

misconceptions that surround mental illness. Founded in 1989, the group has performed all over Connecticut and the United States with shows consisting of songs, poems and skits created by the group's members. Please join us in welcoming this group and enjoy a lively performance followed by a Q&A session to learn more about stigma against mental illness and what you can do to reduce the problem! **-Submitted by Katharine Ann Buck-Anderson**
<https://www.facebook.com/Free-At-Last-Players-436195020369/>

E-News Contributors Please Take Note: The deadline for USH-Enews submissions is Tuesday at 12 Noon. Thank you for helping us get the E-news out in a timely fashion.

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Winter/Spring 2016 Programs for Adults and Families

Great Decisions: April 17th - Cuba and the US | 'Cowspiracy' at USH Next Drum Circle Tues. April 19th | April 22nd Sponsored by Green Sanctuary

USH Performing Arts Series 2016 - Last Performance This Season: Betty Jo's Fan Club: April 16th | Special Event: A Little Jazz, A Little Broadway....

Upcoming Special Events and Other News

A Visit from the Village, Sunday, April 24th | Art News - Sara Sturges | The Next LGBT Moveable Senior Center April 20

Check out our online Calendar for Upcoming Events:

<http://www.ushartford.com/events/>

(Please double check the calendar for your event 1 to 2 weeks prior to make sure it's correctly posted. Form for Calendar Requests at end of Enews
 Email corrections to calendarchanges@ushartford.com -Thank you!



Photos: Harriet Gardner

Sunday Service Recap by Kayla Costenoble

Sunday, April 10th, 2016 "Perhaps Struggle Is All We Have" - Don't be misled by the measured, well-thought out and gentle tone of pulpit guest Rev. Josh Pawelek's words during his welcome return to the USH pulpit on April 10, 2016. He has been minister at the UU Society: East in Manchester for 13 years and describes himself as a "white activist-of-faith in racial justice movements."

Admitting that those who know him say he spends much of his time talking, he has come to feel "Talk is important but insufficient. Non-violent disruption has become a necessary response." The status quo will not change "without a sufficient number willing to take bigger risks than we've done the last 30 years." Rev. Josh sees a need for not only non-violent disruptions, but also for civil disobedience and "maybe even getting arrested."

Bishop John Selders, Jr., pastor of the Amistad United Church of Christ in Hartford and a familiar figure at the USH, is well known for his lectures across the country on race, anti-racism and internalized oppression. He recently asked Rev. Josh "Have we really made a dent in racism in our region?" That got Rev. Josh to wondering if any improvement is the result of talking. He reminded us that a Week of Holy Action was just completed in Hartford, where daily action was taken to address violence, jail, education and employment.

Rev. Josh said he has learned much from Ta-Nehisi Coates' "Between the World and Me," an important book of letters Coates wrote to his son last year to prepare him for being an African-American. Coates wrote "You must resist the common urge to divine law enslavement...These are the preferences of the universe itself: verbs over nouns, actions over states, struggle over hope." Coates challenges the idea we will eventually win, telling his son not to be lulled into a false sense of inevitability. Hope tells us a better future is coming, but it will not come without a struggle against the pervasiveness of injustice, and there are no guarantees.

Rev. Josh came to the UU Society: East 13 years ago with a strong idealism that he could "fashion a beloved community...and the problem of racism could be substantially addressed in my life time." Although he still has that idealism, it has been tempered, and he no longer believes it will happen by the end of his life. There have been social justice victories in marriage equality, health care, gender issues, civil rights and jail issues, "but none was an end point and all have had significant backlash." He reminded us, "Just because history tells us we can win doesn't mean we will win."

"Black Lives Matter has captured my heart in recent years," Rev. Josh said, and he sees a resurgence in the struggle for racial justice. The movement began in 2013 on social media after George Zimmerman was acquitted in the shooting death of African American Trayvon Martin. It was founded by three black women community organizers. It has expanded from social media to direct action

tactics, building power through protest across the country. “To be part of this movement is to struggle,” Rev. Josh said.

Rev. Josh spoke to the RE kids just after we had sung the hymn “We’ll Build a Land” and asked them why we had sung the words “Come build a land...where justice shall roll down like waters, and peace like an ever flowing stream.” These words were his good news. The bad news, however, is that “We live in a world that just isn’t fair.” Society has a history of not treating black people well when it comes to jobs, homes, and justice.

