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**A note about this month's E-News:**  
***At this time, the plan is for there to be no full E-***  
***news on October 17 and 24.***

***We may be able to send out E-Briefs as need***  
***arises.***

***Our usual E-newsletter will resume on October***  
***31.***



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**Worship Service: Sunday, October 14, 2018**  
**10:30am**  
**"Our Covenant is Our Story"**  
**Rev. Tom Schade, Pulpit Guest**  
**Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate**

We say that Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal religion,  
 but where do our covenants come from?  
 What gives them their power to hold us together?

Tom Schade is a retired UU minister who lives in Pawtucket, RI. He served the First Unitarian Church of Worcester, Mass., for 13 years before he retired at the end of 2012. He writes a blog, The Lively Tradition at [www.tomschade.com](http://www.tomschade.com), where he explores the intersection of UU theology and current events. He is married to Sue Schade and they have two daughters and four grandchildren. He is also is the spiritual director to a small dog, who listens carefully to everything he says, and then does what she wants anyway.

**Gathering in Response to the Kavanaugh Confirmation**

*This Friday, at 6 pm, at the Meeting House, USH's Affiliated Community Minister,  
 Rev. Erica Richmond and Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith, from the Universalist Church*

*of West Hartford, are pulling together a vigil for folks impacted or triggered by the Kavanaugh hearings. While it will be purposefully a women-led space, people of all gender identities are welcome. We will gather together in our pain and anger-acknowledging how narratives of sexual assault and dismissal hurt us all. After the vigil, there will be a discussion about where we go from here. How do we carry our grief forward? All are welcome to this time of contemplation and conversation.  
~Rev. Erica Richmond, USH Affiliated Community Minister.*

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

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**Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Below:**

<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/newsletters/>  
**See Articles and News for USH and the Surrounding Area you may have missed or find a link to the USH Facebook Page [HERE](#).**

**Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events at the**

**Unitarian Society of Hartford: [www.ushartford.com/events/](http://www.ushartford.com/events/)**

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

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

**To read the USH Blog click [HERE](#).**

## A Message from the Stewardship Committee



### ***The Skills & Thrills Auction is Just Around the Corner!***

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 12:00 noon** for the Unitarian Society of Hartford's annual fundraising auction online and in-person. Thank you to all that have submitted donations thus far! We had a great deal of activity at our table on Sunday. ***Here are just a few examples of what is being donated: Handwriting analysis, knitting/crocheting lessons, a***

***song written just for you, electrician services, and an apartment for one week in Provence, France. There is so much more!!*** We also asked people to tell us what they would like to see offered. Most Wanted Items for Auction: tennis lessons, babysitting, tour of the State Capitol, installation of a flagstone patio, spring yard work, a week or weekend at a beach house. There are lots of opportunities for you to be wanted! Don't forget to ask those local businesses that you support to offer an item or service for the auction. It's a great marketing opportunity! We will continue to accept donations until October 18th at midnight. With so many terrific items already, bidding is sure to be competitive. Get ready! Any questions? Email: [ushstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:ushstewardship@gmail.com).

## From the Revs~

### **Join Other UUs in Getting Out The Vote this Fall**

With the upcoming November midterms, there are opportunities to resist the criminalization of our communities. Two key ballot initiatives—one in Ohio and one in Florida—will create justice in those states and strategically push forward this movement in other states as well. **Join the UUA [on the ground or phone banking](#) from where you are in support of leading edge legislation to reduce mass incarceration and restore voting rights in Ohio and Florida.** Voter suppression campaigns aimed at people of color, youth, and naturalized citizens are undermining our communities and our democracy. One federal court put it plainly, writing that a North Carolina voting law was an unconstitutional effort to "target African-Americans with almost surgical precision." To combat these shameful attacks, *Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice* and the *All Souls*

*Church Reeb Project for Voting Rights* have teamed up on a series of events this fall to increase voter participation in states including Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida. See the link above to find out what you can do from home. --from **Rev. Rob "RK" Keithan, Minister of Social Justice**, All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington, DC 20009.

