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USH-Enews ~ March 22, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



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Worship Service: Sunday, March 26, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "Answering the Call" ~ Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister ~ Sue Smolski, Worship Associate ~ "What we need is a revolution in our values, a revolution that turns our attention more reverently and responsibly to the interdependent, relational character of life. What we need is a spiritual and practical revolution that embodies love for neighbor and for the world through sustaining structures of care and responsibility." ~ Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parke



USH Breakfast Buffet
March 26th, 2017 - 9:00-10:00 AM

Start Stewardship Sunday with a hearty, free breakfast!

- A great way to enjoy our community. You get pancakes with various ingredient and topping options, eggs, veggie sausage patties, bacon and beverage.
- Kick-off the 2017-2018 Stewardship Campaign with this fun/family event including a USH Trivia Contest.
- Remember to bring your pledge card!

ANSWERING THE CALL OF LOVE



Stewardship Sunday - Answering the Call of Love

Please join us for a complimentary Pancake Breakfast and celebration at our Stewardship Sunday service this Sunday. (Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 10:00 AM)

Why is it special? ~ Together we will celebrate our Society's 187th year and offer our collective financial support for the important year ahead! Our UU principles and the welcoming community, inspiring worship services, and opportunities for meaningful social justice engagement at USH are more important now than ever.

How Can We Answer the Call to Love?

* By reflecting on, valuing and strengthening our personal stewardship of our Society.

* By making a pledge that reflects how much we value the Society's fundamental importance in our lives and the lives of others. We look forward to seeing you!

The USH Stewardship Committee: Stephanie Briggs, Carolyn Carlson, Kate Gervais, Ginny Hedrick, Laurie Kelliher, Deb Meny, Peter Meny, Reverend Heather Rion Starr ~ Submitted by Peter Meny



RE News You Can Use! ~ There will be a Time For All Ages this Sunday, March 26, followed by age appropriate classes. The nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship service for infants and toddlers.

The DRE just returned from a wonderful few days in Baltimore, MD attending Finding Our Way Home. The event is sponsored by the UUA and allows UU professionals of colors to gather together to learn and support one another. The conference is held in a different location each year. She has returned refreshed and full of ideas. Please ask her to share her experience with you if you'd like more information.

Sermon Writing for Lay Preachers ~ We are looking for 3-5 people to assist in hosting this event. If you are able to host, your registration is free. Please contact the DRE for more information or to sign up to host. For more info. about the event click [HERE](#). **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.



Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

The 3-5 RE class is collecting gently used and new books for children of all ages. Their Project is to provide the children of Homeless Families in East Hartford with something of their own. Please help by putting your book offerings into the book bins labeled, "Books for the East Hartford Shelter for Families". There is one in the Lobby and one in the 3-5 classroom, Murray. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP. -The students in the 3-5 RE class - **Submitted by Diana Heymann**



Big Thanks from Our Revs. ~ Hello everyone -- As most of you know, our little Braden arrived on February 10, just after one blizzard, and has been keeping us company during all the sunny days and snowy nights since. Thanks so much to all of you who've sent us good wishes, brought us delicious meals, and in one way or another helped to ease our journey through the fog of NewbornLandia as we and our older kid adjust to having a new baby in the house. As Robin said just after the baby was born, "This changes EVERYthing!" and indeed it has changed a lot, though we are doing well and grateful that so much in our life is not changing -- especially serving as your Co-Ministers! Hearing your stories of parenting and grandparenting, and experiencing your

patience, joy and understanding as we make our way through these first blurry, busy months makes us all the more grateful to be here with you in Connecticut. We also so appreciate all the work of the Parental Leave Team, Rev. Erica Richmond in handling pastoral care needs as they arose, and the ongoing, dedicated work of the USH Staff, Board, and lay leadership. It's so good to be co-creating community with you. For every kind thought, gift card, pan of enchiladas or Brussel Sprout salad: thank you, thank you, thank you! --**Revs. Cathy & Heather**

Rev. Heather is back in the office and leading worship this Sunday for our energizing Stewardship Sunday Pledge Drive Kick-off -- please join us in welcoming her back with gusto. Rev. Cathy will return in mid-May.

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 by Kayla Costenoble
March 19, 2017
“A Universalist Hope in a Divided Age”**



Photos: Harriet Gardner

“It is hard to hope things will change until you come to believe you can make the world better,” Pulpit Guest Rev. Dr. Sarah Lenzi said during her March 19, 2017, service at the USH.

Rev. Sarah serves at the UU Congregation of the Hudson Valley in Westchester, New York. Her wide-ranging sermon here reached far back to Hosea Ballou, touched on Moses’ journey to the Promised Land, and included today’s divided age. That’s a lot of history.

Hosea Ballou (1771-1852), was the most influential preacher in the second generation of the Universalist movement. He stressed the use of reason in interpreting the scriptures and rejected the trinity. He was a member of the committee that drew up the Universalist Statement of Faith adopted in 1803.

Although it took Moses four years of struggle to lead his people to the Promised Land, he was not permitted to enter because of past transgressions. In fact, only Caleb and Joshua made it in, while Moses and the others were allowed only a glimpse of it. But that story of hope and freedom and focus on the future was enough.