Our guest said he has known our co-ministers for many years and admires them for the energy, light and love they have brought to UUism in the region. And they have “only just begun,” he said.

Musically speaking, our choir did its usual outstanding presentation of “Of Such I Dream,” with Langston Hughes’ words:

A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free.

Our oh-so-versatile Pi-Hsun Shih again provided some really powerful music with pieces by Italian composer Egidio Flamini, who has delighted thousands at appearances in so many Spolito Piano Festivals.



RE News You Can Use! - The nursery will be available this week from 10:15-11:45AM for worship. There will also be after care for children 10 and under for parents to attend meetings, events or just enjoy coffee hour. During service, there will be A Time For All Ages followed by an activity in the Fellowship Hall.

The DRE will be on vacation From APRIL 8th to APRIL 15th. (not May as stated in last week's Enews!).

Each year we offer members the opportunity to have their child, of any age, dedicated. If you are interested in having your child or your children dedicated, please contact the DRE or Rev. Cathy to discuss. **Rayla D. Mattson Director of Religious Education** Unitarian Society of Hartford 860-233-9897 ext 104 860-839-5001 – cell I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. If you need to reach me outside of those times, please feel free to text or call my cell.



Church Business News

Annual Report 2016 Reminder: Attention Contributors - The deadline for submissions is THIS Friday, April 15, 2016 - The 2015-2016 Annual Report will be distributed at the Annual Meeting set for Sunday, May 15th, 2016. Please email content to ushlindaclark@gmail.com with 'Annual Meeting' in the Subject. Please send as a word document or put the content of the report in the body of the email. **Thank you! -Linda Clark**



Stewardship Update - We're definitely movin' forward! As of today we have received pledges totaling \$217,000 from 92 members and friends, 72% of the way to meeting our goal of \$300,000 for next year. Thank you to all who have made their pledge!

More than half of the pledges received from members last year have been increased, and many of our new members have pledged generously. Clearly, folks feel the Meeting House deserves their generous support. It also demonstrates they feel strongly about our commitment to paying all our staff a fair wage, improving our audio and lighting systems, attracting highly qualified music staff, and other efforts to sustain and improve our community.

While we are off to a great start, the 50 pledges that have not yet been received will be needed to get us to our goal. Everyone's pledge needs to be received by April 28, so if you haven't turned in yours, please do so today. This deadline is needed to enable our Finance Committee and Board to adopt a realistic budget supporting all our Society's goals next year. Ideally, the budget will be presented to and voted on at our Annual Meeting on May 15.

Members of the Stewardship Committee will have a table set up in the lobby this Sunday to receive your pledge card and to answer questions. (Don't worry if you've misplaced yours, we have extras!) Stop by to make your pledge so we can Keep on Movin' Forward! **The USH Stewardship Committee:**
Peter Meny, Chair; Ginny Hedrick, Laurie Kelliher, Deb Meny, Joe Rubin



Building and Grounds can use your help - You are invited to join the Building and Grounds crew for the spring clean up day scheduled for this Saturday, 16 April, between the hours of 9 AM to Noon. Our tasks include fixing up items in the building as well as cleaning up the grounds outside including the memorial gardens, etc. We have folks to guide your activity. If you have rakes, hoes, clippers, shears, "branch" saws and that sort of thing, bring them along, if not we have items you can use. We noticed in recent years the average age of participants has been increasing. You have this splendid opportunity to reverse this trend. In order to help in the planning, if you will call Peter Magistri at 860-752-9885 and tell him

you plan to attend it will be helpful. Otherwise, just show up and be warmly welcomed. A remarkably warm community atmosphere will prevail.

– **David Newton Secretary Pro Tem, B&G / Image: worldartsme.com**

The USH financials for January and February have been posted

Go to: <http://www.ushartford.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/financialsJanFeb2016.pdf>

This is in the USH Members' password protected area, please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com if you need the user and password. Thank you. **-Submitted by David Newton**



DID YOU KNOW?

The annual cost of running our Society for the current fiscal year will be over \$2000 per member. Our total expenses estimated through June 2017 will be \$369,000. Of this, 69% is compensation for our staff.

