



Unitarian Society of Hartford

Building Community Since 1830

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NOVEMBER 3, 2021



November 7th, 2021, 10:30am

"All Souls' Day"

This coming Sunday will build on our recent Halloween service in the tradition of USH's annual service for All Souls Day. Please bring pictures of deceased loved ones which we will place on the chancel table in keeping with tradition. Once again, please send Rev. Terry the names of loved ones, living or deceased, that you would like to be shared during our candle ritual. You will also have an opportunity to call out the names of loved ones in the sanctuary or write them in the chat if you attend via Zoom.

Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries
Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate
Buffie, Zoom Queen & Coffee Hour Hostess
Elsie Rickard & Dana Donovan, Greeters
Ginny Hedrick & Deb Meny, Ushers
Peter Meny, Welcome Table
Kathy Ferguson, Chancel Art
10:30am Inhouse Worship Service

Also join us in ZOOM [HERE](#).
Closed captions are available.
Meeting ID: 952 8306 7113
Passcode: 014277

11:30am - Fellowship Time will be immediately following services in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting).
For those that are on Zoom, please stay on Zoom to chat with any remaining members.

You can also watch the Sunday service at <https://vimeo.com/unitariansocietyhartford> or on the USH Facebook page.



Daylight Savings Time

"Fall Back" The switch happens this Sunday on Nov. 7, when at 2 a.m. the time officially rolls back an hour to 1 a.m. Enjoy that extra hour of snoozing~



A Message from the Minister

Dear members and friends of USH,

As I enter the third month of my ministry with you all I have been reflecting on the things I have learned in such a short period of time.

I am deeply grateful to those members and friends who have attended the listening circles with me and members of your board the last few weeks. These circles were timely and have been a window to several decades of congregational history. This will be very helpful as you begin the process of seeking your next minister.

Our listening circle scheduled for November 4th is currently full.

Overall, there has been more enthusiasm for attending listening circles at the Meeting House in-person rather than on Zoom, and I have decided not to go forward with the Zoom meeting scheduled for November 11th due to lack of attendees.

That said, we have one more in-person listening circle scheduled for November 18th at the Meeting House for which no one has yet signed up. There's still time to register for this event. Please send me an email (revterryush@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

If you did not get a chance to attend any of our listening circles, but would like to do so at a future date, please send me an email and specify whether you prefer to meet in-person or via Zoom, and what days and times of the week are most convenient for you. We will try very hard to schedule additional listening circles that work for as many people as possible, including potentially having a listening circle immediately following one of our Sunday services.

Upcoming Services

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Please also send me any Matters of the Heart (joys, sorrows, hopes or concerns) that you would like me to share during the service by the end of the day on Saturday.

In my sermon this Sunday I will reflect on the inevitable grief that is part of the experience of being human.

Looking ahead, our Sunday service topics in the next few weeks will include a service on atheism and humanism, and a service of gratitude at Thanksgiving. We have some beloved musical guests scheduled for early December, as well as a service dedicated to music that will be led by Sam Moffett and our Intern Minister, Dianne Daniels.

On December 21st we are planning a winter solstice service that will take place in Fellowship Hall.

A "Blue Christmas" vespers service is also planned for the winter holidays for those for whom the holidays might be a time of sadness.

Our usual Christmas Eve service(s) are just over the horizon, including a late-night service on Christmas Eve for those who would like to attend a quiet time of reflection on the night before Christmas.

More details about dates, times and themes of these non-Sunday services will be shared with you all as soon as our plans begin to take a more concrete shape.

I hope that you, like me, are feeling renewed hope and enthusiasm as the pandemic recedes and a brighter future begins to appear on the horizon.

In peace and love and gratitude, Rev. Terry Cummings



USH 2021 Auction - Food, Fun, Fellowship and treasure
USH 2021 Online Bidding has started – Time to put in your bid. Online bidding will close noon on Saturday November 13.

The in person hybrid Auction will be **November 14th, 12noon with bid sheets to place your final bid and our live auction with Bob Hewey shouting out for bids on select items.**

Check out the website: togetherauction.com/ushartford

All sorts of items are there to bid on – a beautiful quilt, Artist's Smock, genealogy, yoga classes, design and make a 3D art project, Middle Eastern dinner, delicious holiday cookies, flower arrangements, art work, youth art project supplies, choose a sermon topic, commission an original oil or pastel painting, spring yard clean-up, week's lodging in Atlanta..... more items added each week. **Online bidding will close noon on Saturday November 13.**

Click the login button top right of the main USH website page to sign in so that you can enter your bids – be sure to check back each week for new items and to check if you've been outbid. Remember this is a fundraising and fun event for USH. Your winning bid helps support USH and gives you back something of value you'd like, perhaps an opportunity to engage with someone new for a service-lesson-nature walk or perhaps a holiday gift for someone.

