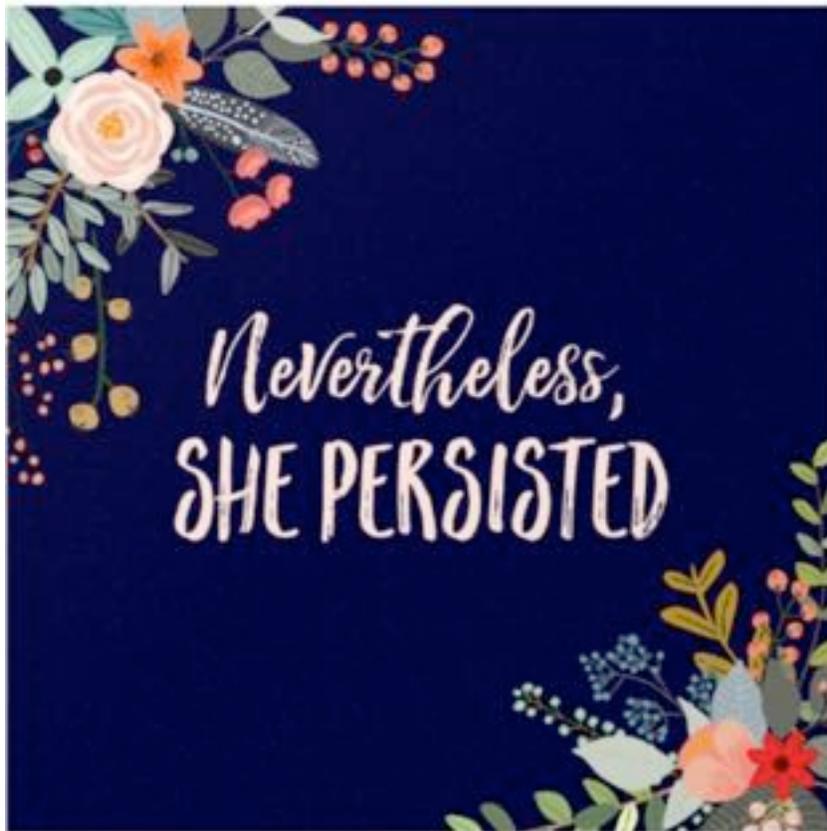




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USH-Enews ~ February 15, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



Worship Service: Sunday, February 19, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM
"Creating What We Need" ~ Rev. Erica Richmond, Affiliated Community
Minister, Pulpit Guest ~ Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate

In this fear-inducing political climate, how can all of us cultivate love and kindness in our communities? How do we do this at church and beyond? In a

time when isolation and loneliness could take over, how do we keep connecting and building the communities we need. The political is personal and relational. Let us worship together as we sustain ourselves for the long-haul.

Reverend Erica Richmond is our Affiliated Community Minister and full time Chaplain at Hartford Hospital. Beyond hospital work, Erica is also part of the leadership team of Hartford's chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice.

All About Parental Leave ~ Braden bell Rion Starr, was born Friday morning, February 10, at 7:17am. Rev. Heather will be back at half-time in mid-March through mid-April, then she will be full-time Mid-April through mid-May. Rev. Cathy will be out for 3 months and will return in mid-May. Thanks for respecting our privacy while they get to know their new little one. Your help with meals starting February 21st, is appreciated. See the Take Them A Meal link in this E-News or talk with Deb Meny to sign up.

Parental Leave Team Contacts ~ While Reverends Cathy and Heather are both on parental leave, members of the Parental Leave Team will be available to field your questions. Please don't hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to get you a prompt response or refer you to the person who can help. General information: Martha Bradley, marthabradley49@yahoo.com, call or text, 860-305-3307 (Martha will be visiting her son in Arizona from Feb.16 to Mar 6. If you want to contact her by phone, please allow for the 3 hours earlier time difference for Arizona. Thanks.)

