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**April 11, 2018**  
**Worshipping Together Since 1830**

**Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr**



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**Worship Service: Sunday, April 15, 2018**  
**10:30am**

**“Drone Warfare: Awareness and Action”**

**The Rev. Dr. Chris J. Antal, Pulpit Guest**  
**Lisa Galinski, Worship Associate**

Drone warfare causes tremendous suffering that most of us are barely aware of. What are the moral and spiritual costs of this collective denial? How might

we enter into solidarity with those suffering and bring compassion into our engagement with this emerging technology?

The Rev. Dr. Chris J. Antal is the settled minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Rock Tavern, New York. He holds a doctorate in ministry from Hartford Seminary.

Rev. Antal became aware of U.S. drone warfare while serving as a military chaplain in Afghanistan. Chaplain Antal decided to act as a whistle-blower, offering a moral lament in a Sunday sermon, "A Veteran's Day Confession for America." He was investigated, reprimanded for "politically inflammatory" speech, and released from active duty with a do not promote evaluation from his command. Chaplain Antal pushed back with a Congressional Inquiry and received a long overdue promotion. When the Obama administration failed to deliver on promises to make the drone program more transparent and accountable, Chaplain Antal resigned in protest, an action which resulted in national media attention and an opportunity to meet staff members of the National Security Council.

Rev. Antal remains active resisting this and other expressions of U.S. militarism as the Unitarian Universalist representative to the Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare and as a representative to the United Nations Department of Public Information for Veterans for Peace, USA.

*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, April 15, the nursery will be available for infants and toddlers ages birth to three from 10:15-11:45am. during the morning worship service. There will be a Children's Chapel followed by age appropriate classes. There will also be after care for children 10 and under until 1:45pm.

Rayla D. Mattson

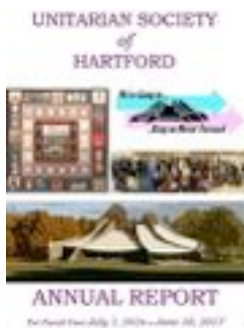
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860-233-9897 ext 104 | [dre@ushartford.com](mailto:dre@ushartford.com)

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



**Church Business News**



**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](mailto:ushlindaclark(at)gmail.com).

—Thank you, Linda Clark, Office Administrator.

**Stewardship update:**

Our Blue Boat Home is nearing the end of our 2018/19 pledge journey. Have you submitted your pledge card? We are still missing a few oars! Please join your fellow USH community members by making a financial commitment to ensure we can forge ahead with as much strength as possible. 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](mailto:kikiprov@gmail.com). Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Stewardship 2018.

**AHOY all Neighborhood Gathering Hosts and Assistants**, and others who made our Stewardship Campaign possible! Please plan to join the USH Stewardship Committee for a ‘thank you’ lunch and talk back about our collective experiences on Sunday, April 29 after worship. Let’s chat and chew about our successes and what we can do to enhance the process for the future. Are you able to come aboard? Please RSVP to Kate Gervais at: 860-690-5467 or [kikiprov@gmail.com](mailto:kikiprov@gmail.com).

**Building and Grounds Opportunity for YOU**

We do expect spring will get serious about coming this year! You have a splendid opportunity to help during our Building and Grounds Spring Work Day, April 21<sup>st</sup> 9 to noon. Come along and lend a hand working on the Memorial Garden, general grounds cleanup, and a variety of indoor tasks. If you have useful tools for this sort of thing, bring them along, but nothing is required. Enjoy the company of your colleagues as we improve our Meeting House and

grounds. Spring air guaranteed. Contact Stu Spence for more information at [stuartspence18@gmail.com](mailto:stuartspence18@gmail.com). -David Newton, Sec Pro Tem, B&G

The February Board Meeting Minutes 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 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: June 10th

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.



### An Invitation to Join the Choir

The music ministry is in the process of further building the choir. Sam would like to extend an invitation to members and friends of the congregation who are thinking, or have ever thought about singing with the choir. The choir rehearses every Wednesday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, and

sings during 3 Sunday services every month. Anyone interested in singing with the choir, please contact Sam via e-mail at smoffett@ushartford.com.



### 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 Office Administrator 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](mailto:ushlindaclark@gmail.com) or call 860-233-9897. Pictured: Phil and Harriet Gardner with their son Bruce, helping out with the Order of Service.



### 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](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 curricula, contact Rayla Mattson, Director of Religious Education at: 860-233-9897 ext 104 | [dre@ushartford.com](mailto: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**  
**“Building (and Living!) Your Own Theology”**

**Tom Gervais, Laura Cipriano, Chris Bailey, JoAnne Bauer, Guest Speakers”**  
**April 8, 2018**



Photos by Harriet Gardner.

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

## Events and Personal News of Our Community



### **In search of gently used luggage, duffel bags, etc.**

Time: 12-1pm; 4/15 & 4/22 at USH in the Lobby.

