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**USH-Enews ~ January 10, 2018**  
**Worshipping Together Since 1830**  
**Sunday Service 10:30 AM**  
**Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr**

In wintertime, we always recommend that you consider your own safety first. We strive to have our doors open whenever possible and someone will likely be here.

Do what is best for you. Please check the website for updates.

For events scheduled during inclement weather contact the facilitator of the event before heading out.



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**Worship Service: Sunday, January 14, 2018 ~ 10:30 AM ~ "The Words We Keep" ~ Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister ~**

**"My family story isn't told in any of the books that line the library shelves...but it should be." ~ Sharon Washington, Feeding the Dragon**

**"We read to know we're not alone."**

**~William Nicholson, Shadowlands**

**“Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights.**

**You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in.”**

**~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the March for Integrated Schools, April 18, 1959**

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

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**Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Below:**

<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/newsletters/>

See Articles and News for USH and the Surrounding Area you may have missed or find a link to the USH Facebook Page Here.

Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events at the Unitarian Society of Hartford:

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

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

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



**RE News You Can Use:**

**Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education**

This Sunday, January 14, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45am for the morning worship service. There will be a Time For All Ages followed by age appropriate classes. ~ **Rayla D. Mattson**

**Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford**

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**I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.**



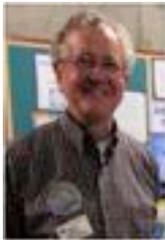
## Church Business News

**Board Under the Stairs ~ January 14th at 12:00 ~ Meeting House Roof Repair** ~ The Building & Grounds Sub-Council has undertaken an extensive evaluation and RFP (Request for proposals) process to address continued deterioration and leaks in the Meeting House roof. B&G has recommended a solution and a contractor to the Board and the matter is scheduled for a vote of the Board at its January 16th meeting. The estimated cost of \$38,800 will be funded from the endowment as a major capital project in accordance with the USH constitution and by-laws. A Board-Under-the-Stairs gathering will be held at noon on January 14th to provide more information for interested USH members. Members of B&G will be present for the discussion. ~ **Submitted by Sherry Manetta**

The Board minutes from October and November have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view. To view reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com) for the user-name and password.

### Get Involved at USH - Be Part of a Great Team!

Get more connected with this congregation through volunteering. Below are some areas, both seasonal and year-round, where Volunteers are especially needed and welcome:



**The USH Sunday Welcome Team** ~ Contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at)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 on Sundays. Choose your Sundays based on your schedule!



**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\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark(at)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 our USH choir. To all in the community who have ever thought about joining the choir: come and sing! If you would like to join, just try it out, or for more information, e-mail Sam at [smoffett\(at\)ushartford.com](mailto:smoffett@ushartford.com).



**The Book Table During Coffee Hour** ~ Everybody enjoys browsing through the books for sale 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\(at\)comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:chris.wilt@gmail.com).

**Sunday Service Recap by Kayla Costenoble**  
**Sunday, January 7, 2018**  
**Rev. Cathy Rion Starr**  
**"450 Years of Religious Tolerance: So, What Now?"**



Photos by Mala Matacin

Rev. Cathy's answer to the question she asked in her sermon's title (above) can be answered by suggestions she offered at the close of the service: "Let us be open to others' ideas of truth. Let us condemn bigotry, seek to love beyond belief, explore our differences, bring humility to our conversations, and practice looking for the kernels of truth and learning. " Whew!

Sunday's service was honoring the 450th anniversary of the 1568 Edict of Torda (whose existence was new to many of us) titled "Act of Religious Tolerance and Freedom of Conscience," issued by King John Sigismund of Hungary, the only Unitarian king in history. This historic document granted religious tolerance in the country and allowed people of different faiths to worship as they pleased. (Discussing this with her kids during A Time for All Ages, Rayla said she preferred the word "acceptance" rather than "tolerance.")

