

# Unitarian Society of Hartford



**Nourishing Spirit, Building Community, Working for Justice**

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**June 8, 2022**



Image: Troy Rohn

**June 12, 2022: 10:30 a.m.**

**Across the Gap: Learning At All Ages, For All Ages  
An RE Program**

**Join us for three reflections: *In the Chalice Clubhouse, Working With Our Youth,* and *Spiritual 'Milk and Cookies'*. Learn about, and perhaps be inspired by, Religious Education at USH this year. We returned to in-person services, while maintaining full accessibility with livestreaming and creatively employing the broad range of Zoom that started during the pandemic.**

**Let us learn together.**

**Annie Witzler, John Bengtson, Diana Heymann – Pulpit Guests**

**Sue Smolski – Worship Associate**

**Music videos will be used**

**Buffie, Zoom & Coffee Hour Hostess**

**Susan Hope & Fred Louis, Ushers**

**TBD, Greeter**

**Dana Donovan, Welcome Table**

**Chancel Art by Paula Bleck**

**Matters of the Heart:**

**Electronically by 9 am Sunday: New GMail site is [HartfordUUHeart@gmail.com](mailto:HartfordUUHeart@gmail.com)**

**In-person – use MOH basket for written cards on Sunday morning**

**10:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service**

**Join us in ZOOM [HERE](#).**

**Closed captions are available.**

**Meeting ID: 931 0388 7934**

**Passcode: 128493**

**11:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour – immediately following services,  
in person and ZOOM**

**You can also watch the Sunday service  
at <https://vimeo.com/unitariansocietyhartford>  
or on the USH [Facebook](#) page.**

**Sunday June 12, New Member Ceremony**

Please join us as we welcome our newest members:

**Marilyn Hackett and Michael Michaud**

to the Unitarian Society of Hartford

*Summer Services*

*Living Fully*

Theme inspiration: From the poem,  
"Urgency", by Rosemerry Wahtola  
Trommer...

*"Again the chance  
To do the work  
To see the world exactly  
as it is and still write  
it a love letter."*



July 3 through September 4  
**10:00 a.m.**

Fellowship Hall, in person and livestreamed

**Pulpit Guests/Worship Associates:**

- July 3 – Judy Robbins/Sue Smolski
- July 10 – Kate Byroade/Laurie Kelliher
- July 17 – Artists' Way/Carol Simpson
- July 24 – Judy Robbins/Rick Tsukada
- July 31 – Brian Harvey/ Rick Tsukada
- August 7 – Lucille Giammetteo and Michael Michaud/Sue Smolski
- August 14 – Rev. Erica Baron (UUA)/Margaret Leicach
- August 21 – John Bengtson/Laurie Kelliher
- August 28 – Carol Simpson/Judy Robbins
- September 4 – Annie Witzler/Sue Smolski

As Laurie Kelliher described this year's Summer Services:  
"A celebration of the qualities that give our life meaning and joy as well as the

solaces that hearten our soul even as we confront loss or disappointment or live in the face of suffering."

This is Summer Worship at USH!

*Sue Smolski, Worship Associate Coordinator*

## *USH Community*

We imagine many of you would like to send a farewell and your good wishes to Reverend Terry, following her resignation. It's suggested you do so either via email or with a written card or letter. Her preferred email is [Terryuu633@gmail.com](mailto:Terryuu633@gmail.com). Written notes may be sent to the Meeting House; please indicate on the envelope that your item is for delivery to her.



### **Interested in a new form of meditation???**

It's called **Weeding Meditation** and it can easily be performed solo or with a small group! The practice site is the **Labyrinth Garden** in the **KNOX COMMUNITY GARDEN** at the back of the USH parking lot.

The garden was started by a group led by Rev. Heather over 6 years ago and is **maintained by a few USH members** with assist from KNOX. If you hurry, you can still see the incredible **IRIS plants** that are in bloom — donated by Virginia DeLima a few years ago. Additional plants are always welcome if you're dividing any. The community garden is a gem, with lots of interesting

people turning the soil and sharing tips. Many of the people who tend plots in the garden have recently admitted to ringing the bell :)

If you don't feel like practicing **weeding meditation** and if you don't have mobility issues, you can simply **walk the path** on the concrete disks (little kids love to practice

counting them — there are over a 100!) and **ring the bell** in the center, for peace and love, or just for fun!



