow with the Conference of Churches based in Hartford and is committed to bringing understanding to the intersectionalities of identity. In 2010 and 2011, Kamora, a member of the National Black Justice Coalition's (NBJC) Leadership Advisory Council, participated as an activist leader at the "OUT on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit" in Washington, D.C. to organize with other thought leaders, faith leaders, philanthropists and activists who are organizing to empower their communities while educating Congressional leaders, the Obama Administration and federal agencies about Black LGBT public policy concerns. Her proudest accomplishment has been raising her two sons. <https://www.ourtruecolors.org>

E-News Contributors please take note: The deadline for USH E-News submission is Tuesday at 12 Noon. Please include the dates that the submission should be included in the 'Subject' field.

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

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 click [HERE](#).

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



RE News You Can Use:

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education

This Sunday, January 28, The nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship. There will be a Time For All Ages followed by age appropriate classes.

On Sunday, February 4 during coffee hour, the 3-5 Grade RE classes will present what they've learned about child labor to the congregation. Contact Tom Gervais for more information: tom.j.gervais@gmail.com.

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.



Church Business News



The new USH Directory is now available!

It is on our website. Contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com for the user-name and password.

Or pick up a hard copy in the church office during business hours TU-TH (10AM-3PM) or Sundays (10am-noon) for **\$5**.

Board Under-the-Stairs: ~ This Sunday, January 28, following the service, Board Member Stephanie Briggs will be available Under-the-Stairs to talk with any of you who wish about current Board business. In November 2017, a New London (CT)-based student minister approached our Revs about the possibility of doing a two-year part-time Internship here at USH. The Board is currently considering this possibility and, if we want to apply for the partial funding possibly

available for Internships from the UUA, needs to make a decision by the end of February. Come join in this conversation about what having a two-year part-time Intern Minister could mean and involve for our Unitarian Society of Hartford. All are welcome. **Submitted by Sherry Manetta**



How Are We Doing with Solar Power? For Year 2017

Greetings fellow supporters of photovoltaic electricity used in the USH Meeting House. This is a short report on our progress in plans to acquire and pay for equipment to generate our

own electricity for many years into the future. It is easy to forget where we are in this venture.

A Sole Proprietor arrangement was created by which USH could, at the end of five years, by exercising an option, own the solar production equipment through government incentives for a cost of less than 70 percent of the original equipment/construction costs. Donations to the USH Endowment were used to make a four percent loan to the Sole Proprietor to finance purchase and installation of the system.

Further, during the next 14.5 years, USH will benefit from receiving quarterly payments from Eversource for ZRECs (Zero Emissions Renewable Energy Credits) purchased by Eversource for power generated by our solar arrays behind the Meeting House (CT incentive).

So, how did we do during year 2017?

First, an important note. Because there are several different sources of data, reported at different times, the numbers provided here are reasonably accurate, but can differ from other sources and slightly different methodologies employed for such calculations.

For the year 2017, the Meeting House consumed about 41,674 KWH (Kilowatt Hours) of power while the solar panels generated about 43,474 KWH. Thus, we can say we generated a bit more electricity than we used in the building. This positive balance is a shared reward for conservation practices including turning off lights and other electrical equipment when not in use.

The ZREC payments from Eversource for KWH (Kilowatt Hours) generated by our solar panels arrive about six months after the actual generation. During calendar, 2017, USH received \$3,634 from Eversource for clean power generated on site for quarters Q3 (2016) – through Q2 (2017). Thus, USH received four quarters of payments in the calendar year. This income reduced the budget for electricity at USH. In addition, USH received a lease payment from the Sole Proprietor for use of the land under the panels of \$1,000 and a slight discount on the costs it would otherwise have paid for solar electricity used in the building.

During the year, interest of \$3,276 on the loan made possible by Endowment contributions was paid to the Endowment while \$30,000 of the outstanding loan balance was paid off. The interest paid constitutes a market rate 4% performing loan on investment of Endowment funds.

And, recalling that the fundamental point was to help reduce global warming resulting from combustion of carbon-based fuels, during the life of our solar system more or less to date, a utility has NOT burned about 56.7 tons of carbon to meet our electrical needs. Had this carbon been burned creating CO₂, it would have contributed to global warming

In summary, we are doing well effectuating our plans. ~ **Submitted by David Newton**

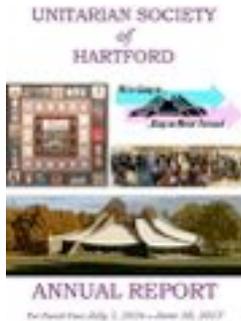
Opportunity to Submit Comment on Proposed Eversource Rate Increase

PURA, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, is soliciting comment on a proposal from Eversource to adjust its rate structure. This is significant in several ways and we hope you will wish to send along a comment by email or snail mail on the pending proposal before the end of January.

