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February 21, 2018

Worshipping Together Since 1830

Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



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Worship Service: Sunday, February 25, 2018
10:30am

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister
Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate
"Let's Talk About Sex"

We teach our children that our bodies are amazing, beautiful, and deserving of the utmost respect, and then we give them the information they need to understand their evolving sexuality and take good care of themselves. What IF we had all been taught the same as children? What IF our whole society functioned this way? What does it mean to be a faith community that celebrates both sexuality and respect, especially in this era?

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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<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 click [HERE](#).

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

RE News You Can Use:

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education



This Sunday, February 25, nursery will be available this week from 10:15-11:45am for infants and toddlers. There will be a *Time For All Ages* during the service followed by age appropriate classes. The middle school will remain in the service after the TFAA for an OWL based service. The Youth Group will meet at 9:00am in the kitchen for soup making.

Rayla D. Mattson

Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford

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I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.



Church Business News



The Pledge Drive is Sailing Forward

In recognition of the completion of the wonderful ship playground, the Stewardship Committee has chosen a theme of "*Sailing Forward*" for the 2018/19 Campaign. And we've redesigned the way we're doing this Annual Pledge Drive. This year there will be 12 Neighborhood Gatherings over a four-week period beginning February 25 to allow people the opportunity to visit informally with groups of USH members. A Board member or one of the Revs will be at each event, providing a short update about USH plans and operations during the coming year. This should be an enjoyable afternoon or evening!

These gatherings will also be our opportunity to think about what USH means to you and your family and the financial commitment you are willing to make to allow us to ensure that those activities and services occur. We ask you to learn about [fair share giving](#) and

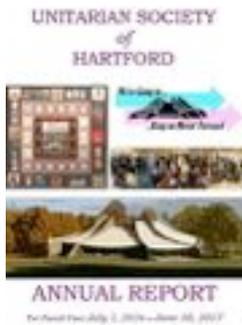
see how your giving fits into the [suggested levels for meaningful contributions](#).

Attendees will be asked to provide your pledge commitment at these neighborhood meetings if at all possible. Of course, your pledges will be private and handled confidentially.

If you are not able to attend the Neighborhood Gathering that you are invited to, you may select another one that is more convenient from the schedule. Click [HERE](#) to view.

Several events will have childcare and two are wheelchair accessible. Please refer to the link for the schedule if you need either.

The Stewardship Committee will be staffing a table in Fellowship Hall after service for the next several weeks to answer questions. Or contact one of the committee members: Carolyn Carlson, Tara Cote, Kate Gervais, Ginny Hedrick, Caron Lanouette and Kim McLain. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Stewardship 2018!



Reminder: Annual Report

It's that time of year again! I have sent email 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, following our Annual Flower Communion Service. **The deadline for submissions is April 15.**

Contact me with any questions:
ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com.

—Thank you, Linda Clark, Office Administrator.

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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@gmail.com, phone the office at 860-233-9897, or talk to Brian Harvey (pictured) 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@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@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@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 Photos

Please Read This: For many years, my reporting on Sunday services for the Enews (and even long before there was an E-News) has been my way of sharing the love for the USH.

But it's now my time to retire. I'll miss it, of course, but change can be good for all. So thank you, faithful readers. -Kayla

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Thank you Kayla Costenoble for her many years writing the "Sunday Service Recap."

If anyone is interested in writing a regular or occasional synopsis of Sunday Services, please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com. Thank you.

**Rev. Erica Richmond, Affiliated Community Minister**  
**"Roots and Wings"**  
**February 18, 2018**



Photos by Mala Matacin.

### Personal News of Our Community

#### A Message from Barbara Fraher

My brother, John Van House of Atlanta, GA died this morning of Lou Gehrig's Disease. He was 71. He was a dear good man who kept up a cheerful attitude all though his illness. He was a kind brother to me always. His wife Pat, son Fr. Joseph Van House, daughter Jennifer Hutcheson and his grandchildren and our four sisters will miss him profoundly.

I love our congregation and I feel so lucky to be a part of us, USH.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday CONNECTIONS**

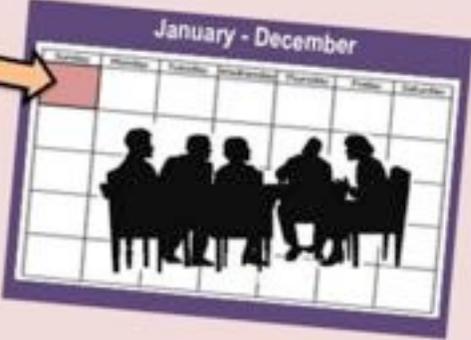
**For Visitors & Newcomers**

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.