Susan Hope



### **Memorial Service to Honor the Life and Memory of JoAnne McClurg**

**Date and Time:** Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 11 AM

**Location:** Unitarian Society of Hartford, 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

**Event Room:** Chapel

*Reception in the library will follow the service*

**DETAILS:** We will gather to honor JoAnne's memory at USH, where JoAnne and her husband, Chris, were members for more than 50 years and raised their children, Jarrett and Sarah.

We'll gather in the chapel for the service led by Rev. Dianne Daniels. The service will include a chance to share memories, readings, and the

lighting of the UU chalice.

After the service, please join us in the library on the first floor for refreshments. Special thanks to the USH Caring Network for hosting, and for baking homemade cookies!

Download her obituary [HERE](#).



### **Seascapes, Landscapes, and more**

#### **Paintings by Bill Revill**

Bill grew up in this Hartford congregation, going back to the Pearl Street days. His parents, Peter and Ellie Revill, joined this society over sixty years ago and it will always feel like coming home to him, given his time spent with this congregation.

This exhibit highlights Bill's love and appreciation of his native New England, including seascapes of Hammonasset, Cape Cod, and Star Island in the Isles of Shoals. There are paintings of chickens, too.

To stay current with Bill's work, please visit his website at [www.billrevill.com](http://www.billrevill.com). You may also follow "Bill Revill ART" on FACEBOOK.

*A percentage of sales goes to the Unitarian Society of*

*Hartford*



## *Spring Cleaning*

### **Meanwhile, Up on the Roof...**

Recently our Meeting House roof has suffered a common roof problem: lichens and algae growing on the surface. In our case, these growths produced black deposits, quite visible against the light surface. A common treatment consists of a "wash", made mostly of bleach, to remove the color and kill the organisms. We tried that, and while it worked, sort of, it **did** require a great deal of brushing to dislodge the black fading crud. We have discovered high pressure water works better — it takes only one step, and is the best alternative on our painted surfaces. You see the work in progress below as Kevin Girouard works on the south-facing roof.





## *Denominational Matters*



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
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### *Meet the Moment: Reimagining Radical Faith Community*

JUNE 22 – 26, 2022

At General Assembly, the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association, "attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process."

After two years of virtual GA, this year, there is an option to meet in person or online. To learn more and register, visit the UUA's website at [uua.org](http://uua.org) and click on General Assembly.

At USH, it is our practice to celebrate General Assembly on the last Sunday in June.

June 26 Worship will be livestreamed from General Assembly in Portland, OR, at 09:30 Pacific Time, which is **12:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time**. The service will last approximately 90 minutes.

**We will *not* have a worship service at the Meeting House on June 26.** You may tune in to the GA Worship Service, livestreamed, from wherever you are.



**USH Calendar of Events**  
for June 2022 can be  
viewed **HERE**.

**Please**  
contact Buffie **HERE** with  
any questions or concerns.

## *Social Justice*

### **Food Bank Information**

Here are this week's West Hartford Food Bank needs. Food donations for all area towns go down in the Spring and Summer months while hungry



individuals and families remain. You can check on your local town's needs by going to any number of online sites for information. Some towns like Bloomfield, Hartford, East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester have multiple sites from which to choose.

**Please give as you are able!**

**West Hartford Food Bank needs for the week of 6/12/2022:**

**Canned Fruit  
Applesauce  
Canned Pasta  
Canned Tomato Sauce  
1 pound bags of rice  
Boxed Pasta**

*Thank you, Diana Heymann*



### **Celebrate World Refugee Day!**

Watch speakers share stories about overcoming obstacles and their experiences adjusting to their new home, from our 2021 World Refugee Day celebration.

Gladys Mwilelo is a refugee from the Congo, manager of IRIS' After School program, and collaborator on the novel, *Each of Us a Universe*.

