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USH-Enews ~ November 8, 2017
Worshipping Together Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



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Worship Service: Sunday, November 12, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "Looking Back, Looking Forward" ~ Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister ~ Peter Meny, Worship Associate

Join us for worship looking back at our Unitarian Universalist history around race and racism, and looking forward to the herstory that we can create together. As

part of a national UU call to have a “The Promise and the Practice Sunday,” we will center the history, the perspectives, the voices and the leadership of Black Unitarian Universalists.

There will be a special Good Neighbor Offering to Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) as part of the Promise and the Practice of our Faith. If we are able to generate \$10 per member, BLUU will receive a dollar-for-dollar match. See more about the Promise and the Practice [HERE](#).



Thanksgiving: Update ~ Due to the changing plans of some key organizers, the 2017 Joint USH-Fern Street Thanksgiving meal has been cancelled. Please let us know if you'd like to help make this collaboration happen in 2018.

Thanks ~ Rev. Heather



CHRISTMAS EVE COOKIE ELVES NEEDED

Help bring about the festive cheer that lifts all our hearts and spirits during the longest nights of the year! Coordinate the cookie plates that people will happily bring and help give it all some coordination and flair. Can you be our 2017 Christmas Eve Cookie Coordinating Elf for the 4pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service? We can't do it without you! Please let

Linda Clark ([ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark@gmail.com)) or RevHeather ([revheatherrionstarr\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:revheatherrionstarr@gmail.com)) know if you can fulfill this sweet, delectable, delightful, once-a-year role!

RE News You Can Use

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education



This Sunday, November 12, the nursery is available during the morning worship service for infants and toddlers. There will be A Time For All Ages followed by age-appropriate classes.

Please Note: This week our middle-schoolers will remain in the sanctuary after a Time For All Ages. The topic is on race and Xavier, from the middle school class, will be speaking. It would be nice for the class to support him. I am also in need of teachers for this class or they will only be able to meet once a month. Please let me know if you are willing to help with this class in the future.

We will be having Child Dedications on the 12th of November. If you would like to have your child(ren) dedicated, please contact the DRE, Rayla D. Mattson.

Families, please consider having your child(ren) donate a super-hero item to the upcoming USH Auction. This can be anything from helping rake leaves to

babysitting to creating a work of art. Have them use their imagination. Please let Rayla know if you need any help with ideas.

The High School Youth Group "Annual Sleepout for My Sister's Place" is scheduled from Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 to Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017. Please remember to support the Youth Group's efforts to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and funds to support My Sister's Place, a shelter for domestic violence victims. ~ **Submitted by Nina Elgo**



Donations will be brought to the Malta Food Pantry on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Please put food donations in the

bins by the front/side doors or in classroom Ballou (next to the Chapel). Monetary donations can be made by designating Food Pantry on the memo line of your check or putting cash in an envelope with "food pantry" written on it. For a link to the Healthy Foods list click [HERE](#). Any questions contact Diana Heymann: 860-461-0908 ~ **-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.

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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!
USH Superhero Auction Now Available Online!**

**ACT Now – and come to
the event and bring friends
– Sunday, November 19th at noon!**

Thanks to so many who have donated their talents and passions to the USH Superhero Auction! You can now access the Auction online by

going to: <http://www.biddingOwl.com/UnitarianSocietyofHa>. Go to the drop-down menu – View Items – and select “View All” to see all the fabulous items available.

You will need to register as a bidder to be able to place bids. It is easy – just register your email address and select a password. Then respond to the email BiddingOwl sends you. We will complete the bidding at a Festive Silent Auction and Live event with music by our own Meeting House Folk at Noon – November 19th, in Fellowship Hall! Luscious Sandwiches and SuperDuper Cookies will be served!! We will announce the winning bids at 1 pm! Items that don't get their minimum bids will be held for a later time.

If you still want to donate – there is still time! Seek out a member of the Stewardship/Auction Committee Carolyn Carlson, Kate Gervais, Virginia Hedrick, Caron Lanouette, Leslie Waite and Rev. Cathy Rion Starr or email [katebuschgervais\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:katebuschgervais@gmail.com).