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

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



This Sunday, October 14th, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45am for infants and toddlers. We will have our first Chapel for children and youth for the year. We will meet in the Chapel at 10:30 and then the children will depart to their classes at 10:45am. Please remember to bring your special item or note for the 2nd week of Buddy Bags!



***Much thanks to Kevin and Rev. Heather for helping with the final plans and installation of our accessible swing! After a year of waiting it is finally installed and ready to use!***

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.



### **Social Justice at USH**



#### **AIM REV Up Campaign Voter Registration**

#### **The USH Accessibility & Inclusion Ministry (AIM)**

will be hosting the REV up campaign voter registration for people of all abilities and especially for people with disabilities.

**Where:** Main Entrance area to USH

**Times/Dates:** 10/12 (6-7pm); 10/14 (12-2); 10/28 (12-2); 11/2 (6-7pm). Contact Person: Doris M.: [celestialhug@aol.com](mailto:celestialhug@aol.com)



Join Rev. Cathy at the Non-partisan Interfaith Prayer Action at the Gubernatorial Candidates Debate!

Thursday, October 18th, gather at 2:30 outside the Infinity Music Hall (32 Front Street, Hartford). We'll be there with materials and t-shirts to raise the issue of health care. Look

for people wearing I Vote 4 Health Care t-shirts.

[www.protectourcarect.org/](http://www.protectourcarect.org/)



### **Americans of Conscience Checklist**

*The checklists feature clear, well-researched actions for Americans who value democracy, equality, voting, and decency. We also practice gratitude, self-care, and celebration to stay engaged. Click [HERE](#) for past checklists.* -

*Submitted by Judy Sullivan, USH Social Justice Chair*

### **Americans of Conscience Checklist, Week of October 7, 2018**

By [Jen Hofmann](#)

**A milestone for us:** 100 weeks ago, the Electoral College installed our current administration.

In the last 100 weeks, you've changed too. You've likely developed skills and knowledge you didn't have before. You are more informed than you were then--a better citizen, a better neighbor, and a better advocate for the issues that matter. As a result, our country will change for the better because of you and so many who are choosing to speak up for a more hopeful, more inclusive America.

Advocating for what's right--even when our elected officials don't listen--is an American value. Speaking up is part of *who we are*. Deep breaths, friends. Let's look to our neighbors, link arms, and do this together.

***I value secure, convenient voting and fair elections. Democracy thrives when all citizens can freely elect those who represent their values.***



For months, we've been advocating for safer, fairer elections, this month our sole priority is to show up for midterms. Let's do this!

**Action 1: Check your state [registration deadline and ID requirements](#).** 30 state deadlines are imminent.

**Action 2: [Pledge to vote](#).**

**Action 3: [Vote early if you can](#). (Or [set up reminders](#).)**

**Action 4: Check today and weekly that your name isn't [purged from voter rolls](#).**

**Action 5: [Get a sample ballot \(email not required\)](#) to check out your candidates' records.** Be sure to vet District Attorney candidates.

**Action 6: Check that your polling place is [open and in the same place](#).**

**Action 7: Offer (or request) a ride to the polls on your social media accounts.**

You never know who can't afford the extra gas or who feels unsafe voting alone.

I value showing respect for all people, no matter where they were born.

***We oppose inhumane treatment of all people and the government agencies that perpetuate it. [People who immigrate to the US make our country stronger and are entitled to basic respect](#).***

**Action: Advocate for oversight of ICE facilities. Call:** Your one House rep and two senators ([look up](#)). **Script:** Hi. I'm from [ZIP] and I'm calling with concerns about detained people in ICE facilities who are not receiving [adequate medical care](#). I would like [name] to demand investigation into reports showing a [failure to provide basic care](#) and [deaths in detention](#). What is [name] doing to hold ICE and DHS accountable?

**Action: End corporate investment in US immigration detention.**

**Script:** I'm [a Chase customer and] concerned about JPMorgan Chase's continued investment in the detention giants CoreCivic and Geo Group. These companies [ignore federal regulations](#), leading to abuse, neglect, and death for people in their facilities. I [stand with my immigrant neighbors](#) in opposing the practice of [profiting off victims](#), especially when xenophobic policies are [driving up](#) detention. I urge you to [cut financial ties](#) immediately to stop keeping these barbaric companies afloat. History will remember the decision you make. Thank you. *Name, address*

**Snail mail:** CEO Jamie Dimon, 270 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y

10005 **Email:** [jamie.dimon@jpmchase.com](mailto:jamie.dimon@jpmchase.com) /

[executive.office@chase.com](#)...to read more click [HERE](#).

