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USH-Enews ~ October 11, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



Image: Be Humble Day, (Feb. 22, 2018); www.daysoftheyear.com

Worship Service: Sunday, October 15, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "Habits of Humility" ~ Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister ~ Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate

Carey Nieuwhof writes that pride and humility are not attitudes, but rather habits that we build through practice. Let us explore the practice of humility and the courage it requires. How might focusing on a culture of humility strengthen collaboration here at the Unitarian Society of Hartford?



RE News You Can Use! ~ This Sunday, October 15, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship. There will also be after care until 1:45 PM for children under the age of 10. There will be a Children's Chapel at the beginning of service followed by age appropriate classes. ~ **Rayla D. Mattson ~ Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford** ~ 860-233-9897 ext 104 | dre@ushartford.com

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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/

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

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



The USH Auction is Back!

The Unitarian Society of Hartford is holding a fundraising auction online and in-person on Sunday, November 19th, starting at 12 noon, right after church. This will be no ordinary auction!! This will be a SuperHero Auction!! We are looking for church members, visitors, friends and family, to donate their "Superpowers" to this auction.

What do we mean by a "Superpower?" What are you really good at? This could be something that is little-known about you - or it could be common knowledge! This is also a way for us to raise funds for the church and all get to know each other a little better! Click this link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/USHSuperHero and fill out the survey with the SuperPower you would like to donate to the Auction. Please complete the survey by October 31 to have your SuperPower included in the online auction when it launches on November 5th! We will continue to accept donations until November 17th. Thanks so much for your participation!

Any questions? Email Kate Gervais at [katebuschgervais\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:katebuschgervais(at)gmail.com)

-The Stewardship Committee: Stephanie Briggs, Carolyn Carlson, Kate Gervais, Virginia Hedrick, Laurie Kelliher, Rev. Cathy Rion Starr



Mark your calendar for the 40th Annual Festival of the Season ..we are getting ready now!

We are looking for volunteers and donations! If you have spare Christmas decorations laying around or extra candy from the holidays please consider donating to us! If you are interested in helping now is the time to find Festival of the Season 2017 **Co-Coordinator Kathie Ferguson ([kwfinteriors\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:kwfinteriors(at)sbcglobal.net)) or Crystal Kelley ([kristal.babyguru\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:kristal.babyguru(at)gmail.com)) and let us know!**

Last year was great and this year will be amazing as well! Join in the spirit of collaboration and joy and help us make it so! ~ **Submitted by Crystal Kelley**

Sunday Service Recap
October 8, 2017
Rochelle Ripley, Guest Worship Leader
"Mitakuye Oyasin ~ We Are All Related"



Images: www.hawkwing.org

Rochelle Ripley has nearly 40 years experience in the fields of prevention and human services beginning in the 1970's with Glastonbury Youth Services. She was grandparented into the Connecticut Certified Prevention Specialist program at its inception in 1996. Her training with the CT Task Force on Positive Youth Development framed her lifelong approach to prevention and personal and community development: creating positive models of inclusion. Her philosophy is that individuals, families and communities make their own best decisions when given valid information, empowerment skills and adequate resources.

She is the founder and president of hawkwing – a Native American non-profit agency dedicated to fostering cross-cultural education, offering valid community service opportunities for social justice and assisting America's poorest children and Elders on the Lakota (Sioux) Reservations in South Dakota to meet their basic human needs arising out of devastating poverty. Through hawkwing, Rochelle is fulfilling a promise to her Lakota Grandmother "to go home and help the People."

Prior to her work with hawkwing, Rochelle directed a fifteen town substance abuse prevention agency; had lengthy involvement in local, state and national

politics working for issues of peace, equality, women's and children rights and more. She was a founding member of the CT Commission on Children by appointment of Governor O'Neill; wrote the original treatise for and helped found MATCH – the coalition dedicated to smoking prevention and reduction and served as their statewide spokesperson for five years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Political Science. She is a mother, a grandmother of six and a great grandmother of three. She combines her Native American heritage and teachings with her professional expertise to integrate a holistic approach to human and community development. She was named a Top Ten CNN Hero in 2015; the Humanitarian of the Year for the Red Nation Film Festival (2015); and a People Magazine American Hero (2016).