It's not too late to enter more items for the Auction. Drop off tangible items at the church office Mon-Thursday 9-2. Suggest call ahead to confirm that Buffie is there 860-233-9897

You can enter the donated item description on the auction website or bring forward your description of an item you donated from the 2020 or 2018 auctions if you'd like to start there. Alternatively, you can email us information about items you'd

like to post on the auction site (including if available a photo) at **USH.auction2020@gmail.com** and cc our auction co-chair Jon Covault at **jncovault@hotmail.com**.

Thanks – auction team Mike Covault, Ginny Hendrick, Jon Covault Bob Hewey and Buffie Pinney

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



Hello USH Family!!

Week 3: This Sunday we are in our 3rd week of exploring our 2nd UU principle. If you have not done so, please visit our FB page to hear the current story

2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

Like our 1st principle, on the surface, the 2nd principle seems so easy. For the little ones, we often ask them to be kind and show kindness in everything. It seems simple until there is an argument over a toy or a game. And as adults, it also seems easy as well until someone cuts us off while driving or we have a disagreement with a friend or coworker.

During this 3rd week of exploring our 2nd principle. I hope you have pondered how this principle fits into your everyday life. This week I would like to encourage you to utilize the principle in your day-to-day life. What does it look like when you truly have compassion and kind intentions towards others. How does this show up when we don't feel well or are upset? Whether you respond the way you think you should have or the way you wanted to or not, think on it and ask yourself if you would continue with the same type of response in the future or does your faith call you to make a change?

Finally, I would again encourage you to talk to your family and each other about how you are engaging with this principle in your everyday life.

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education
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I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
<https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianSocietyOfHartford>



Have you ever taught OWL (Our Whole Lives)? We are looking for facilitators for this year. We need to finish a 1/2 year of an OWL for the group that started before the pandemic and we need to start a full year for our new group. If you are an experienced OWL facilitator, please let our DRE know!! If you are interested in becoming trained as an OWL facilitator please reach out to Rev. Terry

Director of Religious Education Leave of Absence

The USH Board of Directors has approved a leave of absence for our Director of Religious Education, Rayla D. Mattson.

Rayla will be on leave from October 26th through November 26th. We will provide information regarding our religious education program in her absence in future announcements.

In the meantime, please direct any inquiries to Rev. Terry via email, revterryush@gmail.com.

USH Community & Business

Please take note that the next Board meeting will be on **November 9th (Buffie's B-day) at **6:30pm** via **Zoom****



NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH~

We will be gathering on **Tuesday, November 16** at 12 Noon. Our speaker will be long time member, Phyllis Hall. If you plan to attend, please let me know by noon on Thursday, November 11. Please call me at 860-212-6923 (Leave a message if I don't answer.) or email me at janicecnewton@gmail.com.

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Concetta's, Italian Restaurant, 22 Mountain Ave., Bloomfield. You will be able to order off the menu. Separate checks will be provided. There is convenient parking. We will meet at Concetta's on the third Tuesday of the month (except December) through June. The remaining dates for 2021-2022 are: 12/14/21 (to avoid Christmas week), 1/18/22, 2/15/22, 3/15/22, 4/19/22, 5/17/22, and 6/21/22. We are looking for speakers. Are you interested, or do you know someone who would be interested, in speaking to the group? If so, please contact me. Reservations are necessary! Hope to see you on the 16th!

Donations Welcome!

- Gift-quality items, only
- Suggest a price for your items
- Help out with the sale—an hour of your time—if you please.

Thank you! Mary & Jeff



Tis the Season to Be Green –

Holiday ReGifting Sale

*Please drop off **donations** in lobby Nov. 7-21*

General Sale on Dec. 5, 12
NEW! Kids & Family Sale
Sat. Dec. 11, 10 am to noon

*Sponsored by USH
Green Sanctuary Committee*



We have updated the USH Photo Directory online. Numerous people have told of us email addresses and phone numbers that appear to be out-of-date. Please check to see that your information is correct. Send any corrections to Buffie at hartforduusociety@gmail.com. We will be posting an updated version of the directory the week of November 8th with the corrections plus information about our new members that are joining on November 7th.



