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Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr
USH-Enews ~ October 18, 2017



Image: Anne Frank poses in 1941; Frans Dupon—Anne Frank House/AP

Worship Service: Sunday, October 22, 2017
10:30 AM

"Re-Encountering Anne"

Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister

Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate

"But where there's hope, there's life.

It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again."

~Anne Frank, June 6, 1944

"The church clock nearby was her comfort. It chimed every quarter of an hour, reminding her that there was still a world outside where children went to school and played together and weren't terrified of being seen or heard."

~Josephine Poole, Anne Frank

"Who knows, maybe our religion will teach the world and all the people in it about goodness, and that's the reason, the only reason, we have to suffer."

~Anne Frank, April 11, 1944



**Sunday October 29th worship service request:
Calling all (stuffed) owls!**

- Do you have any stuffed animal owls (or other birds) at home that we could borrow for worship Sunday, October 29th? If so, please bring it into the office, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10am and 3pm or on Sunday before or after service. Be sure to put your name on it so we can return it to you. We'll be using

the owls and Harry Potter to explore fear during the October 25 Halloween eve multigenerational service. Image: <https://inhabitat.com>



UUA Disaster Relief Fund

Being described as 'a serious, critical, catastrophic event,' the wild fires in Northern California continue to burn out of control. The death toll is at 31 and climbing as hundreds are still missing, including members from congregations

in the area. Over 3,500 buildings have been lost. At least eleven of the homes destroyed belonged to members of our [Unitarian Universalist] congregations, including members who relocated to the area after losing everything in Hurricane Katrina. The loss of cherished animal companions has also been reported.

Between the recent hurricanes and these fires, this is when we remember that we belong to one another and that together we can do what we cannot do alone. After the Southeast and the Caribbean experienced two category five hurricanes within a week of each other, the UUA's initial Hurricane Recovery Fund was broadened and renamed the UUA Disaster Relief Fund, to respond flexibly to current disaster needs and to new situations as they arise, such as the wild fires.

We know that long after the initial clean-up, real recovery can take months or years. The UUA stands with its congregations and is ready to provide assistance to help congregations in repairing any damage, and to support them in responding to the needs of their members' and their community's efforts to get back on its feet.

We invite you to donate as you are able to the UUA Disaster Relief Fund at <https://giving.uua.org/disaster-aid> or if you prefer to donate by mail, please make your check payable to the UUA with "Disaster Relief Fund" on the memo

line, and send to UUA Gift Processing, 24 Farnsworth St, Boston, MA 02210. -
Submitted by Rev. Cathy



RE News You Can Use! !~ This Sunday, October 22, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning worship. There will be a Time For All Ages followed by age appropriate classes. This is the last week of Secret Buddies before the big reveal next week at pancake breakfast. Don't forget your buddy this week! The DRE will not be here this Sunday. Please refer all RE related questions to Sarah Cassidy, RE Assistant.



The kids in the Harry Potter and UU class are learning that there are lots of kids and families in Hartford who go to bed hungry and whose kitchen cupboards and refrigerators are empty (The Hunger Horcrux). There will be flyers with lists of healthy foods to donate at the Sunday Welcome Table. Donations will be brought to the Food Pantry in the North End just before Halloween. Put food to contribute in the classroom next to the Chapel. ~ **Submitted by Diana Heymann**

Rayla D. Mattson ~ Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford ~ 860-233-9897 ext 104 dre@ushartford.com 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.

In This Week's Enews:

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Upcoming Events & News in the Larger Community: Muslim Coalition; Love Thy Neighbor

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 on December 9th ..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 by Kayla Costenoble
October 15, 2017
“Habits of Humility”
Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister



Photos: Harriet Gardner

Helicopters, bears, and words about dealing with cancer made Rev. Cathy's October 15, 2017, sermon on "Habits of Humility" something to ponder. We are not taught to value humility, she said. We do not risk sharing our hearts and our vulnerabilities. Instead, "bravery" is admired and we build internal walls.

