

Unitarian Society of Hartford



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Office Administrator's Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to email/call for an appointment

October 26, 2022



October 30, 2022: 10:30 a.m.

"A Little Daring"

Rev. Stephen Kendrick, Pulpit Guest
Carol Simpson, Worship Associate
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries
Paula Bazydlo Bleck, Chancel Art
Annie Witzler, Interim RE Coordinator

Laurel Goodgion, Welcome Table
Ginny Hedrick & Virginia De Lima, Greeters
Tina Davies & Mike Michaud, Ushers

Matters of the Heart:

Electronically by 9 a.m. Sunday: email 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](#)

See Order of Service [here](#)

Closed captions are available.

Meeting ID: 931 0388 7934

Passcode: 128493

Since this is All Souls weekend, the service will include a time of remembrance for loved ones who are no longer with us.

11:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour immediately following the service, in person and ZOOM. Please join us.

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

Our October 30 service -- All Souls Day-- will include a Ritual of Remembrance in which we remember loved ones who are no longer with us. There will be a table at the front of the sanctuary where photos and mementos of dear ones can be placed. Take a moment to think about whom you'd like to remember, and what you'd like to add to that table. Please make a note now to bring the items to church with you on October 30.



Pulpit Guest, Rev. Stephen Kendrick

"A Little Daring". This Sunday we are joined by the Rev. Stephen Kendrick, former minister of the First Church of Boston (UU) and the Universalist Church of WestHartford. Rev. Kendrick will speak to us of the ways political engagement can still be ennobling, even in this time of polarization and threats to democracy.

Worship Associate, Carol Simpson

Carol and her husband Bob Hewey live in the Seabury Community in Bloomfield, CT and are members of both the Unitarian Society of Hartford and the Unitarian Universalist Society: East (UUS:E) of Manchester, CT.



Sunday Worship

Upcoming Sunday Services: Join us, in person or online.

October 30 – "A Little Daring" – Rev. Stephen Kendrick/Carol Simpson, Worship Associate.

November 6 – Forum – Judy Robbins, Pulpit Guest/ Sue Smolski, Worship Associate

November 13 – "The Secret Spiritual Lives of Unitarian Universalists" – Judy Robbins, Pulpit Guest/Peter Meny, Worship Associate

November 20 – Title pending – Diane Cadrain, Pulpit Guest/Margaret Leicach, Worship Associate

November 27 – Title pending – Rev. Aaron Payson, Pulpit Guest/Sue Smolski, Worship Associate

Sue Smolski

Worship Associate Coordinator



Welcome Team

Sign-Up

Volunteer to be a greeter, usher, or to staff the welcome table this fall. Simple, rewarding short-term commitments helping extend hospitality to members and visitors.



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

From the Board

A Note on Staff Reporting Relationships

Recently, we've become aware of a few interactions between members and staff which prompt clarifying the chain of communication. During this time while we are ministerless, temporary reporting relationships have been established so staff members have designated individuals serving as resources for them. These "resource relationships" were set up so staff would have one or two members familiar with their functions, who can knowledgably help support and provide administrative guidance when necessary.

Our staff serves us best when they can look to recognized sources for

direction. We ask that any member's concerns about staff assignments or performance be communicated to me, and I will delegate the issue to the board member designated as that person's primary contact. Thank you.

~ **Eve Pech, President**

Congregational Matters



USH 2022 Auction – Sunday, November 13

One month remaining until this year's auction! We will have an online silent auction, with bidding open starting October 16 followed by a hybrid live /zoom auction of select items on Sunday November 13 at noon. USH member Bob Hewey is our auctioneer. The auction provides great additional opportunities to connect and interact as well as contribute to our Stewardship fundraising.

Do you have a special talent, skill, or a unique service to offer? Can you host a dinner? Your donation(s) of a service, teaching, cooking, guiding, craft/art item, local business gift certificate, guided walk, historical outing, vacation time share {let your imagination run wild} are needed in the next few weeks to generate our catalog of auction items to bid on.

We are using an auction website — www.togetherauction.com/ushartford — that we've used the last few years. This site has preloaded member/friend information, allowing you to sign in to the site easily using your telephone number. Simply the clear directions on the website.

You can enter donated item description or bring forward your description from the 2021 auction if you'd like to start there. Alternatively, you can email us

information about items you'd like to post on the auction site at USH.auction2020@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to contact folks to encourage item donations for the auction as well as to help plan and set up the live auction on November 13th .

Thanks — auction team Michael Michaud, Paul Cipriano, Mike Covault, Ginny Hedrick, and Jon Covault.

USH Security Planning

Update

Our second emergency response planning session was held last Sunday (10/23). Building upon the first session, Cressy Goodwin from UUS:E worked with us to complete a risk assessment/analysis of emergency situations gauged most likely to occur.

