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**USH-Enews ~ October 16, 2019
Building Community Since 1830
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr, Co-Ministers**



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**Worship Service, October 20, 2019, 10:30am
"Bittersweet"**

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate

On Sunday, October 20, our returning pulpit guest will be Jan Carlsson-Bull. Her sermon will be "Bittersweet." She will address the importance of balancing the challenges of a toxic environment that is simultaneously still ripe with beauty and possibilities. Please join us~



Personal News of the Congregation

We are sorry to report the passing of long-time former USH member Jeanne Auerbach, formerly Jeanne Cohen. While she was a member, Jeanne took on several leadership roles including serving as Interim Director of RE and on the USH Search Committee that brought Rev Terasa Cooley to us. Jeanne is survived by her 4 daughters, Gabrielle, Isabel, Olivia and Elinor, and former husband, Jeff Cohen. Her family will be holding a memorial service and celebration of her life on Monday, October 21, at 1 pm at the Glastonbury Boathouse, 252 Welles Street, Glastonbury, CT. Everyone who shared a love for Jeanne and whose life she touched is invited.



We are also sorry to report the passing of long-time USH member Elizabeth Mahaffey, affectionately known to her friends and family as Betsy. Elizabeth was born in New Rochelle, NY on May 3, 1926, the daughter of attorney Kenneth Low and author and artist Elizabeth Hammond Low. Betsy loved exploration and adventure, and in her later years traveled extensively with her close friend Bill Clegg to Europe as well as numerous musical and theatric venues throughout the US. Betsy's happiest times of all were spent with her family. There will be a gathering planned in Betsy's honor at a yet to be determined date.

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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/>

To read the USH Blog click [HERE](#).

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

From the USH Caring Network: Please inform the Caring Network of needs, or volunteer your services. If you know of any member experiencing some difficulty, please contact Eve Pech or any member of the Caring Network so we can provide some assistance. A wide range of community services is also available to those in need by calling the Community Info Line at 211.

RE News You Can Use: Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education



This week we will have a TFAA followed by age appropriate classes. The youth group will meet at 9:15am in the kitchen for soup making. The nursery will also be available during the morning worship hour. Childcare will also be

available after service for children ten and under until 1:45pm.

**** Calling our Harry Potter fans! On October 27th, Sam and I will be leading a Harry Potter themed service. We are looking for a few people, of all ages, to dust off their acting skills and help us with the service. If you are interested, please let Sam or myself know. Thanks**

Our Director of Religious Education is looking for teachers and assistants for the 2019-2020 church year. We need your help in the following grade levels: Prek-2nd, 3rd-5th and 6th-8th. I am still in need of at least 2 more teachers for each grade level. I promise I won't call on you more than once every 4-6 weeks! We have a great group of teachers to work with and I provide everything you need each week. We just need your love and enthusiasm. Please contact Rayla D. Mattson for more information at dre@ushartford.com or 860-233-9897 ext 104. Thank you! --Rayla



Images: hdmou.blogspot.com

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education

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





Youth Group Soup Making
October 20 @ 9:00 am -11:00
am

A Short Description: Soup making by the youth for Church St. Eats

Room: Kitchen

Time: 9:00am-11:00pm

Date(s): Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec. 15, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 22, May 3rd and May 24

Contact Person: Laura, Rob and John



Message from the Sabbatical Committee: Welcoming Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull.

We appreciate having Rev. Jan in our pulpit October 6, October 20, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17th!

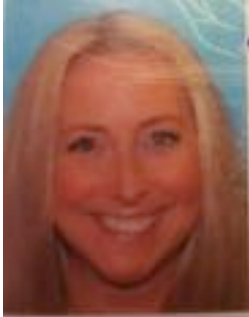
As of this summer, Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull retired from professional ministry and is savoring more time

with family and friends, free-range reading, focused writing, ocean swimming, and learning Spanish. For the past seven years, she served as minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden; she has also served congregations in Kingston, NY; Cohasset, MA; and New York City. She has held leadership positions in the UUMA (Ministers Association), the UUSC Ministerial Advisory Council, the UU Small Group Ministry Network; was a charter member of the UU Trauma Response Ministry, and continues as an activist in immigrant justice, racial justice, women's rights, and more. Jan holds a B.A. from the University of Colorado; M. Div. from Union Theological Seminary, NYC; and a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Yeshiva University, NYC. Married to Dr. Daniel Bull in blended family mode, they have three daughters and three adorable grandkids whom Jan feels completely

free to spoil, since therapy is rarely about Grandparents.