Pastoral Care: Eve Pech, elpech@sbcglobal.net, 860-379-5035.
Rev. Erica Richmond, our Affiliated Community Minister, will be on call for pastoral emergencies, ef.richmond@gmail.com, 617-997-1216.

Business or Building: Phil Gardner, gardnerpj@comcast.net, 860-313-4455
Worship: Sue Smolski, sue.smolski@gmail.com, 860-280-7250.

If you have a joy or sorrow in your life that you'd like shared with the congregation during a Sunday service, please contact both Eve Pech and Sue Smolski.

Rayla Mattson is our Rentals Manager. For new rental requests to use space at USH, please contact her at: dre@ushartford.com or 860-839-5001. For Rates and Rental Application, go here.

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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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 on the USH Facebook Page Here.

Check out our Online Calendar for Upcoming Events:
<http://www.ushartford.com/events/>

To submit a Calendar Request, please cut and paste the FORM at the end of the E-News 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. Thank you! ~Linda

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

Sunday Service Recap ~ February 12, 2017 ~ "Share the Love Sunday"





Special Thanks to Paul Cipriano for taking the photos on that snowy day!

Kayla Costenoble would like to share the Sunday Service Recap reporting. She was not at USH on February 12 and will not be here on February 19: Are there any budding writers who are interested in submitting the Sunday Service Recap?

If there are, please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com. Thank you.

Despite the snow, many people showed up for this past Sunday's Service. Rayla did a fantastic job running the show! Thank you.



RE News You Can Use! ~ The nursery will be available this Sunday, February 19, from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship for infants and toddlers ages birth to three. There will be a Time For All Ages followed by age appropriate classes.

The DRE is still looking for two more families to play host in March. I am hosting a training here and some of my colleagues would like to stay with someone if possible instead of in a hotel. The stay over would be for March 3rd. Please contact the DRE if you can open your home for one evening.

For the first time in many years, we will be hosting OWL (Our Whole Lives) for our 7th-9th graders. The DRE is looking for another teacher who identifies as he/him to attend the 2 day facilitator training. If you would be interested in taking the training and leading OWL next year, please contact the DRE.

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.



FUNDrive ~ Please support the Religious Education Program at USH
Donate clothing and household goods from March 1st – 10th

Community members are invited to donate gently-used clothing and household items at the Unitarian Society of Hartford FUNDrive, to be held March 1st-10th. The drive's goal is to raise \$4,000 in funds to support the training of our OWL facilitators, and our new playground. Acceptable donations include clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, books, and small household items (no furniture). Our program has grown enough to offer a full Religious Education program. Coming of Age and Our Whole Lives are two fundamental Unitarian Universalist

Religious Education offerings. Because of the sensitive nature of OWL, in that it deals with human sexuality and healthy relations, the facilitators would need to be trained by the UUA. Events like FUNDrives help us raise needed funds so we can grow our program and provide a complete and strong UU foundation for our children and youth.

All goods collected through the FUNDrive are sold to Savers, the parent company to great thrift stores like Value Village, Unique, and Savers. They pay us by the pound for every qualifying donation received. In turn, these items help keep their floors freshly stocked.

About RE at USH: Religious education provided by the Unitarian Society of Hartford is a liberal based program focused on the seven Unitarian Universalist Principles and serves children and youth from birth to high school.

About Savers: Savers, Inc. is a privately held global thrift retailer. Through its unique business model of purchasing, reselling and recycling secondhand merchandise, the Savers family of thrift stores benefits more than 150 nonprofit organizations, gives local consumers a smart way to shop, and has saved more than 650 million pounds of quality used goods from landfills each year. For more information, please visit www.savers.com. **Contact: Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education** dre@ushartford.com / 860-233-9897 ext. 104

Hello! My name is Cara Downey. I am the Youth Programming Director at The Rowe Center, a UU Camp and Conference Center in Western Massachusetts. As a youngster, I attended all of Rowe's youth camps. I later worked as a camp staff member. This past August I accepted the position as Youth Programming Director, to my surprise, I learned that not many people know about our youth programs. I have made it my mission to let people know about this little gem tucked away in the Berkshire Mountains.

