



Religious Education @ The Unitarian Society of Hartford April 2022

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Spring has sprung!



As the weather gets warmer and the grass grows greener, it's a wonderful time to join us at USH!

We are excited to report that for all fully vaccinated members and guests, masks are optional at the present time when attending in-person events at The Meeting House. This measure is subject to change based on the local Connecticut Covid-19 rates, and we ask that before coming to USH, [please check our website](#) for the most up-to-date information on all things pandemic-related.

Online services are also still available, and we invite those who are not fully vaccinated or do not yet feel comfortable meeting in person to attend online. **Worship services start at 10:30 am on Sundays.** Whenever, and however, you come, we'll be happy to see you!

Our RE program is also full of opportunities for connection and fun this spring! We are running a variety of activities listed below, with many more exciting opportunities incoming as the sun gets stronger.

HAPPENING IN

April:



The Chalice Clubhouse

at USH

The Chalice Clubhouse is a fun, child-centric curriculum fostering individuality and free-thinking, using the Seven Principles as our guiding compass. We will be exploring the theme of the adult service in small groups assigned by age range (or one group depending on the size of turnout). Our Clubhouse is open on Sunday mornings to all children and youth present. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall, directly downstairs from the sanctuary.

Every week, we will provide coloring pages, crossword puzzles, brainteasers, cooperative games, hands-on crafts, chances for dramatic play, and much more! The upcoming special activities for our April services are listed below!

- April 3rd: Build-A-Wolf-Pack - Celebrating our theme of eco-spirituality, we will be making our own wolf pack with various art supplies and imagination!
- April 10th: The Interconnection Games - We will be playing a variety of games that showcase our similarities and differences, and how it connects us all!
- April 17th: Special Easter Service - We will be celebrating Easter Sunday with an intergenerational service, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments during coffee hour!
- April 24th: UU Puppet Theater - We will be putting on puppet shows based on our theme of equality for all!

Upcoming Event: Easter Egg Hunt at USH!

Get your baskets ready! On **April 17th**, in celebration of Easter, USH will be holding an Easter Egg hunt for all children and youth present **directly after the Sunday morning service!** Our hunt will occur rain or shine! Feel free to bring guests, there will be plenty of eggs and spring joy for all! Please contact Annie Witzler (re4ush@gmail.com) if you would like more information!



Upcoming Event: Building & Grounds Saturday at USH!



Get your gardening gloves out! On **April 23rd**, from **9 am to noon**, USH will be holding our annual Building and Grounds workday! All members, regardless of age, are invited to come and help us put our 7th principle (that we care for the Earth's lifeboat) into action! We will work together to clean, weed, tend and revive several areas around USH's grounds, including the RE flowerbeds right outside the nursery.

A simple breakfast buffet will be included and served in Fellowship Hall an hour prior to our work, roughly 8

am to 9 am. A perfect outing for the whole family! Don't miss out! Please contact Annie Witzler (re4ush@gmail.com) or David Newton (dcnewton999@gmail.com) for additional information!

Upcoming Event: Family Fun Night at USH!

Join us on **May 20th from 5 pm to 8 pm** for a night of fun, food, and raffle prizes as we celebrate being able to meet, play, and chat together once again! We will play board games, have a scavenger hunt, and have dinner and dessert provided for free! RSVP details will be available soon! Please contact Annie Witzler (re4ush@gmail.com) or Tina Davies (daviesush@gmail.com) for additional information!





Coming of Age Program 2022-2023:

For the 2022-2023 calendar year, we are planning on launching a Coming of Age Sunday school program for our youth in the 6th thru 12th grade and their families. In these deep, detailed workshops, participants will explore what they believe and how it fits into Unitarian Universalism, guided by a loving support network from their Congregation.

Over the course of the year, our youth will work together and individually to form a Credo, a statement of the beliefs or aims that guide someone's actions, which they will present to the Congregation in a method of their choosing at the end of the year. They will also choose, execute, and present a community service and/or social action project of their choosing. As they work and grow, they will have the support of an assigned mentor, an unrelated adult member from the main body of the congregation, who will offer their advice, experience, and nurturing presence to their partnered youth.

Interested as a youth, parent, prospective mentor, or facilitator? Please contact Annie Witzler (re4ush@gmail.com) if you would like more information!

Make A Difference



Love working with kids? Want to try something fulfilling and fun? We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in the running of The Chalice Clubhouse on

Sunday mornings. Contact Annie Witzler at re4ush@gmail.com or (706)-248-9438 for information on how to get involved!

IMPORTANT NOTE: We ask all volunteers working with children and youth to submit a Connecticut State Background check before they enter our classrooms. Stop by the RE office to pick up a quick, easy form!

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