## Spiritual Life at the Unitarian Society of Hartford



### EVER THOUGHT OF STEWARDSHIP AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE?

In the summer worship of 2018 we described many different forms of spiritual practice here at Unitarian Society of Hartford (USH) – Buddhist meditation, Tai Chi, art, self-compassion, connecting, and Small Group ministry. One spiritual practice we didn't talk about is Spiritual Stewardship.

What, you say? What I do with my money is a spiritual practice? Yes, and to paraphrase Joe Dominguez, YOUR MONEY IS YOUR LIFE ENERGY. Think about that - our money is our life energy. So, how we earn it and how we spend it is essential to our core meaning-making about life, that is, one of our spiritual practices.

All of our Unitarian Universalist Principles help guide our lives toward being a loving person who brings more good than harm to ourselves and others and to the world overall. How we make money, save money, spend money, invest money and give away money during our lives and after we die might all be guided by these Principles just as how we spend our time and manage our relationships might reflect these same values...to read more click [HERE](#). ~Blessings be, Marye Gail Harrison, Chair of Spiritual Life, USH Board

## Sunday Service Recap

**Worship Service: Sunday, October 7, 2018**

**10:30am**

**"The Journey"**

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

**Doris Maldonado, Worship Associate**

"Out of the cacophony of random suffering and chaos that can mark human life, the life artist sees or creates a symphony of meaning and order. A life of wholeness does not depend on what we experience.

Wholeness depends on how we experience our lives."

~Archbishop

Desmond Tutu

"Very early, I knew that the only object in life was to grow."

~Margaret Fuller





Photos by Mala Matacin.

### **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](mailto:ushlindaclark@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Church Business News**

The latest financial reports have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view. The Board Meeting minutes for **September** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view (there was no August 2018 Board Meeting). To view the USH Directory, reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com) for the username and password.

### **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.



**Dinner and a Movie  
at USH  
ALL THE  
PRESIDENT'S MEN  
Dustin Hoffman &  
Robert Redford**

"A timely political  
drama for the Trump  
reign."\*

"A spellbinding  
detective story."\*

"This superb film has long been acknowledged as a classic political thriller, but watching it in today's climate, at a point when a timid and ineffectual media is par for the course, also reveals its increasingly significant value as a time capsule piece."\*

On Friday, October 19, the USH Dinner & Movie program will show the award-winning 1976 film "All the President's Men," a "reconstruction of the discovery of the White House link with the Watergate affair by two young reporters from the Washington Post."\* You can watch a trailer here [https://youtu.be/DC3YFyah\\_Yg](https://youtu.be/DC3YFyah_Yg).

We will follow a revised time schedule because the movie is over 2 hours long. We will gather at 5:15pm for popcorn and socializing, have pizza and salad at 5:45, view the movie at 6:30, with optional discussion afterwards. Those who have seen "The Post" might offer comparisons. Please reserve, \$10 each, by Wednesday noon, October 17, by calling Nita (860-693-4269) and leaving a voice message (no texting). Be sure to indicate your choice of meat or veg pizza topping. You can pay at the event with cash or check. If you reserve but find on October 19 that you cannot attend, please leave a voice message by noon so the pizza order can be adjusted. Questions? Call 860-693-4269.

\*from Rotten Tomatoes website. -Submitted by Nita H.



### **Living Your Faith!**

Living Your Faith is an intensive 12-session program that invites participants to define and practice their own sacred lives of faith. This is currently a closed group, but the program is offered annually. For more information on this program, please contact Tom Gervais - 860-558-3000 or [tom.j.gervais@gmail.com](mailto:tom.j.gervais@gmail.com).