Here is what is proposed: USH pays for power under Standard Rate 40 applicable to “Church and School.” The proposal is to increase the “Customer Charge” from \$54.50 to \$65.00. This is the fixed monthly charge a customer pays if they use no electricity or a great deal and, therefore, is unrelated to power conservation. Generally, we favor having charges related to quantity of electricity used. Thus, conservation efforts are rewarded as is on site solar power generation. Both reduce contributions to global warming.

For Rate 1, Residential, the proposal is to stay at a customer change of \$19.25. Note well, this is the largest fixed charge of any investor-owned utility in the US. Eversource’s fixed charge went up 121% from 2004 to 2015. It should at least be reduced as was the case with the recent UI rate case to not more than \$11.00.

If you want to send a letter/email on this issue, send a note to dcnewton999(at sign here)gmail.com with PURA Comment in the subject line. You will receive back by return email: a PDF of the Eversource/PURA comment solicitation document including proposed rates; and a draft letter/email you may edit to your satisfaction as either a Microsoft Word or Apple Pages software version, and send along. Thank you! ~ **Submitted by David Newton**



Reminder: Annual Report

It's that time of year again! I will be sending notices to the different folks who are responsible for submitting information for the USH Annual Report. The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, May 20th.

-Thank you, Linda Clark, Office Administrator.

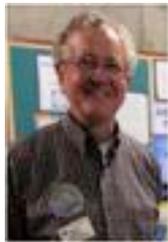
The November and December financial reports are posted on the web.

Click the link to

view: <http://www.ushartford.com/members/reports/financial-reports/>

To view reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com for the user-name and password.

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 ~ The Welcome Team makes USH outstanding in its open and friendly atmosphere and helps newcomers find their way around our Meeting House on Sundays. Choose your Sundays based on your schedule! Duties include: Front and Side Door Greeters before the Sunday Service, Ushers, and Greeting folks at the Welcome Table before the service and the Downstairs Visitors Table during coffee hour. Contact Linda Clark

at 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.



Office Volunteers ~ If you are computer-comfortable and familiar with Microsoft Word, Gmail, and data entry, the office is in need of you. How you can help: Inserting the Happenings/Orders of Service into the Cover, Making Nametags, Basic updates to printed materials on the computer, Making copies of printed materials.

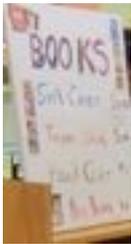
Please let Linda Clark know if you're able to help out in the office during the week

for an hour or two: email [ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark@gmail.com) or call 860-233-9897. Pictured: 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 our USH choir. To all in the community who have ever thought about joining the choir: come and sing! If you would like to join, just try it out, or for more information,

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

**Sunday Service Recap by Kayla Costenoble
 Sunday, January 21, 2018
 Rev. Heather Rion Starr**

“Making Space”



Photos by Mala Matacin

“Shift happens,” Rev. Heather said—using the words she wore on a T-shirt some years ago—as we began our service having made space in our crowded lives to be at the Meeting House today. “It is still January; how goes it with your resolutions and commitments. . . with the priorities, passions, and people in your lives?”

Rev. Heather said today’s sermon would be her “annual de-cluttering sermon” and her chance to talk about making space for things that seem insurmountable. Her own recent example: After 43 years of taking care of wherever she was living, the holiday gift she wanted from her mother was for “someone to come in and clean our house.” And her mother’s present accomplished this. Rev. Heather’s intense agony about the condition of the house was alleviated during an interview with her would-be cleaning person, who assured her that theirs was not the world’s worst mess. “What a marvelous thing to ask for and receive!”

What would our services be like without poetry? Rev. Heather read Stanley Kunitz’s “The Layers,” which shows the steps and turns in a life lived thoughtfully,

and the need to gather strength to proceed on the journey. The beginning and the end of this poem appealed to me:

I have walked through many lives,
 some of them my own,
 and I am not who I was . . .
 a nimbus-clouded voice
 directed me:
“Live in the layers, not on the litter.”
 Though I lack the art
 to decipher it,
 no doubt the next chapter
 in my book of transformations
 is already written,
 I am not done with my changes.