For any questions about the Sabbatical, please reach out to your Sabbatical Team, Marye Gail Harrison, Laurie Kelliher, Lisa Galinski and Peter Meny.

Staff News



Please continue to welcome our Office Administrator, Buffie Pinney. Buffie will be with us through at least mid-February 2020 which will enable the Revs to go on their long-planned sabbatical and the Board as a whole a chance to consider what staffing configuration best suits USH as we continue to move together into the complex 21st century. Buffie is married and lives with her husband and son in Simsbury. Buffie will be working Sunday through Thursday in the office 9am-1pm.

Please welcome her to USH and let's support her getting acclimated to the Meeting House and the USH congregation!

News from the USH Board of Directors



Greetings from the Board:

Our ministers will be on a well deserved Sabbatical leave until the beginning of January. Please see the Sabbatical brochure for full details. As always, our members and friends keep us going strong. If you would like to be more active and involved in any aspect of congregational life, please contact one of our ministers or any Board member today.

~ Joe Rubin, USH Board President

Your 2019-20 USH Board

—Especially while our ministers are on sabbatical until January, please take the opportunity to direct questions and comments about USH to any one of our Board members:

Joe Rubin: President

Martha Bradley: President-Elect

Phil Gardner: Treasurer

Sarah Harmon McKenzie: Secretary
Peter Meny: Spiritual Life Council Chair
Sue Tenorio: Administration Council Chair
Judy Sullivan: Social Justice Council Chair
Carolyn Carlson: Community Within Council Chair
Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Co-Minister (ex-officio)
Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Co-Minister (ex-officio)

UPCOMING PROGRAM:
THE CONVERSATION PROJECT
Sunday, Oct 27 - 12:15 PM, Chapel

The USH Caring Network is sponsoring a free one-hour program called "The Conversation Project" at 12:15 on Sunday, Oct. 27, in the Chapel.

"The Conversation Project" is a national educational workshop dedicated to helping people talk about potential health care and end of life decisions. How can you give your loved ones the confidence they need to make important medical decisions in the event you're unable to make them for yourself? There will be strategies and tips on how to begin these difficult conversations with loved ones. While 92% of Americans say it's important to discuss their wishes for end-of-life care, only 32% have had such a conversation. 95% of Americans say they would be willing to talk about their wishes, and 53% even say they'd be relieved to discuss it (The Conversation Project National Survey, 2018).

The facilitator is Peggy Coburn, MPH, Administrator at McLean Home Care and Hospice, with 20 years of experience in the senior health care industry.

No reservations are needed, but you may want to bring a lunch from home to eat during coffee hour before the program.

Questions? Contact Nita at 860-693-4269 .

Social Justice at USH

Coming Up at USH: Citizens Climate Lobby Meeting for Greater Hartford chapter. Sponsored by USH Green Sanctuary

Room: Library

Dates: Nov. 10, and Dec. 8.

Time: Meeting is 2 - 4p.m. (1:30 - 4:30 includes pre-meeting set-up and post meeting clean-up)

Citizens Climate Lobby Meeting for Greater Hartford

chapter. Sponsored by Green Sanctuary
 Contacts: ellen.castaldini@gmail.com; jeff.howard.29@gmail.com
 Event is free and open to public

REGISTER NOW FOR UNDOING RACISM TRAINING

This training is offered twice a year and rotates between weekday and weekend dates. Training is open to everyone.
 November 15-17, 2019

Dates/Times/Location : (Participants must be available for all of the training to register)

- Friday, Nov. 15th | 6pm to 9pm
- Saturday, Nov. 16 and Sunday, Nov. 17th | 9am to 5pm

Location: Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland Street, Hartford.

Food: Snacks provided Friday. Breakfast and Lunch provided Saturday and Sunday.

Cost: The Cost is \$450 per person. Scholarships are available simply by requesting one. 100% of the fee goes to the training and food. Please check with your faith institution first to see if there are scholarships available. If not, Christian Activities Council will provide the scholarship.

Group Size : There is a maximum of 40 participants per training so register early!

How to register: Register online at <http://christianactivities.org/trainings/>. Send check made payable to Christian Activities Council to 47 Vine Street, Hartford, CT 06112 or pay through our web site at www.christianactivities.secure.force.com/donate/. Call 860-527-9860 with questions.

