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USH-Enews ~ June 21, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



**Worship Service: Sunday, June 25, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "Love Calls Us On" ~ The General Assembly Sunday Worship Service at USH
Rev. Dr. William Sinkford ~ Sue Smolski, Worship Associate**

Experience the 2016 GA Spirit of the Living Tradition sermon by Rev. Dr. William Sinkford, Senior Minister to First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon and past President of the Unitarian Universalist Association

"As we confront some hard truths we would rather avoid"... let's... "generally not look away this time." "What is love calling us to do in these divisive times when innocence is no longer an option?"



Summer Sound Volunteers needed! ~ We are looking for volunteers who are willing to be trained in our portable sound system that we use for summer worship. The sound system is simple (really, it is!), and we're looking for volunteers to sign up for a Sunday or two in July and August. **If you're interested,**

please contact Linda Clark (ushlindaclark@gmail.com). There will be a training session at noon on June 25th. Thank you!



RE News You Can Use! ~ This Sunday, June 25th, the nursery will be available during the morning worship hour. There will be no Time For All Ages but there will be a one-room activity led by RE Assistant Sarah Cassidy.

An important message about race from the DRE. ~ Race has been the forefront of many conversations and heated debates since the election. Race issues have also been brought to the forefront in our own UU world. This led to the White Supremacy Teach-In that our congregation participated in with over 600 other UU congregations. Although the topic of race is not one that is easy to have, it is one that needs to happen. Unfortunately, our younger folks are pulled this-way-and-that and do not really have a place to voice their concerns, feelings, thoughts and even ideas and solutions. I mentioned in last week's E-News that the social justice focus for RE this summer would specifically be about race. This is not a subject to take lightly; however, as we continue towards open dialogues and more work, a safe place needs to be made for children and youth to work on race matters as well.

The curriculum "Safety Pin Box Kids" was written by black women and was mainly written for white children. It was later modified to be used and addressed with all children no matter their racial identity. Given the sensitive nature of the topic, I would like to give parents, and other members of the congregation, a chance to look at the materials and participate in the weekly "work at home" assignments. Not only can this be meaningful to adults as individuals, but it can be a way to draw in and connect to and with the younger members of the congregation.

If you are a parent or guardian and you wish for your child(ren) to not participate in this curriculum, please let me know so we can discuss alternative projects for them. ~ **Rayla**

Rayla D. Mattson ~ Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford ~ 860-233-9897 ext 104 ~ I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.



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

Please note: There will be no E-News on June 28th. Linda Clark will be out of the office from Tuesday, June 27th until Tuesday, July 4th. There will be volunteers in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10-3; please call the office to make sure it's open before coming by. There will be an E-News sent on Thursday, July 6th. Thank you! ~Linda

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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 go [HERE](#).

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

**Sunday Service Recap
June 18, 2017**

**"Celebrating the Summer Solstice: The Four Elements"
Kit Northup and Marilyn Giese, Lay Leaders**





Photos: Harriet Gardner

There is our visual recap this week for the June 18th service. Please enjoy the photos provided by Harriet Gardner and Paul Cipriano. USH also said 'Good-bye' to Choir Director Rebecca Pacuk and Accompanist Isaac Reguera. They will be missed, thank you both for everything.



Photos: Paul Cipriano



A special note about the Youth/Coming of Age service on June 11th. Another student, who was not pictured in the previous E-News was included in the service. Here he is giving his beautifully written words. Thanks to all involved!

2017 Summer Services at USH

Summer Services will be held at 10:30 am in our air conditioned Fellowship Hall.