In terms of the present, Rev. Sarah entertained/horrified us by reading from a not-very-old description of Unitarianism by evangelist Ben Rast of the Confender Ministries (?). He wrote that we are a “cult,” do not believe in hell or penalties for sin, believe in everything but stand for nothing, are a false religion, have no creed or set of rules, and are a “convenient departure from personal responsibility and accountability.”

In her counter to his ravings, Rev. Sarah reminded us that we believe in love, the possibilities in humans, second chances. We think logic and reason matter, don’t tolerate hate or discrimination, and hold on to our particular version of God. We are realists and see sin in the world’s religions but know this cannot be restored in some particular way. We see the effects of sin on society and this needs a response. Actions have consequences and no one is past redemption. “Eternal damnation is something we don’t have to worry about.”

Rev. Sarah, a born Unitarian, said her thoughts on the sometimes-difficult views on Unitarians and Universalists have led her to believe that, for her, the most important thread is the theological one. “We are a small part of the larger whole where unity and love drive the work we do.” She reminded us that we come together as we recognize the need for community, but we sometimes “forget to breathe deeply and slow down.”

“What is the Promised Land?” she asked, and answered her own question with “I have come to believe it’s a Unitarian place, where compassion and gentleness reign.” In it is everlasting love and no greed, oppression and want.

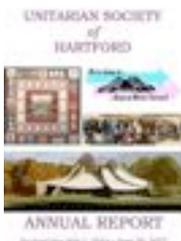
“How do we bring ourselves closer to the Promised Land and interact with a very divided nation?” was her next question. Some of her suggestions to get closer to the Promised Land:

- Listen with an open mind.
- Ask questions.
- Be strong in our convictions.
- Offer tough love.
- Speak the truth, but gently and with compassion.
- Lead by example.
- Be open-minded and open-hearted.
- Stand up in non-violent protest.
- Refuse to compromise.
- Be humble and righteous but not self-righteous.

Worship Associate Laurie Kelliher thanked pianist Isaac Reguerra for “bookending” our services with great music. Sunday was devoted to the classics, with pieces by Bach and Beethoven, including a wonderful piano arrangement of “Ode to Joy.”



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 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



2017 Programs for Adults and Families

Stop by the Programs Table Sunday to register for the Friday Pizza and Movie Night April 14. You can also sign up for the women's retreat at the Senexet House rescheduled to May 5-7. Information for other programs at USH will be available including Meditation and the USH Book Club. 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, April 6, 5:30.

Friday Pizza and Movie Night: April 14, 5:30 PM, featuring "Spotlight".

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

Family Friendly Small Group Ministry: Fridays, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, first session March 31.

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\(at sign\)juno.com](mailto:chair2clinic(at sign)juno.com)

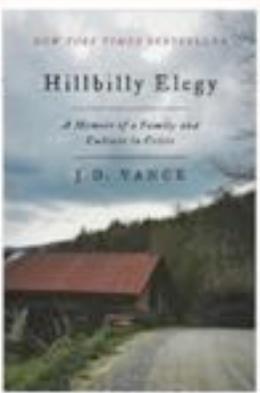
Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Any questions please contact Jan Bennett, [chair2clinic\(at sign\)juno.com](mailto:chair2clinic(at sign)juno.com)

USH Book Club
Thursday, Apr 6, 2017 – 5:30 PM @ USH

All are welcome!

Hillbilly Elegy by *J. D. Vance*

At this time in our nation's history, it is important for all of us to understand some of the critical issues driving large segments of our citizenry. *Hillbilly Elegy* is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside.



Please let Richard or Jean know if you will attend: rgroopofus@me.com or 860-678-1030

2nd Principle Things You Can Do ~ "Focus: Resistance is Daily Practice" Each day we must choose to focus our energies. Each day we must take actions of resistance to tyranny & oppression; we must engage in acts of self-care & perseverance; we must reach out and connect with other human beings in building meaningful relationships. If you use Facebook, type the group name: "Focus: Resistance..." into your Search box and ask to join the group. 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 -- RevHeather, revheather@ushartford.com, cell/text: 541-390-6052, on Facebook & Twitter**



Join the Spirit & Action ministry meeting every month on the first and third Thursdays, in Emerson/Meditation Sanctuary, 6:30-8:30pm. Our gatherings are open to anyone seeking spiritual sustenance and ideas for taking action during this time of chaos and change. **For more info, contact Julie Grace: [jgbuko\(at sign\)yahoo.com](mailto:jgbuko(at sign)yahoo.com) For all dates for this event click [HERE](#).**



The signs are here!

Available in 3 sizes:
Lawn sign - 18" x 24" (2 sided)
Window sign - 11" x 17"
Car sign - 5.5" x 8.5"

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

Suggested donation: Lawn sign - \$20
Window sign - \$5 - Car sign - \$2




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



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:

Women Composers Festival - Young Choirs - Sunday, April 2nd, 1:00 p.m.

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.

"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 rocking favorites and folk ballads--and you'll have a chance to jump in and sing too.