Rowe is a place where young people can take the values and principles learned in their youth groups and put them to practice. The camps are a place for fun,

exploration, and acceptance of oneself and others. Together we learn how to build a healthy and communicative society. Campers form long-term friendships that last for ages. During Rowe's most recent Members and Friends Weekend, community members renewed camp friendships from 50 years ago!

Rowe Camp is a special place. Thank you for inviting me to join and share with your congregation. I will have a table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour on the 26th with more information.

Cara Downey, The Rowe Center cara@rowecenter.org (413)339-4954
www.rowecenter.org ~ Submitted by Rayla Mattson

The Power to Make a Difference in this World: The Children's March
 Youth ages 10 and older are invited to the showing of the Academy Award-winning documentary The Children's March. The showing of this film, followed by small group discussions about what it is that each youth can do to make a difference in this world, will take place on Saturday, February 25, from 4:00 – 6:30 pm at the Unitarian Society of Hartford. As the teacher's guide that accompanies this film notes:

"The black children of Birmingham felt oppressed at every turn, and in the spring of 1963 they played a vital role in restoring humanity to themselves and to a race-divided America... The film is about power. The grace of power. The power to rebel. The power to resist. And the power to love. On May 2, 1963, in Birmingham, Alabama, about 1,000 students went to jail. What gave them the power to rebel and resist? How is it that children of all ages were the ones to garner the largest victory seen thus far in the civil rights movement? How did the power of love inform their strategies and their actions?"

For youth who attend, a meal will be provided, along with the film and discussion. In order to order sufficient food, anyone interested in having their child attend needs to RSVP. Please email Gloria Francesca Mengual at gloriafmengual@gmail.com if you plan to have your child attend the February 25 film showing, meal and discussion.

"If we are to reach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children." ~Mahatma Gandhi, peacemaker ~ **-Submitted by Gloria Francesca Mengual**

Church Business News



2017 Annual Report Submissions ~ Hello all, I sent an email reminder to everyone who will be submitting a report this year. If you did not receive this reminder but will be sending a report, please contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at sign)gmail.com) or call 860-233-9897. Below is an excerpt from the email reminder:

"It's time to begin collecting submissions for the 2016-2017 Annual Report which will be distributed prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21,

2017. ***The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 23, 2017.** This will enable us to have the reports available the Sunday before the meeting on May 14. Earlier is greatly appreciated. **Please send in a separate email with 'Annual Report -the Title of Report-' in the Subject."**
-Thank you, Linda Clark, Office Administrator



New England Regional Assembly: Gather this spring in Woburn, Massachusetts with Unitarian Universalists across New England to celebrate our faith. Come for inspired worship, engaged learning, community singing, UUA Presidential Candidates Forum, regional workshops, fellowship

and fun. Awaken your spirit! Click [HERE](#) for more info. Please let John Brancato, USH President, and Revs. Cathy and Heather know if you are able to attend.

General Assembly 2017, June 21-25, New Orleans, LA

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. Planning has begun for General Assembly 2017 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130. Google Map. By going to New Orleans, we can both celebrate our successes and recommit to the relationships that have been forged with this community. For more info. go [HERE](#). Please let John Brancato, USH President, and Revs. Cathy and Heather know if you are able to attend!



2017 Programs for Adults and Families

Interested in learning more about the programs at USH? Registrations will be taken this Sunday at the Programs table for "Faith and Living – An Interfaith Journey". Handouts for this and other programs will be available, including a workshop "Healing Arts of Emei Qigong" offered by Diana Heymann. Plan to attend a Sunday after the service program sponsored by the USH Women's Alliance, "Ask a Genealogist" at 12:15 in the Chapel.

The Winter Spring 2017 Programs for Adults and Families catalog is now 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 Current Adult Programs Catalog. You may call Janice Newton (860.677.1121) or email her at janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com to register or for program information.

Programs

USH Book Club: Thursday, March 2, 5:30.

