

## Unitarian Society of Hartford



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

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**JUNE 29, 2022**

**USH celebrates **Pride** month with the **LGBTQ+** community and its rich and beautiful contributions to life on our planet.**



*Don't just salute the flag, and don't burn it either.  
Wash it. Make it clean.*

~Rev. William Sloane Coffin

**July 3, 2022: 10:00 a.m.**

**Let Freedom Ring: Liberal Religion and the Founding Fathers**

**Judy Robbins – Pulpit Guest  
Sue Smolski – Worship Coordinator  
Sam Moffett, Director of Music**

**Larry Lunden, Usher  
Bill Simmons, Greeter  
Annie Witzler, Welcome Table**

**Chancel Art by Paula Bleck  
Matters of the Heart:**

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

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

**10:00 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service**

**Summer Services held in Fellowship Hall**

Join us in ZOOM [HERE](#).

See Order of Service [HERE](#)

Closed captions are available.

Meeting ID: 931 0388 7934

Passcode: 128493

**11:00 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.



**Judy Robbins, Pulpit Guest**

Judy Robbins is a Worship Associate at the Unitarian Society of Hartford. She is co-founder of the popular *SpiritLife* programs which serve the three area UU churches with a variety of spiritually-oriented conversations and experiences.



**Sue Smolski, Worship Associate**

**Sue is just doing what she can and plans to keep showing up.**

### *From the Board*

As mentioned last week, we have been in touch with Rev. Keith Kron, of the UUA transitions office. He has identified a recently retired minister... one who, having just left a satisfying settled ministry, might yet be interested in a shorter, time-limited ministry.

The Board has received and reviewed—this individual's Ministerial Record — a comprehensive document cataloguing one's personal and professional history, accomplishments, and areas of interest and engagement. After reviewing this, we agreed an initial interview, at least, would be in order, and that interview transpired via Zoom late last week. Those six board members continuing into the 2022/23 year were present; the interview was congenial and informative, and we have agreed to a second Zoom interview this week. The two incoming board members are invited to participate in this session.

While there is a sense that "time is of the essence," there is a strong, accompanying desire *not* to rush into a decision. In any event, there would be details to be ironed out, including those related to compensation... and we are not yet even close to that point.

(Here is a place *you* can help — if you have not yet submitted a pledge for the coming year, this is a great time to step forward and do that!)

This is a step-by-step process; it will not be hurried. In the words of noted philosopher Yogi Berra, "it ain't over 'til it's over." We will continue to keep you informed as we are able; please reach out with your concerns or your ideas, so they may be taken into consideration.

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### **Another Way to Assist...**

*Help us, please, with a few brief words... **What are those qualities, or characteristics, you consider most important in a minister at this time?** We don't need a dissertation; just your top two or three points. Send your response to the dedicated email address below, as soon as possible. Your identity will remain confidential.*

Send your response to: [enewsush@gmail.com](mailto:enewsush@gmail.com) with "important qualities" in the subject line.

*Thank you.*

## *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 Tsukad

**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 OK*

Carol Simpson/Judy Robbins

**September 4** – *(Title Pending)* Annie Witzler and Fred Louis/Sue Smolski

As Laurie Kelliher describes 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*

## *Did UU Know?*

### ***New Carpet Improves Meeting House Aesthetics***

*by David Newton*

It was at a Building and Grounds meeting on December 12 of last year when members Lucille Giammatteo and Peter Meny noted our 'ratty carpets' make a bad impression on potential members and visitors to the Meeting House.

A few years ago two carpet-fundraising campaigns had resulted in new carpet being installed in the sanctuary, ambulatory, and some public spaces including the Library and the area outside of Fellowship Hall. Servetus and other rooms surrounding the ambulatory were not included and the carpets had become wrinkled and, in a word, ratty-looking over their many years of service underfoot.

Peter Meny agreed to head up the B and G Project to cost out new carpet installation; he consulted with member Kathie Ferguson, an interior decorator, for suggestions and recommendations. Within a month, bids had been received and the matter was sent on to the Board where it was approved at a cost of approximately \$14,104 to install new carpets in most of the rooms around the ambulatory as well as in the nursery off Fellowship Hall. The work was subsequently scheduled, and a USH work crew assembled for the substantial labor of removing everything from the rooms prior to the installation... and putting back most of the furniture after the installation was completed. If you were at the Meeting House for worship June 19, you saw couches and other upholstered furniture in the





sanctuary, and collections of shelves, tables, boxes, and small items all around the ambulatory. All this was moved out of the rooms to be carpeted, and then moved back. A dumpster with space available was left after the job for our use for a few days. It was put to good use.

To see more, continue [here](#):

Further *Did UU Know?* articles [here](#):



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

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

## *Social Justice*

### **Food Bank Information**

Food donations for all area towns go down in the Spring and Summer months while hungry individuals and families remain.

If you are a West Hartford resident, the Food Bank is at West Hartford Town Hall.

Here are this week's needs:

**Pasta**  
**Tomato sauce**  
**Baked beans**  
**Canned tuna**  
**Canned chicken**  
**Spaghettios**

If you live in another area town, you can check on your local 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! Thanks!**

*~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](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**

July 14 – *Hamnet* – Maggie O'Farrell

August 11 – *The Vanishing Half* – Brit Bennett

**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*



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West Hartford, CT 06119

<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](http://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](http://www.holcombfarm.org)



### Your 2022-2023 USH Board of Directors effective July 1, 2022

**Eve Pech: President**

**Dana Donovan: President-Elect**

**Jon Covault: Treasurer**

**Sarah Harmon McKenzie: Secretary**

**Peter Meny: Spiritual Life Council Chair**

**Paul Cipriano: Administration Council Chair**

**Judy Sullivan: Social Justice Council Chair**  
**Tina Davies: Community Within Council Chair**

**The July board meeting has yet to be 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](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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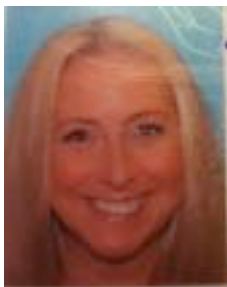
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*From Buffie's Desk*



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](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 Buffie at [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto: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!



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