### **Programs**

**Emei Qigong Cultivation:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. Contact Diana Heymann: 860-200-8525.

**Tai Chi:** Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Contact facilitator before attending: Stephen "Lucky" Luckingham: 860-202-3404 or [stephen.luckingham@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.luckingham@gmail.com).

**Meditation & Dharma Group:** Saturdays at 10:30am. Contact Fred Louis at 860-223-2407 for information for when they will resume.

**Authentic Connection & Communication:** An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Contact Mark Friedman for more information: [drmarkafriedman@drmarkafriedman.com](mailto: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](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:** Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Groothuis' home, contact Richard Groothuis for address: [rgrupofus@icloud.com](mailto:rgrupofus@icloud.com). *The Fox Hunt: A Refugee's Memoir of Coming to America* by Mohammed Al Samaria.

### **Connection Circles (formerly known as Small Group Ministries)**



#### **Connection Circles (formerly known as Small Group Ministries)**

Thanks to all who signed on for this season's Connection Circles. The two Fall groups are now full. There will be new groups forming in the new year. If you would like to host a group or have questions about Connection Circles, please contact Martha Bradley [marthabradley49@yahoo.com](mailto:marthabradley49@yahoo.com).

#### **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, during coffee hour after the service at the Programs Table (when available) in Fellowship Hall, or at the Welcome Table in the main lobby.

### Events and Personal News of Our Community

## Long-time USH member Tom Kemble died on September 29. His full obituary follows.



#### **Obituary: Tom Kemble**

On Saturday, September 29, 2018, Thomas Haynes Kemble died as he had lived – with integrity and on his own terms. He was at home, surrounded by family, and at 90 years old, still had all of his own teeth. Tom and his wife Joan moved to Madison, WI in 2011. His one request was, “Build me a home to die in.”

He passed many contented hours enjoying the view of the enormous backyard garden he and Joan created, and the tall black cherry trees that he considered to be sentient beings.

Tom, Joan and their daughter, Martha, lived together in the home built for them next door to their daughter, Rebecca, her husband, Adam, and grandchildren Ndegwa, Kibuna, and Hannah. All comers would agree that the family compound is characterized by a sense of solidarity and abundance of food, hospitality, comfort, and love. Tom and Joan carried this sensibility from their farm and bed & breakfast, Udderly Woolly Acres, in Glastonbury, CT. Growing food was Tom’s great joy. He was a pioneer organic farmer and stalwart member of the Northeast Organic

Farmers Association. He worked for decades to build the soil that would nurture his beloved corn and tomatoes and raised generations of cows, sheep, goats, pigs, geese, ducks, and chickens for the table.

Social justice was Tom's great passion. He raised his voice and his fist to advocate and agitate for single-payer, universal health-care, racial justice, abolishing the death penalty, voting rights, free speech, anti-imperialism, criminal justice reform, LGBTQ rights, peace, and other issues promoting people power.

Music was Tom's enduring spiritual practice. Playing the French Horn, singing, and basking in the performances of others connected him to the Universal Life Force. He played in The Madison Community Orchestra, and was a member of New Horizons Bands and UU Congregational Choirs in both Connecticut and Madison. He continued horn lessons until he entered the hospital. He was a frequent and enthusiastic singer at the longest-running musical protest in world history, The Solidarity Sing Along, held every weekday at noon at The Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda.

Continuous learning was Tom's sustenance. Tom graduated from North HS in Des Moines, IA in 1945. He enlisted in the navy after high school, serving for two years before attending Drake University, where he ran cross-country and earned a bachelor's degree in history. After Drake he was recalled to serve in the Korean War. Upon his return, he went to The University of Iowa, where he met Joan. After trying out medical school and dabbling in psychology, he settled on electrical engineering, earning a second bachelor's degree. That was not sufficient. In the 1960's he earned two master's degrees from The University of Connecticut in electrical engineering and economics. He continued to pursue a PHD in economics in the 1970's, achieving ABD status. In the 1980's he became certified to teach chemistry, math, and physics in high schools. He was a life-long learner, devouring books and atlases through his final weeks, inspiring and cultivating a love of learning in his children and grandchildren.

