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December 12, 2018

Building Community Since 1830

Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr

Please note, there will be no E-News sent on December 26th.



Image: <https://eco-institute.org/>; Eco-Institute at Pickards Mountain; Spiral of Light, Winter Solstice Festival

Worship Service: Sunday, December 16, 2018
10:30am
“Where is the Light?”
Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister, and Friends
Carol Simpson, Worship Associate

As we approach the winter solstice, we will look for our own sources of light in story, song, and silence together in a participatory, whole congregation service.

Our Society's caring, generous, and thoughtfully donated food and personal health items will be shared this holiday season with **The Citadel of Love in Hartford**. It's a center of warmth and love whose door is open to all, many of whom are homeless. Enjoy a quick peek at all the fun, varied and loving energy it shares: thecitadeloflove.org.

This Sunday, let's **fill our boxes of food and personal care items** and share our Society's warmth and spirit of love with our Citadel of Love neighbors! ~Deb Meny

Christmas Eve Cookie Elves Needed!

Help bring about the festive cheer that lifts all our hearts and spirits during the longest nights of the year! ***Miriam Byroade, this year's Christmas Eve Cookie Coordinator, wants to know what we ALL will be bringing and would love to have a Helper (or two!) help present them with flair.*** Please let Miriam (byroade@gmail.com) know what treat you plan to share or ask her what sweet, delectable, delightful, once-a-year treat might be enjoyed by all on Christmas Eve! Please remember to include a little list of ingredients, thank you!

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Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Below:

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

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

**Unitarian Society of Hartford: www.ushartford.com/events/
To submit a Calendar Request click [HERE](#).**

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

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

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.

From the Revs:

There are many ways to participate as we prepare for the upcoming special services at USH. Below are some fun and meaningful ways to deepen your connection:

Wanted: Singers, Actors, Bakers, & Musicians for our special services this merry month of December

Singers and Musicians: Our Special Solstice Vespers Service will be Friday, December 21st at 7pm with Rev. Cathy Rion Starr and Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries. Come bask in the darkness of the longest night with candles and music. We would love your voice and/or instrument in our impromptu choir — please plan to come at 6pm, and let RevCathy know what instrument/s you're bringing ahead of time. If you're interested in helping in other ways with our celebration of the Solstice, please be in touch with RevCathy.

Join our special Christmas Eve Choir! Rehearsals Thursday 12/12 and 12/19 and on Christmas Eve at 2:30pm (the service begins with a hymn-sing at 3:30 and worship at 4pm). Let Sam know if you wish to sing!

Actors (of any age and ability): We are planning for our annual Sunday Solstice Service and Christmas Eve Service, and we have many roles to fill – speaking and non-speaking, that require rehearsal, and roles that don't. Help us fill these roles!

Our Annual Solstice Service will be Sunday, December 16th at 10:30, and we have a number of non-speaking acting roles. Rehearsal at 9:15am on December 16th.

Our annual Christmas Eve Service – Monday, December 24th (hymn-sing at 3:30pm, service at 4pm) has a few speaking/reading parts, and several roles for non-reader/speakers. Rehearsal at noon on Sunday, December 23rd. Please let Rayla know if you'd like to act or help with props in either or both services.

RE News You Can Use:

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education



This Sunday, December 16, the nursery will be available during the morning worship hour. Youth will remain in the Sanctuary for this multi-generational service. Child-care will also be available until 1:45pm for children under the age of 10.

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.



News from the USH Board of Directors

Board Debates Expenditures for an Intern

Dear USH Members,

I'm getting a jump start on my New Year's resolutions. This article will be the first in what will hopefully be regular communications from your Board.

At our December 4th Board meeting, the board voted to move forward and post for an intern minister for a 2-year period beginning January 2020. To receive partial funding from UUA, for which USH has already been approved, we need to post the position, interview candidates and make a commitment to our desired candidate by March 1. The position was posted within 24 hours of the Board vote and Reverend Heather and Marye Gail Harrison, as Spiritual Life Council Chair, will form a small task force to work through the interviewing and selection process.

The Board deliberated for quite some time regarding the additional cost of an intern minister. We ultimately decided that the energy of another voice in ministerial leadership, and involvement with adult spiritual life and programs and membership growth, were among the compelling reasons to proceed. The cost to USH of a part-time intern minister could be \$3,000 to \$4,000 in FY2021, a little more than double that in FY2022 and then dropping back down for the first six months of FY2023.

We are building off the foundational work that was done with the congregation when we attempted to hire an intern minister for September 2018. That individual decided last minute not to pursue an internship for personal reasons. So though our success in getting an intern in our desired timeframe is not assured, we will work towards this end and keep the congregation apprised of our progress.

