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**USH-Enews ~ January 22, 2020**  
**Building Community Since 1830**  
**Sunday Service 10:30 AM**  
**Revs. Cathy & Heather Rion Starr, Co-Ministers**



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**Worship Service, January 26th, 2020, 10:30am**  
**"The Glass Menagerie"**  
**Doris Maldonado, Lay Member Speaker**  
**Rick Tsukada, Worship Associate**

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

**Come one, come all! Join us for a light lunch and our semi-annual congregational meeting, Sunday, January 26 in Fellowship Hall, after the service.**

**Catch up on how we're doing at this halfway point in the church year, where we hope to be come July and beyond, and plans for reaching our congregational goals.**

**Meet and greet our new Intern Minister, Dianne Daniels. Learn about new program offerings and opportunities to connect at USH & to share your thoughts and good energy. See you there!**

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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.**

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

The nursery will be available this week during the morning worship hour. There will be a Time For All Ages followed by age appropriate classes.

Our Director of Religious Education is still in much need of additional teachers and assistants for the remaining 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 Traveling Chalice

I'd like to thank everyone who has shown interest and excitement around our traveling chalice. It is with our first family and I'm excited to hear more about it! Please let me know if you'd like to be next!

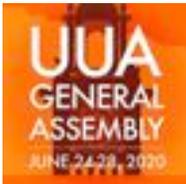
As a reminder, I am asking families to take the chalice for a week or two to their home; decide how many days during that time you will engage as a family in developing your own spiritual practice. There is a book of reflections to help you get started and reminders of our UU Principles. I am hoping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

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

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



### **UUA General Assembly June 24-28, 2020**

Our national annual denominational conference, General Assembly (GA), is wonderfully close by this year, in Providence, Rhode Island, June 24-28. Please consider if you might attend! Ask anyone who has attended a GA as there is nothing quite like it. It can be incredibly energizing to be around thousands of UU's from across the country, continent, and beyond. Especially in this pivotal national election year, nourish your spirit by worshipping, organizing, connecting, rallying, and engaging with your Unitarian Universalist community. Full details are here: <https://www.uua.org/ga>. The Unitarian Society of Hartford is able to provide some financial support for attending GA on a limited basis. We especially encourage youth and young adults to attend! If you are a youth or a parent of a youth, please let Rayla Mattson know if you/your youth is interested and able to attend. Please let Board Treasurer Phil Gardner know if you are interested in attending GA and in need of financial assistance. Anyone who wishes may attend GA. As a congregation, we will have 5 members attend GA as delegates who vote on behalf of our congregation on matters of denominational business and significance. If you are interested in serving as a delegate to GA 2020, please let Rev. Heather (as well as the above folks as well, if relevant) know. The Early Bird Registration deadline is March 15th!



### Letter of Introduction from Dianne Daniels

**(USH Intern Minister, January 2020 - December 2021, half-time)**

**I'm writing this letter to introduce myself to all of you and to give you some additional information on who I am. I look forward to working with and getting to know all of you.**

**Unitarian Universalism came into my life after my family and I left the denomination that my husband had grown up in – the Fire**

**Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas. There were some wonderful people and families there, but one too many experiences with “Do as I say, not as I do” expressions of authority from the leadership was enough for us. My family was “unchurched” for a couple of years until an elder from our community invited us to a Kwanzaa ceremony at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Norwich, CT. The people were so warm and welcoming, and even better, they were not opposed to answering questions about the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church, the faith, or their part in it. Our second experience was being invited to a Community Meal. The doors of the church were thrown open and whoever was outside was brought in and fed. Good, stick-to-the-ribs kind of food, nothing fancy, and the church members were sprinkled throughout the hall, sitting with the community residents who attended. It didn't matter where in the community they had come from – parents with children of varying ages, elders and young adults – they were all welcomed. They simply showed up, got fed, and experienced the warmth of community UU-style.**