Keep this in mind as you contemplate your support for the coming year. **Thank you!**

Refugee Update: More Items Still Needed - Refugee donations gratefully received from Meeting House congregation members have been warehoused at the First Congregational Church in Bloomfield center. The coordinating group accepts donations at the following times: Tuesday, 9 am to 11 am and Weds 5pm to 7pm, but Ed Savage suggests you coordinate with him before making the trip (home:860-232-5603).

Currently, there are plenty of major pieces in stock, but we appear to need the following: side/bed tables, frypans, pots (with lids), microwave, toaster, prayer rugs (4x6 throw size or so, 6x9 for family prayer), tool chest with basics (pliers, hammer, screwdrivers, drill, assorted fasteners).

If you would prefer, bring the items to church on Sunday and leave them in the "Refugee Donation" box in the Fellowship Hall.

Click on this link to read article in the NY Times: Bono: Time to Think Bigger About the Refugee Crisis

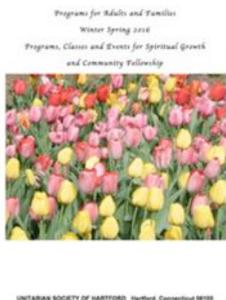
"It is time for a Marshall Plan to address the problem." - **Submitted by Ed Savage**

Refugee Resettlement Seminar - On Sunday, USH hosted an all-afternoon seminar on Islam and cultural sensitivity for refugees we are planning to welcome shortly.

Over 100 individuals attended, including representatives from a number of faith groups in the Hartford area and Muslim mosques. **-Submitted by Richard Groothuis**



Top Row: 1. Sister Maha Abdullah, 2. Imam Sami A. Aziz and Chaplain Taha El-Nil; **Bottom Row:** 3. Rich Groothuis and participant, 4. Food line, 5. Sister Maha Abdullah



2016 Winter/Spring Programs for Adults and Families USH Calendar of Events: www.ushartford.com/events/

Plan to stop by the Programs Table this Sunday. You can register for the Saturday Morning Salon: What Moves Us, April 23, a Green Sanctuary Movie and Discussion, Friday, April 22, and the next Friday Pizza and Movie Night, May 13. Information and handouts about these and other programs offered at USH will be available at the Programs

Table.

The Winter Spring 2016 Programs for Adults and Families catalog is available online. Go to <http://www.ushartford.com/>. At the top of the page, click on Building Community and then Adult & Family Programs. In the bottom right corner, click on Catalog Winter Spring 2016.

You may call Janice Newton (860.677.1121) or email her at [janicecnewton\(at\)sign\)gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton(at)sign)gmail.com), for more information.

PROGRAMS:

Saturday Morning Salon: What Moves Us: Saturday, April 23, May 28, June 11, 10:00 AM – 12 Noon. (June 11's Final Session in this series will be a 10:00-1:30 special session with potluck)

Friday Pizza and Movie: May 13, 5:30 PM.

Ballroom Dance: Thursdays: Monthly enrollment, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Drum Circle: 3rd Tuesdays, 6:45 – 7:45 PM.

Tai Chi: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

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

Meditation and Dharma Gathering: Wednesdays, 5:45 – 7:00 PM.

Authentic Connection & Communication:

An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 PM.

**GREAT DECISIONS Meetings – April 2016 - April 17: 9:00 In Servetus.
Topic: Cuba and the U.S. Paula Jones, Kevin Gough and Marianne Horn, a recent visitor to Cuba – Discussants**

The U.S. announced on December 17, 2014, that, after decades of isolation, it would be taking major steps to normalize relations with Cuba, its neighbor to the south. The announcement marked a dramatic shift away from a policy that has its roots in one of the darkest moments of the Cold War—the Cuban missile crisis. Although the U.S. trade embargo is unlikely to end any time soon, American and Cuban leaders today are trying to bring a relationship once defined by antithetical ideologies into the 21st century.