Below are two poems that Rochelle kindly sent:

Why Do You Think Me Less Than?

Why do you think me less than?
 Is it my Jewish side that's less than? Is it my Irish side?
 Is it my Native side that's less than? Is it my German?
 Is it that I'm too young? Too Old? Too Shy? Too Bold?
 Why do you think me less than?
 Because I'm a woman, because I'm male?
 Because I've spent some time in jail?
 Am I too rich? Am I too poor?
 Is it my language you abhor?
 Does my wheelchair make me less than?
 Is it the color of my skin?
 Am I too fat? Am I too thin?
 Do I simply not fit in?
 Why do you think me less than?
 Because my god has a different name?
 My clothes and yours are not the same?
 I cannot see, I cannot hear?
 Are those the things in me you fear?
 Because I'm gay or in your way?
 I have no home? I'm all alone?
 Is it because my eyelids slant?
 For what I do or what I can't?
 Because I'm from another place,
 Is there no beauty in my face?
 Why do you think me less than?
 How dare you think me less than?

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I Am Survival

I am survival and I am celebration
I am diversity and I am sameness
I am unique and I am everyone

Blackfoot Lakota – European
European Jewish – German
I am a miracle times two
I should not – yet I exist
And I speak for all people

For I am here.

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Church Business News



Rentals at USH ~ I'm excited to announce that we have had an increase in building usage from the surrounding community for various events. Not only is USH able to share this beautiful building, but we are also able to bring in additional financial resources into the Meeting House. As I begin to increase the amount of rentals we are hosting, I am still mindful of our USH events that are happening. I am currently working on booking the building for the remainder of the calendar year and would like to ask that you check your schedules, events and happenings that you or your group are planning to have here this year. Please schedule/reserve your events and activities soon to make sure there is plenty of space and time available. Please reach out to myself or Linda Clark with any scheduling questions or concerns. ~
Thanks – Rayla D. Mattson – Rentals Manager

Contribute to the USH Ministers' Discretionary Fund ~ The Unitarian Society of Hartford Ministers' Discretionary Fund is drawn upon by the Revs in response to the direct requests of members, friends, staff, and visitors to the congregation when they are in need of emergency support. A whole variety of events and requests have occurred lately that have depleted this important Fund. If you are able, would you consider a gift to the Discretionary Fund, knowing that it will be put to good use? Checks can be made out to Unitarian Society of Hartford with "Ministers' Discretionary Fund" in the memo line and mailed to USH or deposited in the Main Office safe box. Thank you so much for your generosity and concern for others connected to this congregation! ~ **Rev. Heather**

Get Involved at USH ~ Be Part of a Great Team!

Staff and layleaders at USH are actively coordinating another lively year. We need your help to make this a spectacular year. Below are some areas where Volunteers are especially needed and welcome:

Would you like to serve as a Worship Associate? ~ We are recruiting a few new Worship Associates to begin a 2-year term this fall. Worship Associates provide a critical piece of lay leadership in our worship services, bringing your own creativity, spirituality, and sense of awe to co-create worship with the Revs, Rayla, and musicians. We strive to have our Worship Associates reflect the diversity in our congregation: men, women, and gender-non-conforming folks; young, old, and in the middle; racial diversity; people who bring a variety of perspectives, and more. Could you see yourself up on the chancel? If so, please contact Sue Smolski (sue.smolski@gmail.com) or RevCathy (860-233-9897x103) by the end of September to explore whether this could be a good place for your gifts here at USH.



The USH Sunday Welcome Team ~ 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, and helps newcomers find their way around our Meeting House.