Sherry Manetta, President On behalf of your USH Board of Directors

Greetings from the Board ~ For people who must take *Required Minimum Distributions* (RMD) from a qualified retirement account such as an IRA starting at age 70 1/2, *Qualified Charitable Donations*(QCD) can be a very tax efficient way to make charitable donations. If an RMD is taken as income it is subject to income tax, but when transferred **directly** to a qualified charitable organization such as USH, it becomes tax free. You may wish to discuss this attractive option with your financial planner or tax professional.

Within the next several weeks, we will be distributing interim Fiscal Year 2018/2019 giving statements, although if you wish to know your pledge amount or year to date giving sooner, please send an email to bmullen@ushartford.com and Brian Mullen will be able to provide you with that information. -Submitted by Sue Tenorio: USH Administration Council Chair

Social Justice at USH



Americans of Conscience Checklist

These 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 **December 9, 2018**

By [Jen Hofmann](#)

108 weeks down, 99 weeks to the presidential election.

I value democracy. *With respect and collaboration, we create a government for the people, by the people.*

Action 1: View our Spread the Light Holiday Checklist.

Click: [To view the wish list](#) of our justice allies.

I value equality. ***Stand with your rainbow of neighbors from every religion, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, age, and ability. Out of many, we are one.***

Action 1: Support your neighbors' health.

Spread the word on social media: Enrollment for health insurance [ends this week — December 15](#). Sign up today!

Action 2: Advocate with people impacted by mass incarceration.

Call: Your two senators ([look up](#)).

Script: Hi. I'm calling from [ZIP] to express my concern about the [harmful effects](#) of mass incarceration, especially on people of color. The bipartisan First Step Act ([S. 3649](#)) would [reduce mandatory sentences](#) for minor drug crimes and support rehabilitation. Can I count on [name] to co-sponsor this important legislation?

Bonus: [Call](#) Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and ask that the First Step Act be brought to the Senate floor for a vote before recess.

I value secure, convenient voting and fair elections.

Democracy thrives when all citizens can freely elect those who represent their values.

Action 1: Restore your vote.

If you have a conviction in your past, use the link below to find out how to restore your right to vote. If you know someone who has a prior conviction, reach out kindly with this link to say how much their participation in our democracy matters.

Visit: <https://RestoreYourVote.org/>

Action 2: Support voters with disabilities.

Voters with disabilities [encounter many difficulties](#) when they try to vote, and their [participation lags](#) behind the general population as a result. [AAPD](#) encourages Americans with disabilities to participate fully in the political process and works to protect their voting rights.

Donate: To [AAPD REV UP](#) (Register, Educate, Vote, Use your Power) Campaign...To read more click [HERE](#).

Help a Sanctuary Family in Crisis!

As some of you are aware, since October UUS:E (in Manchester) has been providing living space to a young asylum seeker who is fleeing religious persecution and a likely death sentence in his home country. To maintain his anonymity, we refer to him as Rocky. We are engaging in a first round of semi-public fundraising to support this effort. We have identified a variety of needs, including not only financial support but physical support (doing overnights and offering odd jobs in exchange for cash).

I would deeply appreciate it you would be willing to make a small financial donation either by check or via the GoFundMe link:

By Check- Please write '[Sanctuary](#)' in the memo line and send check to:
UUS:E 153 Vernon St., West, Manchester, CT 06040

By Credit Card or PayPal-go to our GoFundMe Account
www.gofundme.com/help-a-sanctuary-family-in-crisis

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

With love and blessings,

The Rev. Joshua Mason Pawelek, Unitarian Universalist Society: East

Spiritual Life at the Unitarian Society of Hartford



As the days grow dark, I believe we humans have a deep need to respond with warmth and light and hope and have for likely more than 10,000 years especially in northern climates. This is so strong a need that Jesus' birth was placed on the winter solstice in the old Roman calendar which was Dec 25th. With a new calendar, the 25th stuck for the Jesus story and the solstice accurately became the 21st. And Judaism emphasizes the menorah story perhaps also to celebrate light and hope for a better world even as the dark lasts longer. If we take the larger perspective of our life on this rare and precious planet in the northern hemisphere, our humanity can join in the many ways to call forth our inner and the outward light. ~Blessings be. ~Marye Gail Harrison, Chair of Spiritual Life, USH Board. To read past blogs, click [HERE](#).

Sunday Service Recap

Worship Service: Sunday, December 9, 2018
10:30am

“Music Sunday: Honoring the Legacy of Leonard Bernstein”
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries, Worship Leader
Lisa Galinski, Worship Associate

On Music Sunday we honored the legacy of Leonard Bernstein on the 100th anniversary of the year he was born, by singing and playing his music, and reflecting on the values he held and taught us.





Photos by Harriet Gardner.

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.