January - December



**Every Month of the Year**

**Free Childcare Provided**



### **REMINDER TO ALL WOMEN!**

April 20-22 is our annual retreat at SENEXET HOUSE. Mark your calendars now. Details to be announced soon.

Contact Louise Schmoll for any questions. -Submitted by Louise Schmoll



### **Dinner For USH People Of Color With The Revs.**

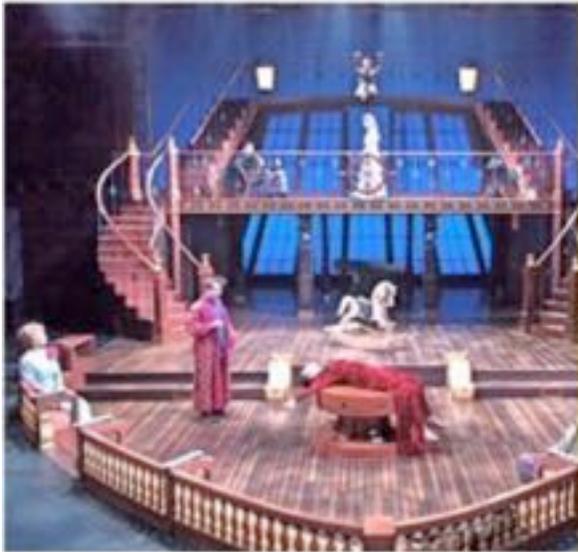
**Saturday, February 24**  
**From 5:00pm To 8:00pm**

If you identify as a Person of Color/Latinx/Indigenous, please check your email for an invitation to dinner and conversation with the Revs. We have done our best to invite all those connected with USH who we know or think identify as People of Color – and we realize that this is an imperfect process, so please let RevCathy

know if you received the invitation and don't identify as a person of color or if we have missed you.

We know racism is real – in the world and at USH, especially in this era when we have a president who actively supports white supremacists. We are convening this space to hear from you about your experience as a person of color at USH as well as talking together about your dreams and desires for USH moving forward. Please RSVP on the Evite or to RevCathy and let us know if you need childcare or have other accessibility needs.

With love, Revs Cathy and Heather, and USH members Gloria Francesca Mengual (Race Matters leader), Rayla Mattson (Director of Religious Education), and Margalie Belizaire (partner in developing this work together).



## The Drama Behind the Set




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**Sunday, Feb 25, 12:15-1:15 PM in the Chapel**

A Program for All USH Members and Friends

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Have you ever been awed by a theatrical set and wondered "How do they do that?" Come and listen to Aaron and Paula Bleck give you a bit of insight into what makes the "Theatre Magic" happen. Aaron is the Technical Director for Hartford Stage and Paula is the Scenic Artist for The Hartt School. With more than 20 years in the business let them take you from the designer's plans through fabrication and installation of a unique set for every show. After this you will have a whole new appreciation of what it takes to put on a show.

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Reminder - the Youth Group will be selling soup this Sunday during fellowship hour, or you may bring your own lunch. This program is another in the "Programs for All" series sponsored for many years by the USH Women's Alliance, to build community.

**Free for all, no reservations required.**



### What is the NAMI Basics Education Program?

NAMI Basics is a free, six-session program designed for parents and other family caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral difficulties. NAMI Basics helps parents and other family caregivers of children to understand the illnesses that are causing those behavioral difficulties, and the critical role families play in the treatment of those illnesses. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also the parents or family caregivers of individuals who experienced emotional or behavioral difficulties prior to age 13.

**NAMI Connecticut in collaboration with The Unitarian Society of Hartford will offer its NAMI Basics Education Program for the Winter/Spring 2018, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be held on Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at Unitarian Universalist Church**



### Participant Perspectives

"This is such a great step by step program that walks parents every step of the way. It is as if you are holding their hand through it all."

"The course is inclusive of almost all aspects of family and child resources. I could have spent a lifetime getting all this information on my own. I feel supported, strong and ready to go forward."

"NAMI Basics bridges the gap. It provides help that can't be found in a doctor's office."

Contact us to register for this NAMI Basics class!



### NAMI Basics - Hartford

**Start Date: Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Time: 6:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Location: Unitarian Universalist Church  
50 Bloomfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06105**

**Contact & Registration:**

**Doris at (860) 952-9118**

### About NAMI

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Connecticut and dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our community living with mental illness and their loved ones.

