

Unitarian Society of Hartford



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**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MULTIPLATFORM / PORTLAND • 2022**

**Meet the Moment: Reimagining Radical Faith Community
12:30pm Eastern Time on June 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."

At USH, it is our practice to celebrate General Assembly on the last Sunday in June. After two years of virtual GA, this year there is an option to meet in person *or* online. You may tune in to the GA Worship Service, livestreamed, from wherever you are.

To learn more and register, visit the UUA's website at uua.org and click on General Assembly.

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.

To view GA Sunday worship as it is streamed, visit the UUA's website uua.org at 12:30 Eastern time on June 26. According to our understanding there should be prominent "pointers" directing you to the livestream. The service may also be viewed in real time via the UUA's YouTube channel.

We will not have a worship service at the Meeting House on June 26.

From the Board

As reported last week, USH is in touch with Rev. Keith Kron, of the UUA transitions office, hoping to locate a minister who can serve us beginning this fall. Rev. Kron has forwarded the name and CV of one prospect: a minister, recently retired from settled ministry yet interested in serving a congregation on a shorter-term basis as a contract (or possibly interim) minister. There are also several ministers who may be interested in a part-time contract with us.

Several board members will be interviewing the first of these prospects, ideally by the end of this week if that can be arranged, and will also review and

consider others who are referred to us by the transitions office. It is encouraging to know there are some potential "good fits" out there, though that is still no guarantee of success. We are, however, hopeful.

~ Rob Spector, President

Summer Services

Living Fully

The inspiration for the theme of summer services is 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 – *Let Freedom Ring: Liberal Religion and the Founding Fathers* Judy Robbins/Sue Smolski

July 10 – *Where the Rubber Hits the Road* Kate Byroade/Laurie Kelliher

July 17 – *(Title Pending)* Artist's Way/Carol Simpson

July 24 – *(Title Pending)* Judy Robbins/Rick Tsukada

July 31 – *(Title Pending)* Brian Harvey/ Rick Tsukada

August 7 – *Stillness and Flow: Yogic**Spirituality*

Lucille Giammetteo and Michael

Michaud/Sue Smolski

August 14 – (Title Pending) Rev. Erica Baron (UUA)/Margaret Leicach**August 21 – (Title Pending)** John Bengtson/Laurie Kelliher**August 28 – *It's OK To Not Be***

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Carol Simpson/Judy Robbins

September 4 – (Title Pending) 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

Celebrating a Long Relationship With *Hands On Hartford*

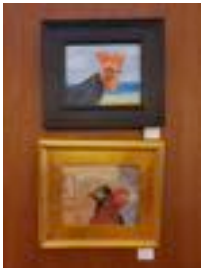


June's Good Neighbor Offering is dedicated to Hands On Hartford, a local organization widely known for its work helping to provide basic needs... primarily nutrition, health, and housing assistance but other services also. Kate Shafer (pictured above, with Peter Meny) came here to speak about Hands On Hartford in her role as their Director of Partnership and Support. However, in addition to thanking the congregation for our offering, she brought a surprise for us — a commemorative plaque marking (as of 2019) the 50th year of Hands On Hartford, founded in 1969 as Center City Churches. As it turns out, USH was one of the founding congregations of Center City

Churches, and many of our members were enthusiastic volunteers in an early tutoring program with students in Hartford's Betances School. Following the service, Deb Meny and Nancy Reed shared some tutoring memories with Kate, noting that while we no longer had a relationship with Betances, some members are continuing to meet with and tutor students in other Hartford public school settings.

Hands On Hartford's latest project is their almost-ready-for-prime-time Community Café, set to open in early July. Located at 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, the café will serve daily meals to the wider community as well as to HOH clients on an ability-to-pay basis. The concept incorporates their culinary training graduates in menu development and meal preparation; similar projects in other parts of the country are credited with offering opportunities to meet people outside one's typical social or business circles. You can follow their progress, find out exactly when the café will be opening, and check weekly menus at www.handsonhartford.org.

