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**USH-Enews ~ July 19, 2017  
Worshipping Together Since 1830  
Sunday Service 10:30 AM  
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr**



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**Worship Service: Sunday, July 23, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM**

**"Welcoming Our Humanity"**

**Service created by 20s/30s members**

**Craig Best, Stephanie Briggs, Adam Brown, Lisa Galinski, Chris Wilt**

As UUs, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all people, and we vow to accept one another with compassion. Yet we are often painfully aware of all that is imperfect in ourselves and in our fellow humans. How do we find the courage to see and make room for ALL that we are, not just the best parts? Join members of the USH 20's/30's group as we explore and experience together what it means to welcome our whole humanity.

**Universal mystery,  
Guide us away from the desire to  
Shine light in all the corners.  
Teach us to embrace the night,  
For without the darkness,  
We never see the stars.**

**-Jennifer Leota Gray**

All are welcome, please join us!

For more information about Summer Services at USH click [HERE](#).

**A Note from the Revs:** As we continue through the summer, we want to let you know our schedule. 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**



**RE News You Can Use!** This Sunday, July 23rd, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship service. The children and youth will meet in the library from 10:30-11:30AM. This week we will continue our discussion on discrimination based on religion.

Summer RE is more social justice based this summer. 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. 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.

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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/](http://www.ushartford.com/events/)

To submit a Calendar Request go [HERE](#).

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

## Sunday Service Recap

July 16, 2017

"Cradle UU's"



Photos: Harriet Gardner

### Growing Up Unitarian by Laura Cipriano

Last Sunday at New Bedford Folk Festival in Massachusetts Lucy Wainwright Roche mentioned from the stage that she had recently served Grand Jury Duty. She said where she lives Grand Jury Duty lasts an entire month, and, unlike regular jury duty which she said you can get out of if you act a little weird, Grand Jury Duty is the Unitarian Jury Duty. They'll take anyone. I cringed. She made it sound like we have low standards. I wanted to call out, no we don't. But we do welcome everyone, don't we?

My family has been Unitarian for a very long time. My Great-grandparents moved from Brooklyn to New Orleans in 1890 and joined the already 60-year-old First Unitarian Church. I don't know if they were already Unitarian. My Grandparents married in that church in 1915 and my parents in 1952. My parents met in the Channing Club, a college-aged Unitarian group. Dad was a Unitarian refugee from Catholicism and Presbyterianism. Mom was born and raised Unitarian. The minister of the First Unitarian Church of New Orleans was Al D'Orlando. D'Orlando fought for integration and civil rights, helped found the Louisiana ACLU Chapter, and he was called to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Mom and Dad sang in the church choir, Dad was on the

Board and was the RE Director and taught in New Orleans Public Schools (that is a long story). Civil rights activism caused a split in the congregation, somewhat theological, but more social. Should the church be a political force? Until Katrina hit New Orleans there were two, then three Unitarian churches in New Orleans, with different views on political action.

In the book *Southern Witness: Unitarians and Universalists in the Civil Rights Era*, Gordon Davis Gibson wrote about The First Unitarian Church of New Orleans:

You see, we take anybody. Even KKK members bent on infiltrating and gathering information on the subversive ideas and activities Unitarians engage in.

We moved near Boston in 1961. I was in kindergarten and my brothers were younger. We joined the local Winchester Unitarian Church. Two years later we moved to Arlington, Virginia. We tried several churches in the area. First, the Arlington Church, which my parents found theologically and politically conservative for a Unitarian Church. But the Pentagon is also in Arlington and skewed the membership. All Souls Unitarian Church in DC was the next church we attended. We started going there when their assistant minister, a white man, James Reeb, was killed in Alabama during the Selma to Montgomery march. The congregation was racially mixed, socially liberal and supported political action. That was the church with the drawings from Hiroshima children we heard about several weeks ago. But All Souls tended to be theologically conservative. In third and fourth grade I attended Sunday school there most weeks and I loved singing in the Children's Choir.

The next year we started going to the Fairfax Unitarian Church in Oakton, VA. Rudy Nemser was the minister. He was a poet, a civil rights activist, an anti-war activist, and an inspiration as I was growing up. In high school I was in LRY and attended 5 or 6 conferences each year on the East Coast, I taught kindergarten and 4th grade RE, and studied a wide variety of religions to see what other people believed, and to decide what I believed in.

