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**USH-Enews ~ DECEMBER 4, 2019**  
**Building Community Since 1830**  
**Sunday Service 10:30 AM**  
**Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr, Co-Ministers**



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**Worship Service, December 8, 2019, 10:30am**  
**"Holding the Tension of Love and Grief"**  
**Sarah Krippenstapel, Guest Pulpit Speaker**  
**Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate**

Love and the grief of loss are two of the most intense emotional and spiritual experiences of our lives. Hearing and sharing in another's story can help us find connections and growth after loss and build empathy for people who are struggling with grief. USH member Sarah Krippenstapel will share her experience in life and following the death of her father, George Krippenstapel last year. Sarah Krippenstapel is a Montessori teacher, mother, and member of USH. She has been Unitarian Universalist for over a decade.



## Welcome New Members to Our Congregation!

New Member Sunday – Dec 8, 2019

Twice a year we formally welcome new members into the Unitarian Society of Hartford. Our first New Member ceremony of this church year will be held **Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**. Come and join in this celebration of church membership as our newest members commit to this exciting, and embracing community.



### Personal News of the Congregation

We are sorry to report the passing of former member of USH, Richard Adami. Richard (Dick) Adami, died at home, on October 4, 2019. He was born on May 24, 1924 in Roslindale, MA, the youngest son of Fredrick and Elsa (Lemmler) Adami and brother to three siblings. He is survived by his long-time beloved companion, Marilyn McClune, his three wonderful children and spouses, Meredith Adami & Thomas Koll of Mercer Island, WA, Kimberly Adami & Jack Bransfield of North Andover, MA and Marc & Leslie Adami of Killington, VT. He also leaves behind four cherished grandchildren Ryan Adami, Sierra Adami-Koll, Kallista Adami- Koll, Lucas Adami- Bransfield, Marilyn's daughter,

Maggie and grandson, Thomas Titus and several nieces and nephews. <https://www.courant.com/obituaries/hc-obituary-richard-w-adami-20191110-story.html>.

### When the Meeting House Loses Electric Power

Please note that when there is a power outage **NO** water or sewer services should be used. This will cause a flood in Fellowship Hall.

Please refer questions or concerns to Buffie, Office Admin, and Thank You for your anticipated cooperation during such events.

## SPAM ALERT!!

**Please do not respond to any email or text requests from either of the Reverend's or USH staff regarding 'Gift Cards' or "wire transfers". It is fraudulent activity and the office has been alerted to the attempts. Please forward any concerns to any of the board members, or to Buffie Pinney. Thank You, Unitarian Society of Hartford.**

### **In This Week's Enews:**

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### **Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Below:**

<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/newsletters/>  
**See Articles and News for USH and the Surrounding Area you may have missed or find a link to the USH Facebook Page [HERE](#).**

**Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events at the Unitarian Society of Hartford: [www.ushartford.com/events/](http://www.ushartford.com/events/)**  
**To submit a Calendar Request click [HERE](#).**

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

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.**



## Christmas Eve Service Volunteers Needed!!

Please  
contact Rayla D. Mattson for  
more information at  
[dre@ushartford.com](mailto:dre@ushartford.com) **OR** call  
her at 860-233-9897 ext. 104.  
*Thank You!! Rayla~*

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



The service on Sunday was motivational regarding compassion and giving of ourselves on different levels to help strengthen and enrich our community. I talked about my family and our time with the USH Traveling Chalice and I encourage families to continue the journey. (see below).

The nursery will be available during the morning worship hour. There will be TFAA followed by age appropriate classes.

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\*\*](mailto:dre@ushartford.com) or 860-233-9897 ext 104. Thank you! --Rayla

## The Travelling Chalice



Rev. Sofia Betancourt led us through a spiritual practice one day and talked about how we have religious learning for adults and children but we do not always engage in spiritual work for our families as a whole. During the talk, I had a great discussion at the table where I was sitting and have brought back a tool to help us engage more in spirituality as families.

The picture in the photo is what will we call our USH Traveling Chalice. The goal is to help stimulate ideas for families to engage in their own piritual practices at home. My children and I blessed the chalice and began the process. I am asking families to take the chalice for

a week or two to their home; decide how many days during that time you will engage as a family in developing you own spiritual practice. There is a book of efections to help you get started and reminders of our UU Principles. I am oping this will lead to deeper conversations within our community on how we can more fully live into our principles on a daily basis.