Office Volunteers ~ If you are computer-comfortable and familiar with Microsoft Word, Gmail, and data entry, the office is in need of you. People to help with general office duties such as making copies, 'sweeping the pews' and refilling the welcome boxes are also welcome. Please let Linda Clark know if you're able to help out in the office during the week for an hour or two: ushlindaclark@gmail.com | 860-233-9897
Pictured above: Phil and Harriet Gardner with their son Bruce, helping out with the Order of Service.



Join the Choir ~ Director of Music Ministries, Sam Moffett, is excited to work with the choir at USH this year. He would like to extend an invitation to all in the community who have thought about joining the choir, to come and sing! If you would like to join, or would like more info, please e-mail Sam at smoffett@ushartford.com.





The Book Table During Coffee Hour ~

Everybody enjoys browsing through the books during coffee hour. In order to continue we are in need of some help setting them up and putting them away. Please contact Clara Horn if you are able to help out with this: clara.horn@comcast.net

Religious Education ~ The DRE is very short-handed for teachers in our Pre-K3-2nd grade class and in our middle school class. We desperately need teachers and assistants. The commitment is 1-2 Sundays every 4-7 weeks. If you are interested, have any questions, or would like to see the curriculum, please let Rayla know: 860-233-9897 ext 104 | dre@ushartford.com



Programs for Adults and Families Sub-Council ~ Nancy Reed and Janice Newton have stepped down from the Programs for Adults and Families Sub-Council. The Programs for Adults and Families Sub-Council needs members to continue doing its work coordinating the programs many of us participate in and enjoy at the Meeting House. Please step up and help if you are able! Nancy and Janice will be happy to help you get started. For more information and/or to join this Sub-Council, please contact Council on Community Within Chair, Christopher Wilt at chris.wilt@gmail.com. -Submitted by Christopher Wilt



A Moment of Peace

Need a quiet place to empty your mind of tweets and rants and fake news and anything else upsetting your equilibrium? Visit the Labyrinth at the far, lower, end of the parking lot in the Knox Gardens. The colors are fading, but the herbs are still thriving and you are welcome to cut some to add to autumn soups—rosemary, oregano, thyme, sage, parsley, and more! There is a centering bell to spread hopeful energy—every little bit helps! ~ **Submitted by Susan Hope**



2017 Programs for Adults and Families

For more information on current programs click [HERE](#) to view the Adult Programs catalog. You can also pick up a printed catalog at the Welcome Table. Contact information for programs are listed below.

Programs

Building (and Living) Your Own Theology: 12 Sessions, Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, start date September 12. (waiting list.) Contact: Tom Gervais: 860-558-3000; tom.j.gervais@gmail.com

Arc of the Universe is Long: UU (Anti-) Racism History: 4 sessions beginning September 27, 7:00-9:00 PM. Contact: RevCathy: revcathy@ushartford.com

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

Tai Chi: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Contact Ginny Hedrick: 860-677-9272.

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.

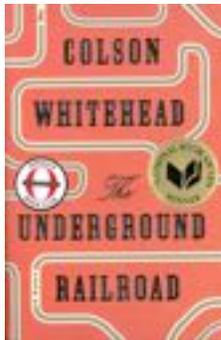
Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Any questions please contact Jan Bennett:

chair2clinic@juno.com

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. For more information contact Ed Savage: ed@thesavagees.com.

USH Book Club: Next Meeting: "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead.

Our next Book Club meeting will be held at 58 Hitchcock Lane, Avon. 5:30 pm on Thursday, October 12. It would be helpful if you RSVP so we know how many to expect. For more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroopofus@icloud.com.