Family was his foundation. He was one of five brothers and one sister who have been steadfastly connected, gathering for weeklong reunions every other year since 1961. The five brothers gathered often in recent years. Tom and Joan had four daughters and adopted a son. Tom was diligent about the upkeep of the birthdate list of his descendants. Tom was an active member of the Caucus of Connecticut Democrats. He served on the Glastonbury Democratic Town Committee and on many committees at The Unitarian Society of



Hartford. Throughout the 1960's and 70's Tom wrote, acted, and sang with great gusto in the annual political satire known as The Democratic Skit. His parents, William and Ruth Kemble; his sister, Mary Alice Kemble; his sisters-in-law Catherine, Joy and Mary Kemble; and his daughter Dr. Sarah Kemble precede him in death. His life continues to be celebrated by his brothers, Jim, John (Bernice), David (Barbara), and Peter; his wife Joan; his children, Martha Kemble, Jennifer Gitberg (Steve), and Rebecca Kemble (Adam Chern), Joshua, and son-in-law, Jerry Lund; grandchildren, Emily (Jill), Stephanie (William), Ndegwa, Dustin, Kenneth Kibuna, Katie, Corry, Carolyn, Jeremy, and Hannah; great-grandsons, Darrien, Cipriano, and Anders; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

The family cared for his body at home, and drove him to Natural Path Sanctuary at The Farley Center in Verona, WI for a green burial on Monday, October 1, 2018. A public memorial will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 3pm at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Donations in his name may be made to Natural Path Sanctuary, James Reeb UU Congregation, or Veterans For Peace – Clarence Kailin Chapter 25.

***Did you know: October 14th is Clergy Appreciation Day!***




**3 Sunday sessions**  
**(Oct 7, 28 & Nov 4)**  
**12:00-1:30 pm**

Followed up with a  
**Membership Sunday on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**A Path to Membership**

Free child care provided.

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.




RevCathy will join us on Oct 28  
RevHeather will be present Oct 7 and Nov 4

Contact Brian Harvey at  
[bharvey@ushartford.com](mailto:bharvey@ushartford.com)



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Call, Text or Email USH Member Margalie for more information or to schedule a viewing.

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## Meeting House Presents!



**2018-2019  
Season**



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

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



## Charlie King IN CONCERT

**Friday, Oct 26, 2018 7:30 PM**

Charlie King is a musical storyteller, labor historian and political satirist. He sings passionately about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. Pete Seeger hailed him as "One of the finest singers and songwriters of our time." Charlie has been at the heart of American folk music for half a century and has been writing songs for over 40 years. Charlie's songs have been recorded and sung by other performers such as Pete Seeger, Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, John McCutcheon, Arlo Guthrie, Peggy Seeger, Chad Mitchell and Judy Small. He is currently touring with his latest recording *Life & Love, Tears & Laughter*, a 15 song, eclectic mix of classic folk songs – time tested – and new songs reflecting on the testing times we live in.

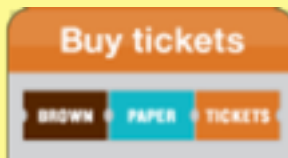
More information online at: <http://bit.do/Meetinghouse>

Ticket prices: \$20, \$14 w/student id Tickets available online at: [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Contact us at: [meetinghousepresents@gmail.com](mailto:meetinghousepresents@gmail.com)

- Buy tickets at [Brown Paper Tickets](#) or at the door if the show is not sold out
- Email us at [MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com](mailto:MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com)
- Phone Laura and Paul Cipriano at (860)298-9984
- Check our web page or subscribe to our email list for notification if shows are sold out or rescheduled: [www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/](http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/)

**Sign Up for Meeting House Presents email list:** Our email includes concert announcements, updates, and info. about folk music events in the area. Subscribe to Meeting House Presents Email send a message to [MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com](mailto:MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com). Put "subscribe" in the subject line. We send one or two emails each month.



**\$20 general admission. \$14 for students with ID. Children under age 12 are free with paying parent. To buy tickets online click [HERE](#).**

Meeting House Presents is looking for volunteers to help out. You decide if you want to help out three nights, one night, or the entire season. We need help with refreshments, tickets, communications, hosting performers if you have a spare room, and this year we want to have a "street team" to post flyers. Best of all, the commitments are for the evening of the show and you won't have to attend meetings. Contact Laura Cipriano at [MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com](mailto:MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com) to volunteer. Come be part of the fun.