Rev. Cathy shared ideas from Josh Friedman, screenwriter and producer for film and TV, from his July 2017 article in "Time" magazine: "It's Okay to be a Coward About Cancer." It is his own honest reaction to his kidney cancer and surgery. He writes, "Cancer doesn't give a damn how tough you are... You don't battle cancer. You don't fight it. If cancer wants you it sneaks into your room at night and just takes you. It doesn't care if you're John Wayne or John McCain... Toughness and courage are staples of our cultural business. But these are not how we survive cancer. We survive cancer through luck, science, early detection, and real health insurance."

Collaboration might be the key to arriving at a culture of humility, Rev. Cathy suggested. She described a workshop she attended at a General Assembly a couple of years ago. Its subject was Mt. Rainier; at 14410 feet above sea level, it is the highest mountain in the state of Washington (Rev. Heather calls it a "real" mountain, unlike our "Avon Mountain"). There was a real problem with ice on

power lines and linemen unwilling to continue to risk the dangers of climbing up to get rid of the ice. Several small meetings within the utility company produced no solutions. Neither did hiring a consultant. Finally, everyone in the company, including many who had nothing to do with the problem, gathered in one huge meeting. One suggestion, carefully considered but rejected (for obvious reasons), was to put honey on the icy trees to tempt tree-climbing bears to climb up and break the ice in their pursuit of the honey. Eventually, a quiet secretary recalled seeing helicopters' down-wash being used in a fire and she wondered if it would work on ice. It did and it is now the company's standard ice-removing practice.

"In the culture of humility, no one is an expert," Rev. Cathy reminded us. In a culture of humility, we need to "make space for those who keep up walls." Some of her other suggestions for collaboration? Working with others and people we don't know; deepening our relationships; letting down walls and asking for support when we need it; trusting in our own resilience; opening ourselves to the unseen and the unknown; having the strength to be humble in our lives; and admitting we are both brave and cowardly.

An extra note. There is so much wonderful information in our weekly Order of Service; I always look forward to reading every word. Am I the only one who did not know that February 22 is a holiday named Be Humble Day? My trusted friend Google could not tell me when it began, but listed every February 22 until 2026 for the event. One Google description of this holiday: It stresses the importance of practicing humility in our daily lives and promotes the idea that accepting our errors and faults makes us better human beings. The twist to this day is that no one knows who founded it, but said person clearly took humility seriously.

Church Business News

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:



The USH Sunday Welcome Team ~ 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 ~ 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 be working 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.

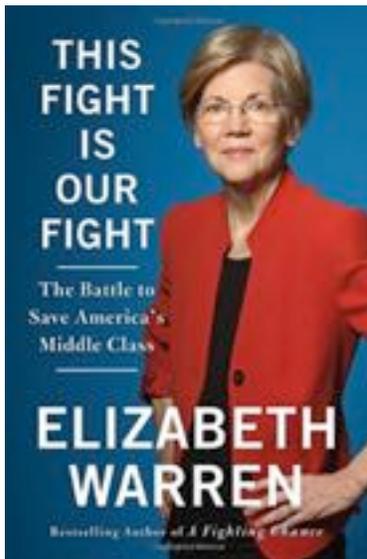
Emei Qigong Cultivation: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. Contact Diana Heymann: 860-461-0908.

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: See below for details:



USH Book Club: Next meeting Thursday, November 9 at 5:30pm. Offsite at: 58 Hitchcock Lane, Avon. It would be helpful if you RSVP so we know how many to expect. For more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroopofus@icloud.com.

This Fight Is Our Fight: The Battle to Save America's Middle Class- Elizabeth Warren

*The fiery U.S. Senator from Massachusetts and bestselling author offers a passionate, inspiring book about why our middle class is under siege and how

Senator Elizabeth Warren has long been an outspoken champion of America's middle class, and by the time the people of Massachusetts elected her in 2012, she had become one of the country's leading progressive voices. Now, at a perilous moment for our nation, she has written a book that is at once an illuminating account of how we built the strongest middle class in history, a scathing indictment of those who have spent the past thirty-five years undermining working families, and a rousing call to action.