**UUUSH & YOU**  
**A Path to Membership**

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

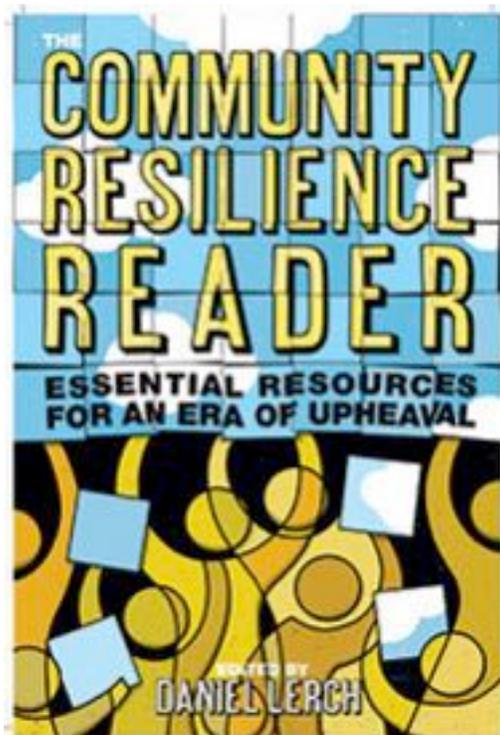
Followed up with a  
**Membership Sunday on May 6<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:bharvey@ushartford.com)



***The Community Resilience Reader***  
**Group discussion sponsored by**  
**Green Sanctuary Committee**

In this 5-week program, we are discussing 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." All are welcome and encouraged to participate. 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. 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>

## 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.

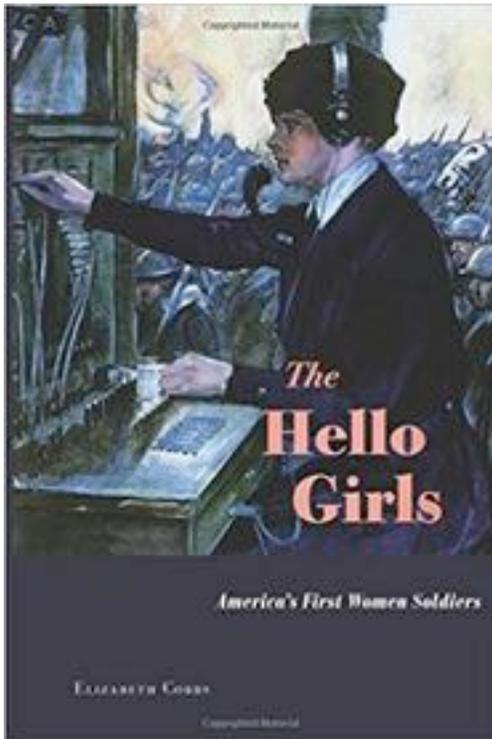
**Meditation & Dharma Group:** Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 PM. Contact Fred Louis for any questions: 860-223-2407.

**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 March 15: [The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers by Elizabeth Cobbs](#). \* Off-site. For directions and more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroupofus@icloud.com. \*[www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com).



This is the story of how America's first women soldiers helped win World War I, earned the vote, and fought the U.S. Army. In 1918, the U.S. Army Signal Corps sent 223 women to France. They were masters of the latest technology: the telephone switchboard. General John Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, demanded female "wire experts" when he discovered that inexperienced doughboys were unable to keep him connected with troops under fire. Without communications for even an hour, the army would collapse. While suffragettes picketed the White House and President Woodrow Wilson struggled to persuade a segregationist Congress to give women of all races the vote, these competent and courageous young women swore the Army oath. Elizabeth Cobbs reveals the challenges they faced in a war zone where male soldiers welcomed, resented, wooed, mocked, saluted, and

ultimately celebrated them. They received a baptism by fire when German troops pounded Paris with heavy artillery. Some followed "Black Jack" Pershing to battlefields where they served through shelling and bombardment. Grace Banker, their 25-year-old leader, won the Distinguished Service Medal. The army discharged the last Hello Girls in 1920, the same year Congress ratified the Nineteenth Amendment granting the ballot. When the operators sailed home, the army unexpectedly dismissed them without veterans' benefits. They began a sixty-year battle that a handful of survivors carried to triumph in 1979. With the help of the National Organization for Women, Senator Barry Goldwater, and a crusading Seattle attorney, they triumphed over the U.S. Army.