The Taize community in Burgundy, France, is an ecumenical Christian monastic order that welcomes visitors who spend a few days meditating, singing, and living simply. Eight years ago, Rev. Cathy, during a month-long visit to Transylvania, spent some time at Taize, reminding us that we UUs "come out of Christianity." At first, she said she felt "tolerated but not fully welcomed." Following that, she visited the International Museum of Reformation in Geneva, which celebrates John Calvin's desire to turn Geneva into a model for a new way of living the Christian life.

"I got angrier and angrier," Rev. Cathy said, as she thought about Spanish physician and theologian Michael Servetus, whose unorthodox teachings led to his condemnation as a heretic by Protestants and Roman Catholics and to his being burned at the stake by Calvinists from Geneva.

Unitarianism continues strong in Transylvania, Romania, where, in the sixteenth century, the first Unitarian church in history was established by Francis David, King Sigismund's court preacher. David had converted to Unitarianism because he could find no Biblical basis for the doctrine of the trinity. He said, "We need not think alike to love alike," and Rev. Cathy echoed his words in her sermon.

Rev. Cathy called attention to some current ideas espoused by UU Minister Dr. Susan Ritchie in her 2014 book "Children of the Same God: The History of Unitarianism in Relationship to Islam and Judaism." In this book she makes the groundbreaking historical argument that, long before Unitarianism and Universalism merged in the United States, Unitarianism itself was inherently multi-religious. She shows how Unitarians in Eastern Europe claimed a strong affinity with Jews and Muslims from the very beginning. Mutual theological underpinnings and active cooperation underpin Unitarian history but have largely disappeared from the written accounts. "We come from a tradition of heretics," Rev. Cathy said. No one has a monopoly on the truth. Unfortunately, religious intolerance is alive and well. UUs "have always been a minority faith," she

reminded us. Those who came before us “had feet of clay, just as we do.” We celebrate faith, questioning and exploration, and we honor the past as we create the future.

**For those who wish to learn more about Transylvanian Unitarian history, here are a few resources:**

Torda450.org — a Website with many resources about the 450th Anniversary of the Edict of Torda.

I drew heavily on Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie’s Minns Lectures, "Children of the Same God:Unitarianism in Kinship with Judaism and Islam" and the book of the same name.

Finally, here’s the blog I wrote when I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Transylvania as a Starr King Immersion Scholar with the Balazs Program in 2010. <http://itsarealplace.blogspot.com>.

**As always, Rev. Heather and I love to hear your thoughts and responses to worship — from the Misrule Solstice to this week’s history lesson! Drop us a line or schedule a time to talk.**

**In faith and love, Rev. Cathy**



**Edict of Torda (Diet at Torda, 1568)**

**King John Sigismund**

**Act Of Religious Tolerance and Freedom of Conscience**

“His majesty, our Lord, in what manner he - together with his realm - legislated in the matter of religion at the previous Diets, in the same matter now, in this Diet, reaffirms that in every place the preachers shall preach and explain the Gospel each according to his understanding of it, and if the congregation like it, well. If not, no one shall compel them for their souls would not be satisfied, but they shall be permitted to keep a preacher whose teaching they approve. Therefore none of the superintendents or others shall abuse the preachers, no one shall be reviled for his religion by anyone, according to the previous statutes, and it is not permitted that anyone should threaten anyone else by imprisonment or by removal from his post for his teaching. For faith is the gift of God and this comes from hearing, which hearings is by the word of God.”

## Personal News of Our Community



It is with great sadness that we share with you that Jan Bennett, a longtime part of this USH community, died on Monday, January 8, 2018, after a 2-year struggle with an aggressive and rare cancer. Much loved by family, friends, and many members and friends of this congregation, Jan was an incredibly kind, thoughtful person who grew up in Farmington and lived for the past many years in Canton. She had just turned 63 years old. Among many other interests and connections, Jan co-taught our USH children in Religious Education classes for years and led

Meditation here on Wednesday nights as well as energizing the Non-Violent Communication practice group. Cards may be sent to Jan's sister Sue Aston. A memorial service and reception will be held at the Meeting House; the date is currently being determined. If you have particular thoughts or energy you'd like to share or contribute to the service, please let Rev. Heather know at [revheatherrionstarr@gmail.com](mailto:revheatherrionstarr@gmail.com).

