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May 23, 2018

Worshipping Together Since 1830

Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr



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Worship Service: Sunday, May 20, 2018
10:30am
"Amazing Grace"
Margalie Belizaire, USH Member & Guest Speaker
Sue Smolski, Worship Associate

"Amazing Grace" is considered one of the most beloved spiritual hymns. What is its appeal both among the church and the un-church? How can we express grace in our interactions with our fellow human beings while we navigate this planet together? Come explore this with me. Margalie Belizaire is a USH member and a ministerial student at Meadville Lombard Seminary.

"Grace is genuine compassion: a smile, a laugh, a tear. It comes from the most honest place in the heart where real emotion lies. The most beautiful expression of grace is compassion presented in the purest light." ~Philosophy - Pure Grace.

Starting on June 24th, Sunday services will be held in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall for the summer.

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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<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 27, there will be childcare from 10:15-11:45 during the morning worship service. There will be a Children's Chapel during the service followed by age appropriate classes.

Rayla D. Mattson

Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Society of Hartford

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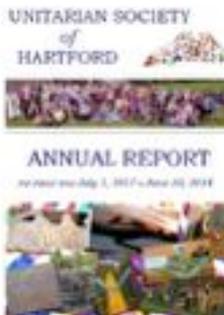
I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.



Church Business News

Rev. Cathy has a new scheduler!

No, we haven't hired a personal assistant for the Revs, but I am trying out a new online scheduler. If you'd like to set up a meeting, pastoral visit, or other conversation with me, you can see my availability and sign up for a time here: <https://RevCathyRionStarr.as.me>. Try it out, and let me know if you have any trouble! -RevCathy



Annual Report

We have made a security change for member access to the annual report. Please use this [new link](#) to access the Annual Report. Email Linda Clark for the password and username at [ushindaclark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ushindaclark(at)gmail.com).

USH Needs You—

Get Active with USH! Committee and Sub-Council Openings

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.

- **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. Manages member engagement activities such as pancake breakfasts, the annual picnic and new member potluck dinner.
We especially need volunteers for the June 10th annual picnic!
- **Choir & Musicians:** Join the choir, or bring your musical talents to a single worship service.
- **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.
- **Religious Education:** Teachers, assistants, office volunteers and other support 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.
- **Denominational Affairs:** Keep USH connected and informed of news and activity at the regional and national level – there's so much we could be tapping into!
- **Human Resources:** Develop a long term staffing strategy, keep our HR policies and practices updated
- **Nominating and Leadership Development Committee --** Recommends 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.
- **Planned Giving:** 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 developing policy and implementing practices 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.
- **Circle Supper Coordinator:** Coordinate monthly or occasional Circle Suppers at USH member homes that bring together newer-comers and longtimers for a social potluck evening.

Other areas for involvement during FY2019

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

If interested, contact:

Sherry Manetta, President; 860-604-0805 / s.manetta@comcast.net

Joe Rubin, President-elect; 860-539-3586 / joerubin@snet.net

The Revs: 860-233-9897x103 /

RevCathy@ushartford.com or RevHeatherRionStarr@gmail.com.

The April Board Meeting Minutes have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

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

A note from the Revs about the Ministers' Discretionary Fund (MDF)~

We have used our Ministers' Discretionary Fund to support a number of families and individuals who are facing financial and/or emotional stress of late — due to job changes, health issues, family changes, and simply the stresses of trying to make ends meet. As those of you who have ever received a check from the MDF know, these families are incredibly grateful for the support of their fellow congregants in stressful times! The checks we write are a double gift: the gift of much-needed funds and the gift of knowing that this congregation loves and supports them. Because of the recent needs, our Ministers' Discretionary Fund is getting low. If you find yourself *not* struggling to pay the bills, we would be very grateful for gifts of any amount to the fund. If you *do* find yourself struggling to pay the bills, please let us know so that perhaps we may be of some assistance. Together, we weave the fabric of love and community.

With gratitude, Revs. Heather and Cathy

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.