Church Business News

Beware the USH "Spoofer"

Our USH Spoofer has been particularly active of late. In addition to receiving spoof emails pretending to be RevCathy, as recently noted, you may also be receiving spoof emails that purport to be from our President, Sherry Manetta, and others in USH. Some of these get discarded immediately to your spam email box, but others seem to be getting through. These emails say something like "I need to talk with you immediately, where can I reach you?" or "Are you there?" or "Would you buy five \$100 iTunes gift cards and I will reimburse you".

These are spoofs. Do not reply to them and delete them immediately. -

Submitted by Sherry Manetta, USH Board President

The latest financial reports for **July-Sept. 2018** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **October** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view. To view the USH Directory, reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Linda Clark at ushindaclark(at)[gmail.com](mailto:ushindaclark@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.



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](tel:860-558-3000) or tom.j.gervais@gmail.com.

Programs

Emei Qigong Cultivation: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. Contact Diana Heymann: [860-200-8525](tel:860-200-8525).

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

Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Contact Mark Friedman for more information: 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.) For more information contact Ed Savage: ed@thesavagees.com.

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

Dinner and a Movie at USH: Meets the second Friday of the month September-June. Contact Nita for more information at [860-693-4269](tel:860-693-4269) (no texts).

USH Book Club: Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2018, off-site, contact Richard Groothuis for address: rgroopofus@icloud.com. Topic: "[On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old](#)" by Parker J. Palmer.

Beloved Conversations: An experiential curriculum that provides a space to heal the spiritual and organizational wounds that racism causes in our faith community. The program aims to foster cross-cultural relationships that nurture

the spiritual health of program participants, congregations and communities beyond their walls. The program begins with an Opening Retreat on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm and ends Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Contact Gloria Francesca Mengual at gloriafmengual@gmail.com or call her at [860-729-2093](tel:860-729-2093). Registrations are full, but please contact Gloria to get on the waiting list. (We will also repeat this program next church year.)

Death Cafe at USH: February 23, Time: 6-8pm; Contact: Miriam Byroade: byroade@gmail.com. A Death Cafe is a scheduled non-profit get-together for the purpose of talking about death. There will be light snacks, contact Miriam for info on if they will be provided or if folks should bring something light to share if they are able. There is no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. Childcare to be determined.



Save-the-Date: On Sunday morning, March 24, 2019, during Women's History Month, RevHeather will speak about the significance of Harriet Beecher Stowe's message for our tumultuous times today. Following the

morning's service and a little time for coffee & nourishment, all who sign up in advance are invited to join in a group tour of the newly-remodeled and substantively-revised [Harriet Beecher Stowe Center](#). The tour, or tours (depending on the size of our group), will begin at the Stowe Center in Hartford around 12:30 or 1pm. Please RSVP to RevHeather at [RevHeatherRionStarr\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:RevHeatherRionStarr@gmail.com) if you know you'd like to join in this community-building outing, drawing upon sources of wisdom in our own Hartford-area. The Stowe Center has graciously agreed to have USH's tour by free-will donation to the Center--contribute what you are able. All are welcome, of all ages. Letting RevHeather know soon that you're excited about this outing and able to participate will help with the collaborative organizational planning. Thanks so much! ~RevHeather

Connection Circles (formerly known as Small Group Ministries)



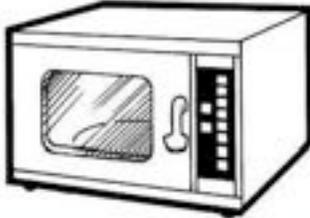
There will be new Connection Circles forming in the new year. If you would like to host a group or have questions about Connection Circles, please contact Martha Bradley marthabradley49@yahoo.com.

What are Connection Circles?

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 (now called Connection Circles

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



New, or Gently Used, Microwave Needed:

The microwave in the downstairs Meeting House kitchen is no longer working. Please let Janice Newton know if you have one you can donate to USH at [janicecnewton\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton@gmail.com). It will be greatly appreciated. The broken one is not very old, maybe someone who knows about microwaves could check to see if it can be fixed. Thank you! -Janice Newton



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

Friday, December 28, 2019

Ellen Iovino and USH Member Sarah Harmon McKenzie

Friday, January 18, 2019 Hubby Jenkins (of the Carolina Chocolate Drops)

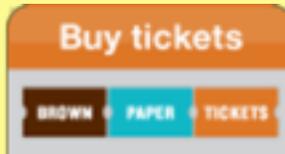
Friday, February 22, 2019 Citizen U (Antonio Alcorn and Chris Freeman)

Come for the music, camaraderie and an all-around good time. Come for the cookies. Bring friends. Bring family. Bring neighbors. What the heck—bring strangers. Everyone will have a great time. Promise. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

- Buy tickets at [Brown Paper Tickets](#) or at the door if the show is not sold out
- Email us at MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com
- Phone Laura and Paul Cipriano at [\(860\)298-9984](tel:(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/

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. 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 we'd like 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 to volunteer. Come be part of the fun.