Save the dates for 2018-19 Upcoming Meeting House Presents Concerts (We are still in negotiations with performers. We can't tell you who they all are yet, but this will be an exciting season.) Click [HERE](#) to see what's coming up.

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

### **USH Needs You—**

#### **Get Active with USH! Committee and Sub-Council Openings**

We are in process of filling open positions on various Board committees and sub-councils. If you are interested in becoming more engaged at USH, or just learning more about the activities of our congregation, we encourage you to reach out to a Board member, one of the Ministers, or the Chair of a particular Council, Sub-council or Committee.

Click [HERE](#) to read more...

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; Join the Choir; Office Volunteers; Small Group Ministry Host, Advisor or Facilitator; The Book Table During Coffee Hour. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

### Denominational Events to Consider Going To!



**Please contact [newengland@uua.org](mailto:newengland@uua.org), (617) 948-6415 for further information.**

A workshop designed for boards, committees, church staff, newly nominated or elected leaders, and longtime volunteers who want to tap their individual and collective power for living into the mission and purpose of their congregation.

**PRESENTERS:** Your New England Region UUA Staff Team

**DATE AND TIME:** Saturday, October 13, 2018; 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM EDT

**LOCATION:** [The Universalist Church of West Hartford](#) at 433 Fern St., West Hartford, CT 06107

**ALTERNATIVE DATES & LOCATIONS:**[Saturday, October 13, 2018 in Brunswick, ME](#)[Saturday, October 27, 2018 in Dedham, MA](#)  
[Saturday, October 27, 2018 in Woodstock, VT](#)<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/claiming-our-spiritual-leadership>

On October 12th - 14th the Westport UU's will be having our retreat at a YMCA camp and they have extended an invitation to our congregation in case we have some youth or families who would like to meet up with some other Unitarian Universalist families.

They write: "Our congregation has been doing this retreat for over 30 years and we find that it's a great way to make connections with other people in our community. This year we would like to start building bridges to other congregations in our area and so if you'd like to send some ambassadors please check our website for all the forms in more details. You can go to <https://uuwestport.org/go-jewell/register-for-camp-jewell/>. You can also go to <https://campjewell.org/> and get a look at the facilities. We do team-building activities and camp activities such as archery, candle-making, gaga ball, possibly boating on the lake, and more. The youth will have team-building run by Camp Jewell staff and they will also be available to take the children during the adult workshops in the afternoon on Saturday. And of course, there will be Sunday morning worship outdoors. I hope you can encourage a couple adventurous adults, or a Family, or a couple of youths to come join us so they can act as ambassadors and go back and tell your congregation all about their experience with the Unitarian Universalists of Westport Connecticut. Then we look forward to having you join us again when we hold this retreat next fall! I look forward to meeting members of your congregation and building bridges we can continue to cross going forward." ~Brightest Blessings, Rev. Dr. John Morehouse, Senior Minister  
The Unitarian Church in Westport.



**Fall Leadership Day, October 13, 2018 9:30am- 4pm at the Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation in White Plains, NY:** <http://cucwp.org/>.

Keynote: Social Change Through Spiritual Transformation: Engaging Our Faith with Rev. Robin Tanner

Here's a clip from Robin's ministry in Charlotte, NC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfOnYNFqHuM>.

Some of our Workshops:



- Where Did All the Children Go? Embracing Family Ministry with Rev. Emilie Boggis and Laura Beth Brown
- Reenergizing and Sustaining Annual Stewardship Drives with Liz Coit from Stewardship for Us
- Creating Graphics with Rev. Karen Johnston
- What's Going On? Congregational Conversations with Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson
- Crowdfunding with Chalice Lighters and Faithify with Andrea Lerner
- Congregational Safety and Disruptive Persons Policies with Patricia Infante
- Intercultural Competency with Rev. Evin Carvill-Ziemer

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



**Where:** West Hartford Little League - Uconn Fields  
West Hartford, Connecticut

For more information go to: [www.facebook.com/events/319289425501013/](https://www.facebook.com/events/319289425501013/)

-Submitted by Doris Maldonado



**Reviving Justice Conference by CT Conference United Church of Christ  
Saturday afternoon, October 27, 1:00-5:00 pm**

**First Congregational Church, Simsbury**

**All are Welcome from all faith communities - Diversity is our strength.**

**[Register](#) by October 22 to reserve your space. Cost is \$10 per person.**

**Workshop Leaders:**

**Racism Repackaged:**

TJ Harper, Associate for Racial Justice Ministries, CT Conference United Church of Christ.