Final discussion schedule:

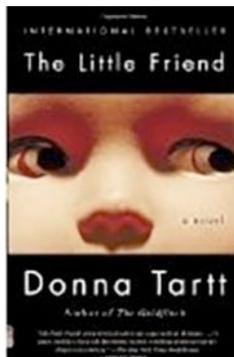
May 1: the Politics and Demographics of International Migration – Ed Savage, Discussant

May 15: The Koreas - Sherry Manetta and Brian Harvey, Discussants

June 5: Mideast Alliances - Mike Winterfield, Discussant

http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_topics

Unitarian Meeting House: www.ushartford.com **-Submitted by Ed Savage**

**USH BOOK CLUB: THURSDAY – May 5**

5:30 pm at the home of Jean and Richard Groothuis

THE LITTLE FRIEND by Donna Tartt

The second novel by Donna Tartt, bestselling author of *The Goldfinch* (winner of the 2014 Pulitzer Prize), *The Little Friend* is a grandly ambitious and utterly riveting novel of childhood, innocence and evil.

The setting is Alexandria, Mississippi, where one Mother's

Day a little boy named Robin Cleve Dufresnes was found hanging from a tree in his parents' yard. Twelve years later Robin's murder is still unsolved and his family remains devastated. So it is that Robin's sister Harriet—unnervingly bright, insufferably determined, and unduly influenced by the fiction of Kipling and Robert Louis Stevenson—sets out to unmask his killer. Aided only by her worshipful friend Hely, Harriet crosses her town's rigid lines of race and caste and burrows deep into her family's history of loss. Filled with hairpin turns of plot and "a bustling, ridiculous humanity worthy of Dickens" (The New York Times Book Review), *The Little Friend* is a work of myriad enchantments by a writer of prodigious talent. From Amazon.com

Please talk to Richard Groothuis if you have any questions. 860-678-1030; rgroopofus@comcast.net

Upcoming Book:

June 2: Spring Chicken: Stay Young Forever (or Die Trying) - Bill Gifford -

Submitted by Richard Groothuis

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Cowspiracy: *The Sustainability Secret*



When Friday April 22, 2016 7–9 p.m.

Where Unitarian Society of Hartford
50 Bloomfield Ave., Hartford

Some graphic content

What This groundbreaking environmental documentary looks at one of the most destructive industries on the planet today — and investigates why leading environmental organizations don't talk much about it. www.cowspiracy.com

Free Tasty treats Lively discussion Bring a friend or two

Please register if you need childcare → <http://tinyurl.com/bovination>

**Unitarian Society of Hartford Performing Arts
50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105**



**JACQUES LAMARRE HAS DONE IT AGAIN! WORLD
PREMIERE PLAY READING ON SATURDAY, APRIL
16th AT 7:30
BETTY JO'S FAN CLUB**

A new comedy by Jacques Lamarre
Starring Virginia Wolf

Poor Betty Jo! She has no job. Her husband has left her. Her kids hate her. What is a woman to do? Curl up and die?! Shucks, no! She starts a fan club -- dedicated to herself. When her fans' devotion starts to get a little too fervent, can Betty Jo maintain control over the masses? A world premiere reading of a new one-woman comedy from the extraordinarily successful Connecticut playwright behind *I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti* starring Herstory Theatre founder and Spotlight Radio host Virginia Wolf.

Reception to follow the reading... A goodwill offering of \$15 is suggested, with all proceeds going to the USH General Fund and matched by an anonymous donor.

The final event of the 2015-2016 Performing Arts season! Don't miss it.



A Little Jazz, A Little Broadway – A Cabaret
Please mark your calendar for Saturday night, June 4th, at 7:30 pm! John Clapp has gifted USH with a concert he purchased at the Auction. The cabaret will be held downstairs in Fellowship Hall and will involve music, wine, and delicious refreshments.

Come hear songs you know and love sung by husband-and-wife cabaret specialists (and familiar faces) Patrice Fitzgerald and Richard Leslie.

No charge... but if you feel moved to throw a donation in the basket for USH, that's all the better! It's going to be a great evening.