### **2nd Annual Women's March in Hartford, January 20th Connecticut State Capitol at 12:30pm**

The Women's March Network is organizing to celebrate the one year anniversary of the Women's March. While the official Women's March anniversary event will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada, Women's March Chapters are organizing exciting state-specific anniversary events throughout the anniversary weekend, from marches to legislative actions to community events to voter registration drives.

The Women's March anniversary will kick off a national voter registration and mobilization tour targeting swing states to register new voters, engage impacted communities, harness our collective energy to advocate for policies and candidates that reflect our values and collaborate with our partners to elect more women and progressive candidates to office.

The weekend of January 20-21 will launch the collective 2018 Women's March agenda: #PowerToThe Polls. Our Hartford chapter is organizing an event on Saturday, January 20, called Women's March Connecticut - Marching On. It will take place at the State Capitol building from 1-3pm and we at USH want to join and be counted and accountable. As a congregation - women, men who believe in women and our children are welcome to march with USH.

Since we hope the Rally will be very well attended, we are anticipating much automobile congestion. In order to minimize that, we would like to arrange carpooling from our church parking lot to the Capitol building. Or we could meet at 11:45 a.m. and take a CT Transit bus to the capitol building from right in front of the Meeting House. Contact Judy Sullivan by email (jasully08(at)yahoo.com) for specifics in logistics and the agenda as it develops.

Together we will show this administration that women are not backing down. Join us for this first anniversary of the Women's March

**Looking forward to marching with you -Judy Sullivan, Social Justice Council Chair**



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&  
YOU**

**A Path to Membership**

**3 Sunday sessions  
(Feb 4, 18 & Mar 4)  
12:00-1:30 pm**

Followed up with a **Membership Sunday on May 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 all three sessions.

Sign up at the Programs Table or contact Brian Harvey at [bharvey@ushartford.com](mailto:bharvey@ushartford.com)



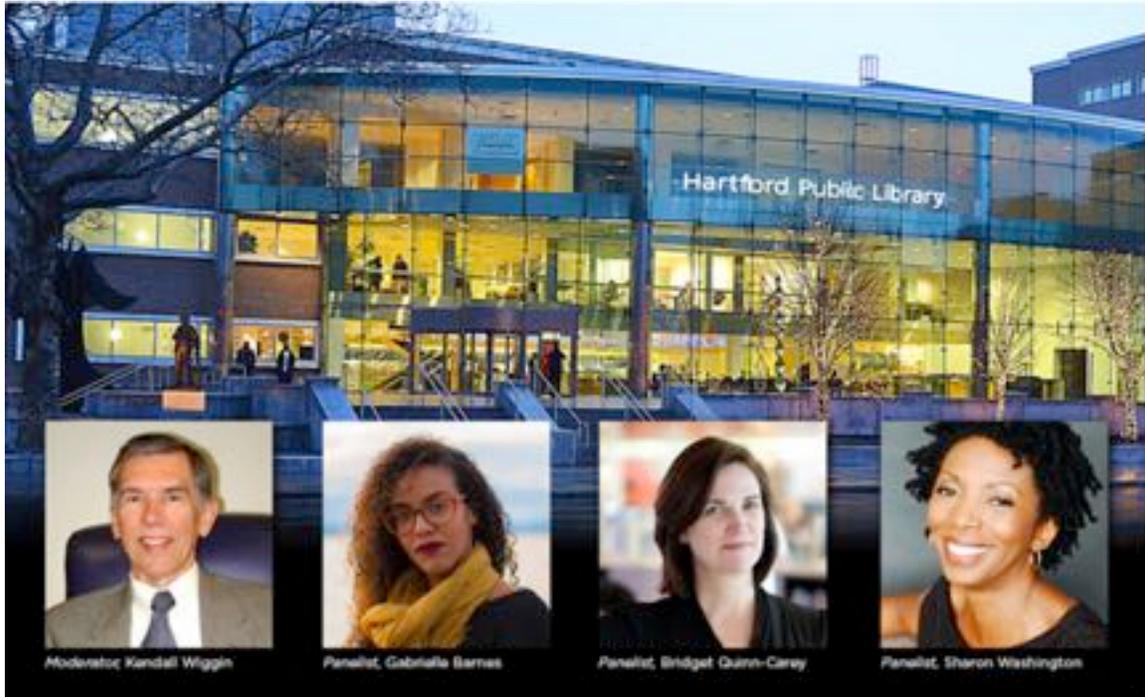
### **Collaboration...in Community -- with the Hartford Stage!**