### **A note from USH member Doris Maldonado:**

*"Please join my son Dylan's endeavor to help children in foster care while helping the environment and empowering our communities. By collecting gently used luggage, Dylan hopes to help provide children in foster care with an alternative to garbage and shopping bags used to transport a child's belongings during an emergency removal from a home. This program is through www CT Kids in Care Luggage of Love (CT KIC LoL)"*

Contact Doris Maldonado for more information at [celestialhug@aol.com](mailto:celestialhug@aol.com) or go here: [www.facebook.com/wwwctkidsincare/](http://www.facebook.com/wwwctkidsincare/).



### **Save the Date - New Member / Newcomer Potluck on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 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)).

## **VOLUNTEER TO MEET THE NEIGHBORS AND CLEAN THE PARK. 4/21 EVENT**

Our neighborhood organizations, are partnering with the City to implement, \*From the Doorknob to the Curb. We have two cleanups scheduled for this month, April 21st for \*Keney\* and all of the parks city-wide, and streets in Upper



Albany on April 28th, organized by the Blight Committee of the UANRZ. Please understand that this is the beginning, an all-out, all-inclusive, hands-on, community effort that will mark a new chapter, a \*renewed pride in our community and in our city\*! We need every business, house of worship, school, organization and every resident to pitch in! We need everyone on this site to spread the word! We can do this! Yes We Can! Please acknowledge your participation to Tom Baptist at, [thomas.baptist@hartford.gov](mailto:thomas.baptist@hartford.gov).  
-Submitted by Ed Savage



### **SENEXET RETREAT -April 20-22**

Give your check to Louise Schmoll or mail to The Unitarian Society of Hartford, attn.: Brian Mullen, 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105. Without a central sign-up area, it is important to sign up with a phone call or email. Two nights is \$190 and one night \$100. And prepare to explore HER-STORY. Share

your favorite female writer, artist, politician, musician or friend. And enjoy sisterhood and gourmet food. For more information contact Louise Schmoll at 860-242-2953 or [rdschmoll@comcast.net](mailto:rdschmoll@comcast.net). **THIS Sunday, April 15, is the last day to register.** Louise Schmoll will be in Fellowship after the service to take reservations. If the cost is prohibitive, please contact the Revs to receive a scholarship. -Submitted by Louise Schmoll



### **UPDATE ON LUPEMBE FLOOD VICTIMS**

*Thank you very much for your donations to help the Lupembe flood victims.*

*"Lupembe Village is in Karonga District, northern part of Malawi. This is my hometown . I left Malawi in 1993 to pursue a better life here in the United states. On February 2nd 2018, I learned that most of Lupembe residents had lost everything due to the flood on February 1, 2018. It was estimated that there are 1,028 families affected by the flood.*

*Based on my understanding 20-30 families were assisted by the Red Cross of Malawi. To date, hundreds of families are remain without assistance. I feel compelled to help the families, however am not able to do this alone. The families are in need of basic necessities, such as clean water, medical supplies, rebuilding of homes, food and household goods. The residents of Lupembe are predominantly farmers and fishermen. My church, Unitarian Society of Hartford, Connecticut, helped to raise money towards purchasing 80 bags of maize. This assisted eighty families. I need your help to provide assistance to remaining families. Your contribution can help achieve a solution. If you have information of international organizations that can help with rebuilding their homes, please email them to me.*

*I have direct contact with the member of parliament for Karonga District, Mr. Frank Mwenefumbo. His contact information will be provided upon request." - Yakhonda*

For more information on how to help click [HERE](#). Contact USH member Yakhonda Mwenelupembe @ 860-725-2085 or Yakhonda70@yahoo.com.

## 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.

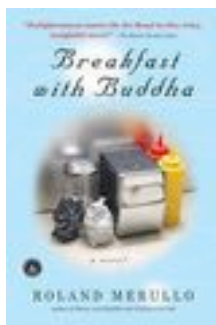
**Meditation & Dharma Group:** Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 PM. Contact Fred Louis for any questions: 860-223-2407.

**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 5:30pm, April 12 - [Breakfast With Buddha by Roland Merullo](#)\* Off-site. For directions and more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroopofus@icloud.com.



When his sister tricks him into taking her guru on a trip to their childhood home, Otto Ringling, a confirmed skeptic, is not amused. Six days on the road with an enigmatic holy man who answers every question with a riddle is not what he'd planned. But in an effort to westernize his passenger "and amuse himself " he decides to show the monk some "American fun" along the way. From a chocolate factory in Hershey to a bowling alley in South Bend, from a Cubs game at Wrigley field to his family farm near Bismarck, Otto is given the remarkable opportunity to see his world and more important, his life through someone else's eyes. Gradually, skepticism yields to amazement as he realizes that his companion might just be the real thing.

In Roland Merullo's masterful hands, Otto tells his story with all the wonder,

bemusement, and wry humor of a man who unwittingly finds what he's missing in the most unexpected place. -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:**

**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@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@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!



### Last Show of the Season:

**Apr. 27:** [An Evening with Mary Gauthier](#)

Co-produced with the Sounding Board Coffee House



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

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**More information online at:** <http://bit.do/Meetinghouse>  
**Ticket prices:** \$22, \$15 w/student id  
**Tickets available online at:** [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Meeting House Presents has just one concert left in its inaugural season. Laura and I are ever so grateful for the support the concert series has received from USH.