Power failures, medical emergencies, and an active shooter in the building were at the top of the list. From that assessment we created a 'wish list of improvements which will be used to guide the grant application. The list includes:

- backup solar battery in the event of a power failure (power failure was our biggest concern)
- CPR/First Aid training/defibrillator
- Professionally installed PA/Communication system covering the entire building
- Locks for individual rooms that can be secured from inside without a key in an emergency and unlocked from outside the room afterward
- keyless exterior entry

- security camera system.

Both meetings were recorded and are available for viewing.

The deadline for the grant is November 18. After the application is submitted, our next step will be to develop an emergency response plan. The hope is to have a broad spectrum of individuals involved in this effort — board members, council chairs, other volunteers, interested members of the congregation, first responders, medical professionals, and staff members. More information will follow in coming weeks.

(Below, photo left: Fred Louis, Larry Lunden, Eve Pech, Diana Heymann listening while Cressy Goodwin in photo right notes a number of security essentials for consideration.)



Social Justice



You are invited....

What? A virtual open house with Hands On Hartford's Co-Director of Housing, Stephanie Boyce, and Renato Salomao, Manager of

Homeless Prevention and Outreach

Why? Hear about the Homeless Outreach Program and how we're working to connect folks to services and permanent housing (and any other questions you may have)

When? Tuesday, November 8, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Where? By Zoom - please [RSVP HERE](#) (or reply to this email) and we'll send you the Zoom link.

Questions? Contact Kate Shafer at kshafer@handsonhartford.org or 860-706-1505. Hope to see you in November!

GHIAA Information

There are several important dates and training opportunities coming up!

Racial Justice Training: GHIAA is hosting introductory racial justice trainings several times over the next six months. The first 3-session training is Thursdays 6 pm – 9 pm **October 27, 2022, November 3, 2022 and November 10, 2022. To learn more and to register for the training [click here](#) .**

GHIAA Orientation: If you are new to GHIAA or interested in learning more please join us for one of two 90-minute orientation sessions being

held this fall. This orientation is required prior to taking the core team training which will be offered in February (dates TBD). Please share with members of your congregation who may have an interest in serving on your core team. **Register for GHIAA orientation by [clicking here](#)** .

- **Option 1** –Zoom/Online, Friday, October 28th 12-1:30 pm Virtual, a Zoom Link will be sent the morning prior to the session.
- **Option 2** – In Person, November 9, 6:30-8pm, at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Avenue, Hartford.

GHIAA POWER SUMMIT - SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, December 7th (7pm to 9pm) at Central Connecticut State University. This will be a large GHIAA Action where we officially launch campaigns, negotiate with legislators and other power brokers, and welcome new GHIAA members. Details for turn out and other issues will be sent to core teams shortly!

Cori Nicewander
Executive Director

(If you have any questions for USH members, you can speak to Diana Heymann or Judy Sullivan)



hawkwing is October's GNO Recipient

by Diana Heymann

Our Good Neighbor Offering for October goes to **hawkwing** which, "for more than 20 years, has served the people of Cheyenne River Sioux/Lakota Tribe (CRST) in South Dakota. It works to empower The People of CRST to enhance health

and education, end hunger, bring clean water, and empower individuals to overcome generational repression through programs focused on personal and community development." Its vision is that "the People of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe get the chance to live healthy, fulfilling lives free from generational trauma and hardship while building better relationships among all people."

For more information, visit www.hawkwing.org

You can donate to **hawkwing** throughout October; there will be a 50/50 split of funds between USH/*hawkwing* (unless specified for another purpose) by:

- Giving in person during the Sunday offering;
- Mailing a check to USH; Use the memo line to indicate "pledge"; GNO-100% or 50/50 or
- Donating online at the USH website.

Mid-Term Elections are November 8, 2022

What's new this year?

Connecticut's November general election ballot will let voters weigh in on a state constitutional amendment that would allow the Connecticut General Assembly to introduce early in-person voting. **The question will be; "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?" Voters can vote "yes" or "no."**

A "yes" vote **supports** amending the state constitution to authorize the state legislature to provide by law in-person early voting before an election.

A "no" vote **opposes** amending the state constitution, thereby maintaining that early voting is not authorized in the state.

Connecticut is one of 4 states that does not allow early voting. To make this major change, the state constitution would have to be amended. The amendment to the Connecticut Constitution would allow the Connecticut General Assembly to pass laws allowing early voting. In states that permit early voting, a voter does not have to provide an excuse for being unable to vote on Election day.

During the 2021-2022 legislative session, the amendment was introduced as House Joint Resolution 59 (HJR 59). HJR 59 passed the House by a vote 115-26

with 10 absent or not voting. It passed the Senate by a vote of 26-9 with one absent. **YOUR VOTE** on **November 8th** could be the deciding factor in our states next steps!

West Hartford Food Bank Information

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

Here are this week's needs:

Rice – 1 lb. packages

Soup

Tuna and canned chicken

Cold cereal

Pasta and sauce

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



Happy Halloween Week to all!