About the Training: Training is offered by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Undoing Racism ® is our signature workshop. Through dialogue, reflection, role-playing, strategic planning and presentations, this intensive process challenges participants to analyze the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and prepares them to be effective organizers for justice. The multiracial team of organizers/trainers includes more than 100 men and women whose anti-racist

organizing expertise includes years with civil, labor and welfare rights struggles, educational, foster care, social service and health reform movements, as well as youth and grassroots community organizing. An average of 30 groups per month participate in The People's Institute Undoing Racism®/Community Organizing process.

Workshop participants will:

Develop a common definition of racism and an understanding of its different forms: individual, institutional, linguistic, and cultural;

Develop a common language and analysis for examining racism in the United States;

Understand one's own connection to institutional racism and its impact on his/her work;

Understand why people are poor and the role of institutions in exacerbating institutional racism, particularly for people and communities of color;

Understand the historical context for how racial classifications in the United States came to be and how and why they are maintained;

Understand the historical context for how U.S. institutions came to be and who they have been designed to serve;

Understand how all of us, including white people, are adversely impacted by racism every day, everywhere;

Address surface assumptions about how your work is (or is not) affected by racism;

Develop awareness and understanding about ways to begin Undoing Racism®

Contact Judy Sullivan with questions about financial support: jasullivan57@gmail.com.

**JOIN US FOR THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF
Greater Action Hartford Alliance Interfaith (GHIAA)
MON. OCTOBER 28, 2019 | 6:45 PM Central
Connecticut State University
WELTE AUDITORIUM, NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT
Park at Welte Garage; Doors open at 6:15pm .**

After three years of preparation involving over 40 religious institutions, congregations in the greater Hartford area are launching the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA). GHIAA is a deliberate effort to cross lines of race,

class, religion and geography to build relational power to address social justice issues in local communities and beyond, while helping our congregations come alive! Please join 1,000 GHIAA members, denominational leaders, Governor Lamont and mayors of the region for this historic night. We will have a special GHIAA youth contingent process during the founding meeting as a separate entity from their faith communities. Each faith community will have a GHIAA flag that they process with at the beginning of the meeting and the youth can/will have one just for them.

PLEASE RSVP For more information contact Cori Mackey, via email cmackey@christianactivities.org , or via phone 203-671-3948

The Founding is almost here! We will be arranging car-pooling from the USH parking lot - when you sign up give us your email address and you will be contacted. We are hoping for a LARGE turnout for the introduction of GHIAA to our community - please sign up and come celebrate with other committed congregations and hear the first slate of issues we will tackle! Contact Judy Sullivan at jasullivan57@gmail.com

[Sanctuary?](#)

Offering Sanctuary presents an opportunity for USH to live our Unitarian Universalist principles by providing necessary shelter and emotional support to an individual in crisis.

Under The Stairs (discussions on this topic):

Weekdays: Oct. 1, 7-8:30p.m.; Oct. 16, 10-11:30a.m.

USH.sanctuary@gmail.com

~ Many thanks to all those who put comment cards in the grey basket after the Sunday worship service! The comments were thoughtful and heartfelt and ranged from enthusiastic to bringing up very valid concerns. All the comments will be summarized and synthesized, questions addressed, and the major themes shared with the congregation as a whole. The cards and the basket will be available in the lobby for the next few weeks; I encourage everyone to let us know your thoughts. Also, you can submit comments to me via

email at ush.sanctuary@gmail.com. All comments are valued and will be treated as confidential. Again, thank you!
Virginia de Lima



**Americans
OF CONSCIENCE**
Checklist

October 16, 2019

168 weeks down, 55 weeks to the presidential election. The AoC Checklist features clear, well-researched actions for Americans who value democracy, equality, voting, and respect. To stay engaged through challenging times, we practice gratitude, self-care, and celebration.

I value democracy.

With respect and collaboration, we work to create a nation that welcomes all people, expands freedoms, and upholds the Constitution.

Action 1: Restore the vote to returning citizens. [h/t Campaign Legal Center]

If you or someone you love has a past conviction, visit RestoreYourVote.org (en Español: Recuperesuvoto.org) to find the status of your/their right to vote. You may find that your/their voting rights have been restored, and you/they can get help even if your/their state's laws are confusing. You can also share these links or this printable flyer to show how much everyone's participation in our democracy matters. Bonus: Donate to Campaign Legal Center here to support their voting rights restoration efforts.

