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Sunday, September 1, 10:30 a.m.

"Canned Goods"

What's more precious than gold? Featuring the music of Greg Brown, Rev. Bob Jeanne and members from our provider list "pouch" of local talent.

Reverend Bob Jeanie, Minister
Donna David, Worship Associate
Meredith Neumann, Director of Music
Benjamin Slabery, Piano

Benjamin Slabery (Piano) is a Western Mass native – a graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School and Berklee College of Music, he has performed extensively in classical, jazz, & contemporary styles throughout the Northeast. Ben has been the music director for several prominent Boston groups throughout the Northeast, including Boston Conservatory Chamber Orchestra, Boston Jubilee Choir, Cambridge Chamber Orchestra, Boston Chamber Music Society, and pianist at Blue Fedora's Schmack in Downingtown and continues his home lessons on piano.

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Services are livestreamed weekly thanks to **Zoom** and **Facebook**
Zoom Meeting ID: 893 2 4 7 7 7 4 / Passcode: 7654
Passcode: 1984
Virtual Coffee Hour to follow
• Note: Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode are the same for all zoom Pews Services

JOIN US ON ZOOM

Upcoming Worship Services, 10:30 a.m.

September 3, Thursday – Chapel Vespers with Revered Bob, 5 p.m.

September 7, Sunday in Fellowship Hall: "Canned Goods", Reverend Bob/Donna David, Worship Associate/Meredith Neumann, Director of Music/Benjamin Slabery, Piano

September 14: Ingathering and Water Communion in the Sanctuary. Reverend Bob/ Michael Michaud, Spiritual Life Council Chair and Donna David, Worship Associate/Meredith Neumann, Director of Music/Carol Chase, Cello

September 21 – "Here Comes The Sun", Reverend Jessica Jan Coleman-Bell, guest pianist Sue Hendsley, Worship Associate/ Joan Williams, Testimonial/ Meredith Neumann, Director of Music

September 28 – Reverend Dianne Dennis, guest pianist/Peter Sims, Worship Associate/ Meredith Neumann, Director of Music

Worship Message from Rev. Bob…

Hope Springeth! There are two happenings this week that I'm sweatly inviting you to.

On Thursday evening, we have our **"First Thursday" Vespers Service at 5 p.m.** This monthly respite, held on the first Thursday from September to June, is a simple, contemplative service held in our chapel (behind the main sanctuary). It's a time to slow down, ponder, center yourself and reflect on life. You're always welcome to attend.

The next day, on Friday mornings from 10:30 to noon, we have a monthly conversation on the Bible. This month's topic is on learning What were some times in your life where you learned something new? What are some of the things you learned? Bring your Bible, your curiosity and your (not the conversation is not inflamed. Topic changes each month. Newcomers always welcome. Meets in the Library.

Thanks, hope you have a great week.

Blessings,
Rev. Bob Jeanie

Call to Worship – August 31, 2023

Love and Summer (Pack's Love Song)
by Bob Jeanie

(Tune: Old Smoky)

Love rides in the summertime,
On honeysuckle & dark clouds,
Love rides in the summertime,
Love hasks in sun, and lifts the soul.

The Rose Garden's our holy book,
We'll paddle in the Old Frost Israel,
We'll hike the Pioneered Trail Off-road,
We'll bike the Ancient Bicycle Path on bicycles.

Of love we is the autumn leaf,
On Hallows Eve and by Yule log,
Love is the winter's warm hearth,
But summer's gift to everything.

So come sun darling, oil by me,
And take each moment physically
For summer is a dainty deer
Who grows so, and disappears

AMEN

USH General Interest

The Village for Families and Children: Uniform Fundraiser 2023
THANK YOU!

This 50's girl's face says it all. Hartford schools start today Wednesday August 23, UBS should be proud that you have helped to provide the uniforms for Hartford's children. Thank you to Governor Ronalson in the Village for Families and Children – summer uniform fundraiser. As of Tuesday August 22 the total collected was **$4,000 !!** The donation from UBS will buy a uniform for 71 children.

Pride and confidence can be hard to find, especially for troubled, transitioned and homeless children. Thanks to UBS, you have made a real meaningful difference in kids served by The Village.

UBS is known as a caring, supportive community, and we showed our commitment once again in the summer of 2023.