Oh — and why the delay in delivering the plaque? The anniversary year was 2019, and the plaques were not ready until 2020... then, pencil in a pandemic delay! Now, it's a welcome reminder of our partnerships with Hartford service organizations, be they historic or current. In HOH's case, it's both.



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 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 Isle of Shoals. There are paintings of chickens, too.

To stay current with Bill's work, please visit his website at www.billrevill.com. You may also follow "Bill Revill ART" on FACEBOOK.

A percentage of sales goes to the Unitarian Society of

Hartford



Did UU Know?

Pirate Ship Made Ready to Set Sail!

Kevin Girouard recently applied approximately five gallons of Cedartone Wood Preservative to our Pirate Ship. She is now in fine shape to venture seaward (though we hope the Park River never rises to the level of her 'dock'!) Avast, Mateys!



A question: Does our ship have a name? And do you know what it is?? Please email Buffie if you can answer this question. A ship without a name is a woeful thing indeed... (We may need a naming contest; just saying!)

Social Justice



West Hartford PRIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 25

12 noon – 6pm

Blue Back Square

**USH and the Universalist Church of West Hartford share a booth
at this year's West Hartford PRIDE FESTIVAL**

Last year, the West Hartford PRIDE FESTIVAL was named Best Festival of 2021 by the *Hartford Courant*. This year is looking bigger and better, with lots of fun, food, and activities for everyone.

Please see link [HERE](#) for more information, and to volunteer at the UU booth.

Sign up for PRIDE booth activities, decorations, and informational handouts [HERE](#)



June is LGBTQIA Pride Month

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBTQIA Pride Month) is celebrated

annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots, and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQIA) Americans. In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in lower Manhattan staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBTQIA Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQIA Americans.

Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQIA Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQIA individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

Federal and local policies and practices are increasingly acknowledging and focusing on LGBTQIA youth and numerous national advocacy and other organizations are also giving greater attention to LGBTQIA youth in their work. Encouraging greater acceptance and support for all youth, including those who are or are perceived to be LGBTQIA, will make communities, schools, and other settings safer, better places for all youth.

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 online. 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 6/26/2022:

Baked beans

Canned pasta

Canned tomato sauce

Pasta

Canned fruit

Applesauce

1 lb. bag of rice

Thank you, Diana Heymann

Programs & Events

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 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

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.

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 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.



In & Around Greater Hartford



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<https://www.reddoormusic.org/>
Music at the Red Door - Austin Pipe Organ - PDF Brochure



The Elizabeth Park Conservancy will present four free outdoor summer concerts on the **Rose Lawn**. In collaboration with the West End Civic Association, the Park presents three outdoor movies during the summer, and the Connecticut Ballet presents the annual Marge Wilder Tribute Performance on a Saturday in July. See event information [HERE](#)
Image: elizabethparkct.org

Holcomb Farm
A historic New England Farm — A Place to Grow Since 1756
Holcomb Farm is a nonprofit CSA that farms without chemicals or pesticides. It is located at 111 Simsbury Road, West Granby, CT 06090. www.holcombfarm.org



Your 2021-2022 USH Board of Directors

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Jon Covault: Administration Council Chair

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Tina Davies: Community Within Council Chair

The July 2022 board meeting has not yet been scheduled.

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 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](#).

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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From Buffie's Desk



Please contact our Office Administrator, **Buffie Pinney**, with any administrative questions or concerns.

Buffie works Sunday through Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm. Please email her at hartforduusociety@gmail.com.

Buffie is *always* happy to hear from you!

Sunday Welcome Volunteers STILL Needed!!
 See Sign Up Genius Link [HERE](#). Please contact Buffie at hartforduusociety@gmail.com for any assistance or additional questions.



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Email to: hartforduusociety@gmail.com OR
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Please note in the subject line "USH Enews." Thank you for your submission!



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