As an adult, I attended the Muncie Unitarian Church in Indiana - the one year I was in college in Indiana, and one summer I worked as a Pelican, that's what they call the staff at the Unitarian Star Island retreat 12 miles off the New Hampshire and Maine coast. Paul and I went to UUSE in Manchester sporadically for a couple of years, and we got married there. Over the years, weekends became family time. It seemed right at the time, but I wish I could get a do-over and that I had encouraged my children to become involved in church as they were growing up. I thought we were Unitarian, but my kids didn't.

But I was comfortable in my beliefs, although I kept searching to learn more about pre-Christian spirituality – Native American, Druidism, stone circles . . . Growing up Unitarian taught me to seek the truth, to speak up, and to act on my beliefs. My religion and figuring out how the universe works was very important to me, growing up.

In Sunday school we sang “I’m Proud to be me, but I also see, you’re just as proud to be you.” I grew up confident that my religion is the best. I guess most people believe their religion is best, or they would change it. But I wish I could change the way I felt, growing up, that we Unitarians were better than other people. We were smart, they were gullible and foolish believers. In that sense I was not very accepting of people different from me. I was happy to tell people I didn’t believe in God to see the look of shock on their face and to experience that feeling of superiority. As I got older I started to see divine miracles in everything. You might say I went from not believing in god to believing god is in everything and everything that exists is god. Growing up, I did not see rationally where God or heaven fit into four-dimensional space-time. But now according to superstring theory, there are at least 10 dimensions in the universe, M-theory and bosonic string theories predict 11 or 26 dimensions respectively. Suddenly the universe has space for things we can’t see using our 4-dimensional perception. I have gotten to know people whose intelligence and understanding of the world I respect, yet they hold strongly Christian convictions. I am no longer so quick to dismiss their beliefs. I leave room for the possibility that they know more than I do.

When I found out about today’s service, I asked family members what it meant to them to be Unitarian. My father said when he was saved by Unitarians he found out church was optional. I said Unitarians don’t save people. He said they saved me from Catholicism and Presbyterianism. My brother, Dave, said it gave him permission to be an atheist. My brother Eric surprised me; I thought religion never really mattered to him. He said, “I love the fact that I’m Unitarian.” Followed, without a pause with, “But I don’t think of myself as Unitarian. I think it was one of the best things Mom and Dad did for me, allowing me to grow up without dogma and giving me the freedom to think. There is a part deep in my core that is unmarred by delusion.” He said, “Being human and the idea that the only thing sacred is your fellow man/woman. I cherish that part of my identity.”

I would expand that to say I believe our natural world is sacred and it is our generation’s sacred duty to protect it during our time here on Earth. What I cherish most about my Unitarian heritage is that I was encouraged to believe my own truths and to live a moral life because of love, not fear.

### **Church School Times by Larry Lunden**

When I was in church school, I went to the Church of the Redeemer, Universalist, now known as the Fern St church. The Universalists are more Christian leaning than the Unitarians. Jesus, the Lord’s Prayer, and stained glass windows are all common elements of our worship. I was baptized as an infant into Christianity. I hope it helps me get into Heaven.

The church school was large, with around 300 students enrolled. We had classes for all grades at both services. Many classes were crowded into whatever space was at hand, before we expanded the building.

The children's program started with a short worship service in the assembly hall led by our Director of Religious Education. To help the younger kids with the hymns, she wrote out the lyrics on large poster boards and used a pointer to follow along. After that we went to our classrooms for the rest of the hour.

The curriculum had many subjects over the years. We used the text book "The Church Across the Street", where we studied other religions and visited several other churches in the community. We studied the life of Jesus. We were presented with Bibles in the fourth grade and studied the stories in it. We also studied the history of early civilization in the Fertile Crescent and Mesopotamia.

One Sunday I remember, is when we visited the Big Church, which is the Sanctuary. The children were not allowed into the adult service except on special occasions. We were schooled on proper decorum, and ushered into the front pews. I remember watching in awe as the service proceeded: the minister preached from the pulpit, the choir sang from the loft, and especially the organist playing the organ. I concluded that the music was what drove the service, and I wanted to play the organ, the seat of power.