Thank you for thinking of the children.

New UNIfier out now!
Click here to read the September issue.

September 7 Bike or Tardiffle Group

The UMS Biking Group will host a bike or Tardiffle Group on September 7 at 1:30 p.m. We will bike the Metacomet trail up the gorge and along the ridge here and then return to the Tardiffle. The trail is rocky and hilly. It is a moderately deep traverse out make and up the gorge, with a deep descent coming down the ridge. We will do an easy bike next time.) The Tardiffle is a bike with a big wheel in front and 2 rear wheels. It is a lot of fun, but it is a bit tricky, so might want to do a trial run before you do the river bikes.

Also about two hours for the bike; it will not be as long as the Masters School bike we did in June.

Hiking pace – two, not one – are strongly recommended for this excursion!

Directions from the Meeting House: Follow Route 189 (Bloomfield Avenue) to Tariffville. Turn left onto Rt. 75 (Cornfield Road) and go to the bridge over Farmington River. The trailhead is located about 50 yards north of the bridge.

We hope to see you there!

Calling all Singers:
New Choir Season Beginning

The music from season 2 beginning, and we are ecited to embark on our musical adventure! If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Meredith Neumann at **musicdirector@hartfordush.org**.
The first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 5, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

MHP — Eddie Seville
Friday, Sept. 22, 2023 8:00
Click HERE for more information

Eddie Seville gained a reputation for visceral live shows and soulful songwriting playing the Connecticut River Valley and surrounding area nation rock band Steel Bullet. As a solo artist, he's an engaging raconteur with a quitarist and a hard narrative that's left a trail of grins, smiles and nods in theatres, coffeehouses and festivals around the continental US, Europe, and Canada.

Drawing from folk, roots, and country blues, he's written songs released on Island / Mercury Records and Sugar Hill Records, and his music has been featured on movies and TV. His ability to cross genres with rich humor and lyrical depth has earned him a place on the stages of Bonnaroo, Kerrville, and Telluride. Recent releases include George Kaufmann of the mythic plantation band Golden Earring, who recorded "Ain't Nobody Home" on Eddie's first EP and also "Blind Love", which been released as a European single.

His three-chord rocker "Coral Aun" is included in The Essential Western New England Songbook, his co-write with guitarist David Fellows including "Anthem" and "Child of the" became anthems for the hard-rock band FT. Quick, while his all-country tunes "Ain't Nothin' Wrong" and "Hillbilly Hollywood" have been recently recorded country guitar by the Netherlands band Homestead Guitar Company.

Nesson Tickets are back and are available for $20pp. Your season ticket subscription includes one free ticket to this show. Tickets are also available at the door and online. Grab it gets you a free coffee and cookie at each show.)

Season tickets are available now. Pay with cash, check, or charge during coffee hour with an service fee or purchase online at ElevenTwenty.Tickets with a charge.

Doors open at 6:15 for people with prepaid tickets and at 6:30 for general admission. Shows start at 7:00.

Tickets to individual shows can be purchased in advance and they will will be available at the door starting at 6:30.

A new Winter Festival is being created! The first Yuletide Festival will be held on Saturday, December 2 from 3-6 pm. We are excited to add a special meeting of planet's, to the Library on Saturday, December 2 from 3-6 pm. Anyone who participates in planning, or have ideas to help shape the Yuletide Festival, please let Rev. Bob, Donna David or Annette. If you have thoughts or questions between now and 9/19.

Social Justice

September Good Neighbor Partnership (SGNP) is an International Lions is Latin for "To Lift Up." We were founded as a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian volunteer organization dedicated to helping people in need. We work to fulfill this mission using simplified bookkeeping as a way to create more time for volunteerism. Our mission is to provide a "hand up" not a "hand out." Our first priority is to assist in ending long-term or recurrence the broken cycle of poverty. Our second priority is to assist in ending hunger in our community. We do this by partnering with the communities we serve. Lions's model and backgrounds have created long-lasting relationships with people in need. We have a long-standing, well-tested, low-cost foundation to ground of guidance. These plans are our traditional community gardens. We are known.