Or go to [HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/USHSUPERHERO](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/USHSUPERHERO)



**The 40th Annual
Festival of the Season
Saturday, December 9th, 2017**

Save the Date!



**A day of gingerbread houses, making wreaths,
decorating cookies, a holiday shop, music,
dinner, community and much more!**



**Consider
helping!**

We are looking for helpers to volunteer
your time, creativity, and/or holiday candy.
Help us make this event a success.

Please contact co-coordinators:

Kathie Ferguson (kwinteriors@sbcglobal.net) or
Crystal Kelley (kristal.babyguru@gmail.com).



**We are searching for a couple more greeters, a portable photo printer,
potluck volunteers and craft room helpers. Thank you!**

Sunday Service Recap

"Remembering Our Ancestors"

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister

Photos: Harriet Gardner

It was a both a solemn and uplifting service as we remembered the people we have lost, in the past year or long ago. Sam Moffett and the USH choir uplifted us along with guest organist/pianist Dan Hollenbeck with a beautiful rendition of Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah'.

After the service RevCathy and Rayla led us in the Blessing of the USH Playground. In lieu of breaking a bottle of champagne we used bubbles with help from the children.



Below are photos of the Playground Blessing



Photo below: David Newton



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 significantly 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**



On October 22, Rev. Heather led us in a service on The Diary of Anne Frank and the way that texts can speak to our hearts and minds in timeless, inspiring, personal ways regardless of whether or not they have been deemed "sacred" texts by others. RevHeather asked: "What are your sacred texts?" Thanks to all of you who shared what a sacred text or texts is to you. Below are just some of the responses—a few more came in via e-mail which are now included below:

"Be the change you want to see in the world" —by Gandhi; Anam Cara by John O'Donahue; "And every common bush afire with God."—Elizabeth Browning; Anne of

Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery; anything by Mary Oliver, poetry or prose; "Auguries of Innocence," by William Blake; "Birches" by Robert Frost; "Desiderata," by Max Ehrmann; Gilead by Marilynne Robinson; Godel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid, by Douglas Hofstadter; Great Expectations by Charles Dickens; Home by Marilynne Robinson; "This Is My Song," Hymn 159 in our Singing the Living Tradition hymnal, by John Andrew Storey; I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou; If It Is to Be, It's Up to Me, by Thomas B. Smith; Imagination and taking in the beauty of life; Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte; "Let the soft animal of your body love what it loves," by Mary Oliver; "Lila," by Marilynne Robinson; "Love Is A Place," by e.e. cummings; Machinery's Handbook 25th Anniversary Edition, by Erik Oberg; Man's Search for Meaning, by Victor Frankl; Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers, by Theodore Baumeister; Micah 6:8, The Hebrew Bible; My Dead Friends, by Marie Howe; O Magnum Mysterium, by Morten Lauridsen; Our Numbered Days, by Neil Hilborn, Perry's Chemical Engineers' Handbook, by Robert Perry, Physics for Engineers, by Halway; "Pie Jesu" (a hymn) by Mozart; Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, by Annie Dillard; Rumi: the Book of Love—Poems of Ecstasy and Longing, by