We must keep finding what sparks our interest and focus, Rev. Heather said, keeping our intentions and dreams on the tip of our tongues. “How much stuff is burdening you?” she asked, reminding us, however, that we also need time to respond to the needs of others. Listed below are some of her suggestions for making space.

Let go
 Accept limitations
 Try new things
 Be open to change
 Be more forward, responsive
 Identify what really matters
 Set intentions
 Make time to truly engage
 Identify “core dreams”
 ASK FOR HELP

As a suggestion for responding to the needs of others, Rev. Heather urged the congregation to participate in the upcoming February 28 Puerto Rican Day of Action in Connecticut, to demonstrate the need for state support for displaced Puerto Rican families (whom she called “climate-change refugees in our midst”) now living in Connecticut.

Thanks to our talented Director of Music Ministries Sam, we heard the first performance of his new composition, “Simple Song” for voice and piano, as the choir, having been introduced to it just a very few days ago, sang:

This is a simple song for a simple day.
 Though the words may be wrong, the music shows the way.
 Today is a simple day to celebrate the few,

to gather together here and start the year anew.
 To pine on the simple things and consecrate the plain.
 To take on a brand new day with needing not to gain.
 While our lives can get complicated, we cannot give in,
 'cause the strength of the simple will win.

Personal News of Our Community

Free Workshop on Solar for Houses of Worship

Date: Saturday, January 27

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Unitarian Society of Hartford: 50 Bloomfield Ave, Hartford, CT

Cost: FREE

Sponsored by: the Green Sanctuary of the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

Contact: Jeff Howard – jeff.howard.29@gmail.com

Please join us for an informative workshop on the different strategies that religious communities have used to finance and install solar. Green Bank's CEO, Bryan Garcia, will speak. All are welcome. Please register to indicate your interest (even if you are unable to attend) <https://tinyurl.com/facethesunHOW> **-Submitted by Joanne Bauer**

A Note From Your Revs. ~ Rev. Cathy and I are away from Monday through Friday, January 22-26--for our every-three-years Continuing Education conference, the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association "Institute." The two of us haven't been to this conference venue before--I'm sure we'll have stories to tell when we return. Thank you for your support and understanding as we travel, get nourished (catch up on some sleep, I'm hoping?), get reenergized and inspired, and we'll see you when we get back! ~ **Rev. Heather**



UUUSH & YOU

A Path to Membership

3 Sunday sessions
(Feb 4, 18 & Mar 4)
12:00-1:30 pm

Followed up with a
Membership Sunday on May 6th

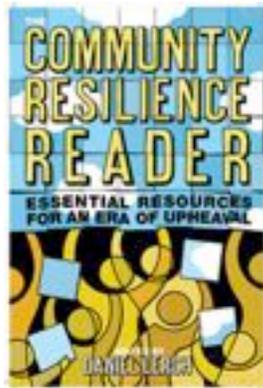
Join us in our three-session workshop and examine how Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Society of Hartford relates to your spiritual growth, sense of community, and everyday life.

Free child care provided.



Rev. Heather will be present for all three sessions.

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



The Community Resilience Reader

Group discussion sponsored by Green Sanctuary Committee

In this 5-week program, we will discuss an excellent new book produced by the Post Carbon Institute, a think-tank helping society learn how to survive and thrive in a world that is riven by climate change and transitioning to an energy economy without fossil fuels. The book focuses on building community in "an area of upheaval." Program sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee. All sessions meet 12:00 -

1:15 pm in Emerson/Meditation Rooms?

Contact: Jeff Howard at [jeff.howard.29\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:jeff.howard.29(at)gmail.com) or 860-921-4376

Feb. 4 — Introduction & Chapter 1 (childcare scheduled)

Feb. 18 — Part 1: Predicament — Chapters 2-6 (childcare scheduled)

Feb. 25 — Part 2: Tools — Chapters 7-10 (soup available; childcare pending)

March 4 — Part 3: Resilience in Action — Chapters 11-14 (childcare scheduled)

March 11 — Part 3: Resilience in Action — Chapters 15-19 (childcare pending)

March 18 — Extra date in case of inclement weather (childcare scheduled)

We will make arrangements for childcare on the remaining two dates if needed. Food will be available for each session. Contact Jeff Howard to indicate your interest and get info on ordering the book. ~ **Submitted by Jeff**

Howard Image: <https://islandpress.org/books/community-resilience-reader>

2018 Programs for Adults and Families

For more information on current programs 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

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.

