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March 21, 2018
Worshipping Together Since 1830

Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



Photo by Harriet Gardner.

Worship Service: Sunday, March 25, 2018
10:30am

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister
Peter Meny, Worship Associate
“From You I Receive, To You I Give”

We conclude “*Our Shared Journey*” Stewardship Drive with a Celebration!
 We are truly an “All Hands on Deck” congregation, and today we’ll say Thank
 You
 for all you do to keep USH afloat, and dream together about the voyage we’re
 on.

***Special guest musicians and a “Y’all come” Choir -
 All are welcome to sing, please come at 9:15am to join in!***



**Easter Sunday is next Sunday
 April 1st:**

We are planning on a craft and an egg hunt. We need your help to make this happen. Please let us know if you can help with this fun day. Email Rayla Mattson, Director of Religious Education at dre@ushartford.com

or call 860-233-9897 ext. 104.

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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**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 click [HERE](#).

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

RE News You Can Use:

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education



This Sunday, March 25, 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.



**It's time to register for some summer fun
@StarLRE Week!
July 14th-21st 2018**

LRE (Liberal Religious Education) Week on Star is an opportunity for church leaders to gather, rest, recover, be inspired and organize! Join us as we learn how to be better leaders and spread justice and compassion in our churches and broader communities.

2018 Conference Theme: Me to We: Building Spiritual Communities That Value Relationships and Nurture Spiritual Transformation.

From wanting a place to raise grounded, thoughtful children, to seeking a community of justice-focused people, to finding a spiritual home in a welcoming environment, people come to our Unitarian Universalist communities for a variety of reasons. How can professional religious educators, ministers, RE teachers, and caregivers foster and maintain relationships that lift up our members and create an environment of thriving spiritual transformation? Join us as we re-imagine a comprehensive approach to religious education that truly embraces the understanding that the whole church is religious education! <https://starweek.com/>

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.



A Note from the Revs

March 2018

Dear USH members and friends,

For the past month RevCathy and I have been going to the Stewardship Gatherings that over a dozen of you have hosted in your homes, open to all who wonderfully chose to sign-up and attend. It's been a true gift to get to visit you in homes we've been to before and those we haven't been to before -- it's such a wonderful opportunity to get to see your photographs and art and get a better sense of you and the rest of your lives outside USH. And it's reminded us that sometimes you don't know how eager we are to know you well. Please, if there is something on your mind and heart that you've contemplated sharing with us but have hesitated because you're just not sure if we're interested, know that we are! Relationship with you is a huge part of our calling into ministry. And so I was moved to dig up this oldie-but-a-goodie of Unitarian Universalist church newsletter columns, and I am sharing it with you below--even if you've read it before, it warrants a re-reading, and a sharing amongst your circle of friends. These days, you can also reach out to us by text, Facebook Messenger, e-mail, or letter in our church inbox. By whatever means, we enjoy hearing from you.

When to Call the Minister?*

- When you haven't met us yet, but would like to.
- When you have problems to discuss—about anything.
- When a sympathetic ear might help.
- When you're going into the hospital or know someone else who is.
- When someone close to you dies or is critically ill.
- When you're planning to be married, or might need to be.
- When you return from vacation.
- When your daughter graduates from college.
- When you have a child to be dedicated.
- When you're pregnant but wish you weren't.
- When you've been arrested, or ought to be.
- When you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism.
- When you're scared.
- When you'd like to make a bequest to the church.
- When your adult child gets a big promotion.
- When you're considering joining the congregation.
- When you'd like to show us what a good cook you are!
- When a friend of your's wants to know more about our faith.
- When you have suggestions about the programs for the church.
- When you have suggestions for a sermon or about the worship services.
- When you'd like to help with committee work or congregational activities.
- When you want to discuss community issues or would like our involvement.
- When you're mad at one or both of us.
- When you'd like to talk religion with one of us.

RevHeather's additions:

When there's just something you wish we knew about you, your life, or your struggles.