Coleman Banks; Skin Shows, by Judith Halbertstam; Sula, by Toni Morrison; Tao Te Ching, by Lao Tzu & Stephen Mitchell; The Alchemist's Manuscript, by Paulo Coelho; "The Blue Boat Home," (hymn #1064 in our Singing the Journey hymnal); The Bridge on the Drina, by Ivo Andric; The House of the Spirits, by Isabel Allende; The I That Is We, by Richard Moss; The Invitation, by Oriah Mountain Dreamer, "The Journey," by Mary Oliver; The Once and Future King, by T.H. White; "The Oversoul" (reading #531 in Singing the Living Tradition), by Ralph Waldo Emerson; The Power of Myth, by Joseph Campbell; The Power of Now, by Eckhart Tolle; The Prophet, by Kahlil Gibran; Under a Cruel Star, by Heda Kovaly; Understanding Power, by Noam Chomsky; Walden, by Henry David Thoreau; Walk with Peace in Your Feet (unknown author); "War Prayer," by Mark Twain; "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger," by Fredrick Nietzsche; "Wild Geese," by Mary Oliver; "You must forge your own path for it to mean anything," by Rick Riordan; "Your children are not your children, they come through you, but not from you..." by Kahlil Gibran; Safe Passages by Molly Fumia; Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom; Simply Living: The Spirit of the Indigenous People edited by Shirley Anne Jones; Kitchen Table Wisdom by Rachel Naomi Remen; Tom Paxton's song "If the Poor Don't Matter"; John McCutcheon's song "I am an Immigrant"; many hymns in our hymnal, but especially "Go Lifted Up."

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

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](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 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 ~ 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! 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. Please check the online calendar often as schedules can change, or contact the facilitator for more information. Contact information for programs is 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

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.

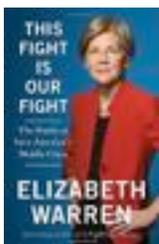
Emei Qigong Cultivation: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. Contact Diana Heymann: 860-461-0908.

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 we can win the fight to save it.

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:



Participation & Planning for Small Group Ministries:

I am encouraging all those who have an interest in the Small Group Ministry (SGM) program at USH to come to a planning meeting. Members and friends who would like to have input into the readings that inspire us to share during the SGM sessions should contact Esther McKone, email - [Estmckone\(at\)aol.com](mailto:Estmckone@aol.com) or call 860-677-6682. The date and time for this meeting will be determined depending on what is convenient for most folks who have an interest in this important program.

Current SGMs: There are two SGMs happening now as I write this. One is a disability-focused SGM that meets at the Meeting House which is accessible, and another is a general SGM that meets in a private home in West Hartford. I hear from their facilitators that the groups are going well.

Planning future SGMs: I am considering more focused groups for the future encompassing such issues as (1) Structural Racism, and 2) spirituality of nature-based, earth-centered faiths. Another idea came to me after meeting with a sociology professor at U of H which would be a **gender identity** focused SGM. Unfortunately, there was not enough interest in the **Family Friendly Small Group Ministry** to run it this Fall, but we shall see if there is enough interest to have this in the Spring/2018.

So, the ideas are plentiful, but I also need people willing to contribute their skills and talents toward the goal of continuing a robust Small Group Ministry program at the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

Please contact me (see contact info above) to let me know of your interest and what day & time would be good for you to come to a meeting on SGM planning. Thank you!

-Submitted by Esther McKone

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 E-News 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)aol.com, phone 860 677 6682. ~ **Submitted by Esther McKone**



Circle Dinners ~ Circle Dinners give all 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 are 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 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. Registration can be done online, using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/qkbiZBQzZbWTLpQF3>

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. Questions: Contact Chris Wilt, 603-401-5704. ~ **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!



Up next in Meeting House Presents series is a rare Connecticut appearance by folk legend, singer, songwriter and Appalachian Dulcimer player David Massengill. David will be appearing right here at The Unitarian Society of Hartford (Thanksgiving weekend) Friday, November 24th at 8:00 pm. Tickets are available at the door the night of the concert and in advance at brownpapertickets.com

Here is a video of David performing "On the road to Fairfax County," a song he wrote that has been recorded by many artists including Joan Baez and David Bromberg. So many performers have recorded it that some people think it is a traditional folk song passed down for generations but Massengill wrote it the 1970's. Photo: http://www.davidmassengill.com/photo_gallery/

Other News of Our Community and Upcoming Special Events

UU & YOU
A Path to Membership

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.