**Community Organizing:**

Pat Speer, Organizer with Christian Activities Council, Hartford.

**Environmental Racism Panel:**

- Dr. Mark Mitchell, Associate Professor, Climate Change, Energy, and Environmental Health Equity, George Mason University.
- Prof. Dann Broyld, Assistant Professor of History, Central CT State University
- Rev. Mia Douglas, Director of Discipleship, Asylum Hill Congregational Church UCC, Hartford
- Taylor Roberstson, Hartford High School Student

**Immigration Justice Panel:**

- Rabbi Herb Brockman, One of the Founders and Organizers, New Sanctuary CT
- Kica Matos, Director of Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice, Center for Community Change, Washington D. C.
- Alok Bhatt, Community Defense Coordinator, CT Immigrant Rights Alliance - CIRA
- Rev. Steven Jungkeit, Senior Minister, First Congregational Church UCC, Old Lyme, Malik and Zahida in sanctuary with their six year old daughter, Roniyta, since March 22, 2018

***Reviving Justice is sponsored by the Racial Justice Ministry of the Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ in partnership with the [Inter-Religious Eco Justice Network](#).***





**Your Invitation to Make a Difference in the Life of a Student**  
**You are invited to Watkinson School to join me for coffee and conversation**  
**on Monday, October 15 from 7:30-8:30am**

In the fall of 2019, Watkinson School will launch a newly re-imagined Senior Year, one which keeps the ideas of deep learning, student voice, and the belief that sometimes the most powerful learning experiences take place in all kinds of classrooms. Each member of our senior class will have the opportunity to choose, design, and explore a topic based on an Essential Question of deep interest to them. Each student will work alongside a mentor who may or may not already be connected to the school.

I hope you will join us on October 15. I believe you or a representative from your organization would be an incredible asset to our students. I hope you will join us for this inaugural conversation about the power of mentors in the lives of our young adults.

Attending this meeting is not a commitment, but rather a first step to learn more about Watkinson and how you can help shape a program that will connect our young people to our city and region in meaningful and remarkable ways.

**Kindly RSVP to [April Rivera](#) by Wednesday, October 10:**  
[april\\_rivera@watkinson.org](mailto:april_rivera@watkinson.org).

**The Blue Hills Neighbor Revitalization Zone** is a meeting of the Blue Hills community to discuss community development plans and issues. It includes reports from the Fire and Police department Community Service Officers. **November 1** meeting date has been moved from USH to another location, contact Ed Savage for more information at 860-966-8155. E-mail: [edsavage@ushartford.com](mailto:edsavage@ushartford.com). or visit: [www.facebook.com/pg/thebluehillsnrz/events/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/thebluehillsnrz/events/). -Submitted by Ed Savage

**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. It's easy and if you're interested, please say so.

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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

Put in the Subject: 'Calendar'

Also: Cc Rayla Mattson requests: dre(at)ushartford.com

Event Title:

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Is This A Private Event?

Include in Happenings/Enews?

Contact Person:

A Short Description:

Cost: (if applicable)

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

### Lost and Found



There is 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. ***Please note: Items will be donated or recycled if no one claims them after a few weeks.*** Thank you.

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If you'd like to set up a meeting, pastoral visit, or other conversation with me, you can see my availability and sign up for a time here:

<https://RevCathyRionStarr.as.me>. Try it out, and let me know if you have any trouble!

-RevCathy

***The deadline for USH-Enews submissions is Tuesday at 12 Noon.***

***Email to: ushenews@ushartford.com***

***Please note in the subject line "USH-Enews." Thank you for your submission!***

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

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

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