Save the dates for 2019 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 continue to 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 continually striving to fill 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; Connection Circles Host, Advisor or Facilitator; The Book Table During Coffee Hour. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



Peas and Love Community Meal:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/930188917170678/>

Date: Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 1:15 PM

Where: Unitarian Universalist Society: East: 153 Vernon St W, Manchester, CT

Contact: [\(860\) 646-5151](tel:8606465151) | uuse153@sbcglobal.net

This event is in Manchester. Come join us for a 100% plant based potluck with veganism as the focal point. Intended for creating a closer supportive plant based community for vegans and the veg curious, but open to all who can be completely plant based for an evening and will engage in non-violent communication. A topic will be suggested to give guidance and help break the ice (December: Humility), please be respectful of others. We will mix people up so we can get to know new people, mixing optional. Each table will have a tea cup as a reminder of mindfulness of one's own speaking and that of others. We'll come together at the end to bring up our favorite conversations from the evening and talk about our next potluck. -Submitted by Alex Herpst



**Join your local Unitarian Universalist congregations for
Holiday services!**

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

Unitarian Society of Hartford, Revs. Cathy and Heather Rion Starr
www.ushartford.com

- December 21, 7pm Vespers Service
- December 23, 10:30am "Blue Christmas" Sunday morning Service
- December 24, 4pm Multigenerational Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Unitarian Universalist Society: East, Rev. Josh Pawelek
153 Vernon Street West, in Manchester | uuse.org

- December 24, 6pm Family Service, 8pm Multigenerational Service

The Universalist Church of West Hartford, Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith
433 Fern Street (near intersection of Fern & North Main, in West Hartford) www.westhartforduu.org

- December 23, 10am DIY Christmas Pageant
- December 24, 5pm Christmas Pageant, 9pm Lessons and Carols

Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden, Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull
328 Paddock Avenue, in Meriden (south of East Main Street)
www.uumeriden.org | Call for Holiday Service information: [1-203-237-9297](tel:1-203-237-9297)
May light, joy, and the warmth of community find their way into your hearts and your lives during these longest nights of the year.



A Note from Our UUA:

Remember that we can't heal white supremacy or white Christian nationalism today or tomorrow. But we can touch some healing, some justice, every day, every moment. Raise

money for a bond or a bail. Go with someone to court. Tell the truth about your family and how they migrated or were forced to or did not. Remember that we answer to the laws of love and justice. We work for our ancestors and our children's children. There is no higher accountability. Remember that everyone who found their power and freed themselves or their kindred also faced powerlessness, despair, overwhelm, teargas (or their century's version of it). Remember that everyone who has ever defected from fascism or resigned from state violence or put their body on the line for family or opened their home has doubted, wrestled, given up, tried again and found a way to love through it. **[Five ways to act.](#)**

In solidarity, Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen
Unitarian Universalist Association, 24 Farnsworth St., Boston, MA -Submitted
 by RevCathy.

Help IREJN Plan for 2019!

Please take our short survey

IREJN needs your feedback! Please help us plan for the coming year by filling out our short survey to help us identify what YOU want to work on! **Thank you!** [Please take the IREJN survey here.](#)



Opens Saturday, January 5: 175 Park Road, West Hartford

[The Village for Families & Children](#)'s brand new **Second Chance**

Boutique in [#WestHartford](#) is now accepting donations of new or gently used women's, men's and children's clothing, as well as accessories, antiques and collectibles, books, holiday items, household items and jewelry. Stop by the shop during our drop off hours (Sat., Mon., Wed., 10am-1pm)! Are you looking to get involved with the shop? Contact Jennifer at jmeligonisdejohn@thevillage.org or [860-297-0519](tel:860-297-0519).

WhaleCoast Alaska 2019: Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2019 is for you! Four Alaska Unitarian Universalist congregations invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife: moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, seals and otters! Visit Denali National Park.

Experience Native Alaskan culture. Tours are led by Dave Frey, a member of the Fairbanks UU Congregation and Alaska travel expert. To find out more go to: <https://whalecoastak.org/>, call [907-322-4966](tel:907-322-4966) or email dfrey@whalecoastak.org. Discount for groups of 8 or more.

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.

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](mailto:dre(at)ushartford.com)

Event Title:

Room:

Time:

Date(s):

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

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Rev. Cathy has an online scheduler:

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.**

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles: The member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association covenant to affirm and promote: the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; a free and responsible search for truth and meaning; the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process, within our congregations and in society at large; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.