Action 2: Advocate for a crucial safeguard against election fraud. [h/t Verified Voting]

Call: Your two state legislators (look up).

Script: Hi, I'm calling from [ZIP] because I want security around [STATE]'s elections to be public and trustworthy. Nonpartisan experts agree that a specific type of post-election oversight called a risk-limiting audit (RLA) is the strongest and most cost-effective defense

against malfunctioning or hacked voting systems. Can I count on [NAME] to support mandatory RLAs in [STATE] beginning with the 2020 presidential primaries? Thank you.

Bonus if you live in CO, NV, RI or VA, which already require RLAs: Donate to Verified

Voting here to work for reliable election systems.

Action 3: November 5 is Election Day. Are you prepared?

Even if you believe you're registered to vote, recent voter purges of more than 17 million

Americans show that it's important to double-check your registration status, which you can

do at Vote411.org. Research what's on your ballot at BallotPedia.org, and set up email or

text-message election reminders for yourself at TurboVote.org.

I value equality.

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gender, sexual orientation, economic status, age, and ability.

Action 4: Speak up with Native American women. [h/t National Indigenous Women's Resource Center]

Call: Your two senators (look up).

Script: Hi. I'm calling from [ZIP] to express my deep frustration that the Senate still has not

acted on the Violence Against Women Act, lapsed now for more than a year. As a

result, Native American women in particular are even more vulnerable to assault and rape.

I'm asking [NAME] to support the complete House version (H.R. 1585) and call for an immediate vote on it.

Action 5: Support menstrual equity. [h/t Black Women's Health Imperative]

Access to menstrual hygiene products is an essential, albeit often overlooked, aspect of

women's rights. Women and girls in poverty regularly miss work or school for lack of

tampons and pads, items not eligible for purchase under the SNAP program.

Donate: To the Black Women's Health Imperative's Positive Period

Campaign to provide menstrual cups to girls in Atlanta, GA and Kigali, Rwanda.

Action 6: Advocate for a path to permanent citizenship for aspiring Americans

under temporary status. [h/t United We Dream]

Call: Or write your two senators (look up).

Script: Hello, I'm from [ZIP] and I'm calling to express my support for the Dream Act of

2019. There are around 2.5 million people living in the U.S. under temporary statuses, such

as DACA, TPS, and DED. Many of these individuals have lived in this country since they

were children, and their statuses are now at risk of expiring or being terminated by the

current administration. I would like [NAME] to support the noble aim of S. 874 to make

DACA, TPS, and DED status permanent, and to urge Senator McConnell to allow the bill to

proceed to the floor. Thank you.

Acts of Gratitude

Get out your stamps, postcards, and sparkle markers for some gratitude mail.

Thank NBA Commissioner Adam Silver for affirming employees' individual rights

to freedom of expression. [Share why you appreciate upholding American values despite

threatened or real negative financial consequences.]

Address: Olympic Tower, 645 5th Ave., New York, NY 10022

Good news

Decent people everywhere are speaking up and working together.

Just look. #GoodNews

National

A federal court issues a temporary injunction against the administration's "public charge"

rule, which would limit aspiring Americans' ability to receive green cards should they

need to utilize public assistance.

Congressional report highlights the growing role the Latino community plays in

developing a thriving America.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves a new HIV-prevention drug that may

offer fewer side effects than current versions of the medication.

State

CA: becomes the first state to allow pharmacists to provide HIV prevention pills without prescriptions.

CA: Legislature passes a law allowing college athletes to be financially compensated for their work by signing endorsement deals and licensing contracts.

CA: Gov. Gavin Newsom signs the Building a Better Early Care and Education System Act, which enables childcare providers to formally unionize.

CA: A new law permits cities and counties within the state to establish public banks, which use public funds to provide capital at lower interest rates than commercial banks.

GA: The Georgia Dignity Act goes into effect in all women's prison facilities, ensuring basic necessities like menstrual supplies as well as banning harmful practices such as solitary confinement and shackling for pregnant, birthing, and postpartum people .

MI: waives tuition to public community colleges and universities for Native American students.

NV: restores provision-free voting rights for returning citizens, effective July 1, 2019.