### 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: 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:**

#### **Sign-up is open for a new Small Group Ministry**

A new Small Group Ministry session will begin on Tuesday, March 13, 7:00-9:00pm at the home of Martha Bradley, contact Martha for address. Sessions typically run for 8 weeks. Participation is limited to 10 people. There is a \$5 registration fee. If you would like to be a part of this group, a sign-up sheet will be available at the welcome table in the lobby, and the information table in

Fellowship Hall, or you can contact Martha Bradley, marthabradley49(at)yahoo.com, 860-305-3307, to register online or by phone.

### **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, 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:aol.com) or call [860-677-6682](tel: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](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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





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MHP concerts are co-produced by  
The Sounding Board Coffee House

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# Dennis McCorkle

## Guitar Music from Around the World



**Friday, Feb 23, 2018 - 8PM**

Featuring Cuban Percussionist Idalberto Perdomo and Bassist/Violinist Edlilo Bermudez. Music includes Celtic, American Folk, Brazilian, Classical, Jazz, Ragtime, and Blues. Special Guest Artists are Brazilian vocalist Desiree Negron-Carrero and Scottish singer Adèle Paxton.

Dennis is an established performer, composer, teacher, and scholar. He has performed for over forty years at venues in New York City, Washington DC, Connecticut, and Atlantic City.

More information online at: <http://bit.do/Meetinghouse>

Ticket prices: \$20, \$12 w/student id Tickets available online at: [www.brownpaperickets.com](http://www.brownpaperickets.com)

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**



**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.



**Friday, Mar 30, 2018 - Susie Burke and David Surette**  
 A wonderful husband and wife duo sure to get you singing along and your feet tapping. Susie is a terrific singer, songwriter and wonderful interpreter of classic songs and David will amaze you with his versatile guitar playing.



**Friday, Apr 27, 2018 - An Evening with Mary Gauthier**  
 Mary has toured worldwide and had been lauded by critics as diverse as National Public Radio and The Wall Street Journal. Music Critics have said Mary's songwriting puts her in a class with greats such as Kris Kristofferson, John Prine, and Bob Dylan.

**Feb. 23:** [Dennis McCorkle](#)

**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



**The new USH Directory  
is now available!**

It is on our website. Contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com) for the username 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**.



### Lost and Found

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.

**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)

## Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



### From Minister, Rev. Adam: A Response to Another Mass Shooting

Last Sunday, I ended my sermon saying: "...in order to get to the day when we don't need to talk about hard things in church anymore, we must face the challenges and strengthen our spirits so that we meet the transformational possibilities immediately before us. That is the truest work of religion: to help us transform what is wounded into something healed, what is evil into what is good, what is incomplete into what is whole."

This week, we've seen yet another school shooting in Florida. More dead children and educators. It is beyond my capacity to understand how this is possible. I know that there are political forces at work, and apathy at work, and exhaustion and despair, too. I still cannot make sense of it. [Continue Reading](#). -from The Universalist Church weekly Newsletter

Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith, whose installation will be at 4pm on April 29. Mark your calendar! [The Universalist Church](#), 433 Fern Street, West Hartford, CT.

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

- **Feb. 28th-** March in front of the State Capitol to demand more help for the displaced families arriving to CT. 1-4pm.
- General volunteers needed to help out with transportation to look for apartments and volunteers to help translate resumes and other documents.

For any questions or inquiries please contact Pedro Bermudez at 939-277-3708; [pedrobermudez82@yahoo.com](mailto:pedrobermudez82@yahoo.com) -Submitted by Wildalez Bermudez



## General Assembly: "All Are Called"

General Assembly is the Annual Meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. **The 2018 General Assembly will be June 20-24 in Kansas City, Missouri.** Most General Assembly events will be held in the Kansas City Convention Center.

### Registration and Housing Open March 1.

GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System open at 9 a.m. CST. at

[www.uua.org/ga/travel](http://www.uua.org/ga/travel).

Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.

**Excellent Programming:** GA will offer more than 175 programming selections over the course of five days. Major worships this year will be lead by UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Rev. Sofia Betancourt. More programming details are available at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

**Financial Aid Available.** Click the link to find out more: [www.uua.org/ga/congregations/promotional-resources](http://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/promotional-resources).

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

For the username and password for the Members Only section of our USH website, please email Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark@gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark@gmail.com). It's easy and if you're interested, please say so.

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Event Title:

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