When you want to tell us something you think we should know about the history of USH, or what keeps you coming back to USH.

When you have an idea for something you'd like to make happen at USH but aren't sure how to go about it.

When you want to share with us something you love about Connecticut!

**"When To Call The Minister" has been recreated and revised, attributed and mis-attributed, over the years, as things in newsletters often are. Universalist minister Peter Lee Scott wrote the original for the Elm City Universalist Church in New Haven, CT in 1957. He reports being amazed and amused to see it appear in so many other newsletters.*

Church Business News





Our Blue Boat Home –Pledge Drive Update:

Our Blue Boat Home will soon be sailing into Pledge Success Harbor. Will you be on board? So much fun and great sharing has taken place during our Neighborhood Gatherings. The last [Neighborhood Gathering](#) is Friday, March 23, 5:30pm in West Hartford. For more information contact Kate Gervais at [860-690-5467](tel:860-690-5467) or kikiprov@gmail.com. We have been able to deepen our connections to one another through these events. Over the past few weeks you have heard from a variety of our members about why and how they pledge. All have offered compelling testimony about the value and importance of USH in their lives - in OUR lives.

Many thanks to all of you who have pledged generously! If you have not yet pledged, you should have received a letter this week with an invitation to join us in moving our boat forward.

As promised, our pledge drive ends this Sunday, March 25 - please bring or mail your pledge in by then! We welcome your energy and financial contributions to help keep the wind in our sails. Please pledge as thoughtfully and generously as you can. -Submitted by Kim McClain

Click [HERE](#) to take a look at the [fair share giving](#) guide. For more information contact Kate Gervais at 860-690-5467 or kikiprov@gmail.com or stop by the Stewardship Table in Fellowship Hall after any Sunday service. You can also contact one of the Committee members: Carolyn Carlson, Tara Cote, Kate Gervais, Ginny Hedrick, Caron Lanouette and Kim McLain. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Stewardship 2018.

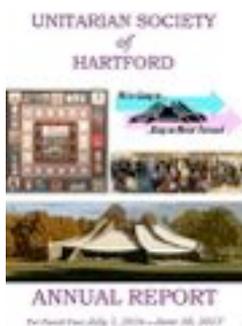
B and G Has a Vision of Better Light Over the Pews

In recent months B and G has focused on the long-standing desire to increase light levels in the Sanctuary. This is a high priority issue for the active AIM group and has been a subject of concern for many congregants in recent years. Now that a contract exists to improve the ability of the roof over the Sanctuary to shed water, improvement in light levels can be addressed after the roof project is completed probably in May and/or June.

A working B and G Technical Group is currently looking into the details related to this project. For issues: think working above the pews among the slats, finding or installing working electrical arrangements, seeking proper lighting devices, not messing up the aesthetics of the space, getting fixtures, improving light levels as desirable, and similar matters. The target would be to do some kind of installation this summer while services are occurring in Fellowship Hall.

B and G will return to this space to let you know more when we have a better grip on the proposals and options for this project, and there will probably be at least some Under the Stairs discussions of progress and options as we go along.

-Submitted by David Newton, Secretary Pro Tem, B&G



Reminder: Annual Report

It's that time of year again! I have sent email notices to the various folks I'm aware of who are responsible for submitting information for the USH Annual Report. The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, May 20th, following our Annual Flower Communion Service. **The deadline for submissions is April 15.** Contact me with any questions: ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com.

—Thank you, Linda Clark, Office Administrator.

To view reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com for the username 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 Annual Picnic

Your help is needed to make this year's USH Annual Picnic **happen**. Every year we celebrate the coming of summer and the ending of the regular church year with festivities, games and FOOD!! Contact Brian Harvey (bharvey(at)ushartford.com) if you can be a part of the planning for the June 10th post-service event.



The USH Sunday Welcome Team

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! Duties include: Front and Side Door Greeters before the Sunday Service, Ushers, and Greeting folks at the Welcome Table before the service and the Downstairs Visitors Table during coffee hour. Contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com, phone the office at 860-233-9897, or talk to Brian Harvey (pictured) if you are interested in being part of this wonderful group of volunteers.