Warren grew up in Oklahoma, and she's never forgotten how difficult it was for her mother and father to hold on at the ragged edge of the middle class. An educational system that offered opportunities for all made it possible for her to achieve her dream of going to college, becoming a teacher, and, later, attending law school...

To read more click [HERE](#). -Submitted by Richard Groothuis *From Amazon.com

Small Group Ministries: ~ 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. Watch for announcements of Small Group Ministry offerings in eNews and during coffee hour after the service at the Programs Table in Fellowship Hall.

A trained facilitator will have special readings and questions to guide your sharing and deep listening experience. Contact Esther McKone for more information on Small Group Ministry, email: [estmckone \(at sign\)aol.com](mailto:estmckone@signaol.com), phone 860 677 6682. ~ **Submitted by Esther McKone**



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 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!



**2017-2018
Season**



50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 -The intersection of Routes 44 & 189

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:



Sam Moffett Quartet ~ An evening of young jazzmen seen around New England and New York. Quartet members include Sam Moffett, Boston studio musician and composer; Mike Biagio Carabello on keyboard; and Brooklyn-based Matt Dwonzyk, who played Integrity 'N Music in September and the BRIC Arts Festival. Sam is also the USH Director of Music Ministries.

Sam Moffett – Saxophone
Mike Carabello – Keyboard
Matt Dwonzyk – Bass
TBA – Drums

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

A Path to Membership

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.

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!



All Are Welcome to the Joint
 Universalist Church of West Hartford
 (UCWH) and Unitarian Society of
 Hartford (USH) Thanksgiving Meal

You are all invited to Thanksgiving in Fiske Hall at the Fern Street Universalist Church, especially if family are not celebrating with you. We ask, if you are able, to bring a dish to share.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend by emailing UCWH member Cindy Schafer: cindyschafer@att.net, calling Rev. Cathy (541-390-7553), or signing up with Rev. Cathy on a Sunday.

Time: 1:00 PM, Thanksgiving Day

Where: UCWH, 433 Fern St, West Hartford, CT

If you need a ride, contact the UCWH office at 860-233-3669?106 and we will make an arrangement.



Collaboration...in Community -- with the Hartford Stage!

For the second year, USH will be collaborating with the Hartford Stage by focusing a service around an upcoming production at the Stage. This year that production will be Feeding the Dragon, written and performed by Sharon Washington, and directed by Maria Mileaf. Here's a synopsis of the play: "Sharon Washington plays nearly 20 characters in her own true story. A memory play about

growing up in the custodial apartment of a Manhattan library, Feeding the Dragon examines how both the power of forgiveness and the lifelong love for the written word have helped her battle dragons of all forms." Feeding the Dragon will run from January 11 - February 4, 2018. Tickets are available at hartfordstage.org or by calling 860-527-5151. You can save 25% on performances January 11-17 with the code Dragon25. RevHeather will lead our service on Sunday, January 14, 2018, inspired by the production and by Sharon Washington's story. Join us in being rejuvenated by the artfulness and insight in our midst.

For more about Feeding the Dragon and Sharon Washington, enjoy: <http://www.sharonwashington.com/feeding-the-dragon-play/>
 Image: <http://www.sharonwashington.com/feeding-the-dragon-play/>

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



Special Event:
The Muslim Coalition of Connecticut's 11th Annual Leadership Banquet.
"Muslims in the Media: Reclaiming the Narrative"

Where: Hartford Marriott Downtown (200 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, CT 06103)

