



**Unitarian Society of Hartford
Building Community Since 1830
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or email/call for an appointment.

March 9, 2022



March 13th, 2022, 10:30am

"The Light Which Shines from Within"

Our service this week will celebrate Women's History Month. Rev. Terry's homily will reflect on the many women who have served as spiritual leaders down through the ages.

**Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries
Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate
Buffie, Zoom & Coffee Hour Hostess
Fred Louis and Tina Davies, Ushers
Susan Hope, Chancel Art**

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> or on the USH [Facebook](#) page.

Matters of the Heart

On Sunday we will also make space for sharing "Matters of the Heart" with one another (often referred to as "Joys and Sorrows" in other congregations). We would love to hear about recent births of new family members, or share your sorrow at a recent bereavement, and lift up any meaningful life passages or events that you would like to share with others.

Here is how Matters of the Heart will be shared —

- Online participants: please send me an email with any Matters of the Heart that you would like to share with the congregation by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday (revterryush@gmail.com); or
- If you are attending the service in person, index cards and pencils will be provided at the welcome table for you to write them down when you arrive at the Meeting House.

I will share your Matters of the Heart from the pulpit immediately before our customary candle ritual. (Please do not share announcements about upcoming meetings or other events, as this will not be a time for general announcements.)

In Faith, Reverend Terry



Spring Ahead!!
Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour, this Saturday (March 12) in anticipation of **Daylight Savings Time!!**

USH Community & Business

At the March 8 meeting, the Board reviewed current Covid-19 statistics and agreed that, for fully vaccinated members, friends, and guests, masks may now be optional. We continue our strong recommendation that everyone coming to the Meeting House be fully vaccinated (two shots plus a boost in most cases).

The next Board meeting is April 12, at 6:30 p.m. via [Zoom](#).



Sanctuary Lighting Project Advances

Now that work has begun, daily progress is evident. In the above photo you see where portions of the ceiling have been temporarily removed to allow installation of brackets and wiring. As anyone undertaking a 'home improvement' project can attest, dismantling and then reconstructing portions of a half-century old wooden ceiling is a painstaking process, and one not to be rushed. Each Sunday, you can track the progress for yourself, anticipating the time when you can read your hymnal clearly. Yes, the service space is ad hoc and perhaps unusual — but exciting!

Photo by Kevin Girourard

Transitions ~ ~ ~

Thank You, Brian!

Brian Mullen, our long-time business manager (and now bookkeeper) is leaving USH and Connecticut, as he and his husband Steve are relocating to Florida. We will be honoring Brian this Sunday, during the worship service and with a small reception during coffee hour. (There will be cake.) If you've had the opportunity to work with Brian, you'll appreciate how his courtesy, competence, and cooperation has helped so many projects run smoothly over the years of his tenure. If you'd like to contribute toward a parting gift for Brian, please get in touch with our treasurer, Bob Hewey, and "pledge" the amount of your contribution. Email your intentions to boltonbob@aol.com



Short-Term Volunteer Opportunity

We'll miss Brian Mullen, who has been a long-time friend to USH *and* a go-to guy with expansive and intimate knowledge of USH and its inner workings. While we look for Brian's successor (*not* replacement), it would be helpful to have someone with a working knowledge of QuickBooks volunteer a few hours per week to do a few basic accounting tasks. Please reach out to Rev. Terry by email (revterryush@gmail.com), or Brian at brianmullenush@mail.com. (We are looking at outsourcing our payroll to a payroll company, so this volunteer role will not require managing payroll.)



RE Moves Forward

Annie Witzler and Rev. Terry put their heads together and drew up a fun, child-centric curriculum designed to foster individuality and free-thinking. The Seven Principles

are used as a guiding compass, and the 'clubhouse' theme promotes informality and inclusivity. Each week, themes of the adult service will be explored using imagination and heart. There will be coloring pages, crossword puzzles, brainteasers, cooperative games, hands-on crafts, chances for dramatic play, and more. This Sunday, March 13, we'll explore the theme of feminism and mysticism through creating our own "goddesses" — if you come down to Fellowship Hall a bit early, you might just run into Athena, Hestia, or even Rhiannon or Aphrodite!



USH Calendar of

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Events for **March 2022 can be viewed [HERE](#).
Please contact [Buffie](#) with any questions or concerns.**

Did UU Know?

The Village for Families and Children: Then and Now

By Joanne Orlando

The Village for Families and Children is Greater Hartford's oldest not for profit organization devoted to the well-being of children and their families. In 1809 a group of women established The Female Beneficent Society (FBS) beginning its commitment to helping children. This organization "adopted" orphan children – those who lost parents to illness or accident but also children who were removed from their homes due to inadequate or harmful parenting. In 1833 the Hartford Orphan Asylum (HAO) was formed – one of the other 19th century predecessors of The Village.

