



**Unitarian Society of Hartford**

**Building Community Since 1830**

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**FEBRUARY 9, 2022**



**February 13th, 2022, 10:30am**

**"The Edge of Love"**

This coming Sunday, with Valentine's day in mind, the theme of our service will be love. In Rev. Terry's homily she will reflect upon ways in which we can view love through a lens that is expansive and inclusive, purposeful and just.

### 10:30am Hybrid Worship Service

Join us in ZOOM [HERE](#).

Closed captions are available.

Meeting ID: 931 0388 7934

Passcode: 128493

11:30am - Fellowship Time will be immediately following services both **in person** and **ZOOM**.

You can also watch the Sunday service at <https://vimeo.com/unitariansocietyhartford>

### NEW ONLINE DONATION PORTAL

To donate to USH we encourage you to **try out the new portal to see how it can work for you!** Visit our Giving & Stewardship page (LINK TO: <https://ushartford.org/stewardship-2/>) to access the USH Online Giving Portal and other giving options.

## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP AT THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF HARTFORD

Dear members and friends, I am very pleased to share with you that the Board of Directors voted at its February 8th meeting to resume in-person services without a limit on the number of people who may attend. This means, essentially, that we are going back to the procedures that were in place before the omicron variant of the COVID 19 virus emerged in January.

Those who wish to attend in-person will still be asked to wear face coverings and observe social distancing. We also strongly recommend that those in attendance be fully vaccinated (two shots plus a boost in most cases).

The option to attend our service online will still be available, and we invite those who are not fully vaccinated to attend online. We would love to see you.

We will not require proof of vaccination to be presented by those who attend in-person, but we would appreciate it.

An informal coffee and connection hour will take place in Fellowship Hall immediately after the service, and as always our sincere thanks go to Janice Newton for organizing refreshments.

It is also not too late to make a donation to last month's Good Neighbor Offering recipient, The Village for Families and Children, by mailing a check to USH and noting "The Village" in the memo line; or please follow the instructions **above** for giving online.

While there are favorable signs that the impact of the pandemic is lessening, the safety of our visitors and staff remains a major priority. *Staff and those volunteers who work with children or who are part of the service will still be required to be fully vaccinated.*

The Board may make changes to the USH COVID policies in the future as necessary to respond to improving or deteriorating circumstances. Let's hope for only good news going forward!

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We are hoping to have arrangements for children and youth to have an opportunity to connect with each other during the service this Sunday. This is still a work in progress, however.

If you are planning to attend our service with children or youth who you would like spend some time with others, please let me know by email ([revterryush@gmail.com](mailto:revterryush@gmail.com)) by the end of the day on Friday. Please let me know the ages of the children and their vaccination status, and the best phone number for you to be contacted. I will let you know what arrangements are in place as soon as I can, which will depend on the number of young people we can expect.

Thank you for taking the time to read this lengthy message. I am so excited that we are moving back towards a more enjoyable "new normal". I hope to see you this Sunday.

**With appreciation and joy, Rev. Terry Cummings**

## This Week's Happenings

### Thursday Feb 10th

**2:30pm-4:30pm - The USH Book Club:** Barack Obama; *A Promised Land*. Contact: Ginny Allen at [fiddlenurse1@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlenurse1@gmail.com).

### Sunday, February 13th

**9:00am Youth Group**

**9:15am-10:15am Buildings and Grounds Meeting**

**9:30am-10:15am Comfort Shawl Knitters**

**10:30am Worship** – Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister

**12:15pm-1:30pm Caring Network Meeting** – Murray

### Monday February 14th

**6:30pm USH Artists Group** – Library

Contact: Marye Gail Harrison [maryegailh@gmail.com](mailto:maryegailh@gmail.com).

### Tuesday, February 15th

**11:00am Emei Qigong Cultivation** – Contact: Dianna Heyman

**6:30pm-8:30pm Board meeting** – Zoom

**12:00 pm-2:00 pm** - Lunch Bunch at Concetta's **Cancelled**

**8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous** – *Offsite*.

### Wednesday, February 16th

### Thursday, February 17th

### Friday, February 18th

### Saturday, February 19th

**9am-10:30am UU Spirit Life Conversations** - Contact: Judy Robbins at [judyrobb2@gmail.com](mailto:judyrobb2@gmail.com)

Please take note that the next Board meeting will be on **March 8th** at 6:30pm via [Zoom](#)



### **"Chalice" ZOOM Room Password Change**

Please note that the password for the ZOOM room named "Chalice" has been changed. Please contact either **Buffie** or **any Board**

**member** to receive the new password.  
**Any attempts to login in as "host" while using the old password will result in a "lock out".**



**Sunday Welcome  
Volunteers  
See Sign Up Genius  
Link [HERE](#). Please contact  
Buffie**

**at [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com) for any assistance or  
additional questions.**

**The deadline for USH-Enews submissions to Buffie is by  
Tuesday at 12 Noon.  
Email to: [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com)  
Please note in the subject line "USH-Enews." Thank you for your submission!**