**20 years later, after living and loving my life as a UU, I began to feel a stronger call toward ministry. I'd felt it before, but not as strongly, and I was in a position in my personal and professional life to answer the call. The ministers who had served our UU Church of Norwich had left an impression on me. The ones I resonated with the most and felt the most connection to had all attended the Starr King School for the Ministry. That knowledge helped me make up my mind – I was going to pursue Ministry, and I was going to do it at Starr King through their low-residency distance program, allowing me to remain at home and still pursue my Master of Divinity degree.**

**Now, I want to bring my talents as a public speaker, coach and consultant to USH and help to build an even stronger institution. I want to pay back some of what Unitarian Universalism has given me by helping others to find their way to the faith, and to learn about the rich history and foundational principles that guide other UUs. I want to help seekers find a place within the community that nourishes you right where you are, just who you are, and encourages you to stretch and grow into your best selves.**

**I want to be a part of an organization that opened its arms to welcome a branch of Christopher Penczak's Temple of Witchcraft to hold events in your space – because there just aren't enough organizations that feel comfortable doing that, and USH didn't just talk about it, you DID it!**

**I hope this letter gives you a little more insight into who I am and conveys some part of my enthusiasm at the opportunity to work with and for the congregation over the next couple of years. I look forward to being a part of the USH family.**

**Peace and Blessed Be! Dianne M. Daniels**

**You can reach out to and welcome Dianne by e-mailing her at [USHInternDD@gmail.com](mailto:USHInternDD@gmail.com)!**

***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.***

## Staff News



Please see our Office Administrator, Buffie Pinney with any administrative questions or concerns. Buffie will be here at USH through at least June 2020. Office hours are now Sunday through Thursday, (only occasional Mondays) from 9am-1pm. **Buffie's always happy to hear from you!!**

## News from the USH Board of Directors



### **Greetings from the Board:**

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 2020 USH Board**

**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



### The Village for Families & Children

Our neighbors and friends next door at The Village for Families and Children have three residential facilities at their snow-covered main campus at 1680 Albany Ave.

Eagle House is for children ages 6-12 who are transitioning from Psychiatric Hospitals. Eagle House serves as a step down and helps prepare these children for community based treatment

and a family or foster care. The Intensive Community Program is for children ages 12-17 and provides multi level treatment for teens with complex psychological problems needing residential care. The goal of the Intensive Community Program is to help build a bridge between intensive treatment and family settings or independent living. SFit is a 14 day short term crisis stabilization program for children who are in a traumatic situation. As you look outside at our neighbors at The Village, remember that we share common goals and values, as well as snow.

~ Submitted by USH member Joanne Orlando, Village for Families & Children.



### Americans of Conscience

**181 weeks down, 42 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. Each citizen must be able to freely, securely, and fairly elect those who represent their values.**

For full article click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#).



## UU the VOTE

<https://www.uua.org/justice/vote2020>.

**"The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority."**

**~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

### **GHIAA News**

#### **Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance**

GHIAA teams have been busy since the October founding working on the current action campaigns: Education, Housing, Criminal Justice Reform, Healthcare and Gun Violence.

Dana Donovan and I are members of the Healthcare team, which is working on the issue of medical reclamation, which will involve:

- (1) Establishing a new law in CT (CT is one of only 12-13 states that don't have this law in place) that would allow for the use of reclaimed medications from CT (i.e. from nursing homes, etc), to be dispensed in "charity" pharmacies to qualified patients (uninsured/underinsured)
- (2) Making connections with Hartford area entities that would want to open a charity pharmacy and use existing unclaimed medication pharmacy services from out of state- these meds are free, only would pay nominal amount for shipping.

To register for training: go to [cljct.org](http://cljct.org) and click on Trainings in the upper right corner.