Office Volunteers

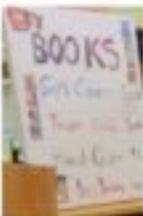
If you are computer-comfortable and familiar with Microsoft Word, Gmail, and data entry, the office is in need of you. How you can help: Inserting the Happenings/Orders of Service into the Cover, Making Nametags, Basic updates to printed materials on the computer, Making copies of printed materials. Please let Linda Clark know if you're able to help out in the office during the week for an hour or two: email ushlindaclark@gmail.com or call 860-233-9897.

Pictured: 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@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@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.

Brochure Maker Needed! Can you help us out?

Do you enjoy doing graphic layout and creating nice visual print brochures? We need you! We are in need of someone to create a visually-attractive, informative brochure to spread the word about "Renting Space at the Meeting House." Most of the information that needs to be included can be found on our website, here: <http://www.ushartford.com/renting-space-meeting-house/>.

Please let Rayla Mattson, Rentals Manager, and RevHeather, Co-Minister Lead for Administration, know right away if you could take this "one-off" piece off our long to-do lists and help spread the word about The Meeting House being a great place to rent for many types of gatherings, events, meetings, and celebrations. We need to increase our rental use in order to meet our budget income goals for this year, so word-of-mouth helps, too! If you'd be willing to create a brochure but don't want to deal with updating or printing it, that would still be a big help, and talk with Linda Clark, Office Administrator, to make sure you create it in a format she can update. It takes a village to keep our village running! --Thanks so much.

Sunday Service Photos Rev. Dr. Kathleen Green, Pulpit Guest "I Doubt It" March 18, 2018



Photos by Harriet Gardner.

Reading from 3/18/18 service at USH

- Rev. Dr. Kathleen A. Green's sermon "I Doubt It"

J. Ruth Gendler's evocative work, [The Book Of Qualities](#), has as its cast of familiar characters our own emotions; portraying the complexities of the psyche.

Sunday morning we introduced you to Doubt, Faith, and Truth:

Doubt camped out in the living room last week. I told him we had too many house guests. He doesn't listen. He keeps saying the same thing again and again and again until I completely forget what I'm trying to tell him. Doubt is demanding and not very generous, but I do appreciate his honesty.

Faith lives in the same apartment building as doubt. When Faith was out of town visiting her uncle in the hospital, Doubt fed the cat and watered the asparagus fern. Faith is comfortable with Doubt because she grew up with him. Their mothers are cousins. Faith is not dogmatic about her beliefs like some of her relatives. Her friends fear that Faith is a bit stupid. They whisper that she is naive and that she depends on Doubt to protect her from the meanness of life. In fact, it is the other way around. It is faith who protects Doubt from cynicism.

Truth is tall and rather unconventional looking. He has golden hair and a short beard. He does not like statistics and is not particularly concerned about facts, but he loves a good story. Though he never hides what he feels, by nature he is gentle and not at all sarcastic. Truth has been employed as a thief stealing illusions. He can climb over any security fence we have constructed to keep out disturbing influences. When Truth's fingers touch my shoulder, I hear bone touching bone. He lingers in the long pauses between questions and answers. Certainty and Uncertainty are both welcome at his table. Truth is willing to wait for a long time with little attention or visible encouragement. Truth is not willing to live without Love. -Submitted by Kathleen Green

If anyone is interested in writing a regular or occasional synopsis of Sunday Services, please contact Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com. Thank you.

Events and Personal News of Our Community



Saturday, March 24

[March for Our Lives - Hartford, CT](#)

March for Our Lives was created by, inspired by, and led by students across the country who will no longer risk their lives waiting for someone else to take action to stop the epidemic of mass school shootings that has become all too familiar. On March 24, the kids and families of March For Our Lives will take to the streets to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun

violence today. March with USH and raise our voices to demand the lives and safety of every student become a priority!