Small Group Ministry: Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, starting February 27. (waiting list)

Small Group Ministry: Thursday, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, starting March 16.

Faith and Living – An Interfaith Journey: Contact Tom Gervais at tom.j.gervais@gmail.com or 860-558-3000 for dates; time: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Ballroom Dance: Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 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. Any questions please contact Jan Bennett, chair2clinic@juno.com

Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Any questions please contact Jan Bennett, chair2clinic@juno.com

Daytime Small Group Ministry in West Hartford

Thursday afternoons beginning March 16, 2017

2:00 – 4:00 PM 8 sessions

This SGM will meet in the afternoons, 2 pm til 4 pm. The group will practice deep sharing and deep listening inspired by specially selected readings and questions. If you've never been in a covenant group before, this is your opportunity to join one! Get to know who is showing up at Sunday services and make connections with friends and members of USH. There is a \$5 registration fee. The group will be facilitated by Martha Bradley at the Bradley home, 44 Huntington Drive, West Hartford. The location is accessible and near the Meeting House. Register at the Programs Table or by contacting Janice Newton (860-677-1121 or janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com). For additional information about Small Group Ministry, contact: Esther McKone - estmckone(at sign)aol.com or Bill Shoemaker - wshoemaker17(at sign)comcast.net Group size limited to 10. -

Submitted by Esther McKone

Faith and Living is a 3-session interfaith discussion group that will include members from Faith Congregational Church, Congregation Beth Israel, The Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, and The Unitarian Society of Hartford. Participants will define / discuss their faith and its impact on their lives. Participants will take a very deliberate look at who they are, what they believe, and who they, individually and collectively, can become. March to May. **Please**

contact Tom Gervais at tom.j.gervais@gmail.com or 860-558-3000 for dates; time: 7:30 to 9:00 PM

2nd Principle Things You Can Do ~ Rev. Heather continues building & deepening "Focus: Resistance is Daily Practice" Each day I must choose to focus my energies. Each day I will take actions of resistance to tyranny & oppression; I will engage in acts of self-care & perseverance; I will reach out and connect with other human beings in building meaningful relationships. Will you join me? If you use Facebook, type the group name: "Focus: Resistance..." into your Search box and ask to join the group. If you'd like to be added by e-mail, e-mail RevHeather at revheather@ushartford.com with "Would like to join Focus!" in your subject heading. For all of us: we are in this mess together. People are seeking out this congregation as a basecamp for connection, direction, relationship-building, solace, and clear ways to organize action. Your support for the work of this congregation is crucial right now. Perhaps more than ever, and certainly more than in recent years, people need this congregation as a conduit--a way to respond, make sense out of things, find community, build resilience and strength during difficult times. Let us support one another earnestly, now and in the days ahead. **Warmly—Rev. Heather, revheather@ushartford.com, cell/text: 541-390-6052, on Facebook & Twitter**



We have learned of the passing of longtime USH member Maud Freeman. She was 102 and living at Saint Mary home. There will be a memorial service in late March. More details will be released after an obituary is published. --- **Brian Harvey**



On sale every Sunday during Fellowship Hour (11:30-12:15)

Suggested donation: Lawn sign - \$20
Window sign - \$3 - Car sign - \$1

The signs are in!

Available in 3 sizes:
Lawn sign - 18" x 24" (2 sided)
Window sign - 11" x 17"
Car sign - 8.5" x 11"






PEOPLES CLIMATE MARCH ON THE NATIONAL MALL, APRIL 29!

At a time when it is crucial for the world to rapidly escalate policies and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Trump administration is threatening to deliberately undermine these efforts. The march will send a signal that the

American public demands rational, urgent action grounded in climate science -- not retreat based on fossil-fuel industry propaganda. The USH Green Sanctuary Committee hopes to get enough USH participants to fill a bus. (Or two?) Open to members, families and friends. So mark your calendars and speak to anyone on the Green Sanctuary sub council to add your name(s). For more information go to Peoplesclimate.org ~ **Submitted by Peter Magistri**

Upcoming Performing Arts Series at USH

Performing Arts Group - Please join us to plan next year's slate!