And this weekend, on Halloween Eve (All Hallow's Eve Eve for those of you with a funny bone), join us for the positively spine-chilling Chalice Clubhouse Halloween Party!



The party will take place during the main service in Fellowship Hall and flow into our coffee hour. Those who wish to participate should come directly downstairs when they arrive.

As always, our clubhouse is open to all RE participants (and any family members who would like to join in). We will have crafts, games, trivia, prizes, and treats that everyone will be dying to get their hands on!



Costumes are welcome but not required! We ask that all costumes be school-appropriate for the comfort and safety of all participants. We can't wait to see what you come dressed up as!

We're brewing up some special fun for everyone and we hope to see you there!



Events & Happenings



UU SpiritLife

November *SpiritLife Conversations* are 11/5 on Verse 2 of the Tao Te Ching and 11/19 on Insights from a Nondual Rabbi. Saturday mornings 9-10:30. Read the article first at UUSpiritLife.org and then drop-in to a facilitated discussion with UUs from the three area churches, no registration required. For the complete fall schedule, and log-in instruction, go

[here](#). One of last year's participants said: "Wow, what an interesting, heartfelt opportunity to go deeper with other UUs!"

Monthly Gatherings

Pizza and Movie Nights – Join us, **Friday November 11**, for conversation, pizza, a movie, and more conversation (about the movie). "What is the movie?" you ask. We will tell you soon; movies are recommended by your friends at USH who have found them interesting and, perhaps provocative, and worth seeing. For now, you can find out more at the Caring Network table during Coffee Hour.

Second Saturday Sing-Along –

Sing-Alongs, 2nd Saturday each month: NEXT UP: **NOVEMBER 12.**

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



Book Cart Replenishment!

Please help us restock after the summer of giveaways. We are looking for adult fiction, mysteries and non-fiction primarily, and the more recent the edition the better. The idea is to pass on books you really enjoyed.

They can be left in a marked bin in the staff

office. Thanks!

INVITATION FROM THE BOOK GROUP

Our UU Book Group invites you to join us in reading our November selection – *Girls of Tender Age* by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith (see preview* below). Enjoy the reading.

If you want to participate in (or listen to) a discussion of the book and related issues, join us on Thursday, November 10 at 2:30, by Zoom.

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 2022/23

Second Thursday of each month

November 10 – *Girls of Tender Age* by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith

December. 8 – *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

January 12 – *Things We Lost in the Water* by Eric Nguyen

February 9 – *The Premonition* by Michael Lewis

March 9 – *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

April 13 – *Power: The limits and prospects for human survival* by Richard Heinberg

May 11 – *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

June 8 – The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate

July 13 – Matrix by Lauren Groff

August 10 – Mismeasure of Man by Stephen J Gould

*Our November selection:

Girls of Tender Age

"Girls of Tender Age" by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith is a revelatory memoir of what life was like for a young Catholic girl living in the south end of Hartford, CT from the mid 1940's to the mid 1950's... the freedoms, the boundaries, the relationships, the ethnicities... the things she knew, and the very scary and tragic things she only learned about through research when she was older. The author paints vivid pictures of this childhood: the streets, stores, play areas, schools, the library and churches as well as the behaviors, both expected and forbidden, that were the stage for growing up in her mid 20th century Hartford environment.

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. The Nationwide Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention hotline is available by calling or texting **988** to talk with a counselor.

In & Around Greater Hartford

Tales of Hallowe'en at the Bushnell

John Jesensky, our virtuoso instrumentalist back in the late 'aughts, is (briefly) back in town,

conducting the Hartford Symphony in a program of thrilling musical favorites from the concert hall and silver scree. One of John's own compositions is showcased. This Halloween, take a trip through the world of spooky folklore alongside the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. This concert will be a joyful fright for the whole family!

Costumes are encouraged! Tickets: hartfordsymphony.org

See John's conversation with his alma mater, Hartt School of Music, [here](#):



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 hartforduusociety@gmail.com for the username and password.

2022 – 2023 USH Board of Directors

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 November board meeting will be 11/8, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom link [HERE](#) and in the USH calendar via this [LINK](#)

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. Articles should be sent as email file attachments, and images need to be sent separately as jpeg, jpg, png, tiff, bmp, or gif files. Thanks for cooperating.

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<http://www.ushartford.org/staff-members/>

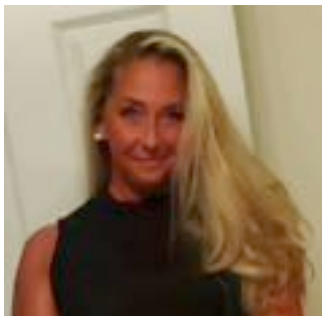
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From Buffie's Desk



Please contact our Office Administrator, **Buffie Pinney**, with any administrative questions or concerns. Buffie works Sunday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m..

Please email her at

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Buffie is *always* happy to hear from you!



USH Calendar of Events

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