Sunshine On, and On

Recently a congregation member asked, "***So, now that the solar installation has been purchased by USH, how did we do?***"

Here are some useful summary facts:

As you may remember, USH acquired ownership of the solar equipment on June 30, 2021. This was about five years after the equipment began to

produce electricity. The original deal had a Sole Proprietor borrow funds from the Endowment to purchase solar equipment. The Endowment loan was at a rate, that turns out to be favorable, of four percent. After about a year, 30 percent of the loan was discharged with US government incentives to the Sole Proprietor not otherwise available to a non-profit. This loan generated interest for USH of \$17,254 over the period before the loan was fully discharged on June 30 of this year.

Meanwhile, the sole proprietor paid an annual lease payment to USH. This resulted in income for USH of \$4,500. During this period, USH paid the Sole Proprietor for electricity generated at 95 Percent of what Eversource would otherwise have charged, and received ZREC payments further reducing electrical costs.

Beginning in June 30 of 2016, USH began receiving CT ZRECs (**Z**ero **R**enewable **E**nergy **C**redit) payments from Eversource. To date, these payments to USH have totaled \$15,277 and, these payments for the clean electricity being generated will continue to 6/20/31. No, that is not an error, as the payments continue for 15 years (The fixed dollar amount will be eroded by inflation, it is true. However, the electricity generated will also increase in value in inflated dollars).

On average, the Meeting House has consumed about the same amount of electricity per year as is generated by our equipment. But you might point out, we used less electricity last year as the building was idle because of Covid restrictions. This is true. Fortunately, the sun continued to shine, and the solar panels continued to generate electricity the excess being credited to our Eversource power account. The 20,560 KWH credited as excess were paid off by Eversource as a credit on the USH energy bill last March. USH has had no Eversource Bills requiring payment from last April through September.

Going forward, Eversource Bills will largely consist of hookup charges and a streetlight charge from the light at the foot of the north driveway. The original solar project group is unaware of any arrangement in any nonprofit institution as beneficial to the nonprofit. If USH continues to conserve on electricity use in reasonable ways, our electrical bills will remain amazingly low.

May the Sunshine on, and thanks to the contributors making this all possible. You will find their names listed on the wall of the North Meeting House Entrance on the splendid art installation created by Aaron and Paula Bleck.

David Newton
Sole Proprietor



Congratulations to Doris Maldonado!

Please join us in congratulating Doris for receiving recognition from the "Keep The Promise Coalition" on her continued dedication to mental health advocacy.

Please contact Doris at maldonado.doris.a@gmail.com to learn more about the AIM team and how to join.

Comuníquese con nuestra presidenta de AIM, Doris, en maldonado.doris.a@gmail.com para obtener más información sobre el equipo de AIM y cómo unirse ~



Book Table at Coffee Hour!

We will be setting up outside, near the coffee urn in the Memorial Garden, as long as the weather holds—please bring your dollars and find great books that your USH friends have chosen to share with you! AND please continue to cull your bookshelves and donate books that YOU really liked and want to pass on. Fiction, non fiction, cookbooks, mysteries, spiritual, nature, art, self help and also books for kids and youth—let's get into the spirit of sharing with one another!

Books can be left in the office in a plastic container labeled for book collection. We have a good group of volunteers for this activity. **Any questions, contact Susan at susanhope51@gmail.com or 860 463 6407.**



Hi folks, we are back to singing on Second Saturdays !

Join us at the next Meetinghouse Sing-Along! Fred Louis and Ed Savage are offering an opportunity to CT Singing families, singers, song-writers and audience members to join in song on the second Saturday of each month from 2 to 5 PM. We will have song-sheets and some loaner copies of Rise Up Singing available. Bring along your own 'Rise Up Singing' if you have one, as we have used it a lot in other months. We will also use the maroon/purple "Rise Again" sequel – 1200 more songs to sample, plus any song-sheets you care to contribute (bring about 20 copies for the group). If the October weather holds, we will meet to the right of the building, in the Memorial Garden patio. We'll put some chairs in a circle and take turns singing or playing, with those who know the tune or words joining in as they wish. You can come early or come late, whatever fits your family schedule. The UU Meeting House is at 50 Bloomfield Avenue in Hartford. Some of us bring snacks, but that is not required (or organized). Donations to defray building expenses are encouraged. Look for a sign near the front door if you can't see or hear us right away. We will be around to the right of the main entrance, down the (rough) path to the patio.