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

★ USH ReGifting Sale ★

Drop-off Dates: Nov 19 & 26, 2017
Sale Dates: Dec. 3, 10 and 17 (after worship)

Find a new home for all your unwanted items (New, or like new, preferably smaller than a breadbox. ★ Do your holiday shopping. ★ Delight someone else who may love your item. ★ Clean out your closet. ★ Help the environment / conserve resources. ★ Make money for USH

★ Look for new environmentally friendly products you can give as gifts this year.

★ **Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Sub-council**



Piano Soloist Benjamin Dix will perform his 13th annual Holiday Piano Concert on Sat. November 18, 2017 at 1 PM at the Unitarian Meeting House. Pieces will include Jesu, Joy of

Man's Desiring/Ode To Joy, Mozart Sonata KV. 331 and music from "Amadeus", Chopin- "Tristesse" Etude, Opus 10 #3, "Minute" Waltz Op. 64 # 1, and Two Valses Brillantes, Opus 34 #

1 & # 3. Also Schubert Impromptu Op. 90 #3, Variations on "I Saw Three Ships" & a Hanukkah and Christmas Medley. Piano Soloist Benjamin Dix received a Bachelors Degree in Instrumental Music Education from the Hartt College of Music where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, a Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of Hartford and a Sixth Year Diploma in Educational Leadership at Southern Connecticut State University. Ben currently is a Coordinator of Secondary Special Education Services with the North Haven Public Schools in North Haven, Connecticut. ~ **Submitted by Benjamin Dix**



This Month's Artist: ~ We are honored once again to have the work of Lori Barker grace the ambulatory walls after five years of amazing, beautiful, multi-medium art enriched by the 'poetry' lying below the surface. Be sure to relish the work of this busy artist before she leaves us on November 28th. Be sure to visit her website: www.Spiritcollage.com or email [lbarker2\(at\)optonline.net](mailto:lbarker2@optonline.net). ~ **Sara Sturges**



LUNCH BUNCH - We will be meeting on Tuesday, November 21. Our speaker will be Diane Cadrain. If you plan to attend, please let me know by noon on Wednesday, November 15. Call me at 860/677-1121 or email me at [janicecnewton\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton(at)gmail.com).

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Concetta's, Italian Restaurant, 22 Mountain Ave., Bloomfield. In addition to lunch, there will be a speaker. You will be able to order off the menu. Separate checks will be provided. There is convenient parking. We will meet at Concetta's on the third Tuesday of the month through June (**EXCEPT for the Women's Alliance/Lunch Bunch Christmas party to be held at the Meeting House on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6. Contact Louise Schmoll or Nita Hansen for details.**). The dates are: 11/21, 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/19. Mark your calendars!

We are looking for speakers for this year. Are you interested or do you know someone who would be interested in speaking to the group? If so, please contact Maggie Greene at [turtlepoem\(atsign\)yahoo.com](mailto:turtlepoem(atsign)yahoo.com) Reservations are necessary! **-Submitted by: Janice Newton**

Teacher/ Senior Care Giver available for companionship, housekeeping and personal care in exchange for pro-rated furnished room and bath rental from Nov. 12-Dec. 17th or longer if the situation requires. References available upon request. Please note that I am a member of the Unitarian Universalist of Hartford community. Contact Maura at: Thebegster(at)juno.com



The Village
Where real change happens

"Thank you for the gift cards that were given to my family for the school uniforms. It was a lot of help. Thank you so much for the help."

Thanks to the following companies and foundations who supported the drive either through financial donations or contributions of backpacks and school supplies. In addition to uniform vouchers, The Village also distributed over 300 backpacks and school supplies to school children.

Uniform/Backpack Drive supporters:

- Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts
- Friar Architecture
- Przybysz & Associates Government Affairs
- Smith Brothers Insurance, LLC
- The Ellen Jeanne Goldfarb Memorial Charitable Trust
- The Glastonbury Auxiliary of The Village
- The Sandra and Arnold Chase Family Foundation, Inc.
- The Unitarian Society of Hartford
- The Hartford
- Prudential
- Pratt & Whitney - Employee Engagement
- St. Matthew Lutheran Church
- Care Centrix

THANK YOU FOR GIVING BACK!