Music has always been the main part of my church experience. In the elementary grades, I joined the hand bell choir and played many times for the service. As hand bells were a novelty at the time, we also went to other churches in Connecticut and played for their services.

In high school, I joined the youth choir where we sang for the first service most Sundays. The adult choir sang for the second service. There I learned my vocal range was not what the director was looking for. I stuck to the piano after that. I taught myself piano from my younger years, and have had a few opportunities to play the piano for the service.

I also joined the Youth Fellowship. We had a big group of 30 or more kids, most from our church but several from other churches and others with no church.

They heard we were a fun group. We did several service projects through the year. Car washes were fun, though much washing was not on the cars but on each other. We had an annual retreat to a YMCA camp with games, outdoor lessons, a bonfire, and a sleep over. It was a place I found acceptance and friendship, something missing from the school environment. Church has always been a second home for me.

I also got the chance to practice the organ at Fern St. and learned how it worked. When I was older I got some organ lessons, and I have had opportunities to play for their service from the seat of power.

The hymns that impressed me are the ones calling us to action. No sitting idly by while the world needs fixing: “Forward Through the Ages”, “Once to Every Man and Nation”, and “Hail the Glorious Golden City” were the ones I remember.

### **Cradle UU Story by Caron Lanouette**

I couldn't help but smile when I read that Arnold Westwood officiated Laura's wedding. At the Westport church where I was raised, he was the second minister, and the first one I really remember. His daughter Phoebe and I were “church friends”. We were the same age so we were always in the same Sunday school class. And we did call it Sunday school then. But for me Sunday school was truly that since much of my elementary school years the congregation met on Sunday at my elementary school. So, I went to Saugatuck school Monday through Friday for school and then was back there on Sun for ‘church’. Needless to say, there were quite a few Sundays when I seriously balked at going to church because I was tired of being in school.

The Westport church rapidly became an institution in town. It was a large, active congregation and... had a building that everyone talked about. Sound familiar? It was designed by the same architect as this one. The congregation was easily as large as the Catholic church or the synagogue so I grew up assuming that UUism was just as popular and important as any other denomination. And LRY, the youth group, was large and popular too, reinforcing that assumption. We also had regional conferences. It was with LRY that I went to many anti-war marches in Washington, DC. We usually marched with an LRY or UU contingent. All Souls Church housed and fed us. They even washed our clothes when we were maced or tear gassed.

It was in college when I began to realize that UUism was not a big, popular denomination. When people would ask me what religion I was and I told them they would ask... “what's that?” I was asked, “what do you believe?” so many times that I not only had to look into myself and ask that, (and have continued to do so) but I actually researched UUism so I could answer that question with clarity. Well... at least some clarity. I boiled it down to... back in the 1500s in Europe there was a man who decided that there was one god, not a trinity, hence the unit part. He garnered followers and then was burned at the stake for his beliefs. That was a nice dramatic touch that got whoas from most everyone. I did not get specific about where in Europe as I learned that as soon as I said Transylvania the conversation got totally lost in Dracula references and I and UUism weren't taken seriously.

So how has being raised a UU impacted me and my life? I have to honestly say that I really do not understand how people can just accept a doctrine, creed or tenets carte blanche. I often look at people and think how can you believe that? Or do that? I'm not saying this in a derogatory way. It's that I truly do not understand it. I had always learned to question, explore, try on something new that I really cannot fathom how some people don't or can't. It got me into trouble more than once as I ventured out of my hometown all-encompassing UU world



with a few folks getting really insulted when I expressed my surprise, and I have to admit at times disdain, that they could believe some of the things they were relating about their religions. Such as why would you ever want to eat the body of Christ... symbolic or not? Yuch!! And, I already have a father thank you! Why would I call some other man father? And, how can you not eat shell fish? You don't know what you're missing! And, tell me again why a cow is sacred?