#### **GHIAA Core Team Training #2 (Retreat Format)**

Friday, January 24, 12:00-5:00pm and

Saturday, January 25, 9:00am-5:00pm

Location: Congregational Church in South Glastonbury, 949 Main Street, South Glastonbury, CT 06073

Cost: No Charge.

These trainings are for people interested in joining a core team.

Anyone interested in more information please contact Judy Sullivan at 860-719-9886 or [jasullivan57@gmail.com](mailto:jasullivan57@gmail.com).



### USH Choir is back on with new rehearsal time

#### Please Join us!

The USH Choir is back on for the Spring with a new rehearsal day and time. The choir will meet every Wednesday from 7:00pm– 8:30pm starting next week on January 29th. This Spring, the Choir will be tackling music from choral composers of the past and present: performing older works from composers such as Palestrina, Purcell and William Billings, as well as more contemporary works from composers like Elaine Hagenberg, Jessica Rudman and Bill Withers.

Music Sunday this year will feature the music of Romantic composer Fanny Hensel; Hensel was the sister of composer Felix Mendelsohn and, although lesser known during her lifetime, was a fabulous composer in her own right. This Music Sunday will be the USH music program's second consecutive collaboration with the music program at the Universalist Church of West Hartford. The program will be presented during worship at USH on March 15, 2020.

We hope that some of you will consider joining the Choir this semester, or even just try it out for a little while! We are in particular need of lower voices (tenor and bass ranges) but all are always welcome! If you have any questions about the Choir you can e-mail Director of Music Ministries Sam Moffett at [smoffett@ushartford.com](mailto:smoffett@ushartford.com) or call them at **860-371-8880**.

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

The Board Meeting minutes for **December 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:**

#### **New Program! Despair & Empowerment Circle: Nourishing Our Spirits to Face the Climate Crisis.**

The deepening climate crisis can cause many of us to fall into denial and despair. Yet our grief, anger and fear are healthy responses to the harsh realities of our time. The pain we feel for the world is not meant to be borne privately and alone because we are an integral part of the world. We gather in circle to recover, refresh, and renew ourselves as environmental and social suffering spreads. We will honor our natural responses to the climate crisis through the revolutionary practice of the Work That Reconnects. We heal feelings of powerlessness so that we may think more clearly, act more boldly, and love more deeply as we move forward.

**Meets:** 6:30-8:00pm, 1st Thursday of the month (Feb-June). Exception: Wednesday 4/1. The first 15 minutes will be a warm-up with movement, meditation and music. No pre-registration required - come for one, some or all sessions. Not an organizing or activism group. \$2-5 sliding scale for each session.

Facilitator: Lisa Galinski, [lisa.galinski@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.galinski@gmail.com), 860-518-0197.

**Disability Support Group:** Beginning on Saturday, February 1, 2020, and continuing on the first Saturday of each succeeding month, USH will hold a Disability Support Group at 10 AM-11:30 AM in the room "David's Den." This group will be a chance for participants to discuss the challenges of physical disability (chronic illness, chronic pain, impaired senses, impaired mobility) and emotional pain (loss, mental illness) and the stresses of care-taking a loved one. All are welcome and what is said in the room stays in the room. Contact Bill LaPorte-Bryan for more information at (860) 308-2688 or email at [b37bryan@gmail.com](mailto:b37bryan@gmail.com).

**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 invites you 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 with you. 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. 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@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 are on the second Thursday of the month at 2:30 pm.