The Underground Railroad- Colson Whitehead

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, the #1 New York Times bestseller from Colson Whitehead, a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South. In Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor—engineers and conductors operate a secret network of tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. As Whitehead brilliantly re-creates

the unique terrors for black people in the pre-Civil War era, his narrative seamlessly weaves the saga of America from the brutal importation of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. The Underground Railroad is at once a kinetic adventure tale of one woman's ferocious will to escape the horrors of bondage and a shattering, powerful meditation on the history we all share. ~

Submitted by Richard Groothuis

Great Decisions 2018 Topics

For many years, the Meeting House has sponsored a Foreign Policy/ Public Affairs discussion group called Great Decisions at 9 am Sundays in the spring. The topics for 2018's briefing books (about \$25 each) have been published and we'd like to see how many books we could pre-order. Please contact Ed Savage (edsavage@ushartford.com) or go to the Programs table on Sunday to indicate your interest.

We're pleased to announce the topics for Great Decisions 2018!

This year's topics are as follows:

The waning of Pax Americana?

Russia's foreign policy

China and America: the new geopolitical equation

Media and foreign policy

Turkey: a partner in crisis

U.S. global engagement and the military

South Africa's fragile democracy

Global Health: progress and challenges

-Submitted by Ed Savage

Small Group Ministries this Fall: What is Small Group Ministry? This is an opportunity to strengthen your connections with USH members and friends by sharing your life experiences with them in a covenant group. Your facilitator will have special readings and questions to guide your sharing and deep listening experience. You may sign up for this at the program table during coffee hour or contact Esther McKone, email: [estmckone \(at sign\)aol.com](mailto:estmckone(at sign)aol.com), phone 860 677 6682. There is a \$5 registration fee for the whole series.

The Fall Small Group Ministry at the home of Kathie Ferguson is now full, so all those who missed signing up for this one can contact Esther McKone by email - [ESTMCKONE\(at sign\)AOL.com](mailto:ESTMCKONE(at sign)AOL.com) or call 860-677-6682 to let me know you are interested in joining a Small Group Ministry. If there is enough interest, I will try to get another group started for the Fall. If there are not enough people interested, there will be more SGMs starting up in January or February 2018. Thank you all for your interest in Small Group Ministry. ~ **Submitted by Esther McKone**

Attention: For the first time ever, USH will offer an intergenerational family friendly SGM. It is open to anyone age 10 and up. There will be 2 sessions running together at the same time. Children and youth can choose to be in the session with their parents or in the other one running at the same time. Younger siblings can attend as there will be childcare for those 9 and under. Dinner will be from 6:30-7:00pm and the SGM will run from 7:00-8:30PM. You can sign up at the programs table or contact Esther McKone or Rayla Mattson. The cost is \$5 per family (total) for the series of sessions.



Circle Dinners – 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. (still ahead: 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 Brian Harvey: harvey.b@comcast.net or Chris Wilt: chris.wilt@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 this program. ~ **Submitted by Brian Harvey**

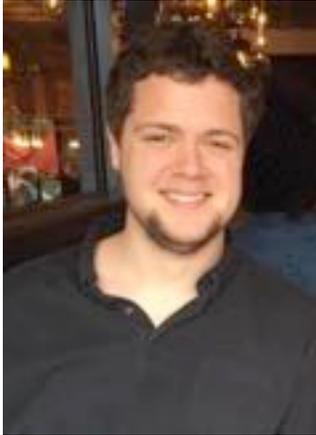


Meeting House Presents! ~ A concert series at the Unitarian Meeting House, 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford. All events begin at 8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30). Tickets \$20. \$12 for students with ID. Children under 12 – free with parent.

Click [HERE](#) for Advance tickets
 Proceeds benefit the Unitarian Society of Hartford.
 Click [HERE](#) to read more about upcoming events at USH. Click [HERE](#) to read the Blog.

Contact Laura and Paul Cipriano
(MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com or 860-298-9984) to contribute your ideas, volunteer time, pledge financial backing for the series, or find out more!

Coming Up:



Friday, October 27, 2017 – The Sam Moffett Quartet
 A gathering of young jazzmen seen around New England and New York – all in one place--the Meeting House Presents Series.
 Sam Moffett – Saxophone, Boston studio musician and composer.
 Mike Biagio Carabello – Keyboard
 Kirk Woodard, Drums – frequently at Black-Eyed Sally's in Hartford
 Matt Dwonszyk – Bass, based in Brooklyn, last played Integrity 'N Music in September, BRIC Arts Festival in October.