There will also be starter questions and ideas. At the end of your time with the box, I am hoping you will add a note of reflection or a picture to the journal. Sage and I added notes and Bradshaw and Kennedy drew pictures. You can add a family picture or memento; you can add some design or color to the box or place a note or keepsake in the box. It is whatever we make of it. After your time, I hope your family will embark on regular spiritual practice. If you like the ideas from the chalice kit, I am happy to help you put together your own kit. You may find that taking a walk as a family or singing as a family is more suited to your needs. But whatever you decide, I hope it is engaging and meaningful and draws you into a reflective space where you ponder how you can live more fully into our principles.

Please note that while this box was put together with families in mind, I want everyone who would like, to have a turn. You can also join with someone else or create your own group. I am just hoping we move from our spiritual practice being on Sunday morning to something we live daily.

**Offering this gift to you all with my love~**

### General Assembly

I'm am so excited that General Assembly will be held in Providence Rhode Island this year. I am in my 8th year as staff here at USH and have been coming here for about 10 years! I am thrilled that GA is so close because I have never attended.

With the location being so close, the ministers and I are hoping a large portion of our congregation will attend. I am planning on taking as many youth as we can afford to fund raise to bring. It is a great way for them to meet other UU peers from around the country. Bradshaw, Kennedy and Sage all have UU friends not only around the country but around the world. I would like to give that gift to the rest of our youth.

Bradshaw has been attending events across the country for nearly five years. This year he will be taking a leadership role at The Well which is a summer program for multi-cultural/multi-racial families. Our family along with Rick Tsukada attended last year for its inauguration.

I am encouraging not only Bradshaw, but all of our youth to engage in UU youth leadership. You don't have to be an adult to lead! Below is a link listing leadership opportunities for youth at GA this summer. Not only is it a great opportunity but all volunteer staff will attend GA for free which includes registration, travel, lodging, and a food stipend. Plus, I am hoping many of us will be there in support. Please see Rayla with any questions an/or help applying.

**Thank You, Rayla D. Mattson, DRE~**

**<https://www.uua.org/youth/events/ga/leadership-ga/apply-youth-caucus-staff>**

Images: farmviewmarket.com

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education

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

### **MIDNIGHT RUN**

On Saturday December 14th the Youth Group will be joining forces with Shelter Rock Unitarian Youth to deliver much needed items to homeless folks on the streets of New York City. Your donations of men's new, unused socks, underwear, hats, gloves and toiletries, as well as gently used large coats and pants will be much appreciated. ***Please deposit items in the box in the lobby by December 10th.*** Also, the youth group needs an adult chaperone and driver for this amazing adventure. Please contact **Rayla** if you are willing and able to go. Youth and drivers will meet at church on December 14th around 2 pm.



**BIG HOLIDAY  
EVENT !!  
BIG BANG  
BASH  
COSMIC  
WINTER  
SOLSTICE  
PAGEANT  
12/22**

**\*\*\* Time for some FUN! Some DRAMA! A PARADE! \*\*\***

WHAT THE SOLSTICE PAGEANT IS ABOUT: To celebrate the Winter Solstice and return of the sun's light in the coming year, we have a wonderful script of the Universe Story told in about 30 minutes as a part of worship that has been performed in recent years at the Exeter, NH UU church. This story tells the 13.8 billion year history of our Universe with particular focus on evolution on Earth, bringing us to where we are today and the role humans have to play to sustain the amazing miracle of life on our planet.

While the story is read, a pageant of people portraying the events and characters will parade silently down our center aisle. We need dozens of people, all ages and the more the merrier!

**TAKE A PART!** Would you like to be a spiral galaxy, comet, oxygen, worm, tall tree, meteorite that strikes the earth, dinosaur, bee, polar bear, or one of the early humanoids? There are many fun roles to play – please join us!!

**SIGN UP!** If you and/or your family want to be part of the pageant of events and characters for our 12/22 Big Bang Bash, please sign up on December Sundays at the Coffee hour or speak to DRE Rayla Mattson.

NO rehearsals but we will gather early before Sunday worship on Dec. 22nd to arrange ourselves. Can't parade? You can still participate! Everyone who comes to this special service will play a part in the story even if just from your seat in the pews. **QUESTIONS? Contact Worship leader, Marye Gail Harrison, and Lisa Galinski, WA.**



## The USH Annual Regifting Sale!

Fellowship Hall, USH

**Dates:**

**Sunday December 8 11:45 to 1 p.m.**

**Sunday December 15 11:45 to 1 p.m.**

**Support a green and sustainable holiday season by purchasing your gifts at the USH "Regifting Sale" after**

**the Services on December 8th, and 15th. Your regifted purchase supports USH and contributes to a waste-free holiday. Happy shopping!**

**Contacts: [mary.sherwin@gmail.com](mailto:mary.sherwin@gmail.com) or [jeff.howard.29@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.howard.29@gmail.com).**

**Thank You and "THINK REGIFTING" !!!**

### **Message from the Sabbatical Team and December Events**

The holiday season is now upon us, with the first snowfall right on time for the first day of December!

