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Unitarian Society of Hartford

"Nourishing Spirit, Building Community, Working for Justice"

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Sunday Worship:
January 11, 10:30 a.m.

"On the Way to Purpose"

Virtual gives us other ways to show up to what we are called to do. Our Sunday services are influenced by logic, experience, ambition and intuition. Our speakers will share how they relate to core, known, and intended purpose in their lives and work.

Rev. LisaSarin Sches, Pulpit Guest
Rev. Kathleen Rich Harris, Worship Associate
Meredith Neumann, Director of Music
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Rev. LisaSarin Sches, Ministerial Candidate, Reconnect Ministry Team, is a Boston based, ordained, settled, parish minister who has been in congregational ministry for 25 years, currently serving at Liberty Christian Center International, Boston, Massachusetts. She is a Lead Minister with the Greater Boston Federated Unitarian Church Fellowship, demonstrating her ministerial skills in a multicultural, multilingual setting.

Laurie Kelliher, Worship Associate
Laurie Kelliher is a lifelong Unitarian, proud of her third-generation UU attribute she owes mostly to USH. She is a left-brained, analytical, practical, and pragmatic UU. Her Worship Associate on-ramp to spiritual life is varied.

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Matters of the Heart
To have a joy or sorrow and from the pulpit on Sunday morning, send the information to Matters of the Heart.

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Service on Zoom: Meeting ID: 893 4 9 7 6 6 6 password Facebook
Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 92 4 9 8 8 7 0 4
Passcode: 1Hope
Virtual Hub: Hartford UU
• Zoom Guide: Phone, tablet and more

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Upcoming Worship Services

January 18 – Reverend Rich Serrano, Worship Associate; Meredith Neumann, Director of Music; Benjamin Slattery, Pianist

January 25 – Reverend Rich Gal-Ghaitz, Worship Associate; Meredith Neumann, Director of Music; Benjamin Slattery, Pianist

February 1 – "Educating All of Us", Reverend Rich Serrano; Worship Associate, Meredith Neumann, Director of Music

February 8 – First Unitarian Chapel Vespers 4 pm, Reverend Rich

Mid Week Message from Reverend Rich...

Hi everyone,

I hope you had a nice New Year and holidays.

I want to talk about making bands, ups, ins & deeps concerning our. I'll be sharing more about this in the sermon next week. For now, I want to say this:

Our journey is light, a candle, illuminating our path, and pure power. It enables us to dwell in a broad sun.
It enables us speak up, when you feel the urgency to do so NOW.
It enables us to see the ripples we create in our lives and in the world.
It enables us to do the work we do, and do it well.
It enables us to be a community of hope, love, and mutual care, and share.

Take care of yourself, and of our relatives. Let's take a deep breath, and remember to do what we can, there's no one your together.

Yours faithfully,
Rev. Rich

USH General Interest

Celebration of Life
Theodore H. "Ted" Johnson Jr.

Celebration of life for Ted Johnson will be held at Glastonbury Abbey and the Chapel of Our Lady of Peace, 1 Abbey Road, Hartford, CT, on December 20.

The Celebration will be held Saturday, January 31, 2:30 pm. Officiating will be Reverend Rich Serrano, Reverend Rich Gal-Ghaitz, Reverend Jean Brown, Reverend Jean Harris, Reverend Sarah Bryant, and Rev. Rich Harris. Ted's ashes will be placed in the Columbarium, Section 1, Row 1, Niche 1 in the Cathedral Church Vestry, 40 Franklin Square, New Britain.

Please could the full obituary which is linked below:
Link to Obituary

From Diane Cultrara and Jon Rubin:

We announced jubilantly, a couple of weeks ago, that we had received a very significant offer. Tom Kirby, Jad Daniel, and Jon Rubin have been working on it for years now. Today we received a very good offer from a very good buyer who has first-refusal plan for Allen through. Tom has given many years of his life to Allen, and he wants to see it in good hands. We will post it at anyone can have right the Allen Facebook page. Thanks to Jon Rubin for information on how to contact the free transplant unit of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. Thank you!

Pizza and Movie Night
Friday, January 9 @ 7 - 9 p.m.

Join us for an evening of conversation, pizza, salad, dessert and movie, plus a discussion following. This month's movie is "Spirit Club" by Ted Chiang. Chiang's fiction explores the intersection of science and spirituality, and this story explores how we might relate to aliens if they were to barge into our world.

Dear Friends,

Have you ever connected with aliens? Or just spread a few minutes documenting?

Join Molly Gringer – welcoming to newcomers to the middle course of the Unitarian Universalist faith – for a discussion of Ted Chiang's "Spirit Club" **at 8 p.m.** If you're free, please hop on and read the story and be prepared to share your thoughts by call or text at 860-350-5304. Newcomers always welcome. Thanks!

– Rev. Rich

Rev. Nicholas Barbeck an ordained interfaith minister offers a course on the topic of mortal spirituality. Rev. Barbeck's course is for people who want to learn on that subject, please note our Spiritual Pot-pourri **Saturday, January 10 from 10 to 12 p.m.** via Zoom.

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