For the second year, USH is collaborating with the Hartford Stage by focusing a service around an upcoming production at the Stage. This year that production is *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](http://hartfordstage.org) or by calling 860-527-5151. You can save 25% on performances January 11-17 with the code `Dragon25`. Rev. Heather 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/>



**The Evolution of the Public Library:  
Growing and Thriving as Vital Community Hubs**

Monday, January 22, at 7:30 pm (doors will open at 7:00 pm)

Hartford Stage, 50 Church Street, Hartford

Moderator: Kendall Wiggin, Connecticut State Librarian

**Panelists:**

Sharon Washington, Writer and Performer, Feeding the Dragon  
Bridget Quinn-Carey, Chief Executive Officer, Hartford Public Library  
Gabrielle Barnes, Teen Services Librarian, Hartford Public Library

When Sharon Washington, writer and actress of Feeding the Dragon, says that she grew up in the New York Public Library, she means it quite literally. Her father worked at a branch of the library in upper Manhattan and the family lived in an apartment within its very walls. Public libraries have long served as a home for information, reading, and learning but in current times they have also become vital community centers. Join us for a discussion exploring how the Hartford Public Library system continues to evolve, despite budget cuts and limited resources, providing the city with innovative public spaces to call home.

## WATCH A PREVIEW OF FEEDING THE DRAGON



Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 17. Discounted parking is available at the MAT garage adjoining the theatre and can be purchased from the Hartford Stage box office on the night of the event. **RSVP ONLINE**

### **2017 Programs for Adults and Families**

For more information on current programs 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**

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

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

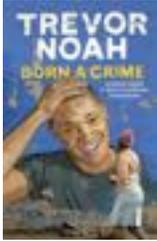
**Meditation & Dharma Group:** Temporarily suspended, contact Fred Louis for any questions: 860-223-2407.

**Authentic Connection & Communication:** An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Any questions contact Mark Friedman: [drmarkafriedman@drmarkafriedman.com](mailto:drmarkafriedman@drmarkafriedman.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 June 2018. For more information contact Ed Savage: [ed@thesavagees.com](mailto:ed@thesavagees.com).

**Ballroom Dance:** Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:45 PM. Contact: Ron Friedman: 860-523-1105 or [rsfriedman41@gmail.com](mailto:rsfriedman41@gmail.com).

**USH Book Club:** Next Meeting, January 11, 2018. Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah. Off-site. **For directions and more information contact Richard Groothuis: [rgroopofus@icloud.com](mailto:rgroopofus@icloud.com).**



**The compelling, inspiring, and comically sublime story of one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed.**

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Click [HERE](#) for more info. ~ **Submitted by Richard Groothuis**



**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: 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**

**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 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](mailto:estmckone@comcast.net), phone 860 677 6682. ~ **Submitted by Esther McKone**



**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@comcast.net) 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.

**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 last Fall, but we shall see if there is enough interest to have it 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**

## Meeting House Presents!



**2017-2018  
Season**




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

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**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).

All the concerts for this season can be purchased in advance online through brown paper tickets which they can access directly from this link- [www.brownpapertickets.com/browse.html](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/browse.html)- or go to brown paper tickets and just search for the artist, or use the Meeting House Presents page at USH which has

**Prices unless otherwise noted:**

**Tickets \$20 at the door/\$12 for students with ID.**

**Members children under age 12 are free with parent.**

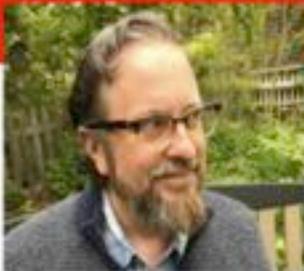
Click [HERE](#) to read more about upcoming events at USH. Click [HERE](#) to read the Blog.