This month, the USH community will celebrate the season with more wonderful Sunday services and two special events. Sam Moffett will continue our tradition of Music Sunday and will also lead this year's Vespers service. We have two multigenerational worship services planned to celebrate the Solstice and Christmas Eve that will be both fun and meaningful for all ages. We also have two lay led Sunday services with Sarah Krippenstappel and the Artist's Way group! There will be many ways to get into the holiday spirit at the meeting house this month before we welcome our Revs back to the pulpit the first Sunday in January. The full list of December events is below.

If you are missing Festival of the Season this year, we encourage you to simply notice whatever you are feeling and allow those feelings with compassion. As our Revs said, "We won't be able to do everything as usual." Perhaps next year you will feel inspired to be on the planning committee and/or contribute to the 2020 Festival, as USH relies on generous contributions of time, talent and creativity from this community to continue our many traditions.

Meanwhile, please join in our multigenerational holiday services to participate in the spirit of the season! Rayla is looking for volunteers for the Christmas Eve candlelight service, and Marye Gail Harrison welcomes players in the Solstice telling of the Universe Story with fun costumes and props. Your spirit and your participation is always welcome, and there will also be ways to participate from the pews.

Especially around the holiday season, let us all be grateful for what we give and what we receive from this congregation. A big Thank You to each and every person who has helped out, gone the extra mile, and/or stepped in when there was a need to get something done in a pinch! Let us

continue to be inspired to consider how we can contribute to supporting and relieving stress on folks in our congregation, including our staff. Your spirit of giving is truly wonderful.

### **December Worship Calendar**

**December 8 – "Holding the Tension of Love and Grief"**

**Worship Leader: Sarah Krippenstappel, WA Laurie Kelliher**

**December 15 – "Scott Joplin Music Sunday"**

**Worship Leader: Sam Moffett, WA Sue Smolski**

**December 19 – "Vespers Service" \*\*(Special Thursday evening service)**

**Worship Leader: Sam Moffett, WA Margaret Leicach**

**December 22 – "Cosmic Solstice"(Multigenerational)**

**Worship Leader: Marye Gail Harrison, WA Lisa Galinski**

**December 24 – "Christmas Eve Multigenerational Candlelight Service" \*\*(Special Tuesday service)**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Katie Lee Crane, WA Peter Meny**

**December 29 – "Winter Poetry Service"**

**Worship Leaders: Artist's Way Group, WA Sue Smolski**

**January 5 – Revs. Cathy and Heather return!**

And a friendly reminder from the Sabbatical Brochure: Our Revs are relieved of all customary ministerial responsibilities during this time so that their sabbatical can truly be a time of renewal. Thus, Revs Heather and Cathy will not be responding to any congregan emails, phone calls, texts or social media contact. Of course we can enjoy seeing what they are up to and comment on their posts, but the nature of their sabbatical means we shouldn't expect to hear back from them while they are on their sabbatical trip. We will certainly hear more about their travels when they return in early January! If you have any questions about the Revs' sabbatical, please refer to the Sabbatical Brochure: click [HERE](#).

**Warmly,**

**Your Sabbatical Team**

**~Marye Gail Harrison, Lisa Galinski, Laurie Kelliher, Peter Meny**

## Staff News



Please see our Office Administrator, Buffie Pinney with any administrative questions or concerns. Buffie will be here at USH through mid-February 2020. Office hours are now Sunday through Thursday, 9am-1pm. Please continue to 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)**

## Social Justice at USH



### Americans of Conscience December 4th, 2019

Spread Light Holiday List 2019

This time of year, numerous traditions celebrate the return of light—a powerful symbol of hope, guidance, courage shining against the odds.

Our AoC team offers these suggestions to spread more light in the world. You might even consider bucking the commercial holiday pressure by donating instead of buying stuff.

No matter which holidays you celebrate, we wish you blessings. May you find light and warm your spirit in its glow. For rest of article see ***HERE***.

### 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.

**90 minute GHIAA Orientation: Wednesday, Dec 4, 1pm**

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

## Sanctuary?

**Thank you to everyone who has submitted comments. Many people indicated that hosting a sanctuary guest would be consistent with our UU values and principles. People also showed concern with many of the logistical issues and potential long-term commitment. The group is continuing to investigate how we might support the cause of immigrants in this area, both as a sanctuary and other organized support.**

**Please contact Virginia de Lima at [vadelima@yahoo.com](mailto: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 **July-September 2019** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **July - September 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](mailto:hartfordusociety@gmail.com) for the username and password.