July 2: OMG - Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate (WA), with Julie Grace and Lisa Galinski

July 9: To Everything There Is A Season - Pulpit Guest, Julia Cadrain, Cantor; Sue Smolski, WA

July 16: Cradle UUs - Martha Bradley, coordinating; Laurie Kelliher, WA

July 23: Welcoming Our Humanity - 20s-30s group; Lisa Galinski, coordinating and WA

July 30: Integral UUism - Marye Gail Harrison, lay leader; Carol Simpson, WA; with Meeting House Folk

August 6: Our Catholic Beginnings - Martha Bradley, coordinating; Margaret Leicach, WA

August 13: Buddhist Teachings - returning Pulpit Guest Mark Unno; Margaret Leicach, WA

August 20: Title pending - RE kids with Rayla Mattson, USH Director of RE; Julie Grace, WA

August 27: Title pending; Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister; Peter Meny, WA; with Meeting House Folk

September 3: Title pending; Sue Smolski, lay leader; Rick Tsukada WA

Many thanks to Sue Smolski and Martha Bradley for coordinating summer worship.

Summer RE will be more social justice based. The curriculum is called "Let's Talk About Race." The curriculum is written by black women who promote social justice in their area. For more information contact Rayla Mattson, Director of Religious Education.

A Note from the Revs: As we move toward summer, we want to let you know our schedule. We are fully around all of June, except that RevCathy will be traveling to General Assembly in New Orleans June 19-24. In July and August, we will be out of the pulpit and out of the office more-than-usual, taking our vacation and study leave. We will be working on a few projects, checking in regularly, beginning fall worship planning, and of course available for pastoral needs all summer. ~ **Revs. Heather & Cathy**



Cradle UUs

Were you raised in a UU home?

We want to talk with you about your experience coming up as a UU kid. We have some questions we'd like to send your way to help us plan a summer service on Cradle UUs on July 16th. It will be part of the summer series on "What Informs UUism for You." Please contact us. It would be great to share some stories. Laurie Kelliher klkelliher@hotmail.com Martha Bradley marthabradley49@yahoo.com ~ **Submitted by Laurie Kelliher**

Church Business News

We are now looking for a Director of Music Ministry, combining the Choir Director and Accompanist role. Please spread the word! The job posting is here: [Director of Music Ministry Job Announcement](#). Please share this in your networks, and/or let Rev. Cathy know if you know of specific people we should reach out to!

About our Music Ministry:

Our Chancel Choir consists of a dozen active members and 4 paid Choral Scholars from the University of Hartford. The Choir sings 2-3 times monthly (excluding summers) with repertoire ranging from Brahms to songs from Hamilton. We have an innovative partnership with UHart in which we have a student as Composer-In-Residence each spring who composes music specifically for our Choir. Lay-led music-related programs at the Meeting House include a performing arts concert series, a monthly folk sing-a-long, and a group called Meeting House Folk that plays folk and pop songs in worship several times a year. We have many talented in-house musicians, including a drummer, professional violinist, and a variety of other instrumentalists. Our piano is a Mason Hamlin piano. Our organ is an Austin three manual 57 rank instrument with full MIDI capability.

Our ideal candidate will:

- * Bring experience conducting volunteer or congregational choirs in a wide range of repertoire with spiritual grounding, musical excellence, creativity, patience, and joy
- * Be an accomplished pianist with experience as a worship accompanist, providing solos, hymn leadership, and other accompaniment. (Organ competency is not required, though it is a plus.)
- * Collaborate as part of our staff team with enthusiasm
- * Be creative in building and growing our Music Ministry
- * Have excellent people skills
- * Draw from a wide variety of musical styles and instrumentation to build bridges both between different tastes and generations, and bring a tender understanding to this bridge-building.

To apply or share this job announcement, see the full Director of Music Ministry Job Announcement [HERE](#).



2017 Programs for Adults and Families

We wish everyone an enjoyable summer. During the coming months, there may be an occasional Programs Table for events requiring registration. You may call Janice Newton (860.677.1121) or email her at [janicecnewton\(at sign\)gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com) for program information, the Winter Spring 2017 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 Adult Programs Catalog June 3, 2017.

Spring Programs

Small Group Ministry: Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, June 27, July 18, 25, and August 1. (filled) Waiting list available.