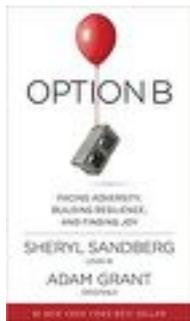
Meditation & Dharma Group: Temporarily suspended, contact Fred Louis for any questions: 860-223-2407.

Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Any questions contact Mark Friedman: drmarkafriedman@drmarkafriedman.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 June 2018. For more information contact Ed Savage: ed@thesavagees.com.

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

USH Book Club: Next Meeting: Thursday, February 8: Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience and Finding Joy, Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant. Off-site. For directions and more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroopofus@icloud.com.



After the unexpected passing of her beloved husband, Facebook COO and bestselling author of *Lean In*, Sheryl Sandberg, feared that she and her children would never find joy again. Fortunately this fear was unfounded. *Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy*--co-authored with psychologist and friend Adam Grant--shows you how Sandberg, and many others who have overcome a wide range of profound hardships, triumphed over tragedy. The book posits that it's helpful to think of resilience like a muscle, one that atrophies in the calm between the storms of our lives. But there are things we can do to develop it, so we're better prepared when adversity strikes. In America, culture can put a kink in this plan. Processing a painful event can be hindered when you're wired not to talk about it. We all know that when someone asks how we're doing, the expected response is "fine," no matter if we've just lost a limb, or had a cancer scare. We will grin, and we will bear it, and we will go back to work too soon and burst into tears in the copy room when confronted by a malevolent stapler (or maybe that's just me). Recently, Sandberg helped to enact a new employee benefit at Facebook: 20 days of paid bereavement leave, twice the amount that was offered previously. As she explains in *Option B*, it's the humane thing to do, and it also makes good business sense; compassionate companies engender more loyal employees. In this way, *Option B* is more than a

little revolutionary. It challenges us to change systems that don't always take our humanness into account. And that's something we need to do on a personal level as well. **None of us are immune to misfortune and heartbreak.** We need to cut ourselves some slack when times get tough, and, as Sandberg discovered, flip the golden rule: When a loved one is in distress, instead of treating them how you would want to be treated, consider how they want to be treated, which may be quite different. Option B starts an (oftentimes) uncomfortable but important conversation. If we lean in to the numerous lessons it has on offer, there's a lot more joy to be found. **-Erin Kodicek, The Amazon Book Review. ~ Submitted by Jean Groothuis**

"A Man Called Ove"

**Dinner & A Movie, Friday, Feb. 9
At the Unitarian Society of Hartford
Fellowship Hall**

"It's a heartwarming tale about a stubborn, short-tempered man with steadfast beliefs, strict routines and the feeling that everyone around him is an idiot - and no reticence about telling them."*

Maybe you saw this wildly popular movie last year and/or maybe you read the novel? See it again for its joy and charm ~ so well crafted and acted, with



captivating characters. Perfect antidote for dreary February weather!

The USH Dinner and Movie series will show this movie on Friday, February 9. You can watch a trailer

here <https://youtu.be/IMZuic0dG1w>. It will be shown with captions.

We will gather at 5:30 PM for popcorn and conversation, with pizza and salad meal at 6, movie at 7, with optional discussion afterwards. Please reserve (\$10 each) by Wednesday noon, February 7. Note change in reservation procedure: call and leave a voice message (no texting) at 860-693-4269. Include your choice of veg or meat pizza toppings. Pay with cash or check at the event. If you reserve but find on Feb 9 that you cannot attend, please leave a voice message by noon so the pizza order can be adjusted. For those attending the Dinner & Movie 2017-18 series for the first time, there is a one-time \$5 registration fee. Questions? Call 860-693-4269 or email [bonnieandroberta\(at\)sign\)comcast.net](mailto:bonnieandroberta(at)sign)comcast.net). *from Rotten Tomatoes website. **-Submitted by Nita**



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: 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**

Small Group Ministries: ~ **A DAYTIME Small Group Ministry** consisting of 8 sessions will be offered at the home of Julie Grace. **Contact Esther McKone for location.** The first meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6 and will continue for 7 more sessions after that. The meeting time will be 1:30 to 3:30 pm. To sign up for this, you may look for the sign up sheet (currently at the welcome table, main lobby, but may be moved to a program table during Sunday coffee hour). Or you may contact Esther McKone to register or to get more information on Small Group Ministry, email: [estmckone \(at\)aol.com](mailto:estmckone@att.net), phone 860 677 6682.

