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May 2, 2018

Worshipping Together Since 1830

Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



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Worship Service: Sunday, May 6, 2018

10:30am

“Finding Wisdom in Baseball”

Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister

Worship Associate: Rick Tsukada

"You could be a kid for as long as you want when you play baseball."
~Cal Ripken, Jr.

"Baseball is like church. Many attend, few understand."
~Leo Durocher

"Next to religion, baseball has had a greater impact on American life
than any other American institution."
~Herbert Hoover

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

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Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Below:

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

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

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

www.ushartford.com/events/

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

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

RE News You Can Use:

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education



This Sunday, May 6, the nursery will be available from 10:15-11:45AM for morning service. There will also be after care for children age ten and under until 1:45pm. During the service there will be a *Time For All* Ages this week followed by age appropriate classes.



Many of our members and friends have recently added to their families! And while it is an exciting time, it can also be stressful. I would like to ask those of you who are able to assist us by donating newborn and size 1 diapers along with baby wipes and grocery store gift cards. They can be brought to the DRE office. Thank you so much.

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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

Slate of Nominations for the Board of Directors:

The Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of nominations for the Board of Directors, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2018. The Nominees are:

- President: Sherry Manetta for a one-year term 7.01.2018 to 6.30.2019
- President-Elect: Joe Rubin for a one-year term 7.01.2018 to 6.30.2019
- Treasurer: Tom Richardson for a two-year term 7.01.2018 to 6.30.2020
- Chair, Administration Council: Sue Tenorio for a two-year term 7.01.2018 to 6.30.2020
- Chair, Community Within Council: Carolyn Carlson for a two-year term 7.01.2018 to 6.30.2020

- Chair, Social Justice Council: Judy Sullivan for a one-year term
7.01.2018 to 6.30.2019

Under the USH Constitution and By-Laws, the President and President-Elect may serve for one one-year term. Because Sherry Manetta and Joe Rubin were appointed by the Board mid-year to fill positions that became vacant, they are eligible for election to an additional one-year term. All other positions are elected for two-year terms and can serve multiple terms. Judy Sullivan has been filling the position of Social Justice Council Chair, which became vacant mid-year. She must stand for election for the second year of the vacated term.

Stephanie Briggs recently gave notice that she will not be continuing as Chair of Spiritual Life Council. The Nominating Committee is addressing this additional vacancy on the Board and a nominee for this position will be published as soon as possible. -Submitted by Sarah McKenzie, Secretary

USH Needs You—Get Active with USH! Committee and Sub-Council Openings

April/May 2018

We are in process of filling open positions on various Board committees and sub-councils. If you are interested in becoming more engaged at USH, or just learning more about the activities of our congregation, we encourage you to reach out to a Board member, one of the Ministers, or the Chair of a particular Council, Sub-council or Committee.

*Sherry Manetta, President; 860-604-0805 / s.manetta@comcast.net
Joe Rubin, President-elect; 860-539-3586 / joerubin@snet.net*

Nominating and Leadership Development Committee

Annually, and as needed to fill open positions, select and recommend candidates for nomination to the Board of Directors (for a vote of the congregation at the Annual Meeting) and to the Endowment Committee (for a vote of the Board of Directors). Help to evolve leadership development activities at USH.

Endowment Committee

Responsible for the prudent investment of the assets of the endowment. Annually recommends to the Board and Finance Sub-council the amount of funds that can be prudently made available from the Endowment for the operating and capital budgets.

Planned Giving Committee

This committee is being re-vitalized to prepare for and execute a planned giving strategy in FY2019. In the first year, it will take advantage of 10% matching

funds (designated for operations) that are available through a UUA-related program known as Wake Now Our Vision, funded by the Shelter Rock UU foundation.

Audit Committee

Examines the books and records of USH and its governing bodies and operating councils and committees. The focus is on controls and sound accounting and reporting practices.

Safe Congregation Committee

Responsible for policy development and advice to ministers and staff to ensure appropriate practices are in place and managed to provide a safe environment for our children.

Intern Minister Committee

This will be a new committee in FY2019. It will serve as an advisory group to meet regularly with the intern minister and help guide him during his two years at USH.

Membership Sub-council

Is the face of USH to visitors, welcoming them, encouraging their engagement with USH, managing the path to membership, and nurturing members to ensure integration and long-term membership at USH. Integral to developing and managing long-term growth strategies for USH. Manages member engagement activities such as pancake breakfasts, the annual picnic and new member potluck dinner.