**Meet Gladys in-person and watch her perform at Global Storytellers & Artisans, in honor of World Refugee Day.**

**Our performers will share reflections on their home country, identity, and dreams for the future.**

You'll also meet artisans and see demonstrations of their work finely honed over generations in Afghanistan, through our partner Turquoise Mountain.

**Friday, June 17th, 5pm — New Haven**

**Sunday, June 19th, 2pm — Hartford**

For more info and tickets see IRISCT.org [HERE](#)

A local event to celebrate World Refugee Day as well as support our family from the Turquoise Mountain area!

## *Programs & Events*



### *Join Us For Lunch at the June LUNCH BUNCH*

We will gather on Tuesday June 21 at **noon**. Fred Louis will share his experiences at Buddhist retreats with Vietnamese monk, Thich Nhat Hanh. If you plan to attend, please let me know by noon on Thursday, June 16. Please call me at 860-212-6923 (leave a message if I don't answer) or email me at [janicecnewton@gmail.com](mailto:janicecnewton@gmail.com). This will be our last Lunch Bunch meeting until September.

The Lunch Bunch meets at Concetta's, Italian Restaurant, 22 Mountain Ave., Bloomfield. You can order off the menu. Separate checks are provided. There is convenient parking. We meet at Concetta's on the third Tuesday each month, September - June and are looking for speakers for next year. 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 21st!

### More Meetings, Events, 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](mailto: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**

June 9 – *The Hellfire Club* – Jake Tapper

July 14 – *Hamnet* – Maggie O’Farrell

August 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](mailto:tcote11@gmail.com).

**Disability Support Group:**

This group meets online the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## *In & Around Greater Hartford*



# *Music at the Red Door's 2022-2023 Season: Join us!*

The 2022-2023 season is planned and ready! Building on St. John's strengths of wonderful acoustics, the magnificent Austin organ, and a strong choral music tradition, we will present a new slate of organists at the **Pipes Alive!** series of half-hour recitals, regular **Choral Evensong** experiences with our own choirs and guests, the beloved **Festival of Lessons & Carols**, and a **choir and orchestra** concert featuring the Fauré *Requiem* and Saint-Saëns *Organ Symphony* performed with the Farmington Valley Symphony. Our jazz and chamber music series features the return of **Nat Reeves & Friends**, the **Boyd Meets Girl** duo, and what promises to be an electrifying concert by the Grammy™-winning **Catalyst String Quartet**. Three concerts by our ensemble-in-residence, the **New World Trio**, round out a full year of beauty and grace – our gift to the surrounding community.

Every 2022-2023 event, with date and time, are in our season brochure below.

We also are very excited about the **Kids' Community Music Camp**, a week-long day camp that invites a diverse group of children to explore the joys of music at St. John's by learning to sing, play violin, dance, and drum. The camp takes place in August, and is a natural extension of the St. John's Choir School, fostering music, leadership, and faith in a supportive community.

679 Farmington Avenue - West Hartford, CT

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**[Music at the Red Door](#) - [Austin Pipe Organ](#) - [PDF Brochure](#)**

**Your 2021-2022 USH Board of Directors**

**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**

**The next board meeting, previously scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 via ZOOM, will be changing to a date later in June. That date will be published when established.**

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

The **2021/22 Annual Report** is available [HERE](#)

The Board Meeting minutes for **April 2022** 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](mailto: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/](http://www.ushartford.org/events/)

To submit a Calendar Request (also for an online USH Zoom Room gathering) 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. Announcements about upcoming events typically appear for two consecutive weeks maximum, unless other arrangements have been made with the editorial team.**

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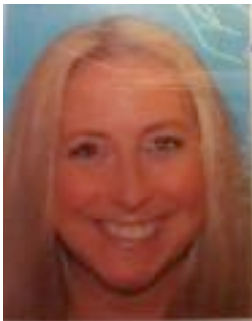
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Buffie works Sunday through Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm. Please email her

at **[hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com)**.

**Buffie is *always* happy to hear from you!**



**Sunday Welcome Volunteers STILL  
Needed!!**

See Sign Up Genius Link [HERE](#). Please contact  
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any assistance or additional questions.



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

