

Unitarian Society of Hartford



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AUGUST 10, 2022



August 14, 2022: **10:00 a.m.**

"Receiving Generously"

Rev. Erica Baron, Pulpit Guest
Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate
Benjamin Mabrey Guest Pianist

Helen David, Welcome Table
Lucille Giammatteo & Dana Donovan, Ushers

Interim RE Coordinator Annie Witzler is away, so there are no Chalice
Clubhouse activities for children today.

Matters of the Heart:
Electronically by 9 am Sunday: email 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.



Rev Erica Baron, Pulpit Guest

Rev. Erica Baron is a member of the New England Region staff of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Before coming to support New England congregations in this role, she served as a parish minister in UU congregations in Vermont and New York. She is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School. She lives outside of Boston with her wife and son.

Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate



Congregational Matters

At this stage in our off-cycle effort to locate a minister for at least basic temporary pastoral coverage — semi-regular pulpit appearances, plus pastoral care — we have a new plan. We're still in close touch with UUA's Rev. Keith Kron, and he continues to mine his extensive list of retired, underemployed, or "taking-a-break" ministers to find one both available and interested. So far, no result.

We will continue to look to him for anything he may offer, but we're also taking a new tack: the UUA Jobs Board. (A Jobs Board

for ministers? Who knew?) Congregations can post openings for all sorts of personnel — religious educators, membership coordinators, office staff, musicians, ministers. A board subset — Dana Donovan, Paul Cipriano, Tina Davies — will assemble a brief congregational record based on information from prior searches as well as more recent updates — such as the information some of you provided, outlining qualities you believe most important in a minister.

Last night's board meeting saw the balanced 2022/23 budget approved. The board also registered "no objection" to plans for B&G to move forward in applying for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. This means the application process can proceed and, perhaps in about 2 years, we will indeed be designated 'historic'.

Summer Services

Living Fully

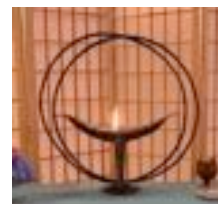
"Again the chance

To do the work

To see the world exactly

as it is and still

write it a love letter ...Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer.



August 14 through September 4

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall, in person and livestreamed

Pulpit Guests/Worship Associates:

August 14 – *Receiving Generously*: Rev. Erica Baron (UUA)/Margaret Leicach

August 21 – *The Importance of Aunts, Uncles, and Other Influential People* John Bengtson/Laurie Kelleher

August 28 – *It's OK to Not Be OK*: Carol Simpson/Judy Robbins

September 4 – *Music in My Mother's House*: Fred Louis/Sue Smolski

Come to Summer Worship at USH!

Sue Smolski, Worship Associate Coordinator

INGATHERING SUNDAY is September 11.

The Worship Associates have planned services through September and have begun planning for the fall months as well.



Water Ceremony Reminder

In September we have our traditional Ingethering Service signaling the start of the church year. The service features our Water

Communion, in which water from years past is mixed with new water which you bring from your travels or, perhaps, your back yard.

Following the service — and we hope the weather cooperates — there will be a cookout/pot luck in and around the meditation room and Memorial Garden. More on that to follow...

Starting September 11, worship will again begin at 10:30

Sunday Welcome Team Volunteers...

September Sign-Up Right Here

Starting with Ingathering, September 11, worship services return to our sanctuary. If you're coming anyway, why not make a plan *now* to show up a bit early and greet your friends as they walk through the door? The Welcome Team is looking for a few more greeters and ushers in September... and October... to be sure everyone who comes to our Meeting House can share the warmth and hospitality. Two greeters are needed each week — one at the front entrance and one at the side entrance. Two ushers, who distribute the Orders of Service and collect, record, and secure the offering, are needed as well.

These are *very* short term commitments, can be learned on the spot, and are, dare we say, *fun*.

Use the Sign Up Genius [here](#) to be part of our Sunday Morning Welcome Team.

USH Community

Looking Ahead: Autumn Programs (and Beyond...)

Tina Davies, Chair, Council on Community Within

Summer's officially half-over, the Perseid meteor shower's about to put on its annual light show, and Hallowe'en candy's already in your grocery store. **Do** make the most of summer's remaining long lazy days, but at the same time you may contemplate how you might want to become more involved here at USH.

There are always volunteer opportunities — look at our sub-councils and committees. There are many ways you can contribute a little time, and get to know others better in the process.

Or, sign up and join an activity... we're still in rebuilding mode, and how better to rebuild than enjoying conversation, a movie, or a meditative practice. Here are a few programs we'd *love* to offer... new or re-activated... if there's sufficient interest and, in some cases, a few people to step up, help organize, and lead sessions.

Gentle Yoga

LU Giammatteo led us in some asanas during worship August 7, and she would like to offer a weekly hour-long class beginning early October and continuing through November. Group availability will determine when it will be held: day of the week, and time (morning or afternoon) of day. If you are interested in beginning, or continuing, a gentle yoga practice, email LU [here](#) with your preferred day(s) and morning/afternoon choice. Maximum 10 participants.