VT: will allow young adults aged 18-20 with criminal charges to remain in the juvenile court system, providing them with age-appropriate services and allowing them to avoid a life-altering criminal record.

Church Business News

The latest financial reports for **April-June 2019** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **July 2019** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view. To view the USH Directory, Reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Buffie Pinney at hartforduusociety@gmail.com for the username and password.



Update from the Sabbatical Committee

Our worship calendar for the fall is complete. More details here and in the Sunday OOS's starting in October! To view the Sabbatical Brochure, with all sorts of wonderful details about the Revs' Sabbatical, click [HERE](#) .

Warm regards, The Sabbatical Committee (Marye Gail Harrison, Laurie Kelliher, Lisa Galinski and Peter Meny)

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. Also visit www.ushartford.com/building-community/adult-family-programs/ .

Programs

USH Artists' Group: Mondays at 6:30 PM; Sensing a call to be creative? To write or paint, to collage or sketch, to weave or quilt? Whatever your medium, the USH Artists' Group held its first meeting of the fall on **Monday, September 9 at 6:30pm** in the library, and you are all welcome to join us at future meetings! The group is using the book *Wild Ideas: Creativity from the Inside Out* by Cathy Wild as the stimulus for ongoing discussions. You can purchase the book on Amazon and bring it to the first meeting, when we will collaborate on planning the fall/winter program and begin building community with a simple-but-fun creative activity. All who are interested in exploring and nurturing their creative process are welcome to join these Monday evening gatherings. No need to pre-register - just come to the first meeting. For more information contact Marye Gail Harrison (maryegailh@gmail.com).

Emei Qigong Cultivation: Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and Wednesdays at 5:00 PM. Contact Diana Heymann: 860-200-8525 .

Tai Chi Gigong: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Contact facilitator before attending: Stephen “Lucky” Luckingham: 860-202-3404 or stephen.luckingham@gmail.com.

Authentic Connection & Communication: An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Contact Mark Friedman for more information: 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.) For more information contact Ed Savage: Esavage15@att.net.

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

USH Book Club: Meets the second Thursday of the month September-June. Off-site, contact Richard Groothuis for more information: rgroopofus@icloud.com or 860-748-3532. Books are selected by Members to raise social and life issues. We meet monthly with the objective to discuss the books as literature but with particular emphasis on how the issues relate to us personally and as UUs. Our discussions follow the Small Group goals of seeking input from all in attendance. Our hope is that those attending will make an effort to make as many meetings as possible. Membership is open to all. Meetings will be on second Thursday of the month at 2:30 pm; we will skip December.

Beloved Conversations: An experiential curriculum that provides a space to heal the spiritual and organizational wounds that racism causes in our faith communities. The program aims to foster cross-cultural relationships that nurture the spiritual health of program participants, congregations and communities beyond their walls. We plan to repeat this program in some way in coming years. Contact Judy Sullivan to be added to the list of those interested.

Adult Programs Update:

- Do YOU want to offer an adult program at USH? If yes, there is an update document explaining the steps for requesting and managing an adult program on the USH website. For link to USH website and more info click here: <https://www.ushartford.com/building-community/adult-family-programs/>
- The Adult Program Fee has increased modestly for programs held at USH due to increased facility expenses. The new fees range from \$2 per person per event to \$10 depending on frequency of program. See “Adult Program Fee’s” for details.
- Questions? Contact Carolyn Carlson, Council Within Chair at carlsoncjc@gmail.com.



Green Sanctuary Sub-Council

Title: October 27 Green Sanctuary meeting

Date: Sunday October 27th

Time: 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Agenda

1. Updates and next steps on climate action

(15 min)

2. Zero waste in Hartford (15 min)

3. Sustainability review at USH (15)

4. Planning for Holiday Regifting Sale (15)

5. Other report and discussion (15)

For more info please contact: mary.sherwin@gmail.com or jeff.howard.29@gmail.com

Connection Circles (formerly known as Small Group Ministries)



What are Connection Circles?

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.

New Connection Circle forming - Please call Kathie if you would like to participate. KWFinteriors@sbcglobal.net, or 860-508-3038

Watch for announcements of Connection Circles offerings in E-News, during coffee hour after the service at the Programs Table (when available) in Fellowship Hall, or at the Welcome Table in the main lobby. Please text or email Martha Bradley at 860-305-3307, marthabradley49@yahoo.com for more information or click [HERE](#).