### **Faith Forward Inquirer Series**

Interested in learning more about the Unitarian Society of Hartford or thinking of becoming a USH member? Registration is now open for the Faith Forward Inquirer Series, a curriculum for adults composed of nine individual modules covering various aspects of our faith, congregational life, services, and opportunities available to USH members. Individuals

considering membership are kindly asked to participate in the first three modules; you do not have to enroll in all nine. All modules will be offered after service on Sundays between February 9 and April 5 from 12:00-1:00pm and will meet in the Library. A full list of dates and topic are available on the

registration website: <https://doodle.com/poll/mgh5yzmyisxsq8zw>. **Please see Nicole DeRonck, Carolyn Carlson or Brian Harvey for more details.**

### **Art in the Ambulatory**

Retiring director of the USH ambulatory art program, Sara Sturges, has turned the program over to Diane Cadrain, who has organized a meeting for anyone who would like to brainstorm about the art displays that typically hang in the ambulatory (the circular hallway that encompasses our sanctuary). What would you like to see, and how can you help make that happen? Come bring your ideas to Servetus, directly after the service, on Sunday, February 2nd. **Contact Diane Cadrain for more details.**

## 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](#).

## Meeting House Presents!



**2019-2020  
Season**



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



### **Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, 7:30pm - Reggie Harris**

This Friday the Meeting House is happy to present folk troubadour Reggie Harris. A well-traveled performer, lecturer and cultural ambassador, Reggie has earned wide acclaim and respect from peers and audiences alike throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe and around the world. He combines spirituals and roots music, historic inspiration, and moving original songs, often in the themes of unity and social justice. Knowing this, audiences have bestowed upon him a fitting slogan: "Songs of Joy, Hope, and Freedom." Reggie Harris is a deeply rooted singer/songwriter, storyteller, educator and cultural ambassador known worldwide for his ability to inspire hope and empower others in community building and positive social change. Check out this video of Reggie Harris playing at Charles Sumner

Post #25 in Chestertown

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ccBCOp5yec>.

### **Save These Dates - Coming Up:**

**Friday, Feb 28, 2020** [Belle of the Fall](#) lead singer, Julia Autumn Ford possesses the voice of an angel. 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 folkly 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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**



### **"Pike St."**

#### **A story of redemption and survival.**

The one-woman show "Pike St." inspired and focused RevHeather's reflection on Sunday, January 12th. "Pike St." is running through February 2nd at Hartford Stage. You can learn more and buy tickets at [hartfordstage.org](http://hartfordstage.org). For more information, please do check out [hartfordstage.org](http://hartfordstage.org).



**MUSLIM COALITION  
OF CONNECTICUT**

**Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors** is a collaboration among three organizations in the Greater Hartford area: the Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding (CCIU), the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut (MCCT), and Hartford Seminary.

Our aim is to promote open and respectful dialogue, foster greater understanding of Islam, and further the commonalities that unite all faith traditions.

We welcome you to attend our next "Conversation".

**DATE:** Thursday, January 23

**TIME:** 7:00-8:30 pm

**HOSTS:** Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

**ADDRESS:** 7 Wescott Road, Simsbury, CT 06070

For more information email: [prchrisd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prchrisd@sbcglobal.net) or call: 860-658-0583



### **St. John's Church**

Simon Johnson is one of the most versatile musicians of his generation, successfully combining life as a virtuoso organist with extensive work in choral direction, composition and arrangement. As the Organist and Assistant Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral (London), he has been involved in all the national occasions that have

taken place there since his appointment in 2008, including the funeral service of Baroness Thatcher, the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen and Her Majesty's 90th Birthday celebrations, for which he also arranged some of the music.

This concert is at West Hartford's St. John's Episcopal church on February 21st at 7:30pm, free admission, no tickets required. Suggested donation: \$20, checks payable to Music at the Red Door. A reception follows in the church hall. This concert is co-sponsored by the Greater Hartford Chapter, American Guild of Organists. See

info: <https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/simon-johnson-organist/>.

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

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### **Lost and Found**

I still have a "mophie" i-Phone charger that someone left in the parking lot and I have a beautiful burgundy scarf that was left on a pew last Sunday. 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, Office Admin

### **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.  
**Thank You for your cooperation during such events.**

***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!***



**May you keep on moving into the New Year with this child's level of joyous abandon and enthusiasm!**

Image: Courtesy of Rayla

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

**Be kind to others – and to yourself.**

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