When: 10/29/17, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Each year, the MCCT Leadership Banquet highlights individuals and organizations that have made a difference in the community by promoting shared values and understanding. This year the focus is on the portrayal of Muslims in the media, and those who strive to reclaim the distorted narrative. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dean Obeidallah: Dean, a lawyer turned writer and award winning comedian, has been using his skills to both entertain and educate people for years. He is the host of SiriusXM radio's daily program "The Dean Obeidallah show" making him the first Muslim American to host a national radio show. Dean is also the co-director/co-producer of the comedy documentary entitled "The Muslims are Coming!" featuring a stand up comedy tour of Muslim-American comedians performing free shows across the South and West in the hopes of countering anti-Muslim bigotry. Dean writes weekly for The Daily Beast and for CNN.com Opinion. He has also written articles for various other publications including The Atlantic, The Washington Post and The Huffington Post.

OUR AWARDEES: Unity Productions Foundation: The mission of Unity Productions Foundation (UPF) is to counter bigotry and create peace through the media. UPF produces films that tell compelling stories for television, online viewing, and theatrical release. These films are part of long-term educational campaigns aimed at increasing understanding among people of different faiths and cultures, especially among Muslims and other faiths.

Susan Campbell was a columnist for the Hartford Courant for more than a quarter-century, where her work was recognized by the National Women's Political Caucus, New England Associated Press News Executives, the Society for Professional Journalists, the American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors, the National Society of Newspaper Columnists, and the Sunday Magazine Editors Association.

Reserve Your Tickets Today! [TICKET LINK](#)

Individual tickets: \$60.00 / Adult Table for 10: \$550.00 / Student Table for 10: \$450.00

Join Rev. Cathy at this event - and contact Rev. Cathy if you want to go but can't afford it, or would like to donate so someone else can go.

Intimate Stories, Bravely Told ~ When Todd Farnsworth first heard the stories coming out of the Brookfield Institute's writing workshop for veterans, he was floored. Then he was energized.

He and the veterans wanted more people to hear these stories. They started tossing out ideas of how to make this happen and, thanks to Farnsworth's work in community theater, a play was born. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11, 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m., at Monson Memorial Hall. Tickets are available [HERE](#). A special performance is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Majestic Theatre in West Springfield. For more information about the Brookfield Institute click [HERE](#). –

Submitted by Valerie Klokow

Love Beyond Belief: Practicing the Heart of Our Unitarian Universalist Faith with Rev. Dr. Thandeka. November 10-12, at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn

Thandeka, the Affect Theologian in Residence at Andover Newton Theological School, is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, congregational consultant, a Westar Institute Fellow, and formerly an Emmy award-winning television producer. She is the creator of the Love Beyond Belief™ initiative for UU congregations and the founder of Contemporary Affect Theology, which is designed to explain emotional development in religious settings and terms. Polebridge Press will publish Thandeka's new book, Love Beyond Belief: The History of a Lost Emotion, in March 2018.

Weekend Workshop:

Part I: Building A Foundation For a Unitarian Universalist Theology Of Personal Experience.

Part II: Creating a Common Vocabulary For a Unitarian Universalist Theology Of Personal Experience.

Part III: Practicing A Unitarian Universalist Theology Of Personal Experience In Social Justice And Eco-Justice Work.

More info here: <https://uucgl.org/life-long-learning/community-courses/>



Climate and Creation Stewardship Summit

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

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

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

“Love thy Neighbor across the Street”