A suggested modest offering to USH is requested of participants; details will be shared with those interested. (No one will be turned away on financial grounds.)

Pizza and a Movie

This monthly gathering of movie buffs was a pre-pandemic favorite. We would have started back up already, but our organizer and movie diva is, sadly, no longer with us. October through June, a group of folks gets together in Fellowship Hall to enjoy pizza, salad, dessert, movie, and conversation (not simultaneously). There have typically a number of

people willing to help out, but we need someone (or a small team) to organize this easy monthly happening. If you think this someone is you, email enewsush@gmail.com with “P&M” in the subject line and we’ll give you the lowdown. Gatherings are 2nd Fridays of the month, 5-ish to 9-ish.

Moviegoers chip in to cover the cost of food. Previously, the “tab” ran about \$12 per person, and we anticipated that will be adjusted to accommodate current prices.

What about SGM/Connection Circles?

We often hear how participating in a Small Group Ministry (later renamed Connection Circles) has been such a meaningful piece of your USH experience, and that these intimate gatherings of spiritual sharing would be welcomed anew. Is there a way to regroup our small groups? Would you be interested in helping plan, organize, host, or facilitate a group? Let’s see if there’s a nucleus willing to reimagine this opportunity for deep connection. Email enewsush@gmail.com with SGM in the subject line. (Note: we’re probably aiming for spring at the earliest, but let’s see whether the wheels can be put into motion now.

Did UU Know?

Ambulatory Luminaries Margaret Fuller (1810 - 1850)

by Toni Gold



Have you noticed that the numerous rooms off the Ambulatory of our church are named after (you might have guessed) various Unitarian or Universalist luminaries? This is the eighth of several articles that shine a light on who these Ambulatory

Luminaries were, and why they merit the honor of being named to these locations. Read more about the Ambulatory [here](#).

Sarah Margaret Fuller Ossoli (May 23, 1810 – July 19, 1850) was an American journalist, editor, critic, translator, and women's rights advocate associated with the American Transcendentalism movement. She was the first American female war correspondent, writing for Horace Greeley's New-York Tribune. Her book *Woman in the Nineteenth Century* is considered the first major feminist work in the United States.

Born Sarah Margaret Fuller in Cambridge, Massachusetts, she was given a substantial early education by her father Timothy Fuller, a Unitarian minister, and later received more formal schooling and became a teacher, giving classes for women meant to compensate for their lack of access to higher education.

Fuller accepted Ralph Waldo Emerson's offer to edit the Transcendentalist journal, *The Dial*, where she was soon recognized as one of the most important figures of the Transcendental movement. By the time she was in her 30s, Fuller had earned a reputation as the best-read person in New England, male or female, and became the first woman allowed to use the library at Harvard College.

In 1846 she was sent to Europe for the Tribune where she soon became involved with revolutions in Italy and allied herself with Giuseppe Mazzini. She had a child with Giovanni Ossoli; all three members of the family died in a shipwreck off Fire Island, New York, as they were traveling to the United States in 1850. Fuller's body was never recovered.

Margaret Fuller "possessed more influence on the thought of American women than any woman previous to her time," wrote Susan

B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in their 1881 *History of Woman Suffrage*. Author, editor and teacher, Fuller contributed significantly to the American Renaissance in literature and to mid-nineteenth century reform movements. *Woman in the Nineteenth Century*, published in 1845, profoundly affected the women's rights movement that had its formal beginning at Seneca Falls, New York, three years later.

Shortly after Fuller's death, her importance faded. Her obituary in the newspaper she had once edited, the *Daily Tribune*, said that her works had a few great sentiments, "but as a whole they must commend themselves mainly by their vigor of thought and habitual fearlessness rather than freedom of utterance." In 1995, Fuller was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Read additional *Did UU Know?* articles [here](#)

Social Justice



Helping Victims of the Kentucky Flooding Disaster

Hundreds of people have been displaced by the flooding catastrophe in eastern Kentucky. If you are interested in helping the victims, Governor Andy Beshear has set up a relief

fund. They are accepting tax-deductible donations online and by mail. See the link below.

<https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormServices/Finance/EKYFloodRelief>

PBS Newshour also has a list of vetted organizations where your donations might lend a helping hand.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/how-to-help-flood-victims-in-kentucky>



The Village for Families and Children Uniform Fundraiser 2022

Her smile says it all. Let's help this student and her friends return to school with big smiles by donating to The Uniform Fundraiser at The Village for Families and Children.

Families in our communities are struggling to make ends meet while trying to make sure their children can go back to school, proudly wearing their uniforms.

Thank You to all who already have given!

The Uniform Fundraiser at USH ends next Friday, August 19; there's only a short time left to give.

All donations are welcome; no amount is too small. They may be made in the collection basket at church, through the Online Giving portal (specify Village), or send your check, with Village in the memo line, to USH, 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105.

