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



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Worship Service, November 3, 2019, 10:30am
"All Souls Day – Love and Remembrance"
Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull
Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate

All Souls Day, when tradition suggests a lifting of the veil separating the living and the dead. What emerges is a profound spiritual connection, a bridging of the miracle of life and the mystery of death. In this worship experience of love and remembrance, we will lift that veil in community with what William Ellery Channing called

"the great family of all souls". We will do so in reflection, song, silence, story, and shared images and mementos of those we have loved and who have passed on into the great mystery that awaits us all. Please bring a photo or other reminder of one you have loved and lost to place on our altar of love and remembrance. We also invite you to include perhaps dear friends and even pets you hold in love.



Fall Back

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour this coming Sunday! When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 3, 2019, 2:00am clocks are turned back 1 hour to Sunday, November 3, 2019, 1:00am local standard

time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 3rd than the day before.



Personal News of the Congregation

MEMORIAL RECEPTION - There will be a Memorial Reception for Sherry Williams on Saturday, November 2 following the Memorial Service. Both the service and reception will be held in Fellowship Hall.



We sadly continue to report the passing of long-time former USH member Jeanne Auerbach, formerly Jeanne Cohen. Everyone who shared a love for Jeanne and whose life she touched was invited.



We sadly continue to report the passing of long-time USH member Elizabeth Mahaffey. An event honoring Betsy Mahaffey is planned at a West Hartford location on November 23 from 1 to 4 PM. If you are interested in attending, please email her son Kevin at KBM2@msn.com.

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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.

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



The service on Sunday was a huge hit all around starting with a YUMMY pancake breakfast and lots of great feedback regarding the "LOVE" sermon. Thank You to any and all who contributed to the merriment!

Our DRE, Rayla D. Mattson will be taking a Sunday off on November 3rd. Dominique (Domiee) Bourgeois, RE Assistant will be here covering. Please see Domiee for any RE related concerns or questions. The following week Rayla will travel to Baltimore to attend a conference of Liberal Religious Educators. This time and training with colleagues is something she has not been able to do and is her first time being able to attend in the nearly 8 years that she has been with us. Rayla will not be available November 3-10, as the days and nights are full. Please direct questions to Domiee during that week. Please see Rayla with any questions or concerns, including rental inquiries, prior to November 3rd. Rayla will be back on November 11th.

This week we will have a TFAA followed by age appropriate classes. Please note I do not have enough teachers for all grade levels. Activity packets will be available for any classes that are canceled. The nursery will also be available during the morning worship hour.

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



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Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education

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



The youth group will be collecting needed items and our annual cash donations for My Sisters' Place on **Sunday November 10th**. To increase our awareness of the hardships of homelessness, the youth group will be fasting this Friday to Saturday evening followed up with a meeting outdoors with no creature comforts. This weekend

kicks off our year of community service projects in addition to our Soup Sundays, which are the core of the youth group values. See [FLYER](#) here.



**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)

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.

Social Justice at USH



CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN: THE VILLAGE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN 2018-2019

On Thursday October 17, 2019, the Village for Families and Children held its Annual Meeting: Champions' for Children. Supporters of The Village from the greater Hartford area gathered at the Connecticut Historical Society to meet and greet, share stories about The Village, meet new Village Ambassadors, and affirm their commitment to The Village. In a style much like that at USH, lots of food was served.

Kevin Lembo, State Comptroller was honored as this year's Champion for Children. Lembo has been personally involved in the State's foster care system. He and his husband have fostered children and are the parents of three boys. On his website he says: "You can't just say I've got mine. We have a responsibility to help one another".

In the Annual Report of the Village for Families and Children the UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF HARTFORD is listed as a member of the Trumbull-Robinson Society, an organization that has donated between \$1,000-\$2,499 in a given fiscal year to The Village.

USH can and should be proud of your support of the children served by The Village. That support does not go unnoticed and has helped more than 500 children return to

school and numerous families receive much needed help during the year.

Thank you for your continued commitment to The Village for Families and Children.

GHIAA News

Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance

Monday evening, Oct.28, USH participated with over 1,000 people in the Founding celebration of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance. USH, with our own large group of enthusiastic supporters, was one of the 35 Founding Congregations and Institutions organizing together for justice in the greater Hartford region. The first slate of issues was presented in areas of education, housing, healthcare, criminal justice reform and gun violence. School superintendents, state legislators, CT State Treasurer Shawn Wooden and Mayor Luke Bronin were among the invited allies, pledging their commitment to work with GHIAA on specific actions for justice. Thank you to all who participated in this powerful evening! This is just the beginning – if you would like to become involved or just learn more about the organization, opportunities are listed below.

GHIAA Undoing Racism Training 2.5 day
Friday, Nov 15, 6-9pm, Saturday, Nov 16, Sunday, Nov 17, 9am – 5pm

GHIAA Orientation (90 minute)
Thursday, Nov 21, 7pm or Wednesday, Dec 4, 1pm

Anyone interested in more information please contact Judy Sullivan at [**jasullivan57@gmail.com**](mailto:jasullivan57@gmail.com).

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.

[Sanctuary?](#)

Discussion of USH becoming a sanctuary congregation

Time is running out for input to the discussion of whether USH should welcome sanctuary guests who are facing deportation.

Please contact Virginia de Lima at vadelima@yahoo.com or put a card in the gray basket on the welcome table.

All comments are welcome!

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 hartfordusociety@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.

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.



DINNER & MOVIE: FRI, NOV 8th, "The Public".