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

Meeting House Performing Arts presents:

Allan Carr and Janie Rothfield, Scottish Songs, Tunes, and Stories at The Meeting House
Friday April 7th, 2017 at 7:30pm
Donation: \$20, Children under 12 Free



For tickets: www.BrownPaperTickets.com

Info: www.AllanCarrMusic.com

E-mail: celtic2wwuh@gmail.com Call Ed Savage, 860-966-8155 for more information

A benefit concert for the University of Hartford radio station WWUH-FM

This is a rare Hartford appearance by Celtic music recording artists Allan Carr and Jane Rothfield. Scottish singer and guitarist Allan Carr (originally from Aberdeen, Scotland) and his musical partner (and wife), fiddler and banjo player, Jane Rothfield have been playing their unique blend of traditional and original Celtic style music for over 30 years. They have made over 10 recordings of their

music and have performed throughout the United States, in Canada, Scotland, England and Wales at festivals, concerts and music camps with their unique blend of Celtic and Appalachian music and song.

Allan grew up in Aberdeen, Scotland, surrounded by rich traditional music of the Northeast of Scotland, in a musical family of singers, fiddlers, pipers and accordion players. He is one of Scotland's finest singers and shares his stories and personal knowledge about the history of the old Scottish songs and ballads to bring them alive today. Jane's beautiful slow airs and lively fiddle tunes add to Allan's old ballads, humorous songs and stories. They will transport the audience to the old country and back again. ~ **Submitted by Ed Savage**

Upcoming Special Events and Other News



UUUSH & YOU

A Path to Membership

Free child care provided.

Rev. Heather will be present for these sessions.

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**

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.

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

Women's Alliance Senexet Retreat

Friday, May 5th through
Sunday, May 7th - 2017



Registration will begin
on March 19th

<http://www.senexethouse.org>

The cost for 2 nights and 5 meals is \$185, or 1 night 3 meals \$100.

Weekly Reminders

USH Website Maintenance ~ As Office Administrator, Linda Clark is our primary in-house contact for website maintenance. Please contact her first with any website issues you encounter. There are a team of USH members (USH Editors) who are sometimes able to address issues that she e-mails them about. If neither Linda or the USH Editors are able to resolve or address the issue, we have an outside website consultant, Paula Pierce, who handles our ongoing website maintenance and updates on a monthly contractual basis. Linda will e-mail Paula about things that are beyond her or our congregational capability. **Thanks so much for your concern and attention to the USH website and our current process.**

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.



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) 817-0940

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\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at sign)gmail.com), 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.

Office volunteers welcome. If you'd like to help out in the office during the week for an hour or two, please contact Linda Clark. Pictured above: Phil and Harriet Gardner with their son Bruce, helping out with the Order of Service. (Thank you.)

Do you love to sing? Have you ever thought about joining the USH Choir? The USH Choir is a fun way to make beautiful music with some truly incredible people. We are rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 9 am before church. 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:

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



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 is well underway 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, either in person or as an off-site delegate, at home or online.**



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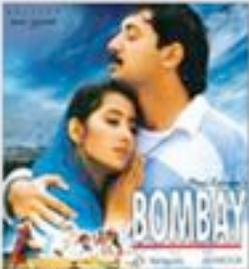
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FOURTH ANNUAL INTERFAITH FILM SERIES

“FAITH IN TIMES OF CONFLICT”

Join CCIU and the WA for films that encourage interreligious discussions.
Two guest commentators will give brief remarks
after each screening as well as lead a Q&A session.

AETNA THEATER
WADSWORTH ATHENEUM
600 MAIN STREET, HARTFORD, CT 06103

 <p>SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017 2:00 PM</p> <p><i>Divided We Fall</i> is based on a true story that takes place during World War II in a small German-occupied Czechoslovakian village. Josef and Marie Cizek are a childless couple who struggle to evade detection when they provide shelter to a Jewish neighbor who has escaped from a Nazi concentration camp.</p> <p>2000/1. Director: Jan Hřebejk 122 minutes. Rated: PG 13</p>	 <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 2:00 PM</p> <p>A Hindu man, Shekhar, and a Muslim woman, Shaila Bano, fall in love in a small village and move to Mumbai, where they become parents of twin boys, Kabir Narayan and Kamal Basheer. However, growing religious tensions and erupting riots in 1992-93 in the city threaten to tear the family apart.</p> <p>1995. Director: Mani Ratnam 141 minutes. PG recommended</p>
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FILM TICKETS: Admission: \$9; Seniors and Students with ID: \$8; Members: \$7; Insider Access Members: Free

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING: Please visit <https://thewadsworth.org/visit/directions-parking/>
Enter the museum at 29 Atheneum Square North.

For information about CCIU, please view website at www.ccfu.org or send a message to interfaith@ccifu.org
For information on the Film Series, please contact Shyamala Raman at shyamram1946@gmail.com

THE
**ABSOLUTE
 BRIGHTNESS**
 OF
 LEONARD
 PELKEY



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!

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

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.

USH Staff:

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

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Brian Mullen, Bookkeeper

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Email: bmullen@ushartford.com

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.