<https://www.sammoffett.com/>

Other News of Our Community and Upcoming Special Events

3 Sunday sessions
(Oct 22 & 29, Nov 12)
12:00-1:30 pm

Followed up with a **Membership Sunday** on **December 3rd**

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

A Path to Membership

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



Halloween Breakfast Buffet

9:00 – 10:00 am Sunday, October 29th

- ★ Come enjoy the fun! You get pancakes with various ingredient and topping options, veggie sausage patties, bacon and beverage. Come in costume or just take in the festivities around you.
- ★ The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Proceeds will benefit the USH General Fund
- ★ We also have premium tickets at \$10 per person. It's the same food - but you'll just feel better knowing you're helping a good cause!



Implicit vs. Explicit Bias -- How our Unconscious Opinions Impact our Actions

Understanding implicit bias is important because of its connection to structural inequity. Because implicit associations arise outside of conscious awareness, these associations do not necessarily align with our openly-held beliefs or even reflect stances we would explicitly endorse. This disconnect between implicit and explicit - known as dissociation - matters because everyone possesses these unconscious associations, and they affect our decisions, behaviors, and interactions with others and can have harmful effects when they influence our decision-making. Participants **attending** the presentation, readings and discussion taking place in the meditation room on Sunday, October 15, from Noon – 1:30 pm will learn more about implicit racial bias - those attitudes and stereotypes that affect our understanding, decisions and actions in an unconscious manner. Light refreshments/snacks will be available. For more information, contact Gloria Francesca Mengual at gloriafmengual@gmail.com. Please check the Programs table during coffee hour to sign up. ~ **-Submitted by Gloria Francesca Mengual**

Weekly Reminders



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

The 20's/30's Group hosts a weekly brunch Sundays at noon. It's open to existing members, friends, newcomers, and visitors in their 20's and 30's. Food will be provided but guests are encouraged to bring something additional to share.
 * Please let me know by Friday afternoon if you plan to join us so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone. - 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

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Adults and Allies of the LGBT Community are invited to join the LGBT Moveable Senior Center—a partnership among Senior Centers in the Greater Hartford area to connect the LGBT community to mind-body-spirit, to each other and to services and supports for healthy aging!

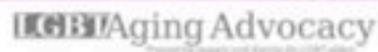
**Charles N. Enes Community Center
150 Nevers Road
South Windsor, CT 06074**

**Please RSVP to Missy Rankin by
October 9. All towns are welcome!
860-648-6361 ext.339**

**Friday,
October 13, 2017
1:00 – 3:00 (ish)**

1:00	Welcome, beverages-water/juice, coffee/tea, snack
1:15-2:15	<p>“Another Kind of Coming Out: Life with Early to Moderate Stage Dementia”</p> <p>People from our community will share factual information about dementia, the value of early diagnosis, and some of the challenges that exist for an LGBT person living with dementia and their care partner. There will be an opportunity for discussion following the presentation.</p>
2:20-3:00 (ish)	Sound-Meditation by the Conduit Center of East Hartford....Relax and let go

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





Climate and Creation Stewardship Summit

Saturday, October 28: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Spring Glen United Church, 1825 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT

Hear the newly appointed CEO of CT Fund for the Environment, Curt Johnson speak about local strategies for water!

Workshops on Flint, Michigan, Toxic Chemicals, Biodiversity Loss, Sea Level Rise, Habitat Restoration and more!

An interfaith worship service organized that will highlight the ways different faith traditions honor the gift of water!

Our 5th Annual Climate and Creation Stewardship Summit will be Saturday, October 28 from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm at Spring Glen United Church in Hamden. The focus of this summit is on **water**, both on land and the oceans. It will consist of speakers, panels and workshops on different aspects of our current climate change crisis and other critical environmental issues as they relate to *sea level rise, water resource management, ocean pollution, lead in urban water supply, energy conservation, biodiversity loss and impact of toxic chemicals on human health.*

Please visit www.climatestewardshipsummit.org for the full program!