- **10:30am:** Signs Up! Pre-march sign making at the Meeting House. We will have the materials (and snacks!) - you bring your best slogans!
- **11:30am:** City bus to State Capitol for those choosing the bus (leaves from 75 Bloomfield Avenue).
- **11:45am:** Departure from Meeting House parking lot for those driving/carpooling.
- **12:30pm:** March begins at the north side of the Corning Fountain to arrive at the Capitol at 1pm. *Those with limited mobility or those who do not wish to March can gather at the Capitol.
- **1-3pm:** Rally at the Capitol. There will be speakers, tables from activist organizations as well as voter registration and music. Signs, chants and enthusiasm are greatly encouraged!

Please join us! If you prefer to meet us at the March or Rally we will have our new USH **Side With Love** banner and orange balloons to help find us!

- Contacts for more information: Judy Sullivan: jasully08@yahoo.com / 860-719-9886
- Rayla Mattson: dre@ushartford.com
- Esther McKone: estmckone@aol.com



Above photo from ENOUGH: National School Walkout on March 14th
Photos by Richard Groothuis.



Serving as a Lawyer and Judge



Sunday, Mar 25, 12:15-1:15 PM in the Chapel
A Program for All USH Members and Friends

Nina Elgo, a member of USH since the early 1990's, will talk about her career as a lawyer and judge. She was appointed to the Superior Court of Connecticut in 2004, until she was elevated to the Appellate court in May, 2017. She has served in various capacities at USH, including service on the Board, the ministerial search committee for Rev. Terasa Cooley, and chaired the first Festival of Season, reincarnated from the original and beloved Festival of Lights. She has served as Chair of Religious Education and taught middle school and is currently Youth Advisor for the High School Youth Group. She serves on the board of the Fund for Greater Hartford and is its past President and serves on the Board of Playhouse Theatre Group, Inc. She is also the Parliamentarian for the UUA.

Reminder - the Youth Group will be selling soup this Sunday during fellowship hour, or you may bring your own lunch. This program is another in the "Programs for All" series sponsored for many years by the USH Women's Alliance, to build community.

Free for all, no reservations required.



Save the Date - New Member / Newcomer Potluck on Friday, May 18th – 5:30-8:00 PM at the Meeting House.

If you've become a member of USH in the past 5 years or are a regularly attending newcomer to our congregation, you are invited to our annual New Member / Newcomer Potluck. Invitations will be going out in the email soon. Mark your calendar so you can be part of this fun evening of games, food, laughter and getting to know some of the other interesting and

friendly folks at the Unitarian Society of Hartford. Don't let this fun opportunity pass you by. Childcare will be provided. If you would like to be a part of planning and organizing this fun evening, contact Brian Harvey ([harvey.b\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:harvey.b(at)comcast.net)).



FUNDRAISING FOR LUPEMBE FLOOD VICTIMS

In early February, unusual floods destroyed hundreds of homes and killed the 11-year-old cousin of one of our beloved USH members.

Please help Lupembe (Tanzania) flood victims with clothing and monetary donations to purchase food and other personal items.

For any questions or donations,

please contact USH Member Yakhonda Mwenelupembe @ 860-725-2085 or Yakhonda70@yahoo.com.

For more information click the link below:

www.nyasatimes.com/one-person-dies-karonga-floods-mp-mwenifumbo-fears-damage/.

Update from Yakhonda: I want to thank you all for your donations. Within the past week I received \$300 and I have wired the money. The money will buy 40 bags of maize for 40 households. This couldn't have happened without your generous contributions. There are 316 households remaining to receive assistance for food. Other items identified as needed are a pail, a blanket, 2 plastic plates per household. It's about \$15 per household to be able to get all the items they need. Please share this information with your family and friends to help me to reach the goal. I will keep you posted. Thank you very much. ~Yakhonda Mwenelupembe

Social Justice Volunteers – April and May

Ed Savage has been working with the neighborhood support groups across the back yard of the Meeting House for about 3 years. They are called “Neighborhood Revitalization Zones” and are involved in urban development planning, fire and police security, and education. As Ed will be traveling during their meeting times in April and May this year, the groups are asking for substitute representatives for their meetings (Ed will continue to work on their Facebook pages).