VAX protocol - OK to sing, socially spaced, if you are vaccinated; even so, masks would probably be a good idea. If you have NOT completed a COVID Vaccination, we ask that you skip the Sing-Alongs for now, to protect you from US.

Contact: Fred Louis (FLouis@yahoo.com) with questions and suggestions.
Next month, we will probably be inside; let's discuss how that will work during our 3:30 break on Saturday (or via e-mails).

BOOKCLUB

USH BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS 2021-2022

Nov 11 She's Not There- A Life in Two Genders- Jennifer Finney Boulan

Dec 9 The Signal Flame- Andrew Krivak

Jan 13. Mansfield Park- Jane Austin

Feb 10- A Promised Land- Barack Obama

March 10- Finding Higher Ground: An Adaption in the Age of Warming- Amy Seidel

Apr 14- First Friends:The Powerful Unsung (and Unelected) People Who Shaped Our Presidents- Gary Ginsberg

May 12- The Extended Mind:Thinking Outside Your Brain-Anne Murphy Paul

June 9- The Hellfire Club- Jay Tapper

July 14- Hamnet- Maggie O'Farrell

Aug 11- The Vanishing Half- Brit Bennett

ALL MEETINGS ON THURSDAYS AT 2:30 pm

We voted for 40 separate books. These were the best liked. Now go read all those other fascinating books which intrigued you.

Artwork from The Artist's Way Program

The Artist's Way, active at the Unitarian Society of Hartford since 2004, has become one of the most enduring programs in the congregation, encouraging participants to find, and honor, their inner artist, and to turn away the discouragement of the inner critic.

The participants in the Artist's Way program present an exhibit of their artwork, ranging from oil and watercolor to collage and fiber. We invite congregants and guests to visit and enjoy the art.

Much of the work is for sale, and 25% of all sales will go to the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

Art for a Good Cause

[Unitarian Society of Hartford is on Vimeo](#)

We are asking for volunteers: Live streaming video team needs volunteers. We will teach you how to operate our live streaming equipment so that you join in rotation to produce our Sunday service. Please email jon Covault - jncovault@hotmail.com.

Many Thanks, Staff at USH



Sunday Welcome Volunteers

Buffie has developed a SignUpGenius "invite"; where you can easily select dates which work for you. You can be a greeter, an usher, or a welcome table volunteer. The link is below; if you have questions, let Buffie know and the answer will be revealed to you.

See Sign Up Genius Link [HERE](#). Please contact Buffie at hartforduusociety@gmail.com for any assistance or additional questions.

Programs for Adults and Families

Adult Programs:

The USH Book Club: Meets **monthly**, on the **2nd Thursday**, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, via Zoom. All adults in the USH community are welcome. Please contact Ginny Allen at fiddlenurse1@gmail.com if you'd like more information or if you want to join. An email with Zoom link will be sent a day or two before the meeting.

20's/30's Group: If you would like to join, please email Tara Cote at tcote11@gmail.com.

Disability Support Group:

This group meets on line the first Saturday of each month at 10 a..m. The zoom link is sent a few days prior to the meeting. In this group participants discuss the challenges of physical disability (chronic illness, chronic pain, impaired senses, impaired mobility) and emotional pain (loss, mental illness) and the stresses of caretaking a loved one. What is said in the group stays in the group.

Email **Gloria Bent** for more information at bentgloria@gmail.com or call at **860 904-7768**.

Caring Network

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 **Janice Newton** 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.

Meeting House Presents



Thank you for your support of Meeting House Presents!! If you are receiving this email you have signed up to be on our mailing list or you have purchased tickets online through brown paper tickets and given us your email address.

We are back with live in person concerts!! On Friday November 19 we are bringing Vance Gilbert and on December 17 Reggie Harris and Pat Wictor.

Regarding covid we are currently following CDC guidelines and require masks and proof of vaccination for all those in attendance. We do this for the safety of our volunteers, performers and fellow concert goers.

We hope you understand. Feel free to contact us with comments or questions. Thank you for supporting independent musicians, live music and Meeting House Presents!

Hope to see you soon!!

Paul & Laura

Laura and Paul Cipriano

Meeting House Presents, Unitarian Society of Hartford, CT
<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/>

Meeting House Presents 2021-22 Season

Concerts are the third Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. at the
 Unitarian Society of Hartford, 50 Bloomfield Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

Nov. 19, 2021	Vance Gilbert
Dec. 17, 2021	Reggie Harris and Pat Wictor
Apr. 22, 2022	Mad Agnes (4th Friday)
May 20, 2022	Seán Heely

Tickets are available in advance from brownpapertickets.com and at the door for \$20.