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

## UPCOMING SHOWS

# Jacques Lamarre

## Red State Road Trip



Friday, Jan 19, 2018 - 8PM

A reading of a new play written and performed by Jacques Lamarre with a reception with the playwright afterwards. Jacques 12th full-length play, Raging Skillet, premiered at TheaterWorks in July 2017.

More information online at: <http://bit.do/Meetinghouse>

Ticket prices: \$20, \$12 w/student id Tickets available online at: [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, Jan 26, 2018 - New World Trio

Returning by popular demand are the familiar faces and exquisite classical chamber music of the New World Trio. (<http://www.newworldtrio.org/bios.html>.)



Friday, Feb 23, 2018 - Dennis McCorkle

Dennis McCorkle's guitar repertoire encompasses classical, jazz, ragtime, blues, and Brazilian music. He is a prolific composer, performer, scholar, and teacher. Somehow he manages to do all that and still be humble and genuine.



Friday, Mar 23, 2018 - JP Cormier

J.P. Cormier is a Canadian bluegrass/folk/Celtic singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. He has released more than a dozen records, an impressive body of work that has earned him a vast and loyal fan base and multiple awards.

March 23: JP Cormier

March 30: Susie Burke and David Surette

Apr. 27: An Evening with Mary Gauthier

Co-produced with the Sounding Board Coffee House

## Weekly Reminders



### Lost and Found

Lost and found items at the Meeting House have historically been left on the shelf at the entrance to the main office. There is now a 'Lost & Found' box in the office on the bottom shelf of a storage rack near Linda Clark's desk. Items found in the building will be placed there. Please check in the office if you have misplaced something. Thank you.



### Braver/Wiser

(<https://www.uua.org/braverwiser>) is a feature on the Unitarian Universalist Association website and it is also a source of wonderful weekly readings that you can subscribe to and receive in your e-mail inbox. Braver/Wiser gives you weekly messages of courage and compassion for life as it is. Every Wednesday the Braver/Wiser team delivers an original written reflection by a contemporary religious leader, and brief prayer, grounded in Unitarian Universalism. Join the Braver/Wiser community and sign up today! The writing and reflection of our own Rayla Mattson has been featured -- look for it, "share" it if you're on social media or send it to a friend by e-mail.

**20'S/30'S BRUNCH**

Join us on the **3rd Sunday of each month**  
 @ 12 PM in the Meeting House Library  
 for a **potluck brunch gathering**

 **VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS WELCOME!**  
 CONTACT: Allie Pistolessi [a.pistol17@gmail.com](mailto:a.pistol17@gmail.com)



**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



#### Darkness and Light -New World Trio Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Invierno Porteno and Primavera Portena  
 Astor Piazzolla

Sonata for cello and piano, Op. 19 in G minor  
 Sergei Rachmaninoff  
 Piano Trio op. 1 no.1  
 Ludwig van Beethoven

Violin, Ann Stowe  
 Cello, Peter Zay  
 Piano, Pi-Hsun Shih

St. John's Episcopal Church: 679 Farmington Avenue,

West Hartford, CT

For concert information email [newworldtrio@outlook.com](mailto:newworldtrio@outlook.com) or 860 586-8579



Faith Congregational Church  
A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

2030 Main Street Hartford, CT 06120  
860-547-0820  
/ faithmatters.church@gmail.com

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
8th Annual Community Celebration  
For Such A Time As This...  
Monday, January 15, 2018

All are Welcome at 3:30pm... Doors open at 3pm

**Rev. Dr. Yvonne V. Delk, from Norfolk VA.**

HPS Superintendent Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodrigues  
Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin

Majority Leader Matt Ritter People of all faiths, activist, community leaders, justice and peace seekers, whomever from wherever, are all welcome! Come one and all! This year, let's come together to remember Dr. King's legacy and also to look ahead with a spirit of resistance and hope. Great Music, Preaching, Fellowship, Refreshments. ~ **Submitted by Tom Gervais**



### **Ban on Fracking Waste in West Hartford**

~ The West Hartford Town Council is considering an ordinance to ban fracking waste. Jen Siskind, a CT Coordinator of Food and Water Watch, will give a presentation, "Fracking Waste in CT and Local Town Ordinances," on January 10 at 7 PM in

Room 314 of the West Hartford Town Hall. Residents of West Hartford and other towns interested in banning fracking waste are encouraged to attend. The presentation is sponsored by the West Hartford Clean Energy Commission and endorsed by the USH Green Sanctuary.

~ **Submitted by Gary Bent**

### **Step Up Step Out (SUSO) is a program of Hartford's Asylum Hill Congregational Church: CONTINUING THE DISCUSSION ON RACISM IN AMERICA**

**On Sunday, January 14**, in the Youth Classroom following the 10:15 a.m. AHCC Sunday Service, we will be doing, by popular demand, a follow-up to the very successful and inspiring 11/29 discussion so ably led by Courtney Bourns on Michael Eric Dyson's 'Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America.'

This time, again with Courtney Bourns as the facilitator, we will be concentrating on the suggested action steps for making things better in America with regard to racism outlined by Dyson in the Benediction portion of his sermon which he entitled R.E.S.P.O.N.S.I.V.E.:

**R** is for **reparation** – Dyson suggests numerous ways that we can make reparation individually without having a full-fledged government-assisted program in place.

**E** is for **educate** yourself about black history and culture.

**S** is for **school** your friends and family with regard to the white elephant in the

**P** is for **participation** in protests, rallies, and local community meetings to express grief, outrage, and dissent. This will send the signal that this is not ‘just a black thing, but is, instead, an American thing’.

**O** is for the black **other** – Dyson says that we need to close the distance between our white selves and what many view as the black cultural other.

**N** is for **new** black friends – Dyson states that every white person should immediately find and make friends with black folks with whom they share common interests.

**S** is for **speak** up against the injustice that black people face – Dyson quotes Martin Luther King, Jr. who said that white people have to repent not only for the ‘evil words and deeds of bad people, but for the appalling silence of good people’.

**I** is for being able to make the distinction between the **immigrant** and black American experiences.

**V** is for moving beyond your own circle to **visit** black folks in schools, jails, and churches.

**E** is for **empathy** – Dyson says that only when white people can lose their whiteness and ‘walk a mile or two in the boots of blackness..., will the suffering stop, the hurt cease, and the pain go away.’

Even if you have not as yet read the Dyson book, we hope that you will give serious consideration to attending the discussion on January 14, since we will be concentrating on the efforts outlined above which are of universal concern for all of us and for which many of you may have opinions and experiences you wish to share.

**FILM FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FEBRUARY** ~ On Sunday, February 11 after the 10:15 a.m. service, we will be showing the documentary film, "I Am Not Your Negro" as a part of Black History Month activities at AHCC.

This 2016 film directed by Raoul Peck is based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript, *Remember This House*. Narrated by actor Samuel L. Jackson, the film explores the history of racism in the United States through Baldwin's reminiscences of civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as his personal observations of American history. It was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 89th Academy Awards.

### **RESCHEDULING OF FATHER GREGORY BOYLE VIDEO TO MARCH 18**

On Sunday, March 18, following the 10:15 a.m. service, in the Twitchell Room (at AHCC) we will be showing a video of Father Gregory Boyle's recent talk in September at the Franciscan Urban Center.

Father Boyle is the author of the critically acclaimed 'Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion', in which he tells of his work with gang members in LA and the establishing of Homeboy Industries.

If you have questions with regard to any of the upcoming SUSO events, please contact Nancy Kirchmyer at 860-228-4390 or [nkircjmyer@hotmail.com](mailto:nkirchmyer@hotmail.com).  
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