Our community-based farmer produce food that employs local community members as well as non-traditional farmers. Our neighborhood farms are our personnel. We have developed programs that are internalized for development and be used with this local growth potential. Additionally, they are sustainable. We are a "Hand Up" not a "Hand Out." Our programs are sustainable. They are self-sufficient. Lions's model has grown to reach the goal of our million pounds of vegetable production.

Noah Webster Tutoring Program: Calling All Tutors!

USH members and friends have been tutoring students at Noah Webster Microsoccin Magnet School (K-5) on Wilson Street in Hartford's West End for many years. Now, there's an opportunity for more tutors… the school welcomes students from Hartford's West End who are bussed to Avon and Farmington to come extra attention. Most tutors focus on language arts, reading, spelling, grammar, and writing. Students who are bussed to Avon have a specific interest the school will work with you to find a good match.

The amount of time you volunteer, and your schedule (days and times) are flexible; it is recommended that you make at least one visit per week for an hour or two. Tutoring can be done with other volunteers from Avon who work with small groups. It is a rewarding experience.

You don't need to be an expert to be a tutor!

Wilbur Cross is just a few miles from USH, there is parking, transportation is easy, and the school is welcoming. Please, you can give more information and help guide you through the process.

Interfaith Family Support Ministry

Working with Connecticut Students for a Dream, and immigration attorney Glenn Formica, this group supports families of detained immigrants. The detained needs vary and volunteers will be asked to sign up for specific tasks which they are comfortable with and can do. Tasks include: letter writing, visiting, translation, accompaniment & supplementary of providing help with meals.

If you have questions, contact Judy Sullivan at **sullivanjudy@aol.com**

Volunteer Sign Up Form

Horace Bushnell Food Pantry News

What a joy it was to deliver our first load of freshly picked produce from our garden to the pantry on Tuesday August! We're hopeful that more gardens will grow as we continue to provide needed nutrition and water. Thanks to Ann Marie, Ann, Ann, Ann and Ann for their efforts. Thanks to LEVO for all their help and advice.

Families are more food-insecure now, please help fill our bins in the lobby with all the healthy food possible. Remember that unused variety wraps or checks and cash designated for Horace Bushnell Food Pantry are gratefully received!

Blessings thanks,
Donna Hagenbach

Opportunities for Civic Participation – Engage In Democratic Process!

Kelly Pleiman, Anita Sullivan This is a powerful expression of policy disagreement. Anita has contracted to take immigrants out of the USA at direction of the current administration. Kelly is a Hartford Lawyer, Anita is a Nun. Kelly is a Lexington (our Rosie ay), Windsor Locks (our Bradley Airport)

Women's March Rally – planned for Saturday, September 16 …time and place to be announced.

Upcoming seminars to help train and inform on subjects like: Dictatorship. What happens when it happens to us? Dates to be set. Also, a Dictatorship will be held at the Unitarian Society Of Hartford. Date and time to be announced.

Religious Education

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS
Hi everyone! Hope you had a great summer and welcome back to school! We are in need of teachers for our religious education program in order to have a thriving RE program. This "call" is long, but please read it carefully and see if you can help out. You might even gain a better understanding of your own faith or spirituality! Our RE program is based on the Unitarian Universalist Living a Faith Congregation, without a sufficient number of volunteers. If interested in volunteering, kindly let me know. **Further, we will need a volunteer to coordinate the Coffee Hour. Coffee Hour is an important part of the Neighboring Faith curriculum.** This year, we will start opening up to you can catch the early part of the service. **PLEASE** email **or call or text me at 860-526-1929 if you can help.**

Dates to Remember: This year we will start with three sessions (one started with two last year, sorry!)

Session 1 (Oct. 1 through 4 = 3 will have a light curriculum and we will have some great lessons throughout the year focused on values and how we treat each other.
Session 2 (Nov. 5 through 8) = We will use "Soul Matters" curriculum again, but with all new lessons. The older Children Explorer can also participate in this curriculum, but it is more for the younger children and also is using preparation one Sunday each month. My necessity and goal is to have the Soul Matters curriculum ready to go, but I will add a fourth class some last more where that class would be yet.
Youth: or do. The youth will participate in the Neighboring Faith curriculum, but I would like to have a separate class for the adolescents. The Neighboring Faith curriculum will typically follow a pattern of:
- one Sunday of faith study;
- one Sunday for other day to be faithful of visit a house of worship or other faith community;
- one Sunday of reflection on the faith visited – **while making Soup**

Soup's Question Five: Kids and youth will be asked to start spiritual Rest on a more regular basis. This will also start out as the minute classes of last year will be about 45 minutes.