Other times I've just been totally confused. When my first son was born my mother-in-law was horrified that I wasn't having him baptized because we had to rid him of original sin. Original sin??? What the heck was original sin? When she explained to me that we are all born with sin that we have to be absolved of I... was... absolutely... dumbfounded. I couldn't conceive of what she was talking about. I really couldn't. I was looking at this newborn who had not experienced anything in this world and saw a clean slate. I thought, what could he possibly have done that was sinful?

In response, I became motivated to learn more about religions and belief systems so I could better understand why people do believe what they believe and what it is they believe and how UUism differs from what they believe.

Actually, more of where that belief comes from and why it is comforting to some people. I'm a pragmatist, I prefer seeing and touching things so UUism fits me well. Though sometimes I wonder which came first, the pragmatic personality or the pragmatic UU influence. Either way, my mother read an article... the following Sunday took her first steps into UUism and kept going. So here I am. Exceptionally proud of being a UU. Delighted that my sons are proud to be UUs and that they will pass it on to another generation. And... we'll keep following those footsteps.



## **REPORT BACK FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017 IN NEW ORLEANS, AND NEW ENGLAND**

**From Rev. Heather:** I had an amazing experience as an off-site delegate to our annual denominational conference, General Assembly, this year. I had all the comforts of my own home -- even being able to arrange child care and

outings for our older kid with people that our kid knows well -- while being able to fully participate in off-site discussions and probably take in more of the dawn-to-midnight conference than I would have been able to in-person. You, too, can view much of the most substantive pieces online from your home computer: General Assembly 2017 Online / <http://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2017>

RevCathy and I would love for you of the USH community to be more involved in General Assembly and UU matters next year in Kansas City, or off-site from your

home. Please let us know if you watch any of the General Assembly 2017 events and if you're interested in getting more involved with denominational affairs in 2017-2018! ~ **Warmly – Rev. Heather**



**2017 Programs for Adults and Families** ` During July and August, there may be an occasional Programs Table for events requiring registration such as the Circle Dinners. You may call Janice Newton (860.677.1121) or email her at janicecnewton(at sign)gmail.com for program information.

## Programs

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 Salsa in July. 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



## Meeting House Sing-A-Long - All Are Welcome

Meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, in Emerson/Meditation room (or Memorial Garden if weather / memorial service permits), except December 2017 & June 2018. The next sing-a-long is August 12 at 2pm. **For more information contact Ed Savage:**

**ed@thesavages.com**



**Circle Dinners are a Success** – The first convening of the Membership Sub-Council’s Circle Dinners was held on Saturday, July 8th in the homes of Bruce Robbins and Virginia de Lima. Sixteen people attended and had a great time by all accounts. The dinners give all the participants an opportunity to expand their social circles at USH and learn more about some of the interesting people who call USH their spiritual home. The dinners are scheduled to be held on the 2nd Saturday of every odd-numbered month. (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 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. 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 2017- June 2018).

**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 where appropriate. **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE A HOST IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.** -Submitted by Brian Harvey

## Other News of Our Community and Upcoming Special Events



**Ellie Revill turns 96 Saturday, July 22nd!**  
She would enjoy receiving birthday wishes from her UU family.

**-Happy Birthday Ellie!**

**Atria Greenridge Place**

**1 Elizabeth Court, Apt. 240**

**Rocky Hill, CT 06067**



### **Uniform Fund Raiser for The Village**



The Village for Families & Children, literally our neighbors and now our friends, needs your help. In the heat of summer, it seems that fall is far away. For families served by The Village, August 29th, the first day of school in Hartford, is all too soon. The new school year is an exciting time; it may also be a time of anxiety and stress. For families served by The Village, one of the uncertainties of each year is whether or not they can afford to buy their children school specific colors or uniforms. As long time supporters of The Village please contribute to the annual uniform fund raiser so that children may return to school with pride. Let us continue to strengthen the relationship between The Village and USH by showing our commitment to its children.

The annual Uniform Fund Raiser ends August 18th. Contributions, made out to USH with uniform fund raiser in the memo line, can be mailed to Brian Mullen at The Meeting House. Cash or checks can be left in the envelopes at church. Please make sure to include your name. Any amount is welcome. **-Submitted by Joanne Orlando**

## 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"

KNOX ([www.knoxhartford.org](http://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 Rev. Heather or Rayla Mattson know how you'd like to be involved. Thanks so much to those of you who helped out in any way so far. See you at and outside the Meeting House.** Photo above of Kayla Angeletti and Ron Pitz of KNOX Hartford, meeting with RevHeather in our USH Labyrinth and Garden Plot of the Watkinson Community Garden. The two photos below are of the Labyrinth since the new plantings.