The last concert in April with Mary Gauthier we believe will draw in people from outside the congregation who want to see Mary. There has been a great deal of publicity in mainstream media outlets (including the CBS Morning News: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMvUxKmvU8o&feature=youtu.be>) about Mary and her new CD co-written with soldiers suffering from PTSD and we believe that the concert will do well. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you, Paul

Laura and Paul Cipriano

Meeting House Presents, Unitarian Society of Hartford, CT

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

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](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 links for all the concerts to brown paper tickets- [www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/](http://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](mailto: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 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: Items will be donated or recycled if no one claims them after a few weeks.** Thank you.



### **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.*

## Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



*This Mother's Day, we are taking action against the criminalization of incarceration, and deportation of women and girls. Join us!* **Timeline of Events**

- **1. Launch Party & Fundraiser**  
What? Hear from formerly incarcerated women about the campaign, write letters to incarcerated women and girls, and socialize with other prison

abolitionists!

When? Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

Where? Bregamos Community Theater, 491 Blatchley Ave, New Haven

- **2. Volunteer Information Session — Get Involved!**

What? Pack goodie bags for the women we bail out & join our court support team

When? Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Where? CT Bail Fund office, 347 Grand Avenue, New Haven

- **3. Weekly Bail-Outs**

What? Be present as we bail out women from jail, and help us get them home safely

When? Every Friday morning between April 7<sup>th</sup> and Mother's Day

Where? York Correctional Institute, Niantic

- **4. Rally Against The Incarceration of Women and Girls**

What? Show solidarity with the women who will remain behind bars on Mother's Day

When? Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

Where? York Correctional Institute, Niantic (car pool details forthcoming)

***To learn more or get involved, contact [info@ctbailfund.org](mailto:info@ctbailfund.org)***


***[www.ctbailfund.org](http://www.ctbailfund.org)***

***[www.facebook.com/ctbailfund](https://www.facebook.com/ctbailfund)***



**HARTFORD GAY MEN'S CHORUS**

PROUDLY PRESENTS




**two boys**  
**KISSING**

COMPOSED BY JOSHUA SHANK, LYRICS BY DAVID LEVITHAN,  
BASED ON HIS BOOK, TWO BOYS KISSING.

THIS SHOW CONTAINS SOME MATURE LANGUAGE AND ADULT THEMES.

**FRIDAY, MAY 4TH @ 8:00 P.M.,**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 5TH @ 8:00 P.M.,**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 6TH @ 3:00 P.M.**

**AETNA THEATER**  
AT THE WADSWORTH ATHENEUM MUSEUM OF ART  
600 MAIN STREET, HARTFORD CT 06103  
(ENTER AT AVERY DOOR ON ATHENEUM SQUARE NORTH)



HARTFORD  
GAY MEN'S  
CHORUS

TICKETS: \$45 AND \$30, HANDLING FEES ADDITIONAL  
RESERVED SEATING  
PURCHASE ONLINE AT: [TICKETS.HGMC.ORG](http://TICKETS.HGMC.ORG)

Robert Reader, the Executive Director of the Hartford Gay Men's Chorus, encourages folks from USH to attend. They can use his discount code RREADER to save on the handling fees per ticket.

**Host Families Urgently Needed:**

We urgently need host families for a RECORD NUMBER of UU youth who are coming here from Europe (primarily Germany). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ea5qm7CKGE>.

As many know, while UU is a small faith in the USA, it is MUCH smaller in Europe. The youth accordingly consider this exchange program a very important part of their learning and experience. The program has been an outstanding and enriching experience for host families. It would be absolutely terrific to have UNIVERSALIST host families be a part of this.

**Some points re: the program:**

- 1) It allows the host family the very unique experience of connecting with UU from another culture.
- 2) Most youth are typically INCREDIBLY interested about America and the so-called American way of life.
- 3) You provide the lodging and the food and local transport. (I can usually meet them at the airport and bring youth to the host family) Since lodging is the home, that is free – the food is whatever you eat, so this is not expensive.
- 4) Gives you the opportunity to connect with others in your congregation in a unique context. Have dinners together with the youth and other UU friends or do activities together. Or have your friends do activities with the youth. NOTE: Since I work in New York city – I am also available should the youth like to take a trip into the Big Apple.
- 5) Don't know your exact summer plans – no worries because YOU set the schedule with the youth's family for a convenient time!!!
- 6) The hosting period is only two weeks.

Contact Shahan Islam at 347-603-6869 or email [shahan@uuwestport.org](mailto:shahan@uuwestport.org) if you are interested in hosting. She will send the application form and any other information needed. -Submitted by Rayla Mattson



### **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](http://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](http://www.uua.org/ga).

**Financial Aid Available.** Click the link to find out more: [www.uua.org/ga/congregations/promotional-resources](http://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 ([revheatherhionstarr@gmail.com](mailto:revheatherhionstarr@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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