Our Main Speaker This Year is

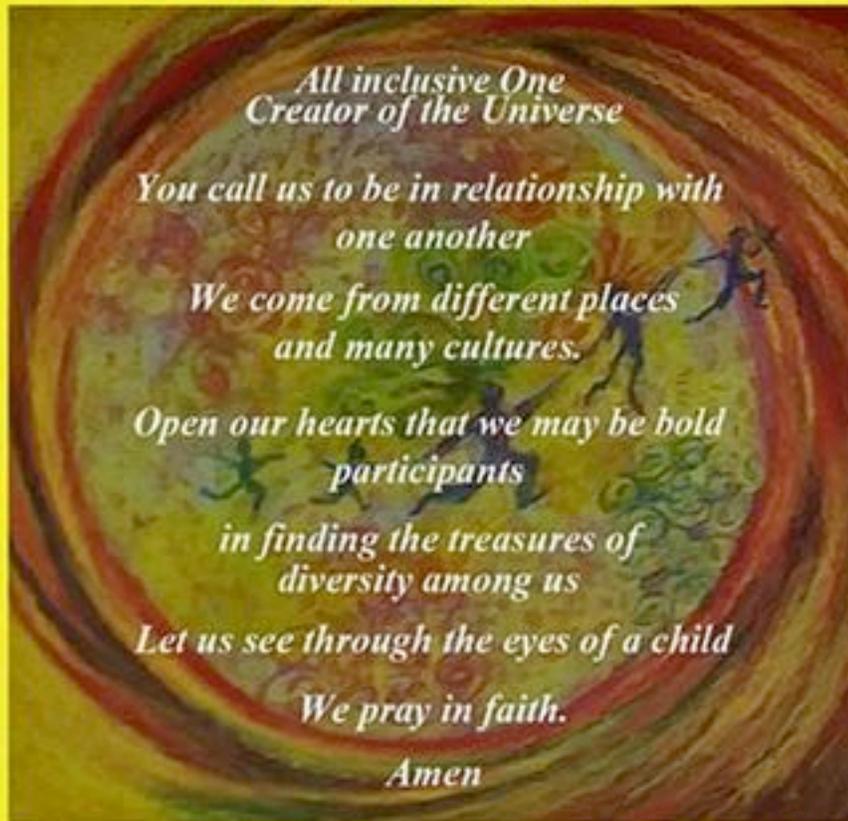


Archbishop LeRoy Bailey, Jr.

20th Anniversary

Greater Hartford Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast
In partnership with the YMCA of Greater Hartford,
all donations will benefit the Hartford Prayer Breakfast

[Click Here to Pay Online](#)



Art created by: Louisa Barton Dupuy

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Breakfast starts 7:00 a.m. - Program begins at 7:25 a.m.

The Artists Collective, 1200 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT (corner of Woodland St.)



HARTFORD FOOD SYSTEM invites you to join them for a celebratory evening of Farm to Table Cuisine, Local Live Music and more... [Click HERE](#) to read more.



What We Sing is Who We Are
Saturday 11/18, 10am-4pm,
All Souls New London
19 Jay St, New London, CT
860-443-0316

This workshop is for anyone who believes in the future of Unitarian

Universalism, but will be especially appreciated by music directors, choir members, clergy, and anyone else who loves to sing. No experience necessary!
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING WORKSHOP with Rev. Jason Shelton

Vibrant congregational singing is a sure sign of a healthy, thriving church. Why? Because congregations that sing with vitality are congregations that know who and why they are. Revitalizing congregational singing is one of the best growth strategies available, and it's easier to do than you might think!

In this workshop we'll:

- * explore the rich and varied songs in our Living Tradition, flesh out their historical and theological context
- * consider ways to add "spice and flavor" to the congregational music experience through instrumentation and rhythmic variation
- * engage in questions of diversity, authenticity, and mission
- * find new courage and fresh vision to make the tried and true come alive in unexpected way
- * find new courage (and songs!) for singing the joyful resistance to our troubled times

After exploring this treasure trove of hymnody at our fingertips, we'll open the doors for a robust Community Sing where we can put our new tools to work. Rev. Jason Shelton is an award-winning composer, arranger, conductor, singer, multi-instrumentalist, workshop and retreat leader. He served the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, for 19 years and he is now a freelance minister of music, working to grow our capacity to sing our UU faith. LOCATION: All Souls UU in New London, CT (Directions)

Link for info & registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-we-sing-is-who-we-are-11182017-registration-38627217046>

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