## 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/](http://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](mailto: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\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:stephen.luckingham(at)gmail.com).

**Authentic Connection & Communication:** An NVC Practice Group, Wednesdays, 7:15 – 9:15 PM. Contact Mark Friedman for more information: [drmarkafriedman@drmarkafriedman.com](mailto: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](mailto:Esavage15@att.net).

**Ballroom Dance:** Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:45 PM. Contact Ron Friedman: 860-523-1105 or [rsfriedman41\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:rsfriedman41(at)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](mailto: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.



### **Faith Forward is coming**

**soon!** Faith Forward is the new adult religious education program that will be replacing UU and You this coming year. Faith Forward is a curriculum that was developed by the First Unitarian Church in Dallas, TX as a way to increase engagement and involvement within their congregation. There will be nine individual modules on various aspects of our faith,

congregation life, services, and opportunities available to USH members. Registration for each module will be open to anyone who is considering becoming a USH member or anyone who would like to learn more about the foundations of UU here at USH. You can participate in a many modules as you like, you do not have to enroll in all nine. ***Look for information on how to register coming soon!***



### **"APOLLO 11" DINNER & A MOVIE**

**Friday, December 13th**

*"... has the ability to freshly surprise us with 50-year-old footage, turning us back into kids staring in wonder, wide-eyed, as we watched a rocket take off for the very first time."\* ~ "... will bring you to tears -- it's a reminder of national functionality, of making the big dream happen without ego or divisiveness."\* ~ "Sometimes gush is the only appropriate response and the amazingness never gets any less amazing."\**

On Friday, December 13, the USH Dinner & Movie Group will show the acclaimed 2019 documentary film "Apollo 11", "like a historical archive crossed with an IMAX simulator, making viewers feel like they're part of the team that put the first man on the moon."\*\*

We will gather at 5:30 PM for popcorn and socializing, enjoy pizza and salad at 6, view the movie at 7, with optional discussion following. You can watch the trailer here <https://youtu.be/3Co8Z8BQgWc>.

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, Dec 11.

The Board at USH has recently revised the adult programs fee, to help with facility operating costs. More information is available through the USH website and at the D & M event.

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, Dec 13. Questions? Call Nita H. 860-693-4269.

*\*from Rotten Tomatoes website \*\*Common Sense website*



### **Green Sanctuary Sub-Council**

Above are dates and title and times for the USH gift selling sale !!

Stay tuned for future Green Sanctuary events

**Contacts: [mary.sherwin@gmail.com](mailto:mary.sherwin@gmail.com) or [jeff.howard.29@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.howard.29@gmail.com).**



### **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 which is 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](mailto:wendy1017@sbcglobal.net) for scheduling a session.

## **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. 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](mailto:marthabradley49@yahoo.com) for more information or click [HERE](#).



USH member **Peter Upton** has generously continued to offer 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 rest of 2019!! ~Buffie Pinney, Office Administrator.

## MEETING HOUSE PRESENTS






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



### **Hartford Hot Several Brass Band**

**Friday Dec 27th 7:30pm 50 Bloomfield Ave.**

Mid-winter joyful noise with a Hartford twist on the spirit of New Orleans is sure to raise a smile and make you want to dance.

The 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 bringing brass, ruckus, and joy to all. Inspired by the international street band movement, the Hartford Hot Several Brass Band spreads the joy of playing in the street both for the fun of it and in support of others working on important social issues, especially in our Hartford community. There are between 10 and 24 of them and they call themselves the Justice League of funk and rumble: they show up, make people smile and dance, then go back to their fancy lair.

**Save These Dates - Coming Up:**

**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](mailto: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/](http://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](#).



### More from AIM

Hi everyone,

I want to invite AIM friends and allies to an online worship service to observe the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Dec. 3.

The Zoom room will open at 7:45 PM EST on Dec. 3, and the service will begin at 8:00 pm EST. Reflection, Celebration, Learning, Optimism, Action.

Homily: "Dog Day Afternoons" - Rev. Helen McFadyen, UUA Administrative Director, AIM.

Here is the Zoom link and ID to join on Dec. 3, 2019.

<https://zoom.us/j/7852988392>.

**Meeting ID:**

**785 298 8392**

## 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:** 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](mailto:ellen.castaldini@gmail.com); [jeff.howard.29@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.howard.29@gmail.com)

Event is free and open to public

### 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 [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com).

**To submit a Calendar Event Request**, cut and paste the text below into an email and send to: [calendarchanges@ushartford.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

Someone dropped a Welsh and American Service pin and I will keep it until it is claimed as it is quite nice actually!!

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 container of articles!! Thank You! 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](mailto:ushenews@ushartford.com) OR [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.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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