Your basic role: sign in as a UU representative,

- Listen,
- Comment where relevant, and
- Give Ed some brief feedback via e-mail (edsavage@ushartford.com)

Here are the some details:

Upper Albany NRZ meetings at the Albany Branch, Hartford Public Library (Corner of Albany and Blue Hills Ave.) 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Meeting dates: April 2, May 7.

This is a critical time for the NRZ, as Denise Best, the long-time chairperson, is stepping down and working on establishing new leadership. This NRZ focuses on the business community and the plans for Homestead Avenue renewal, as well as the forthcoming development of the Westbrook Apartment complex into a mixed commercial, rental and home-ownership community. This NRZ is part of the Hartford Promise Zone, a federal funding fast-track strategy.

Blue Hills NRZ meetings at Mt. Sinai Health, 350 Blue Hills Ave (corner of Tower and Blue Hills with parking across the street in a fenced, secured lot). 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the community room downstairs. **Meeting dates: April 5 and May 3.**

Usually very well attended, this NRZ has been part of the Bowles Park redevelopment and plans for the Weaver High School. It serves the section of the city which has the greatest portion of owner-occupied, single-family dwellings. Ms. Donna Thompson-Daniel chairs this meeting. If you are interested in reaching out to our neighbors across the way, call Ed Savage for contact information and directions (if needed) for finding the meeting place inside the buildings. Phone Ed at 860-966-8155 (cell) or see him after services.

-Submitted by Ed Savage



REMINDER TO ALL WOMEN!

Join us at Senexet April 21-21 to explore “HER-STORY” (stories about your favorite women)

Full weekend cost is \$190. (One night only \$100.) Sign up beginning this Sunday during coffee hour. -Submitted by Louise Schmoll

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.

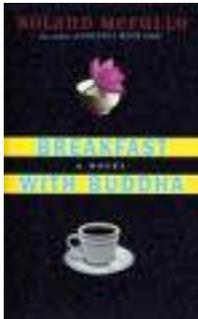
Meditation & Dharma Group: Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 PM. Contact Fred Louis for any questions: 860-223-2407.

Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Any questions contact Mark Friedman: drmarkafriedman@drmarkafriedman.com.

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.

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

USH Book Club: Next Meeting: Thursday, April 12 - [Breakfast With Buddha by Roland Merullo](#)* Off-site. For directions and more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroopofus@icloud.com.



The only thing certain about a journey is that it has a beginning and an end "for you never know what may happen along the way. And so it is with this journey into the minds and souls of two very different men--" one of them in search of the truth, the other a man who may have already found it. Click [HERE](#) to read more. *www.goodreads.com.



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: May 12).**

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>. You are not required to be a host in order to participate in this program. **Questions:** Contact Chris Wilt, 603-401-5704. For more information click [HERE](#). -Submitted by Brian Harvey

Small Group Ministries:

What is Small Group Ministry?

This is a unique opportunity to strengthen your connections with USH members and friends by sharing your life experiences with them in a safe, confidential space—a covenant group. Get to know others better and you may also get to know *yourself* better too! A trained facilitator will have special readings and questions to guide your sharing and deep listening experience. 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 or at the Welcome Table in the main lobby. Contact Esther McKone to register or get more information on Small Group Ministry, email: [estmckone\(at\)aol.com](mailto:estmckone(at)aol.com), phone 860 677 6682.



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 contact me. 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(at)aol.com) or call [860-677-6682](tel:860-677-6682).

Planning future SGMs: I am considering having more focused groups for the future encompassing such issues as (1) Disabilities, 2) Structural Racism, and 3) Spirituality of nature-based, earth-centered faiths and 4) A gender identity focused SGM. 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. Let me know if you can help! -Submitted by Esther McKone

Meeting House Presents!