Young Adult Groups. This group get started last year – and then attended the Fall Retreat. Unfortunately, the Fall Retreat was cancelled due to a lack of participants. If you have any young adults feel free to send them my way for Fall Retreat. Fall Retreat is October 20-22.

Ingathering/Water Communion now September 14:
It's here… almost – it's the Ingathering Water Ceremony on or near September 14. **Heart Curiosity Point:** We will have kids/youth start upstairs and they will be "sung" down to the Sanctuary for the ceremony. Kids will be "sung" back upstairs for a quick and longer check-in; **we aren't there any RE curriculum per se.** Youth color and write on the Heart Curiosity Point. Youth will be sent to the Sanctuary to do differential reporting (OK, checking to see if you are still reading…) On September 14, we will have a **"Bring a Friend" Day. Please encourage your friends to be a longer church in their round** so they may be sent upstairs with us will want to do what you have been up to over the summer.

RE Retreat Day, 10-12. Please contact the RE Retreat (first attached) next week. **We are asking parents to bring something to share on Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16 for our Fall Retreat. Please let me know if this is a fully coordinated food and of a fully coordinated** Saturday, September 16 – Sunday, September 17 – Fall Retreat – Please let me know if you will with CLF south from Acton and other parts of the world. Kenya is 7 hours ahead of us.

Soup Sunday, 10/1: Yes, **after the Retreat Soup** Soup Sunday is back! We will be making large quantities of soup for the Church Street Kids Soup Kitchen. Please let me know if you will be able to bring a dish to share. *Curriculum/Theme for Young Explorers:* TBA

Neighboring Faith Curriculum – starts Sep 27: We will have a Neighboring Faith Curriculum for the youth and adolescents. We will start on Sep 27 and have a kids, if, formal family (or other worship day) not and a lesson of worship. (I think Sunday, we talk about what was learned during soup On September 28, we will have a Fall Retreat. We will have a Fall Retreat Day, 10-12. Please contact the Retreat (which can follow a kids). We will use the free lesson/guide for year as we learn about other faiths. *Curriculum/Theme for Young Explorers:* TBA

October 4: Neighboring Faith: Visit First Church of Christ, Hartford: We will go to the **Neighboring Faith Curriculum: Visit First Church of Christ:** We will go to the Neighboring Faith Curriculum: Visit First Church of Christ where other kids or groups to visit a United Church of Christ on October 15. *Curriculum/Theme for Young Explorers:* TBA

October 22: Neighboring Faith: Visit First Church of Christ, Hartford: We will go to the Neighboring Faith Curriculum: Visit First Church of Christ. *Curriculum/Theme for Young Explorers:* TBA

Soup Sunday, October 29: Chicks Explorers and Youth stay Upstairs for Soup Sunday. If you want. We can discuss the trip the week before to the Church Street Kids. *Curriculum/Theme for Young Explorers:* TBA

USH Resources

"Board Meetings will now be held on the Fourth Monday of the month, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Next Meeting: September 25

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Click **Board Meeting** reports for FY 2022-2023 have been posted.
Click HERE

See the 2019/20 Annual Report HERE

The Board Meeting Minutes for June 2022 have been posted.

Link for Welcome Team Sign Up Genius

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Please write in the 'Subject' field "USH Enews", and include the dates that your submission should be featured. Announcements about upcoming events, or those that need immediate attention, or those other arrangements have been made with the editorial team.

When forwarding information concerning an 'outside' event or organization, **please give with your copy** a caller to place in your calendar, and a contact person and phone number in case we need to reach you. **Also, please submit reliable material** (text and photos separately, rather than 'pasted' or 'inserted').

Articles should be saved as small file attachments, (MS Word preferred) and images need to be sent separately as jpeg, .bmp, .png, .tif, .bmp, or .gif files.

Thank you for your cooperation.
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USH Calendar of Events

The calendar for **September 2023** can be viewed HERE.

Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events coordinated by the Unitarian Society of Hartford.