Stewardship Sub-council

Develops strategy for stewardship and manages the annual stewardship drive. Oversees fundraising activities and manages select fundraising activities such as the annual auction.

Adult Programs

Strategy and management of adult programs overall and of specific program offerings. Will work closely with the Intern Minister. Includes select fundraising activities.

Religious Education

Teachers and other support staff for our growing RE program.

Building and Grounds

Responsible for recommending capital budgets to the Finance Sub-council and Board and for directing many building maintenance and improvement activities.

Finance Sub-council

Responsible for developing the annual operating and capital budgets, recommending fiscal policies and monitoring income and expenses.

Other areas for involvement during FY2019

Social justice activities
Worship Associates
Music ministry
Preparation for a capital campaign
Meeting house security
Communications and web management

AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!!

We expect new opportunities to come out of our planning process for FY2019 and beyond. But don't wait for that. Get involved today!

-Submitted by Sherry Manetta

To view the USH Directory, reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Linda Clark at [ushlindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushlindaclark@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](mailto:bharvey@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 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.



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 only 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.

Sunday Service Recap

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

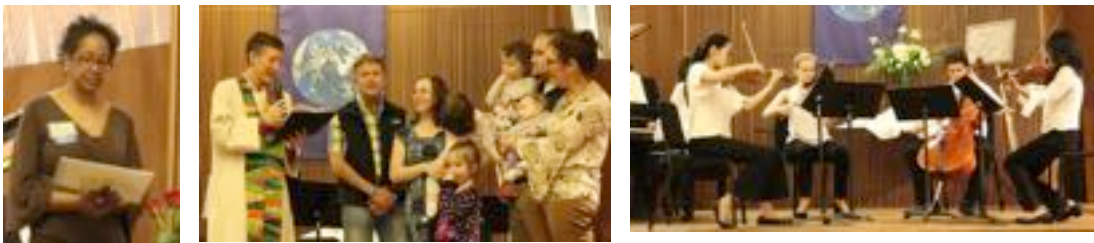
Sunday Service Photos

Worship Service: Sunday, April 29, 2018

“Straddling the Season of Emergence”

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister

Worship Associate: Margaret Leicach



Photos by Mala Matacin.

Events and Personal News of Our Community



Lunch Bunch ~ We will be meeting on Tuesday, May 15. If you plan to attend, please let me know by noon on Wednesday, May 9. Please call me at 860/677-1121 or email me at [janicecnewton\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton@gmail.com).

The Lunch Bunch meets at Concetta's Italian Restaurant, 22 Mountain Ave., Bloomfield. In addition to lunch, there will be a speaker. You will be able to order off the menu. Separate checks will be provided. There is convenient parking. We will meet at Concetta's on the third Tuesday of the month through June. The dates are: 5/15, and 6/19. Mark your calendars! We are looking for speakers for this year. Are you interested, or do you know someone who would be interested, in speaking to the group? If so, please contact Maggie Greene at [turtlepoem\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:turtlepoem@yahoo.com). Reservations are necessary! -Submitted by Janice Newton



Margaret (Peg) E. van Dyck

Margaret "Peg" van Dyck passed from this life peacefully on April 18 at age 98. Peg began her career as a performing vocal artist and radio broadcaster in New York City. Later, for many years, she taught elementary school in the West Hartford area. Peg was an active member (since 1955) of The Unitarian Society of Hartford, serving as Clerk, membership chair, and President. She was a talented painter and poet. She is survived by her nieces Gretchen van Dyck Daggett and Judith Hoff Rideout and nephews

Christopher and Cyrus Brown. There will a remembrance of Peg on Sunday, May 13 during the 10:30 a.m. service of The Unitarian Society of Hartford, 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105. Donations in her memory may be made to the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

[Obituary from the Hartford Courant.](#)

Below is a Poem by Peg:

Prayer in April

Hold this season firmly.
Then let it go slowly.
Hold the clouds in your hand.
Then when they fly,
winds will be soft,
and petals will cling
for more than a day,
and the greens will stay
feathering the sky.
And the night
will curve over us
and hold us.