**2017-2018
Season**



MHP concerts are co-produced by
The Sounding Board Coffee House

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

J.P. Cormier

Canadian Bluegrass/Folk/Celtic Music



Friday, Mar 23, 2018 - 8PM

Singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, recording artist, teacher, collaborator, innovator and award winner; no matter what you call him, J.P. Cormier's talent is comparable to none.

He has released more than a dozen records including two career retrospectives, and a book of the tunes featured on his guitar album. J.P.'s impressive body of work has earned him a vast and loyal fan base and multiple award nominations and wins, including 13 East Coast Music Awards, Canadian Folk Music Award, five Music Nova Scotia Awards, Juno nominations, commendations from the Governor General of Canada and Premier of Nova Scotia.

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

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

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, Mar 30, 2018 - Susie Burke and David Surette

A wonderful husband and wife duo sure to get you singing along and your feet tapping. Susie is a terrific singer, songwriter and wonderful interpreter of classic songs and David will amaze you with his versatile guitar playing.



Friday, Apr 27, 2018 - An Evening with Mary Gauthier

Mary has toured worldwide and had been lauded by critics as diverse as National Public Radio and The Wall Street Journal. Music Critics have said Mary's songwriting puts her in a class with greats such as Kris Kristofferson, John Prine, and Bob Dylan.

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

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 can be accessed directly from this link-

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 links for all the concerts to brown paper tickets- www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/

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 or 860-298-9984) to contribute your ideas, volunteer time, pledge financial backing for the series, or find out more!

Weekly Reminders



Lost and Found

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. **Please note: The items will be donated or recycled if no one claims them after a few weeks of being placed in the box.** Thank you.

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

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community

The Jewish Historical Society &
Emanuel Synagogue Adult Education
co-sponsor

Celebrating
**Family
History
Day**

*multi-session workshops
to discover and share your
family's stories*

**Sunday, March 25, 2018
9:30am – 4:00pm**

**At the Jewish Historical
Society of Greater Hartford
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General Assembly: "All Are Called"

General Assembly is the Annual Meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. **The 2018 General Assembly will be June 20-24 in Kansas City, Missouri.** Most General Assembly events will be held in the Kansas City Convention Center.

The GA Registration and Housing Reservation Systems are open and await your signing-

up! www.uua.org/ga/travel.

Please let Revs. Heather & Cathy know if you're planning to attend GA so that we can coordinate our participation.

Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.

Excellent Programming: GA will offer more than 175 programming selections over the course of five days. Major worships this year will be lead by UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Rev. Sofia Betancourt. More programming details are available at www.uua.org/ga.

Financial Aid Available. Click the link to find out more: www.uua.org/ga/congregations/promotional-resources.

Consider being an Off-Site Delegate--from your home! General Assembly is getting more-and-more enjoyable without all the expense of travel and lodging--you can live-stream more and more of the workshops and worship services right from your home. Please let RevHeather (revheatherrionstarr@gmail.com) know as soon as possible if you are interested in fully participating as an Off-Site Delegate--and mark off your calendar for June 20-24, because there are programs to view, vote in, and be inspired by, almost all day every one of these days!



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For the username and password for the Members Only section of our USH website, please email Linda Clark at ushlindaclark@gmail.com. It's easy and if you're interested, please say so.



To submit a Calendar Event Request, cut and paste the text below into an email and send to: calendarchanges@ushartford.com. Please look at the calendar the day you email a request to make sure the space is available; this will help to avoid double booking rooms. Double check the calendar for your event 1 to 2 weeks prior to make sure it's correctly posted. Email any corrections to calendarchanges@ushartford.com. Please make sure you also coordinate with our Rentals Manager, Rayla Mattson, if this is a one-time-open-to-the-public event. Thank you! ~Linda

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Peace – as we come to the close of the USH-Enews week.

Be kind to others – and to yourself.

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles: The member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association covenant to affirm and promote: the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; a free and responsible search for truth and meaning; the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process, within our congregations and in society at large; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.