Small Group Ministry Host, Advisor or Facilitator



If you have participated in Small Group Ministry, you might be a candidate for Facilitator training. It involves an afternoon of formal training plus working with mentors who can advise you on your first couple of assignments. Or maybe you'd be willing to host an SGM group in your home. You may want to help select readings as

an SGM advisory group member. Contact Martha Bradley or Esther McKone, SGM Co-chairs. -Submitted by Martha Bradley



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 is only 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, May 20, 2018
"From You I Receive: Flower Communion Worship"
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr, Co-Ministers
Carol Simpson, Worship Associate

We celebrated nature's beauty and the interdependent web of giving and receiving at our annual whole-congregation Flower Communion service. Flower Communion is a Unitarian Universalist tradition begun nearly a hundred years ago in which we exchange flowers to celebrate community and reflect on the resilience of nature's beauty. Right after worship was the All-Congregational Photo, Potluck, & Annual Meeting. We voted on the slate of nominees for board positions starting in July and exercised our 5th principle, "the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large."

2018-19 Elected Board Members are listed below:

- 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







Photos by Harriet Gardner.



Events and Personal News of Our Community

Piano Wanted:

Sarah Cassidy, the USH Religious Education Assistant, is looking for a gently loved piano for her new home. If anyone has information on one please feel free to reach out to her at 631-338-1357 or at saracassidy27(at)gmail.com. ~Thank you!

A finale tribute to longtime USH member Peg Van Dyke (1920-2018)...and USH.

Healing Closure
 Anticipation and awe
 Sunlight streamed into the
 Sanctuary, lighting
 The sweeping roof
 With golden rays

A time to gather
A time to honor
A time to remember
A time to share
A time to say good-bye

My aunt's old friends
Surrounded me
With comfort and
Tender mercies
I hadn't known I needed

The chalice was lit
The organist began
The thrilling grandeur
Of Bach's Fugue in D
Her favorite and mine

This church had meant
So much to her, filling
Her heart and mind
And hungry spirit
On this journey

Her name, her life
Her poems, her art
Gently inserted
Throughout the service
We were honored

Outside, in the nippy air
We stood around this
Sacred memory garden
Blessings and memories
Laughter and prayer shared

Then under the brilliant
Pink azaleas, we gently
Poured her into the earth
We hugged and bade farewell
We felt complete

It was all as she had
Wanted at the end:

She was not alone
She did not suffer
And the organ was played.

Poem by Peg Van Dyke's niece, Gretchen Van Dyke Daggett.
-Submitted by Sue Smolski

**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.

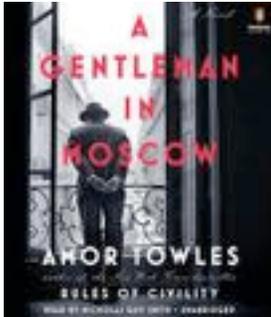
Meditation & Dharma Group: Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 PM. Contact Fred Louis: 860-223-2407.

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, June 14, 5:30pm. A *Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Off-site. For directions and more information contact Richard Groothuis: rgroopofus@icloud.com.



In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose. Ginny Allen has offered to host our meeting at Seabury. Details to follow. -Submitted by Richard Groothuis



**Dinner and a Movie at USH Fellowship Hall
June 15th, 5:15pm
"ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN"
Dustin Hoffman & Robert Redford**

"A timely political drama for the Trump

reign."* "A spellbinding detective story."*

"This superb film has long been acknowledged as a classic political thriller, but watching it in today's climate, at a point when a timid and

ineffectual media is par for the course, also reveals its increasingly significant value as a time capsule piece.”*

On Friday, June 15, the USH Dinner & Movie program will show the award-winning “All the President’s Men,” a “reconstruction of the discovery of the White House link with the Watergate affair by two young reporters from the Washington Post.”* You can watch a trailer here https://youtu.be/DC3YFyah_Yg.

We will follow a **revised time schedule** because the movie is over 2 hours long. We will gather at **5:15pm** for popcorn and socializing, have pizza and salad at 5:45, view the movie at 6:30, with optional discussion afterwards. Those who have seen “The Post” might offer comparisons. Please reserve, \$10 each, by Wednesday noon, June 13, by calling Nita (860-693-4269) and leaving a voice message (no texting). Be sure to indicate your choice of meat or veg pizza topping. You can pay at the event with cash or check. If you reserve but find on June 15 that you cannot attend, please leave a voice message by noon so the pizza order can be adjusted. Questions? Call 860-693-4269.

*from Rotten Tomatoes website -Submitted by Nita H.

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(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 & 1

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



**Join us on Wednesday, May 30th
from 10:00am to 2:30pm
Newington Senior and Disabled Senior
Center
120 Cedar Street, Newington, CT**

Virtually every community in Connecticut has a senior center – long recognized as a community focal point for access to information and referral, programs and services, that support people as they age to maintain independence, well-being and a satisfying life. We connect people to each other, to the community, and to supports and services.