Suggested donation is \$30. Sliding scale of \$10 - \$100 is available. Registration will be open at 9:00 am. For more info, contact terri@irejn.org.

Suggested Donation: \$30 Student Donation: \$10

Sliding Scale from \$10 - \$100 available. Scholarship tickets available.

REGISTER TODAY AT:

<https://climateandcreationstewardshipsummit.eventbrite.com>

Sponsored by Interreligious Eco-Justice Network

www.irejn.org



Undoing False and Destructive Myths: The Connection between Mental Illness and Gun Violence is THE topic of a symposium to be held SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 9 AM – 3 PM AT THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF NEW HAVEN, 700 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, HAMDEN.

Symposium will explore how Connecticut citizens can build new relationships and community coalitions to dispel the myth that mental illness and gun violence go hand-in-hand.

For further information, please contact: Claire Bien, 203 804-5507, clairebien1128@yahoo.com; or Graziela Reis, (203) 824-2278, grazreis@hotmail.com

On Saturday, October 14, 2017, the Unitarian Society of New Haven in Hamden, CT will hold a symposium on mental health awareness to explore the truth behind the popular beliefs that mental illness and gun violence go hand in hand and that acts of mass violence are inevitably committed by “madmen.” In fact, the most rigorous, recent study found that only 4 percent of gun violence is caused by people with diagnosed mental illness, and people with mental illness are far more likely to be victims than perpetrators, and research suggests that suicide accounts for two-thirds of the 30,000 gun deaths each year in the U.S. Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted.

During the day, three expert panels will address the following questions:

- * Are people with mental illness at increased risk for violence?
- * Is it true that people with mental illness are at greater risk of suicide than homicide?
- * How do stigma and shame contribute to gun violence?
- * Can legislation and public health education reduce gun violence?

Panelists during the day include: Dr. Larry Davidson, PhD, Professor of Psychology, Yale School of Medicine; Scott Jackson, Commissioner, Department of Labor; former Chair, Sandy Hook Commission; Annita Perez Sawyer, PhD, Psychologist and Author; Paul Hammer, President, Bicycle Education, Entrepreneurship & Enrichment Programs, Person in Recovery; Nicole Hockley, Managing Director, Sandy Hook Commission; Emily McCave, PhD, LMSW, Associate Professor of Social Work at Quinnipiac University, Former President of the Southern CT Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Certified Mental Health First Aid Trainer; Ann and Allie Nelson, Ann Nelson Advocacy, Yale Child Study Center; Robert Rudewicz, Talk Saves Lives-Firearms and Suicide Prevention & Question Persuade Refer Institute Gatekeeper Trainer, and former Hartford Police Officer; Trish Buchanan, Mental Health Advocate; Jonathan Perloe, Director, Programs and Communications, CT Against Gun Violence.

The symposium is sponsored by the Unitarian Society of New Haven’s Mental Health Awareness and Preventing Gun Violence Task Forces

~ **Submitted by: Jane Ferrall, Unitarian Society of New Haven**



Dear Friends, Happy Fall!! I am excited to tell you that the New World Trio's first concert of the season is on Sunday, October 15 at 2pm At St. John's Episcopal Church on 679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. The theme ARS GALLICA: Apprentissage et continuité (apprenticeship and continuity) is dedicated to the French school featuring three master piano trios by Saint-Saëns, Fauré, Ravel. There will be a reception with light refreshments after the concert. I hope to see you there! ~ **Pi-Hsun Shih** For more concert information: email us at

newworldtrio@outlook.com, or call: 860 586-8579
www.newworldtrio.org (suggested donation \$20)

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. It's easy and if you're interested, please say so.

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Event Title:

Room:

Time:

Date(s):

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A Short Description:

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