**Contact Person: Patrice Fitzgerald
Patrice Fitzgerald for the Performing Arts Sub-Council**

Upcoming Special Events and Other News



A Visit from The Village - On April 24th Mark Brinkerhoff, Associate Director of Development for The Village for Families and Children, will make an informal presentation about The Village in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Mark's visit will be an opportunity to learn more about our friends next door. He will talk about programs offered by The Village--with audiovisuals, and be available for discussion and questions. - **Submitted by Joanne Orlando**



ART NEWS

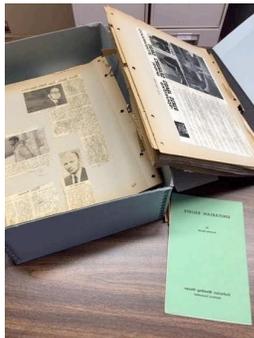
April's Featured Artist in the Ambulatory: Lori Racicot - Lori Racicot, gifted, full-time artist, agreed to share examples of her ever-evolving art with us through the month of April. Her artist's statement explains her motivation, subjects, choice of material...the spirit intrinsic to her work. -**Sara Sturges**

Go to <http://www.loriracicot.com/> for more information

The USH Wish List Hello Everyone!

There are 4 items that we could really use at USH:
 A Functional 21st century computer that could be used for volunteer tasks
 New collapsible functional easels
 1 Coat rack tree
 Staples gift cards

Please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com or 860-233-9897 x100 if you have one of these items and would like to donate it to USH. Thank you.



Update on the USH Archives - by Larry Lunden

The USH Board passed a resolution in support of our efforts in managing the Archives. At our March 23 Archives meeting, we discussed The need for archival storage materials in the coming year. Getting a line item in the budget for archives. The idea of replacing the bookcases with shelving for archival quality storage boxes The reel to reel tapes: RevHeather contacted a local business, who said they could be converted for \$100 per reel. We agreed that is too expensive. I spoke with Ed Savage who happened to be there. He said his reel to

reel machine broke. He has been looking for another one, but has been unsuccessful. We symbolically tossed out one reel that had mold on it. We hope the resonance in the cosmos might bring forth someone who will want to put in a lot of effort in preserving the recorded materials. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 27 at 10:0 AM .All are welcome to join us!



Seeking Chalice Lighters! Lighting the chalice on Sunday morning as an individual, a couple or a family is a way for you to take a small part in our shared worship service. It's also a way for all of us to see each other more fully and help everyone remember names more easily. Thanks for signing up to engage in this especially Unitarian Universalist ritual that begins our services.

If you haven't lit the chalice before, please plan to arrive by 10:10am so we can show you the routine before the service begins.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b45a5ae2baa8-chalice>

A Call for Office Volunteers! Could that possibly be YOU? We are in need of volunteers to maintain a friendly office presence. Easy work - or bring a book, knitting and a smile for any visitors or phone calls the office may receive. Please contact Linda Clark (at: ushlindaclark [at] gmail [dot] com or phone the office at 860-233-9897 and let her know if you can spend a few hours a week in the USH Office to help us keep our friendly and efficient office going!



Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! I just want to let you know that I have several concerts coming up. The concerts that are open to the public are listed below. The May 1st concert is available for live streaming even though it is in D.C. I hope to see you there.

Thank you!

Best, Pi-Hsun

With CitySingers of Hartford

<http://citysingers.org/>

Turning the Key: Songs of Heart and Home

Saturday, April 23, 2016; 4:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church; 679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford; 860-523-5201

Sunday, April 24, 2016; 4:00 pm

Trinity College Chapel; 300 Summit Street, Hartford; 860-297-2012

With Cellist Tanya Anisimova

Sunday Live at the Studio/Live Streaming

Blue House Production, Kensington Soundstage, MD

Sunday, May 1, 2016; 2:00pm

Program: Beethoven, Schubert, Fa-Re-La and Japanese-French-American Masatoshi Mitsumoto's *Pierre et Luce* will receive its first performance.

Tickets for the live event are \$40.00 per person.

The cost to purchase the live stream is \$10.00.

DVDs of the Concert will be available for \$20.00 each.

Location:

4213c Howard Avenue, Kensington MD.