Thank you for helping to keep the children smiling.

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:

West Hartford is in dire need of soup...just lots of soups, please as well as canned pasta...spaghettios and other canned pasta...

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!

Grocery bags are now being collected by the office door rather than the main entrance.

~Diana Heymann

RE and Chalice Clubhouse



**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. For summer, we will have a freeform classroom set up with different activities available from week to week for children and youth to participate in, including arts

and crafts, opportunities for dramatic play, cooperative games, meditation sessions, and much more!

Unfortunately there will be no Chalice Clubhouse on August 14th. We apologize for any inconvenience.

We hope to see you there!

Make A Difference



Fall is fast approaching and we have several rewarding opportunities available in the RE program. A huge thank you to everyone who has already signed up!

We still need some RE volunteers for younger age groups. Please consider joining us for even just a single Sunday per month.

The deadline for RE volunteer sign-up is Friday, September 2, at 6pm. Don't miss out on a chance to make a difference in our children's and youth's lives!

You can fill out the quick and easy sign-up form online [here](#), or pick up a paper copy this Sunday at the RE sign-in table. Thank you for your ongoing support of the next generation of USH! Please feel free to contact me anytime at re4ush@gmail.com or 706-248-9438 for any additional information.

- **Annie Witzler, Interim Coordinator of Religious Education**

Below are our available volunteer opportunities for the 2022-2023 USH RE Program:

Chalice Clubhouse Instructors:

- Age/Grade Range: Kindergarten thru 6th grade.
- Role Description: Instructors will be asked to provide a fun-loving, responsible, and welcoming presence for Chalice Clubhouse participants. We will do crafts, play games, and have discussions throughout the year with the 7 Principles as our guiding compass in all we do. **This role is ideal for those who enjoy working with elementary-aged children.**
- Number of Roles Available: 3-5.
- Time Commitment: At least one Sunday a month.

Nursery Volunteers:

Age/Grade Range: Infants, toddlers, and Pre-K.

Role Description: Volunteers will be asked to provide a friendly, responsible, and nurturing presence for all nursery participants. We will facilitate free play for those who feel the need to be active, comfortable spaces for those feeling a bit tired, and a safe embrace for those wishing to be held. We hold the 7 Principles close in our hearts as we watch over our youngest participants as they begin their journey of self-discovery and learning. **This role is ideal for those who enjoy working with infants, toddlers, and Pre-Kindergarten aged children.**

Number of Roles Available: 1-2.

Time commitment: At least one Sunday a month.

Substitute Instructors:

- Age/Grade Range: All.
- Role Description: Instructors will be asked to provide a substitute role in one of our RE groups, be it the Chalice Clubhouse, Youth Group, or Nursery, and provide a warm, responsible, and open-minded presence to our RE participants. They will be assisted by fellow volunteers regardless of the position they are asked to fill in for. **If there is a specific group you would feel more comfortable being a substitute for, please feel free to specify when you sign up.**
- Number of Roles Available: 3-5.
- Time commitment: At least one Sunday a month.

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.

Programs & Events



Saturday Sing-Along August 20

We are Back ! Had Great Vacation !

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

Join us at the next Meetinghouse Sing-Along; *this month only* on the *3rd Saturday!* 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 **THIRD Saturday of August** from 2 to 5 PM. We will have song-sheets and some loaner copies of 'Rise Up Singing' available. Bring along 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.

We'll put some chairs in a circle and take turns singing or playing, with those who know the tune or words joining in as they wish. You can come early or come late, whatever fits your family schedule. The UU meetinghouse is at 50 Bloomfield Avenue in Hartford. Some of us bring snacks, but that is not required (or organized) Look for a sign near the door if you can't see or hear us right away. We will be around to the right of the main entrance, down the hall.

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 (above).

We will have some KN95s for sale if you come without any mask. If you have NOT completed a COVID Vaccination regime, please skip the Sing-Alongs for now, to protect you from US.

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

August 11 – *The Vanishing Half* – Brit Bennett

The selection for 2022/23 will be available very shortly.

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.

And — are you aware of the new Nationwide Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention hotline? If someone close to you... or you, yourself... are experiencing a crisis, you can call *or text* **988** and talk with a counselor. In 2020, the Lifeline answered more than 2.1 million calls and over 200,000 chats. Officials said they hope the three-digit number will be easier to remember than the old 1-800 number, making emergency mental health care more accessible.

2022-2023 USH Board of Directors

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Tina Davies: Community Within Council Chair

The September board meeting will be 9/13, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom link [HERE](#) and in the USH calendar via this [LINK](#)

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 **May and June 2022** have been posted. To view the USH Directory, Reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Buffie Pinney at hartfordusociety@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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USH Calendar of Events

calendar
for August 2022 can
be viewed HERE.

Please
contact Buffie with any questions or concerns.

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

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Buffie is *always* happy to hear from you!

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