**Sign-up to help water & tend the labyrinth on your own schedule.**

We're using SignUp.com to organize the Labyrinth & Community Garden Plot tending. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/zSZZGfN>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will not need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Thanks for signing up! The idea is simply that you sign up for a week to water & weed as best you are able and as is needed that week. We want to make sure to care for all the new plantings! **Warmly, -Rev. Heather**

### 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) 817-0940

In The Library  
@ The Meeting House

RSVP to  
adambrown6@gmail.com

*We look forward to seeing you!*



## 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"

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

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



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.**

**Thank you, Patrice Fitzgerald and Richard Leslie, for the donations of several musical items. They are very much appreciated.**



## Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community

Join Our **Bridging Cultures** Book Group

# Nicaragua

Current Issues in Nicaragua: Discussion via Skype with Haydeé Castillo, Ocotal resident and friend of the Hartford/Ocotal Sister City Project, president of the Instituto de Liderazgo de las Segovias, and Nicaraguan and international activist.



**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**  
**12:30 to 1:30 P.M.**

(Bring your lunch!)

**FREE**

In collaboration with Hartford/Ocotal Sister City Project, Inc.

Suggestions for possible background reading and other information at [lganderson@hpcct.org](mailto:lganderson@hpcct.org)  
 or [janderson@hpcct.org](mailto:janderson@hpcct.org)



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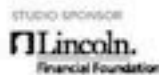
**By William Shakespeare**  
**Directed by Nina Pinchin**  
**Choreographed by Brandon Couloute**

William Shakespeare's *As You Like It* is the story of a diverse cast of characters thrown together by misfortune into a desolate place where they find they are nevertheless able to grow friendship, love, and forgiveness. The cast of Breakdancing Shakespeare will create a modern hip-hop telling of this 400-year-old story complete with Shakespeare's original text and contemporary music/dance.

**August 3 & 4 at 7 PM • August 5 at 2 PM**  
**Special Benefit Performance: August 5 at 7 PM**



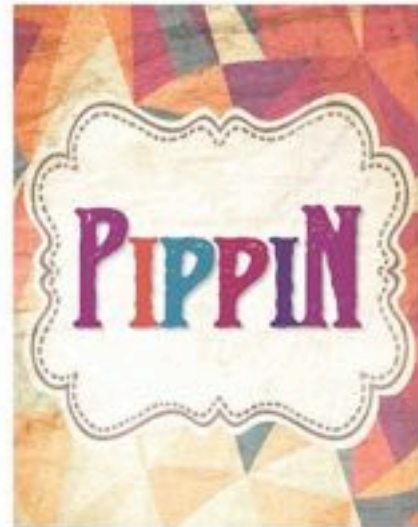
This production is in partnership with the Greater Hartford Arts Council's Neighborhood Studios program, which is supported by:



**Book by Roger O. Hirson**  
**Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz**  
**Presented by the Hartford Stage**  
**Teen Musical Ensemble**

With an infectiously unforgettable score from the four-time Grammy winner and three-time Oscar winner Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*, *Godspell*, Disney's *Pocahontas*), this thrilling musical tells the story of the young prince Pippin, who is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment in life. Guided by the mysterious Leading Player and a band of players, he seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, the intrigues of political power (after disposing of his father, King Charlemagne the Great), and other worldly temptations. In the end, though, Pippin is forced to decide whether what he really seeks is an extraordinary life after all, or whether his true happiness lies in simpler joys.

**August 11 at 7 PM • August 12 at 2 PM**



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**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](http://www.hartfordpride.com) or call Charlie Ortiz at (860) 841-2345.

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

**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](mailto:ushlindaclark@gmail.com) It's easy and if you're interested, please say so.

To submit a Calendar Event Request cut and paste the text below into an email and send to: [calendarchanges@ushartford.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

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