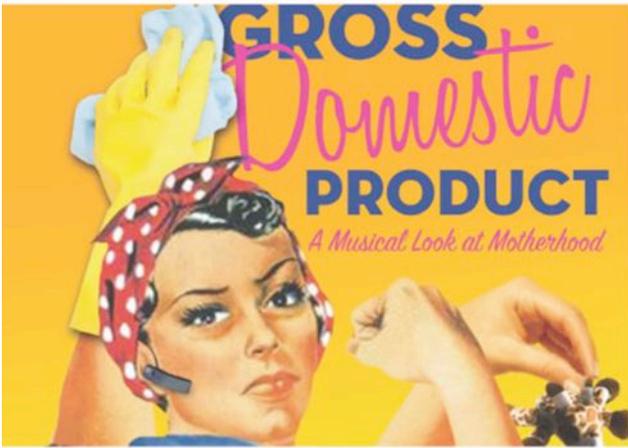
Checks can be made payable to Blue House Productions and mailed to 2201 Westview Drive, Silver Spring Md 20910.

If you wish to use a credit card please call 301-589-1001

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/237723853233063/>

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT



HartBeat Ensemble presents *Gross Domestic Product*, a new musical written by Hartford-based playwright Julia Rosenblatt, directed by Rachel Alderman, and music composed by Martín Carrillo.

Visit us
hartbeatensemble.org

360 Farmington Ave
Hartford, CT 06105

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CHEYENNE QUEEN AT
860-548-9144 ext. 116





GROUP RATES FOR 6 OR MORE: \$15/PERSON

APRIL 7 - MAY 1, 2016

ALL PERFORMANCES THURSDAY-SATURDAY AT 7:30PM
AND SUNDAY AT 2:00PM

When a trailblazing senator holds a public forum to unveil her new economic agenda for mothers in America, she is slapped with realities that are far more harsh than she could have imagined. *Gross Domestic Product* is a musical about motherhood that traverses the heartfelt as well as the outrageous, while examining what this "labor of love" is actually worth to our society.

Founded in 2001 by Steven Raider-Ginsburg, Julia B. Rosenblatt and Gregory R. Tate (1952-2012), **HartBeat Ensemble** creates provocative theater that connects our community beyond traditional barriers of class, race, geography and gender. HartBeat's resident home is the Carriage House Theater.

GDP has received support from National Endowment for the Arts, Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, the Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation, Connecticut Office of the Arts and Artists Fellowship Program.



LGBT Adults and Allies of the LGBT Community are invited to join the LGBT Moveable Senior Center--a partnership among multiple Connecticut Senior Centers to connect the LGBT community to mind-body-spirit, to each other, and to services and supports for healthy aging!

The Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center of Bloomfield
 330 Park Avenue
 Bloomfield, CT 06002
 Wednesday, April 20
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

***** RSVP by April 13 *****
 860-243-8361

Program

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|--------------------|--|
| 10:00-10:25 am | Welcome - Continental breakfast - Informal activities/conversation - Independence Unlimited information table |
| 10:30-11:15am | Beth Hugh is back by popular demand! Today she will show you how to "recharge" with movement and meditation |
| 11:20 am -12:15 pm | Roy Moeckel: "CT Prime Timers: Social connection for mature gay & bisexual men" |
| 12:25-1:15 pm | Lunch |
| 1:20 -2:10 pm | "What do you <i>really</i> need to know about emergency preparedness?" presented by Ellen Mayer of the West Hartford Bloomfield Health Dist. |
| 2:10-3:00 pm | Social hour with coloring |
| or | |
| 1:15-3:30 pm | Bingo (1st card is complimentary; additional cards are \$1 each) |

The LGBT Moveable Senior Center is sponsored by CCCI as part of "Getting it Right: Creating an LGBT-responsive Organization," a project funded by the John H. and Ethel G. Noble Charitable Trust and was guided by CT LGBT Aging Advocacy.

For Access to the Members Only Section on the Web Page:
 For the username and password for the Members Only section, please email Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com

Special Note: Hi Everyone! Please check the online calendar to make sure the Room and Time you wish to reserve is still available before you make a request. This will help in planning your event.

Thank you! Linda Clark, Office Administrator

For events for the online calendar please include the following information:

(Cut and Paste from the E news will work)

Put in the Subject: 'Calendar'

Event Title:

Room:

Time:

Date(s):

Contact Person:

A Short Description:

Cost: (if applicable)

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

Email Calendar Events to: calendarchanges@ushartford.com Thank you.

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.**

Nuts and Bolts: 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 of 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.

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