Season tickets are available for \$100 for all six concerts and can be purchased at the door or after church services.

Vance Gilbert – November 19, 2021 50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: <https://vancegilbert.bpt.me>

[Vance Gilbert's website](#)

Listen: <https://vimeo.com/377104057>

Reggie Harris and Pat Wictor – December 17, 2021

50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Websites: <https://reggieharrismusic.com/>

<https://www.patwictor.com/>

Tickets: <https://reggieharris.bpt.me> listen: <https://youtu.be/aiYrnt2V3ao>

Save the dates for spring 2022 concerts. Tickets will be available next year.

Mad Agnes – April 22, 2022 50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.



Mad Agnes is Margo Hennebach, Adrienne Jones and Mark Saunders. Each member arrived at the trio from a staggering list of solo accomplishments, including songwriting competitions, recordings, and the ability to sleep on any surface.



[One Wild Dove](#) video

Seán Heely duo with bouzouki player Beth Patterson– May 20, 2022

50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

website <https://www.seanheely.com/>

video: <https://youtu.be/087ojDw8IM>

Laura and Paul Cipriano

Meeting House Presents, Unitarian Society of Hartford, CT

<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/>

News in the Larger Community



ONE BIG EVENT

YOU can help us get the 2021 [One Big Event](#) off to a good start!

YOU can be one of the many folks who are signing up and making donations. Sign up at www.onebigevent.org. Tell your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to join you as you support a great cause: [The Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective](#).

Auction items are pouring in: Overnight stays in P-town, Newport and more; a Sailboat Ride on Long Island Sound; Restaurants; Home Goods; Art Work. And much more. Something for everyone!

Here is the plan for [One Big Event](#):

11/8/21-starts at noon with the opening of the auction

11/9/21 to 11/12/21-auction continues throughout the week with the addition of more auction items added at noon each day. Plus special guest appearances. And you will get to know some of the clients of the [Health Collective](#) to hear how our services have impacted their lives.

Saturday, 11/13/21, early evening: A virtual get together. You and your guests will have some time together to visit and chat. We will wrap up [One Big Event](#), gathering all guests together for a few minutes so we can say thank you to everyone who supported [One Big Event](#).

Thank you SO very much. Your support of what we do here at the [Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective](#) everyday is appreciated more than you can imagine.

Thanks to our Biggest Sponsor [Travelers](#). We are still looking for Sponsors, Program Book Advertisers and Auction Donations. YOU can make this the best [One Big Event](#) ever. Contact [Dan Millett](#) at (860)278-4163 x118 to get involved with our Nov. 13 event.

News from the USH Board of Directors

Your 2020-2021 USH Board

Rob Spector: President

Eve Pech: President-Elect

Bob Hewey: Treasurer

Sarah Harmon McKenzie: Secretary

Peter Meny: Spiritual Life Council Chair

Jon Covault: Administration Council Chair

Dana Donovan: Social Justice Council Chair

Tina Davies: Community Within Council Chair

Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister (ex-officio)

The latest financial reports for **FY July-Aug 2021** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **September 2021** have been posted. To view the USH Directory, Reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Buffie Pinney at hartforduusociety@gmail.com for the username and password.

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 coordinated by the Unitarian Society of Hartford: www.ushartford.com/events/
To submit a Calendar Request (also for an online USH Zoom Room gathering) click [HERE](#).

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.

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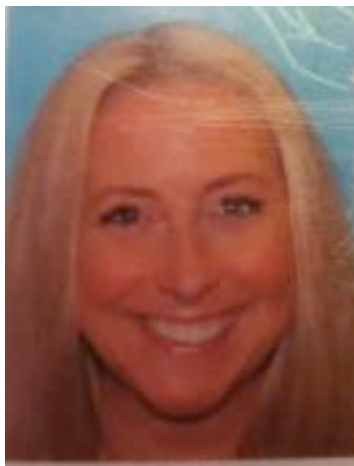
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Please contact our Office Administrator, **Buffie Pinne** with any administrative questions or concerns.

Buffie is working Sunday through Thursday from 9am-2pm. While the church remains closed, please email at her at hartfordusociety@gmail.com.

Buffie is always happy to hear from you!

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Email to: hartfordusociety@gmail.com

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