All are welcome to a brief meeting in Emerson on Sunday, February 26th, at noon, to talk about the newly-forming Performing Arts Group Events sub-council - PAGE. We have lots of possibilities bubbling... do you want to see a rowdy concert, a drum performance, a poetry slam, a theatrical production, or something else we've never done? Let's fill this fabulous Meeting House and bring in all kinds of talent and lots of enthusiastic folks to see what we have to offer. We would love to have your thoughts!

-Submitted by Patrice Fitzgerald



***UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS* at USH**

Mark your calendars now ~ The USH Performing Arts program is still alive and well, even if you haven't heard much from us recently! Here are some planned concerts as well as additional events we hope to schedule:

Concert Pro Femina - Saturday, March 4th, 7:30 PM Presenting music composed by women, including beautiful Rebecca Clarke pieces for viola and piano, a piano solo by USH friend and former accompanist Carolyn Halsted, and a work for flute and piano by Chinese composer Chen Yi. Admission is free, with a goodwill offering of \$15 suggested, which will go to the USH General Fund.

Women Composers Festival - Young Choirs - Sunday, April 2nd, 1:00 PM
This concert is slated to feature two children's choirs (Children's Chorus of Springfield and one of the choirs from the Hartt Community Division) and two young adult choirs (Saecula Women's Choir, which is the alumnae division of the United Girls Choir of CT, and one of UConn's a cappella groups, Drop the Bass). Admission is free, with a goodwill offering of \$20 suggested. No one will be turned away.

The Bill of Rights - Saturday, May 20th, 7:30 PM ~ A choral presentation, accompanied by orchestra, of an exciting work by Wesleyan Professor Neely Bruce which features the entire text of the Bill of Rights. Proceeds will go to a non-profit organization.

"You Gotta Have Hartt" ~ **Sunday post-service concert on a date to be determined.** In support of the Music Program, our Hartt Choral Scholars and USH Accompanist Isaac Reguera will sing and play beautiful music of their own choosing. Come and listen to our wonderful artists so we can afford them again next year!

The Meeting House Folk ~ Date to be determined. USH's home-grown group of singers and strummers will get the chance to put on a full concert featuring

Family Share Talent/No Talent Show - Sunday post-service event on a date to be determined. ~ Looking for willing performers of any caliber who can dance, juggle, tell jokes, or otherwise entertain us. Children especially welcome!

Jazz & Broadway Cabaret - Sunday post-service event on a date to be determined. ~ Patrice and Richard will gift the congregation with a concert of sizzling jazz and Broadway showstoppers before they say bon voyage and take off to parts unknown. No charge... any offerings will go to the USH General Fund.

Watch this space for further announcements of when these events will take place! And please be in touch with PatriceFitzgerald@gmail.com if you'd like to be part of the new Performing Arts Group Events which is now forming and is full of ideas. We want to have a lively slate of events for the 2017-2018 church year.

~ **Submitted by Patrice Fitzgerald**

Upcoming Special Events and Other News



USH is helping to launch a statewide residential solar program for members of houses of worship who own their homes. Our USH "Solarize With Faith" effort kicks off March 5 (part of our Congregational Clean Energy Campaign)

Why go solar?

- * You are committed to addressing climate change
- * You want to reduce your long-term energy costs
- * You want to invest in a livable planet

- Submitted by Jeff Howard




4 Sunday sessions
(Jan 29, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2)
12:00-1:30 pm

Followed up with a
Membership Sunday on Apr 23

A Path to Membership

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

Free child care provided.



Rev. Heather will be present for these sessions.

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



How We Can Help Revs. Cathy, Heather and Robin During Parental Leave! The Rev's personal food info and meal calendar is online at TakeThemAMeal.com. Their personal site is under the name Rion Starr with the password 6152 which has everything we need to know - and more! (If you're already familiar with this handy site, just type in TakeThemAMeal.com and enter your meal/s.) Key Info Follows!