Memorial Gathering for Marilyn Giese

The memorial gathering for USH member Marilyn Giese will be on May 5, 2018 at 2:30pm at the Club House of the Peachtree Village, Avon, CT. Marilyn died on March 27, 2018, after coping with a lung cancer diagnosis since mid-December. She was 80 years old. Please RSVP for the memorial gathering to her son, Mark Giese, at 617-251-7637.

To read the obituary click [HERE](#).



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).

Alliance Ministry to Women UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF HARTFORD EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION 2018

The USH Women's Alliance is proud to announce that applications are now available for the Women's Alliance Educational Grants. Applicants should be pursuing study at a post high school level, with priority given to those with minimal scholarship aid or loan sources. Grants are small (generally under \$500), but may be used for expenses such as tuition, books, child care, and transportation. Affiliation with USH is not required, though will be considered. In past years, these grants have been welcomed by those pursuing graduate and undergraduate study, members and friends of USH.

Applications and grants are confidential. The Alliance has been awarding these grants for many years and is pleased to be able to continue doing so, realizing that these small monetary awards help women in pursuit of their educational goals.

Please submit by May 31 to:

Educational Grant Committee, Alliance Ministry to Women
 USH, 50 Bloomfield Ave., Hartford, CT 06105
 or email to bonnieandroberta@comcast.net.

Answer the questions listed below, adding relevant information if desired.
 Any questions, call 860-693-4269 or contact email address above.
 -Submitted by Nita H.

(Cut and paste the form below into a Word document)

Personal:

Name:
 Mailing addresses (school and permanent)
 Phone(s):
 Email address:
 Age:
 Length and involvement with USH, if any:

Financial:

Briefly outline your financial needs relating to school expenses and other relevant financial info.

Identify the specific expenses towards which you expect to apply this grant.

Educational:

Briefly describe your school, field of study, type and length of program, including your present status within the program.

Beginning students, please indicate your acceptance status and date of beginning this study.

References:

Please list two references with contact information (e-mail addresses, if possible) and explain their connection to you.

Or you may include a letter of recommendation from advisor/teacher/professor.

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: 860-200-8525.

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

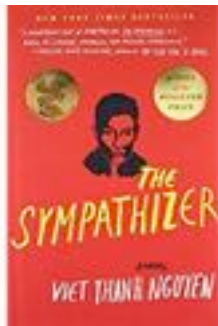
Meditation & Dharma Group: Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 PM. Contact Fred Louis: 860-223-2407.

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, May 10, 5:30pm. *The Sympathizer* (Pulitzer Prize for Fiction)- Viet Thanh Nguyen. Off-site. For directions and more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroopofus@icloud.com.



A profound, startling, and beautifully crafted debut novel, *The Sympathizer* is the story of a man of two minds--someone whose political beliefs clash with his individual loyalties. It is April 1975 and Saigon is in chaos. At his villa a general of the South Vietnamese army is drinking whiskey and with the help of his trusted captain drawing up a list of those who will be given passage aboard the last flights out of the country. The general and his compatriots start a new life in Los Angeles unaware that one among their

number, the captain, is secretly observing and reporting on the group to a higher-up in the Viet Cong. *The Sympathizer* is the story of this captain, a man brought up by an absent French father and a poor Vietnamese mother, a man who went to university in America but returned to Vietnam to fight for the Communist cause. A gripping spy novel, an astute exploration of extreme politics and a moving love story, *The Sympathizer* explores a life between two worlds and examines the legacy of the Vietnam War in literature, film, and the wars we fight today.



“HIDDEN FIGURES”

Dinner and a Movie

Friday, May 11th

At USH in Fellowship Hall

RE-SCHEDULED

from April

“An assertion of humanity and civil rights that is pure cinematic nourishment for soul.”*

“. . . the amazing true story of three women who were pioneers in the space program.”*

“. . . a well-told tale with a clear moral and a satisfying emotional payoff.”*

“Critics Consensus: In heartwarming, crowd-pleasing fashion, Hidden Figures celebrates overlooked -- and crucial -- contributions from a pivotal moment in American history.”*

Postponed from April, the highly-lauded 2017 film “Hidden Figures” will be featured at the Friday, May 11 Dinner & Movie night. You can watch a trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RK8xHq6dfAo>.