Disability Focused Connection Circle

Room: David's Den and Library

Time: Saturday mornings from 10:00am to noon

Date(s): First meeting was on September 28th. Dates of following meetings determined by participants' availability. The last meeting will be on November 30th at the latest.

Cost: \$5.00 collected at the first meeting

Contact: Susan Hope at 860 463 6407 or susanhope51@gmail.com or Briana Bittel at everaftr33@gmail.com for more info.

There are also a couple of places for the Disability focused Connection Circle on Saturday, 10-12 at USH. Contact: Susan Hope at susanhope51@gmail.com .

This popular event is being offered again for a third year. As in the past, all of the discussions will begin with a reading based on an essay written by someone who has issues related to a disability, published in a recent series in *The New York Times* .

Events and News of Our Community




3 Sunday sessions
(Oct 6, Nov 3 & 17)
12:00-1:30 pm

A Path to Membership

Followed up with a **Membership Sunday on Dec 8, 2019**

Join us in our three-session workshop and examine how Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Society of Hartford relates to your spiritual growth, sense of community, and everyday life.

Free child care provided.

Contact Brian Harvey at bharvey@ushartford.com



Transylvanian Hungarian Youth Folk Dance Troupe Tour

October 24 - November 6, 2019

The Vadrózsák Néptánccsoport (Wild Roses Folk Dance Group) is a native Hungarian folk dance group from Székelykeresztúr, in the Transylvanian region of Romania. They will

travel in MA, ME, and VT, performing in colorful traditional costumes, as well as offering dance workshops. The group includes 17 dancers and musicians, 15 youth and two adults and are accompanied by the youth folk dance band "Lelkes Zenekar."

Save the dates for several opportunities for meeting, performances and workshops during their tour. Each of their performances will be

followed by an invitation to learn some simple dances. These events will be engaging for all ages! The dances feature an exuberant display of intricate moves and patterns that invite participation. The live music is infectious and leaves the audience wanting to hear more. The members of the group are eager to share their excitement about their native dances and music with a New England audience. There will be several opportunities for instruction and workshops during their tour and each of the performances will be followed by an invitation to learn some simple dances. For more information about the dance group watch these videos:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=18r1sRyB8N0vZm4p6mOsYOYMDbnuTRAV> ,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uxg59IPoAps> .



USH member **Peter Upton** has generously offered the gift of any one of his paintings (currently on display in the Meeting House ambulatory) to anyone who wishes to have one, in exchange for a financial gift to USH of any amount you feel appropriate. Our great thanks to Peter! Please come and choose your painting through the month of October! ~Buffie Pinney, Office Administrator.

Thank You – Tina Davies wishes to express her heartfelt gratitude after her unfortunate accident here at USH this past Sunday. She is feeling fine and wanted to let people know. Please join me in wishing her a quick recovery. Thank You~ Buffie Pinney, Office Admin.

Memorial Update - a memorial service for Sherry Williams will be on Saturday, Nov.2 from 11am to 2pm in Fellowship Hall. If anyone has something to contribute to the eulogy, please contact Maggie Greene as soon as possible at her e-mail: ismisemairread1@outlook.com.

Hartford Public Library - Reading Group the first of two discussions of *Black Autonomy: Race, Gender, and Afro-Nicaraguan Activism* by Jennifer Goett is scheduled for next Wed., Oct. 16, in Room 141 of the Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St. We will focus on pp. 1-84, and then on Nov. 20, we will tackle pp. 85-185. The programs, a collaboration of the Hartford/Ocotal Sister City Project and the Library, are part of the Library's Bridging Cultures Series. We attach a flyer and would appreciate your sharing it with others.

Participants who would like to borrow a book should contact us. Light snacks will be available, and participants are welcome to bring a

brown bag lunch. All are welcome.
 Please contact Kate and Sherwood Anderson for more info:
kganderson@snet.net sanderson03@snet.net.

Meeting House Presents!



Save These Dates--Coming Up:

Friday, Nov. 1, 2019 [Annie Sumi](#) shares a brand of musical storytelling that spans folk, roots and ethereal vocalization. Dancing on a line between imagination and reality, ethereal-folk artist Annie Sumi's music invites you into a familiar otherworld. Like an inbound wind, her voice begins with a whisper, gathers strength and purpose, and transforms into an airy howl. Her songs take you to places – of quiet wonder, of unspoken love, of tranquil landscape.

Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 [Louise Mosrie](#) Audience members would tell her that they enjoyed the stories between the songs as much as the songs and her strong expressive voice was described as "...like listening to Patty Griffin and Susan Tedeschi at the same time."

Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 [Hartford Hot Several Brass Band](#) is bringing their party to USH for a pre-New Year's blast. Since 2012 they have been Hartford's much-needed funky marching band to bring brass, ruckus, and joy to all. Mid-winter joyful noise sure to raise a smile and make you want to dance.

Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 TBA (This show might be rescheduled to a date in May to be determined.)

Friday, Feb 28, 2020 [Belle of the Fall](#) lead singer, Julia Autumn Ford possesses the voice of an angel is beyond obvious. Soft, tender

and raw all at once; Julia's vocal delivery is light as a feather yet powerful enough to knock down an entire city block with one turn of a phrase. Her partner in crime, bassist Tracy Walton rounds out Belle of the Fall's folky yet modern sound.

Friday, March 27, 2020 [Seán Heely Celtic trio](#) Experience the magic music of Scotland and Ireland with the Seán Heely Celtic Trio. The group features U.S National Scottish Fiddle champion Seán Heely, acclaimed multi-instrumentalist Kevin Elam, and Highland bagpiper Tracy Jenkins. The three gents bring together multiple different instruments to perform fiery dance tunes and ancient, soaring melodies from Scotland and Ireland. They perform original compositions and have rich vocal harmonies in their solid song repertoire that features ballads, sea shanties, and songs in Irish and Scots Gaelic.

Friday, April 17, 2020 [Scott Cook](#) has managed to distill the stories collected over eleven years touring across Canada, the USA, Europe, Asia, Australia and elsewhere into straight-talking, keenly observant verse. Road-worn, painfully honest, and deeply human, his tunes weave threads of folk, roots, blues, soul and country over spacious fingerstyle guitar and clawhammer banjo arrangements.

We sure hope that you will join us!

Click [HERE](#) for more info or e-mail us at MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com

- Phone Laura and Paul Cipriano at (860) 298-9984
- Check our web page or subscribe to our email list for notification if shows are sold out or rescheduled:
www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/

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Meeting House Presents is always looking for volunteers to help out. You decide if you want to help out three nights, one night, or the entire season. We need help with refreshments, tickets, communications, hosting performers if you have a spare room, and we'd like to have a "street team" to post flyers. Best of all, the commitments are for the evening of the show and you won't have to attend meetings. Contact Laura Cipriano at MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com to volunteer. Come be part of the fun.

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

USH Needs You—

Get Active with USH! Committee and Sub-Council Openings

We are continually striving to fill 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. Click [HERE](#) to read more...

Get more connected with this congregation through volunteering.

Below are some areas, both seasonal and year-round, where Volunteers are especially needed and welcome:



The USH Sunday Welcome Team; Join the Choir; Office Volunteers; Connection Circles Host, Advisor or Facilitator; The Book Table During Coffee Hour. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.



Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM): USH Member Doris Maldonado is in need of help with this ministry. Please contact her at unicas.miracle@gmail.com if you would like more info. The USH AIM task force, many of whom identify as having a disability, are charged with the following

mission: To welcome, integrate, and support people with physical or psychological disabilities and their families in our congregation. For more info click [HERE](#).

Upcoming Special Events and News in the Larger Community stay tuned~

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 Buffie Pinney at hartfordusociety@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! ~Buffie

Put in the Subject: 'Calendar'

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

Event Title:

Room:

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Date(s):

Is This A Private Event?

Include in Happenings/Enews?

Contact:

A Short Description:

Cost: (if applicable)

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



Lost and Found

There is a 'Lost & Found' box in the office near Buffie Pinney'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!!

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Our Co-Ministers, Revs Cathy and Heather Rion Starr, are on a well-deserved Sabbatical for October, November and December 2019. If you wish to set up an appointment with Rev. Cathy in January, you may do that here: <https://RevCathyRionStarr.as.me>. If you aren't sure who to contact right now, please see the [Sabbatical Brochure](#) .

The deadline for USH-Enews submissions is Tuesday at 12 Noon.

Email to: ushenews@ushartford.com

Please note in the subject line "USH-Enews." Thank you for your submission!

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

Be kind to others – and to yourself.

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