



Unitarian Society of Hartford

Building Community Since 1830

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NOVEMBER 10, 2021



November 14th, 2021, 10:30am

"The Priesthood of Non-Believers"

This Sunday we will continue our celebration of all saints and all souls by celebrating... "all sorts", the many people who are part of our congregation who make up its theological diversity. The sources of our Unitarian Universalist tradition include "humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit." Reverend Terry's homily this Sunday will reflect on the importance of atheism, humanism, and other *(a)theologies* that resonate with so many of us, and which are so vital to the living tradition of our denomination.

Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries
Carol Simpson, Worship Associate
Mike Covault, Zoom & Coffee Hour Host
Ginny Hedrick & Marilyn Stockton, Greeters
Susan Hope & Deb Meny, Ushers
Virginia De Lima, Welcome Table
Maggie Greene, Chancel Art
10:30am Inhouse Worship Service

This Sunday's "Good Neighbor Offering" will be to benefit the West End Welcome Group. This will go to the support of an Afghan family seeking refuge here in the Hartford area.

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 Fellowship Hall.

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.



A Message from the Minister

Dear Members & Friends of the Unitarian Society of Hartford:

Tomorrow, November 11th is Veteran's Day, a day set aside by our nation to honor its fallen heroes.

Veteran's Day has its origin in the commemoration of the "war to end all wars", World War One, which ended at 11 a.m. on November 11th of 1918 – the 11th hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Armistice Day.

Our sixth Unitarian Universalist principal calls upon us to affirm and promote the goal of world community, with peace, liberty, and justice for all. As fervently as we work for peace, it is important that we also recognize and value the courage and sacrifice of those who have served in our country's armed forces.

As a child growing up in the U.K. I remember feeling deeply sorry for the American soldiers who returned from Vietnam to face scorn and rejection. It is with love and pride that I am honored to serve as the minister of a congregation whose members include people who have worn the uniform of our country. I feel sure that none of us value peace and our sixth principle more than they.

The poet Archibald MacLeish was especially aware of the sacrifices made by those who serve in uniform. As a young man, he had served as an artillery officer in World War I and had witnessed suffering and death on the battlefields of Europe.

During the Second World War, he took up public service as the Librarian of Congress. When the Library of Congress held a memorial service for all its staff members who had died in the war, MacLeish contributed a powerful poem that not only commemorated the dead, but also made it clear that those who survived bore a special responsibility to make the deaths of these soldiers meaningful.

That poem is included as a responsive reading in our gray hymnal (#583). Here is the poem in full:

The Young Dead Soldiers, by Archibald MacLeish

The young dead soldiers do not speak.

Nevertheless, they are heard in the still houses: who has not heard them?

They have a silence that speaks for them at night and when the clock counts.

They say: We were young. We have died. Remember us.

They say: We have done what we could but until it is finished it is not done.

They say: We have given our lives but until it is finished no one can know what our lives gave.

They say: Our deaths are not ours; they are yours; they will mean what you make them.

They say: Whether our lives and our deaths were for peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say: it is you who must say this.

They say: We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.

We were young, they say. We have died. Remember us.

Let us all at USH remember those we have lost to war on this Veterans' Day.

Sunday Service November 14th, 2021

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I hope to see you in the sanctuary or on zoom this Sunday.

In faith and love, Rev. Terry Cummings



Youth Group Soup Making

The Youth group is back to making soup!!

Please join us during Coffee Hour next Sunday the 14th down in Fellowship Hall to enjoy some delicious homemade soup.



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/us Hartford

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 4: This Sunday we are in our 4th and final week of exploring our 2nd UU principle. If you have not done so, please visit our FB page for our 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.

I hope during this 4th week of exploring our 2nd principle you have really spent time reflecting. Did you find that you normally pay attention to whether something is justice and equitable or was this something you found to be new in your thoughts? I find we tend to think of this principle when it comes to things we hear in the news or see happening around us but not necessarily something that we think about in terms of how we interact with others. This week, I would like you to engage with someone on the topic of justice, equity and compassion. More specifically, think of it in terms of your own actions and thoughts towards others. Pick someone from our directory and write them your thoughts; call someone or talk to someone in your own home.

Next week we move into our 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

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>

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 December 14th at 6:30pm via [Zoom](#)

A Message to Our USH Community.

We are putting together a Governance Task Force of congregants to meet regularly and develop a Strategic Plan for the Unitarian Society of Hartford as part of our vision for the future of our congregation. This is a project that should result in a plan for governance, a design for personnel management, a revised organizational chart and a discussion of your vision for the future of this church and this congregation. The work of this task force will also help us prepare for beginning our search for a settled minister. Please join us for this exciting project. All meetings will be via Zoom. **Contact Reverend Terry (revterryush@gmail.com), Rob Spector (rspector0317@yahoo.com) or Eve Pech (elpech@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in joining the Task Force.**



The Village for Families and Children Halloween 2021

On Saturday, October 30th, 2021 The Village for Families and Children had a Halloween event. Included in their party was a donation of the candy originally intended for The Trunk or Treat at the Unitarian Society of Hartford. The children at The Village appreciated and enjoyed the candy. Once again, USH helped The Village, our neighbors next door.

Dear UU Friends,

The Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding (CCIU) and Unitarian Universalist Society: East (UUS:E) in Manchester, CT are hosting a *To Love Your Neighbor, Know Your Neighbor* event on Zoom on Sunday, November 14th, 12:30-2:00 pm. Three panelists, Vipul Kashyap, Piyush Shah, and Anwar Hossain (the architect who designed the current UUS:E meetinghouse), will answer your questions about what it means to be Hindu, Jain, and Muslim. Our moderator will lead this dynamic conversation and encourage audience questions in writing ranging from the very basic to the provocative and challenging. Here is a link to register. Once you register, you will receive a link to the program on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsdO2oqjkhHdEGFPEo7fHFbFLvzUGRsih1>

**Thank you,
Greg Dupuis**



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!



Holiday Regifting Sale - The Joy of Buying Used!

Treasures in your drawers and closets can now be donated to the USH Holiday Regifting Sale. Get ready for the holidays by clearing out the old and making way for something more meaningful.

Regifting has been a holiday tradition of the USH Green Sanctuary group for a decade, and it's back this season! Please help us out by only donating items in good condition that others would be pleased to gift a family member or friend.

As you bag up your treasures, please attach a note with a suggested price for your items. This will help us when we set up for the sale!

Place your donations in the Regifting Bin in the lobby of the Meetinghouse now through Sunday, November 29. Volunteers are welcome to help sort, finish pricing, and stage gift items on sale tables starting Monday, November 30. To volunteer, please contact Mary Sherwin at mary.sherwin@gmail.com or 860-874-6399.

The sale will take place after Sunday services on December 5 and December 12 after the service. A special sale for children and their families will be held on Saturday morning, December 11 from 10 am to noon.



Book Table at Coffee Hour!

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).

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

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.

Book 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

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**.

Social Justice

STAY TUNED~

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



Unitarian Society of Hartford <https://www.ushartford.com>

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

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/087oijDW8IM>

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 **July 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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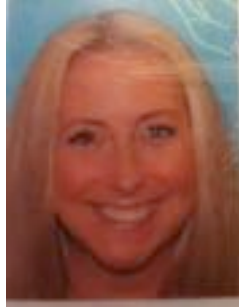
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Please contact our Office Administrator, **Buffie Pinney**, with any administrative questions or concerns. Buffie is working Sunday through Thursday from 9am-2pm. While the church remains closed, please email at her at **hartfordusociety@gmail.com**.

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!