Update on Great Decisions

There are now 5 people interested in Great Decisions in 2018. To get the minimum number to have a viable seminar, we need 10. Please indicate your interest ASAP to edsavage(at)ushartford.com. ~ **-Submitted by Ed Savage**

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/>

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Weekly Reminders

A flyer for "20'S/30'S BRUNCH". The title is in large, red, hand-drawn letters. Below it, the text reads: "Join us on the 3rd Sunday of each month @ 12 PM in the Meeting House Library for a potluck brunch gathering". At the bottom left is a black coffee cup icon, followed by the text "VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS WELCOME!" and "CONTACT: Allie Pistolessi a.pistol17@gmail.com". On the right side of the flyer is a photograph of two round, golden-brown flatbreads topped with a brown sauce, served on a white plate with a small orange sauce drizzle.



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"

LOVE your neighbor*
 * your black, brown, immigrant, disabled, religiously different, LGBTQ, fully human neighbor

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 Comm



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- Connect the past to the present-
- Inspire visitors to act for social change-

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**Author Talk & Book Signing: Richard Brown**

**Equal Rights May Be Self-Evident, But Have They Been Realized?**

**Wednesday, November 8, 6pm / Free Event: Harriet Beecher Stowe Center**

### **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, Mass.**

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/>



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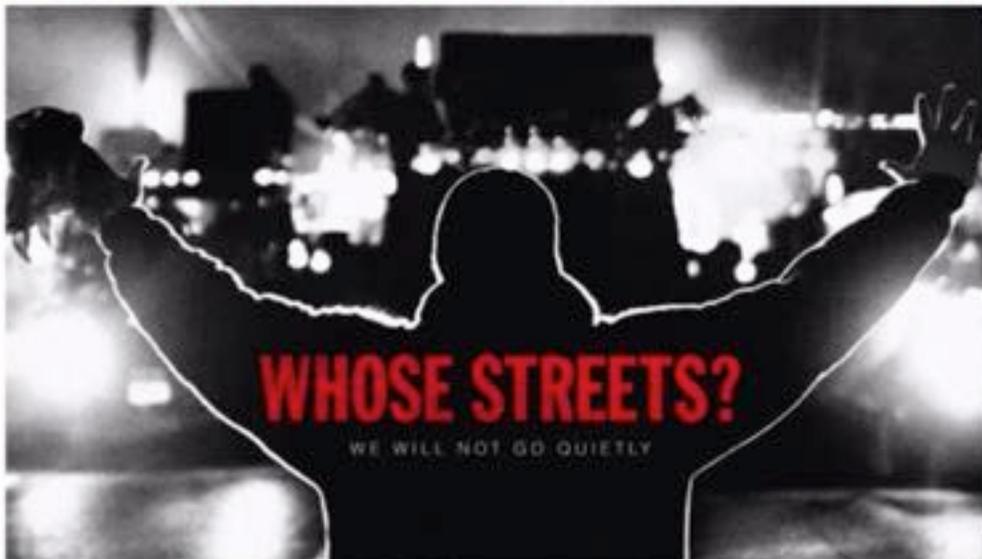
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## Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>

**Potluck@6:30pm - Film@7:15pm**

Social Hall @ USNH - 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden

*Child Care Available By Request in Advance for Parents Attending the Film*

For more information contact Jesse Greist at 203-288-1807 or email [office@usnh.org](mailto:office@usnh.org)



## **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!

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>

Please direct any questions about the event to Bob Bazyk:  
rjb(at)commandco.com or

860-798-7979. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you and bless you all for the good you are doing.

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend  
**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**  
*The Importance and Value of Giving Thanks*

Refreshments will be served  
Collection to benefit United Methodist Food Kitchen  
All are welcome  
7:00 pm, Sunday  
November 19th, 2017

Location: 1000 Mountain Road (not Avenue), Bloomfield

**Directions**

From Bloomfield Ctr.: Take Loeffler Road (Rte 178) to  
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