Building (and Living) Your Own Theology: 12 Sessions, Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, start date September 12. (waiting list)

Arc of the Universe is Long: UU (Anti-) Racism History: 4 sessions, fall dates to be determined.

Ballroom Dance: Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:45 PM, featuring the Foxtrot in June. For questions contact Ron Friedman 860-523-1105 or rsfriedman41@gmail.com.

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: No Gatherings In August.

Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Offsite in July and August - The practice group will be informally meeting off location. If interested, please contact Mark Friedman, drmarkafriedman@drmarkafriedman.com or Diana Heymann heydiana42@gmail.com, for locations.



Circle Dinners are back!

(Formerly called Small Dinner Parties)

2nd Saturday of the odd-numbered months
July 8, Sep 9, Nov 11, Jan 13, Mar10, May 12

REGISTRATION: Participants can sign up for as many or as few dates as they wish.

You can sign up for each date one to four months in advance. Register in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour or by contacting Janice Newton - [janicecnewton\(at\)sign@gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton(at)sign@gmail.com).

The registration fee is \$5.00 per household for the church year (July 1- June 30).

Registration Deadline: June 18, 2017 for the July event.

QUESTIONS: Contact Chris Wilt, 603-401-5704.

Small Dinner Parties (Circle Dinners) Are Returning to USH – The Membership Sub-Council is energizing a new series of Small Dinner Parties to be held on the 2nd Saturday of every odd-numbered month. (July 8, Sep 9, Nov 11, Jan 13, Mar 10 and May 12). The purpose of these Dinner Parties is to foster social camaraderie among new and more established members of USH. For participants, eight to ten adults will be randomly assigned in different groupings for each dinner. The host furnishes the entree, beverage and bread. Guests are assigned to bring appetizers, salad, side dish or dessert. Right now we are gauging the interest and demand for dinner locations. We would anticipate 2 to 3 locations for each date. Please let Chris Wilt (603-401-5704) know as soon as possible if you would be willing to host a dinner party at your home.

REGISTRATION: Participants can sign up for as many or as few dates as they wish. You can sign up for each date one to four months in advance. Register in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour or by contacting Janice Newton - janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com. The registration fee is \$5.00 per household for the church year (July 1- June 30). **Registration Deadline: June 18, 2017 for the July event.**

QUESTIONS: Contact Chris Wilt, 603-401-5704

The registration form contains a space for: 1) listing dietary restrictions, and 2) if you plan to bring your children. We will try to group families with kids together so that they have some playmates for the evening. We will discuss providing supervision for children as needed and appropriate.

Other News of Our Community and Upcoming Special Events



It's time for the Annual Knox Garden Party again!



**Garden Party @ Twilight
SAVE THE DATE!
Thursday, August 10, 2017
6 – 10 pm**



Click [HERE](#) for details and to reserve a seat.

Immerse yourself in the local food scene on the shared green between the Meeting House and the Village. Enjoy a night under KNOX's signature tent. Sip wine and relax with live music. Local celebrity chefs showcase their Hartford flare. Tasting-size dishes served from the griddle to your plate. Ingredients sourced from Connecticut (and KNOX) farms. A silent and live auction highlights Hartford's culinary, environmental, and

entrepreneurial scene. Take a tour of our Watkinson Community Garden and meet some of KNOX's community gardeners. This garden is twice the size of a football field, rarely toured by the public, and at the base of our USH Parking Lot! At the Garden Party @ Twilight, it's all about the local food and the people behind it.



USH/Watkinson/KNOX Labyrinth continues "growing" in 2017!