Cathy is severely allergic to peanuts and peanut oil, so please make sure there is no interaction with peanuts in

the food you prepare. Robin is gluten-sensitive so they prefer gluten-free versions of entrees. They are not vegetarian, and in fact protein is much appreciated! Foods they tend to like include: enchiladas, little burgers, mashed potatoes/casseroles, salads of all kinds (pasta, bean, green), chicken, tofu, etc. They love to try new things and try not to be too picky! That said, in addition to peanuts and gluten, they tend to avoid: mushrooms, eggplant, olives, and nutty things.

They live at 113 Washington Circle, the little circle-street off Park Road (think: A.C. Peterson's) in West Hartford. They have an enclosed front porch--when you take them a meal, plan to leave it on the front porch. They'll have a note up about

whether they are sleeping or not. Please label your dishes with your name if you'd like them returned, keeping in mind that things can get a little disorganized in New Baby-Landia!

Thank you so much for helping. -Submitted by Deb Meny

Discover the Healing Arts of Emei Qigong

Simple techniques for improving your health and finding contentment

LEVEL I 3-DAY TRAINING: Feb. 18, 19, & 20 (\$99)
Sat. and Mon., 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sun., 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
GROUP HEALING: Feb. 19 at 3:30 PM (\$30)

An Ancient Path to Self-Healing

- Discover the healing power of Wuji Qi
- Understand the causes of illness

Secrets for Accelerating the Healing Process

- Find balance within and unlock your latent abilities
- Remove the blocks that keep you trapped in old habits

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ASK A GENEALOGIST! ~ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Interested in genealogy? Stumped or befuddled in your research? USH's Marilyn Giese will help you initiate or continue your work in a talk at 12:15 PM on Sunday, February 19, in the Chapel.

Marilyn has over 30 years of genealogical research experience. She hosts regularly scheduled advice sessions at the Avon and Simsbury Libraries, and also works as a private consultant. The talk is open to all friends and members of USH. Admission is free, with no registration required. This event is sponsored by the USH Women's Alliance, to help nurture community. **-Submitted by Nita H.**



Weekly Reminders:



Every Sunday after worship – 12:00 PM
20s/30s Sunday Brunch

The 20's/30's Group is hosting a weekly potluck brunch Sundays at noon. It's open to existing members, friends, newcomers, and visitors in their 20's and 30's. Members and guests are encouraged to bring something to share. - Adam Brown (860) 847-0940

In The Library
 @ The Meeting House

RSVP to
 adambrown6@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!

Would You Like to be Part of a Great Team? ~ Join the USH Sunday Welcome Team! Please contact Linda Clark (at: ushlindaclark [at] gmail [dot] com), or phone the office at 860-233-9897, or talk to Brian Harvey if you are interested in being part of this wonderful group of volunteers. The Welcome Team makes USH outstanding in its open and friendly atmosphere, helps newcomers find their way around our Meeting House, and want to return. **(If you'd like to help out in the office during the week, please contact Linda Clark).**



Do you love to sing? Have you ever thought about joining the USH Choir? Well now is the year to turn that thought into a reality! The USH Choir is a fun way to make beautiful music with some truly incredible people. Best of all, this year we are rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 9 am before church, with only one weeknight rehearsal per month, drastically limiting the time commitment needed to participate. If you have ever considered joining our group, we would love to have you come to laugh and sing together! If you have any questions or would simply like more information, please feel free to contact our Choir Director Rebecca Pacuk at rgpacuk@gmail.com. (Formal music training is not required).