People who identify as LGBT may not access our Centers because they are not familiar with them, because of concerns about being stigmatized or not welcome or because we simply are not offering programs of interest. We are looking to reach out to the LGBT community and their Allies to encourage participation in the many benefits the Connecticut Senior Centers have to offer.

New York City recognized the participation gap and established their first LGBT Senior Center in 2012. We are not NYC, but we want to create the same type of opportunity in Connecticut with the "LGBT Moveable Senior Center." We need your help to be successful!

- Spread the word to those you know would be interested and/or can benefit from this initiative.
- Come to one of our LGBT Moveable Senior Center gatherings – all LGBT community members and their Allies are welcome to participate
- Provide us with contacts you think should be on our mailing list – send contact names/emails to Kathy Marschall at "kmarschall@simsbury-ct.gov"
- Give feedback about your experience at a gathering
- Provide us your ideas for programming topics and presenters

In short.... Join us in making this program a growing and valuable component of our Connecticut Senior Centers. Thank you!

The LGBT Moveable Senior Center is sponsored by CCCI as part of "Getting it Right": Creating an LGBT-Responsive Organization, a project funded by the John H. and Ethel G. Noble Charitable Trust and was guided by CT LGBT Aging Advocacy.

Ruby Sales: Healing the Hurt of White Supremacy

Date(s) - September 28, 2018 - September 30, 2018

Healing the Hurt of White Supremacy: The Difficult Journey from "Other" to True Community

Join Ruby, public theologian and Civil Rights legend, in a "brave space" to sort through your convictions and discard those that keep you from being fully human and our country from becoming truly free.

White supremacy, a spiritual malfunction and social pathology that infects all of our lives, is the practice of dehumanization, genocide, and segregation that began with the assault on Native Americans and has continued for more than 500 years with slavery, colonialism, and Southern apartheid. Today it includes gentrification, segregation, and the feelings of banishment they create. It exists even in our movements for justice, which sometimes consign whole groups to the graveyard of "otherness" and non-redemption, because you can believe you're resisting white supremacy when in fact you're replicating it. To vanquish white supremacy it's necessary to change our society and its systemic racism, but it's equally necessary to look deeply into your own heart, gently but courageously, asking yourself, "How do I banish those with whom I disagree or who seem different?" Only then can you reclaim the fullness of humanity that white supremacy has denied the "other" — and has denied you as well.



(The Washington Post via Getty Images)

Ruby Sales, MDiv, has been active in social justice work for more than 50 years. She received a B.A. degree from Manhattanville

College and received her Master of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Theological School. Ruby has received the national Martin Luther King, Jr., Peace Award from the Fellowship of Reconciliation and is one of 50 African Americans from the Civil Rights Movement spotlighted in the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. She co-founded SAGE Magazine: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women and is founder of the SpiritHouse Project, now in New York City.

Please let RevHeather --revheatherrionstarr@gmail.com -- know if you might be interested in attending this workshop at Rowe Center in Rowe, MA. It would be meaningful for our congregation for a group of us to participate together.

TPS Termination Forum**St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church****285 Church St., Hartford, CT, Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry****Thursday, May 24, 2018, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

The Trump Administration has decided to end the protected status for Immigrants from several of the countries that currently receive temporary protected status (TPS), which allows them to live and work legally in the US. TPS was originally granted to refugees fleeing select countries, due to violence or natural disaster. You are invited to attend an informational presentation on the termination of TPS on Thursday, May 24, 2018. A discussion will follow where you will have the opportunity to ask questions. Panelists will include:

- Meghann LaFountain, expert immigration attorney
- Richard Kehoe representing Senator Blumenthal's office
- Alok Bhatt, a community organizer from CT Immigration Rights Alliance
- Testimony from a friend of a recent deportee

The Forum is being sponsored by St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church in Hartford and will be held in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, next door to the church. Spanish and Creole translators will be available. Light refreshments will be served, and free parking is available directly across the street in the All Saints Parking Lot. **If you or anyone you know may be impacted by the reversal of this immigration benefit, or if you would like to learn more about how you can get involved, we urge you to attend.** <http://www.spsact.org>. -Submitted by Judy Sullivan



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 (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!



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:

Room:

Time:

Date(s):

Is This A Private Event?

Include in Happenings/Enews?

Contact Person:

A Short Description:

Cost: (if applicable)

Is Childcare Provided?: (Note if childcare will be provided you must arrange it with the DRE.)

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