What is Small Group Ministry? This is a unique opportunity to strengthen your connections with USH members and friends by sharing your life experiences with them in a safe, confidential space - a covenant group. Get to know others better and you may also get to know yourself better too! A trained facilitator will have special readings and questions to guide your sharing and deep listening experience.

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 or at the Welcome Table in the main lobby. **Contact Esther McKone to register or get more information on Small Group Ministry, email: [estmckone \(at\)aol.com](mailto:estmckone(at)aol.com), phone 860 677 6682.**



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 contact me. 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.

Planning future SGMs: I am considering having more focused groups for the future encompassing such issues as (1) Disabilities, 2) Structural Racism, and 3) spirituality of nature-based, earth-centered faiths and 4) a gender identity focused SGM.

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. **Submitted by Esther McKone**

Meeting House Presents!



**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). All the concerts for this season can be purchased in advance online through brown paper tickets which they can access directly from this link- www.brownpapertickets.com/browse.html- or go to brown paper tickets and just search for the artist, or use the Meeting House Presents page at USH which has links for all the concerts to brown paper tickets- www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/

Prices unless otherwise noted:

Tickets \$20 at the door/\$12 for students with ID.

Members children under age 12 are free with parent.

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 SHOWS



Friday, Jan 26, 2018 - New World Trio

Returning by popular demand are the familiar faces and exquisite classical 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.



Friday, Mar 23, 2018 - JP Cormier

J.P. Cormier is a Canadian bluegrass/folk/Celtic singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. He has released more than a dozen records, an impressive body of work that has earned him a vast and loyal fan base and multiple awards.

March 23: JP Cormier

March 30: Susie Burke and David Surette

Apr. 27: An Evening with Mary Gauthier

Co-produced with the Sounding Board Coffee House

Weekly Reminders



Lost and Found

Lost and found items at the Meeting House have historically been left on the shelf at the entrance to the main 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.



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!**
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The Unitarian Society of Hartford

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community

URGENT!!

1/25/18

JOIN US WITH
SENATOR BLUMENTHAL
TO RALLY TO SAVE
JOEL COLINDRES!

When: Thursday, Jan. 25th @ 11am
Where: ISAP Building
330 Main Street, Hartford, CT

IMPORTANT DETAILS BELOW:

- Supporters to gather at 11am
- Senator Blumenthal to arrive at 11:15 for Press Briefing
- Sen. Blumenthal to accompany Joel to his **FINAL** check-in @ 11:30am at ISAP
- Rally to proceed during check-in
- Media Interview with family, legal representation & legislators following check-in




#SAVEJOELCOLINDRES

Get involved with the Puerto Rico Issue & Helping Families at the Red Roof Inn:

1) Thursday, January 25th- there will be a bus leaving from Red Roof Inn Hotel in Hartford located at 440 Asylum St., Hartford. Time: 4:00pm. There will be a demonstration at Yale University calling out Yale University to divest funds from vulture capitalist in Puerto Rico. For example, Puerto Rico's electricity company known as PREPA, took a long out for \$900 million but have to pay \$400 billion on the loan.

2) Friday, January 26th- there will be vigil at 6:00PM in front of the Red Roof Inn. Contact Wildalez Bermudez for location and details at wildalizbermudez@gmail.com.

Come and stand in solidarity with the families who are being kicked-out by FEMA in the middle of winter, after FEMA provided them with TSA Vouchers to come and stay in hotels like the Red Roof Inn.

3) Feb. 28th- March in front of the State Capitol to demand more help for the displaced families arriving to CT. Time TBD

4) Looking for general volunteers to help out with transportation to look for apartments and volunteers to help translate resumes and other.

For any questions or inquiries please contact Pedro Bermudez at 939-277-3708; pedrobermudez82@yahoo.com

~ **Submitted by Wildalez Bermudez**



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

For the second year, USH collaborated with the Hartford Stage by focusing a service around a production at the Hartford Stage. This year that production is *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. For more about *Feeding the Dragon* and Sharon Washington, enjoy: <http://www.sharonwashington.com/feeding-the-dragon-play/>
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To submit a Calendar Event Request, 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 Rentals Manager, Rayla Mattson, if this is a one-time-open-to-the-public event. Thank you! ~Linda

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