In 1865, the Female Beneficent Society and HOA merged. Several other programs and institutions would join what would become the Village – The Children's Aid Society was founded in 1892 by Virginia Thrall Smith – creating Hartford's first free kindergarten and focusing on practical aid to children. The Children's Aid Society also led to the establishment of the Newington Children's Hospital – now Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Services to children continued to grow as they were supported during the crisis of World War II . The FBS, HOS, CCAS and the Hartley Child Guidance Clinic merged to become Children's Services of Connecticut in 1950 – the direct antecedent of The Village.

In 1925, Rev. Francis Goodwin made a gift of 16 acres of land in what was then a rural area on 1680 Albany Avenue. Beginning in 1925, a number of brick cottages were built on the site – becoming Children's Village. It is now immediately next to the Unitarian Society of Hartford, and we share an enormous lawn.

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Articles, full or continued, are found in their entirety here:

<https://ushartford.org/did-uu-know/>

March Lunch Bunch



Join Us For Lunch!

We're planning (hoping??) to resume our Lunch Bunch gatherings as long as we are all fully vaccinated (including the booster). If COVID numbers begin to increase again we could rethink that decision. I will notify all who have signed up, should that unhappily come to pass. If you have not been fully vaccinated, please plan to join us for the Lunch Bunch gatherings at a later date.

We will meet on Tuesday, MARCH 15 at 12 Noon. Jim Venneman will speak about the Brother Carl Hardrick Institute. If you plan to attend, please let me know by noon on Thursday, 3/10. Call me at 860-212-6923 (leave a message if I don't answer.) or email me at janicecnewton@gmail.com.

The Lunch Bunch meets 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 meet at Concetta's on the third Tuesday of the month: 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 15th!

Meeting House Presents

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Save the Dates!

\$20 general admission and \$14 for students with ID

Mad Agnes Friday, Apr. 22, 2022
Seán Heely and Beth Patterson Friday, May 13 , 2022
Susan Werner concert **Saturday, April 30, 2022** This special Meeting House Presents Saturday concert is not included with season tickets, but season ticket holders get a \$5 discount. Ticket price \$25.

Programs for Adults and Families



Meeting House Sing-Along – March 12, 2022
We are Back!

Contact: Fred Louis FLouis@yahoo.com or Ed Savage 860-966-8155 (cell) EdSavage03@yahoo.com

Join us at the next Meeting House 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 your own 'Rise Up Singing' if you have one, as we have used it a lot in other months. We will also use the NEW "Rise Again" sequel – 1200 more songs to sample.

Given the events in Ukraine, let's bring forward songs of peace and solidarity with the victims of the war.

VAX protocol: OK to sing, socially spaced, if you are vaccinated AND boosted; even so, if anyone is uncomfortable about singing unmasked, we should ALL wear masks. Please feel free to express your caution about COVID contagion by contacting Fred and Ed (see above).

We will have some KN95s for sale if you come without a mask. If you have NOT completed your COVID vaccination cycle, we ask that you skip the Sing-Alongs for now, to protect you from US.



UU SpiritLife Conversations March Topic

SpiritLife Conversations meet on the fourth Saturday mornings monthly through May, 9-10:30 AM to discuss spiritual topics. The topic for March 26 is "Redefining Prayer for UUs". Please go to uuspiritlife.org, where you'll find four short articles to read in preparation for this session. The zoom link is also available on that site.

Programs are open to members of the three Hartford area UU congregations on a drop-in basis — you don't need to register or commit to the whole series.

Questions can be directed to the March facilitator, Judy Robbins, at judyrobb2@gmail.com.

More Meetings and Programs

Social Justice Council March Meeting:

The March meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 5:30 p.m. We'll meet on Zoom; if you're interested and are not on the list to receive the Zoom link, contact Dana Donovan.

The USH Book Club: Meets monthly, on the 2nd Thursday, 2:30 – 4:30pm, 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 2022

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**.

Caring Network

From the USH Caring Network: Please inform the Caring Network of needs, or volunteer your services. If you know of any member or friend experiencing some difficulty, please contact **Janice Newton** at janicecnewton@gmail.com 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.

Your 2021-2022 USH Board of Directors

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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 Nov-Dec 2021** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **December 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.org/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.org/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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News from Buffie's Desk



Please contact our Office Administrator, **Buffie Pinney**, with any administrative questions or concerns. Buffie is working Sunday through Thursday from 9am-2pm. Please email at her at hartforduusociety@gmail.com.
Buffie is *always* happy to hear from you!



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

at hartforduusociety@gmail.com for any assistance or additional questions.

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