The USH Wish List ~ Hello Everyone! We mostly need People--those who are tech savvy, social media gurus, or Millennials, who would help us record, upload and podcast services. There are also some physical items that we could really use at USH:

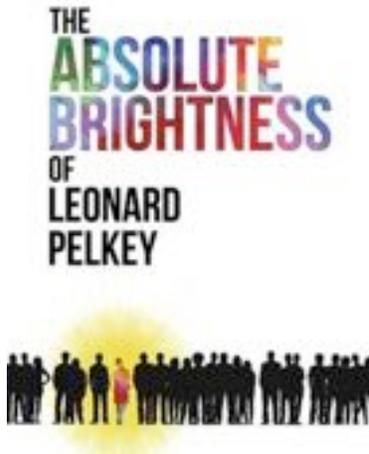
Small to Medium Soup Bowls for the Kitchen
 A Folding Lightweight Table to use at various events
 2 Floor Length Mirrors
 New collapsible functional easels
 Staples gift cards
 Please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com or 860-233-9897 x100 if you have one of these items and would like to donate it to USH. Thank you.

The Archives Team is hard at work and has added this to the USH Wish List: Shelving for Worship Arts and Archives for organizing the materials stored in the Fuller room. Our materials in there are overflowing the available shelving and cabinets. This will allow us to better use the limited floor space that is available. We are looking for two more metal units just like the six foot, six-shelf one in there now. No casters. Brand HDX, model 6T60184872C, stock number 100655787, or equivalent. ~**Thank You, Larry Lunden, on behalf of the Archives Team.**

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



When: Monday, February 27, 2017 Time: 7:30 p.m.
 Where: Hartford Stage, 50 Church St, Hartford, CT
 Rayla Mattson, Director of Religious Education, will be representing USH
 For more info. go [HERE](#).



USH Members & Friends, all of you who are reading this--we have a special opportunity coming up to attend a Hartford Stage production at a discount. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get into Hartford and enjoy some theater! Call the Hartford Stage Box Office now, at 860-527-5151, to book your seats, using the coupon code below.

Absolute Brightness is about the disappearance of Leonard Pelkey, a flamboyant 14-year-old who has been bullied by his peers. Critically-acclaimed actor and writer James Lecesne (I Am My Own Wife at Hartford Stage, the writer of the Academy Award-winning Trevor) portrays a tough New Jersey detective, a withdrawn teenage girl, a brusque yet gentle hairdresser and a dozen other intriguing characters as they join forces to solve a mystery that will forever change their lives. The New Yorker called it "A whodunit with a heart of gold." Enjoy this "sneak peek": <https://youtu.be/8dPCzrM3gRQ>

Use code USH20 to purchase tickets online or by calling the box office. When you select a seat, you will have 3 price options to choose from (adult, college or youth 18 and under only). A standard \$2 facility fee will be added to each ticket price (but not the handling fee). Please note that this coupon code does not guarantee that there will be tickets available--they can still sell out, so call now!

The valid dates and times for using our USH20 code are:

- April 2 (7:30 pm performance only)
- April 5 (7:30 pm performance only)
- April 7 (8:00 pm performance only)
- April 8 (2 pm performance only)
- April 9 (2 pm performance only)

Enjoy this special opportunity to see a Hartford Stage production, and look forward to a service focusing on the Absolute Brightness story here at the

Unitarian Society of Hartford on April 2! Building resilience is a collective, community-deepening effort. Join us in deepening our Hartford collaborations!

There are a number of great events coming up that we'd like to share. Please remember to "like" the hosting organizations on Facebook to stay in touch with their work. Also please consider supporting them in other ways (donating, volunteering, etc.). Now more than ever is the time for us to show up!

What is a Sanctuary City? A Community Conversation

Sunday, February 19 at 1 PM - 3 PM

Sacred Heart Church- 160 Main Street Hartford

Hartford City Councilwoman Bermudez and CT Students for a Dream are partnering to organize community conversations on what it means to be a sanctuary city and how we can support each other during times of crisis. This event is open to everyone who is interested in learning more about their rights as residents and how we can work together to make every family feel safe in our community.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1827263740886798/>

Patrisse Cullors, Co-founder, #BlackLivesMatter

Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00-8:30 PM

Connecticut College- 270 Mohegan Ave, New London

A keynote address by Patrisse Cullors, Co-founder of the global movement Black Lives Matter. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1237139766370157/>

If there are other actions that you are aware of please share them with us and we can add them to our calendar. Looking forward to seeing you at these events!

~ **Rev.Cathy**

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