Because the movie is about two hours long, we will follow an adapted time schedule that evening. We will gather at 5:15 for popcorn and socializing, have pizza and salad at 5:45, and watch the movie at 6:30, with optional discussion afterwards. Please reserve by Wednesday noon, May 9, by calling Nita (860-693-4269) and leaving a voice message (no texting); be sure to specify your choice of meat or veg pizza topping. You can pay that evening with cash or check. Please reserve even if you had reserved for the postponed April showing. If you reserve but find on May 11 you cannot attend, please leave a voice message (no texting) by noon so the pizza order can be adjusted. As with all Meeting House courses and programs, there is a \$5 registration fee. This is a one time fee for attending

any of the 2017-18 Dinner & Movies. Questions? Call 860-693-4269.
*from Rotten Tomatoes website. -Submitted by Nita H.



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: 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, 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!



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

**2017-2018
Season**



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

Thank you Laura and Paul Cipriano and all the other volunteers who made the first season of 'Meeting House Presents' a success. There will be an update in the Annual Report with more details coming up. Stay Tuned!

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).

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 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.



Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community



New World Trio, "Remembrance"

Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 2pm, St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Works by Beethoven, Arensky, and Enescu with Anhared Stowe, violin, Peter Zay, cello, and Pi-Hsun Shih, piano. Reception following to meet the artists. For information call 860 586-8579, www.newworldtrio.org. Suggested donation \$20.

New World Trio will present a program entitled "Remembrance" on Sunday, May 13. It is now spring, but it is also the season of Memorial Day and Mother's Day. Each of the three works being presented have a powerfully reminiscent, even elegiac quality, even as they hint at new life and better things to come.

The program opens with *Serenade Lointaine* by Georges Enescu, a piece of exquisite beauty and simplicity. The powerful and revolutionary "Kreutzer" Sonata, op.47, by

Beethoven follows. This work marks a watershed in his creative development, and gave him a way to move beyond the despair caused by his increasing deafness. The final piece is the beautiful *Piano Trio No. 1, op. 32 in D Minor* by Anton Arensky. Written as a memorial to fellow musicians, the work reflects a sense of poignant loss even as it remains engagingly lyrical. Anhared Stowe, violin, Peter Zay, cello, and Pi-Hsun Shih, piano.



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

• **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 7th and Mother's Day

Where? York Correctional Institute, Niantic

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 8th at 5pm

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

To learn more or get involved,

contact info@ctbailfund.org www.ctbailfund.org / www.facebook.com/ctbailfund

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Theater For A Change



HOME LET'S LIGHT UP! ABOUT US UPCOMING EVENTS CARRIAGE HOUSE THEATER EDUCATION



Tickets

WTF! (Women's Theater Festival)

3 play readings by women and about women on the rise

Friday, May 4, 7:30pm

Fat and Blood, or The Whole Varied Drama of Hysteria

145-year-old mustachioed lady Hysteria Sidesaddle survived dangerous Victorian institutions of marriage, medicine, hair care, and loneliness. She has prepared for us this fine musical burlesque extravaganza to show us how she did it.

Friday, June 1, 7:30pm

Pegao

Puerto Rico in the late 70's a family playing dominoes grapples with sterilization abuse, the aftermath of military occupation, and loyalties to the mainland while they experience a wave of another mass exodus to the States.

Friday, June 29, 7:30pm

Daisies on Harlem's Doorstep

It's Spring of 1929 in Harlem, a season before the stock market crashed and the world suffered what would be known as the Great Depression. The streets are filled with lights and glitter, and for an innocent Daisy, who only wants to find her sister, four very different women show her how to grow in concrete.

Call us: 860.548.9144 | Find us: 360 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT



Robert Reader, the Executive Director of the Hartford Gay Men's Chorus, especially invites and encourages folks from USH to attend this spring concert. You can use his discount code "RREADER" to save on the handling fees per ticket. Join us in celebrating the marvelous Hartford Gay Men's Chorus, which rehearses at our Meeting House and includes several USH members & friends!

UU Host Families Needed:

We urgently need host families for a RECORD NUMBER of UU youth who are coming here to the U.S. 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 Unitarian Universalist host families be a part of this. Contact Shahan Islam at 347-603-6869 or email shahan@uwestport.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. Please let Revs. Heather & Cathy know if you're planning to attend GA so that we can coordinate USH 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 (revheatherionstarr@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!

For Access to the Members Only Section on the Web Page:

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

Put in the Subject: 'Calendar'

Also: Cc Rayla Mattson requests: dre(at)ushartford.com

Event Title:

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