Wonderful news: KNOX (www.knoxhartford.org) staff volunteered to help us move our USH Labyrinth along! They coordinated volunteers from Watkinson School to jumpstart the project of planting many more plants in the area between the labyrinth paths. Now that this is done, are you able to help us in any way to keep this community-building effort going? Ways to help can include: helping to sweep and clean up the plot overall, helping to tend the plants that have wintered over, planting extras from your garden or other plants you acquire in the rest of the large garden area, helping to tend the plot as a whole over the summer, or helping our summer Religious Education program coordinate making Mosaic Stepping Stones. Please let RevHeather or Rayla Mattson know how you'd like to be involved! See you at and outside the Meeting House! **Photo of Kayla Angeletti and Ron Pitz of KNOX Hartford, meeting with RevHeather in our USH Labyrinth and Garden Plot of the Watkinson Community Garden**

Weekly Reminders



In The Library
@ The Meeting House

RSVP to
adambrown6@gmail.com

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

We look forward to seeing you!



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

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

While our supply lasts!

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



Contacts:
Lindsey Jones-Rowell lejrowell@gmail.com or
Kristine Glenney kristineglenney@comcast.net

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, 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, and helps newcomers find their way around our Meeting House.



Office volunteers are also welcome. **If you're able 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!)**



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.

Upcoming Performing Arts Series at the Meeting House ~ 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 News in the Larger Community



SAVE THE DATE! PRIDEFEST 2017

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 / PRATT STREET, HARTFORD, CT
12 Noon to 6 PM**

Hartford Capital City Pride is the volunteer-directed committee behind the official Hartford Pride roster of events. The 2017 roster will include different pride events for LGBTQ+, the general public, and allies of all ages. PrideFest week takes place during the second Week in September. Hartford Capital City Pride's mission is to work toward a future without discrimination where all people have equal rights. We do this by promoting and producing LGBTQ+ events that inspire, educate, commemorate and celebrate our diverse community. For more information go to: www.hartfordpride.com or call Charlie Ortiz at (860) 841-2345.

If you'd be willing to "table" at Pride 2017 on behalf on USH and/or UU's of Greater Hartford, please let the Revs know!



The Hartford Stage has summer programs for students ages 3-19 throughout the summer. We have funding through The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving that allows us to offer scholarships to Hartford residents. We run our programs out of Classical Magnet School on Woodland Street. Contact Emely Larsen for the scholarship form. 860-5207277 / elarsen@hartfordstage.org / www.hartfordstage.org

Summer Studio 2017

DAY DREAMERS

Session One: July 10-14
 Session Two: July 17-21
 Session Three: July 24-28
 9am-12pm

Our youngest artists will enjoy a half-day of creative movement, music, story theatre, and puppet play!

\$180 per session

AGES 5-8 (COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN)

CHILDREN'S CAST

Session One: July 10-21
 Session Two: July 24-August 4
 9am-5pm

Students will take classes in story theatre, creative movement, music, puppetry, and arts and crafts, and go on a weekly field trip. Each session ends in a mini-production that the cast creates based on favorite stories and characters.

\$565 per session

BOOKENDS

Session One: August 7-11
 Session Two: August 14-18
 9am-5pm

Close out the summer with drama and fun! Students will explore literature from summer reading lists through acting, musical theatre, creative movement and arts and crafts.

\$310 per session

AGES 9-15

ONE-ACT PLAY

August 7-18
 9am-5pm

Young actors will hone their skills with training in the basics of acting and improvisation, working toward the production of a one-act play.

\$565

AGES 14-19

TEEN MUSICAL

July 10-August 11 *(with additional performances on August 12)*
 9am-5pm

*Teens will have the opportunity to rehearse and perform a full-length production of **Pippin**, which will be performed in the Hartford Stage mainstage theatre in downtown Hartford. This exciting program will begin with a week of workshops and ensemble-building before casting. Students will also work as mentors for our littlest students as a leadership-building component of the program.*

\$1,260

**For Access to the Members Only Section on the Web Page:
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email Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com**

To submit a Calendar Event Request please 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 Rental Manager, Rayla Mattson, if this is a one-time-open-to-the-public event. Thank you! ~Linda

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.)

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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.