"An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold." "This David versus Goliath story tackles some of our nation's most

challenging issues, homelessness and mental illness and sets the drama inside one of the last bastions of democracy-in-action: your public library."*

Critics wrote: "Estevez does an elegant job with this setup, creating a low-key, uncondescending portrait of lives on the edge." "It's hard to play a good man doing the right thing. Saints are dramatically dull, but Estevez gets away with it here." "Estevez does an elegant job with this setup, creating a low-key, uncondescending portrait of lives on the edge."**

The film is rated PG-13 for thematic material, nudity, language, and some suggestive content. You can view the trailer here <https://youtu.be/kJXikN1kOqQ>.

Because the movie is two hours long, we will follow a revised time schedule that evening, Friday, November 9. We will gather for popcorn and socializing at 5:15 PM, enjoy pizza and salad dinner at 5:45, view the movie at 6:30, with optional discussion afterwards. To reserve (\$10 each), please leave a voice message at 860-693-4269 (no texting) with your name and phone number, number of reservations, and choice(s) of meat or vegetable pizza toppings. You can pay with cash or check at the event. Please reserve by noon on Wednesday, Nov 7.

If on the day of the movie you find you cannot attend, please call the number above before noon so the pizza order can be adjusted. If the event needs to be cancelled, you will be notified by noon on Friday, Nov 9. **Questions? Call 860-693-4269.**

*from Rotten Tomatoes website ** from IMDb website



Ballroom Dancing with Wendy!

Held here at USH. Ballroom dance classes are available to both members and general public. Dance is a fabulous way to exercise and explore a dramatic and exhilarating form of artistic expression. There are so many health benefits to this

style of movement as well as a sense of joy and freedom in "the dance" itself. Consider this option to round out your personal fitness routine while having FUN at the same time!! The 'Swing' is a very popular easy and fun dance especially good for beginners.

The class is \$15 for one or both classes (per evening). I offer a special price to members at only \$10 in November. *Each class is 45 minutes long there's a 15 minute break in between for refreshments or practice. No class on November 28 (Thanksgiving)

Please contact Wendy at wendy1017@sbcglobal.net for scheduling a session.

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&
YOU

A Path to Membership

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

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

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](#).



Green Sanctuary Sub-Council

Green Sanctuary Sub-Council of the USH Social Justice Council

Here are some things that GSS will be working on this fall--

Climate Action--Climate Emergency Events are being planned for December 6 and possibly November 29. More info to come.

GSS will be doing a sustainability review at USH to improve recycling and product use as well as energy efficiency at our Meeting House.

Planning is underway for the December 2019 Holiday Regifting Sale (first three Sundays in December!). As you get ready for winter, lookout for "gifts" you have at home to donate. The Regifting Sale donation box will be out in the lobby very soon!

If you'd like to find out what's happening with environmental justice and climate action & ways to get involved please contact Mary or Jeff or look for next Green Sanctuary

session. mary.sherwin@gmail.com or jeff.howard.29@gmail.com.



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.

Meeting House Presents!



**2019-2020
Season**



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



Meeting House Presents the Connecticut premier of Annie Sumi.

Join us for a triple treat of music, coffee/tea and chocolate.

Friday November 1st
here at USH at
7:30pm.

Singer-songwriter 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. "You can't leave an Annie Sumi performance and feel anything but inspired," says Leah Morise, of London-based House of Harmony. "She fills the stage with joy and it spills over into the audience. Her songs manage to pull you into her world." Over the last three and a half years, the Ontario-based singer-songwriter has released two critically-acclaimed albums and toured her music across Canada, parts of the U.S. and Europe. With grace and humility, she's charmed audiences at more than 300 shows, from living rooms to major music festivals, and has been asked to open for the likes of Buffy Sainte-Marie, Amelia Curran and Jim Cuddy. In 2018, she was recognized with a Canadian Folk Music Award nomination for Emerging Artist of the Year. Pieces from her latest album, *In the Unknown*, received airplay all across Canada, earning chart placements, critical acclaim and accolades.

<https://youtu.be/b0hqiC6qf9s> and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPTaUawon3U>

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/

Sign Up for Meeting House Presents email list:

Our email includes concert announcements, updates, and info about folk music events in the area. Subscribe to Meeting House Presents Email— send a message to: MeetingHousePresents@gmail.com. Put

"subscribe" in the subject line. We send one or two emails each month.

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**](mailto: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

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



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>.



St. John's Church Silent Film

November 7th, 2019

Cecil B. DeMille's Silent Film, KING OF KINGS, with Patrick Miller, pianist. The King of Kings is the Greatest Story Ever Told as only Cecil B. DeMille could tell it. In 1927, working with one of the biggest budgets in

Hollywood history, DeMille spun the life and Passion of Christ into a silent-era blockbuster. Featuring text drawn directly from the Bible, a cast of thousands, and the great showman's singular cinematic bag of tricks, The King of Kings is at once spectacular and deeply reverent—part Gospel, part Technicolor epic. Patrick Miller is Associate Professor of Music Theory at The Hartt School, University of Hartford where he is co-director of the Academic and Contemporary Studies Division and chair of the Music Theory Program. See playbill [HERE](#).

Please contact Scott Lamlein, Director of Music at music@sjparish.net.



Benjamin Dix

**14th annual holiday piano concert-
Benjamin Dix, Piano Soloist--- Sat.
11/16/2019 @ 1 pm.
Admission is free!**

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'

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:

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

Please note that I currently have a set of purple earbuds, one pair of comfy looking slippers, at least 7 pairs of glasses, one small tupperware container and I think what is a physical therapy tool(?). I will be donating the lost and found items to a local Goodwill or Salvation Army at the end of every month so please come and visit my "treasure trove" of articles!!

~Buffie Pinney, Office Administrator

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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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