

Unitarian Universalist Society: East

Member of the Clara Barton District of the Unitarian Universalist Association



Unitarian Universalist Society: East is a welcoming, open-minded, spiritual community seeking truth and meaning in its many forms. We share responsibility for building a more equitable, peaceful, and sustainable world.

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Sunday Services Schedule

November Ministry Theme: Faith

Services at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

November 5:

Guest speaker, Bailey Saddlemire, former UUS:E member, will share her experiences and thoughts as the youth representative to the General Assembly.

Coordinator: Molly Vigeant

November 12: "Disrupting the Narrative: Women & Blood."

Since time immemorial menstruation has been thought "unclean," "impure," or just "gross." This negative response to women's natural cycles and selves spills over to all aspects of their lives. Although progress has been made to see menstruation not only as normal but also as powerful, we must still remain vigilant in disrupting the old—ancient—narrative.

Coordinator: Nancy Madar

Speaker: Reverend Carolyn Patierno, from All Souls New London

November 19: "Grounding Ourselves in Gratitude."

As part of this 'Thanksgiving Prep' service, plan to bring a harvest item—a potato, an onion, an apple, a pomegranate, whatever you'd like to add—for a shared altar of gratitude. You will be invited to share a gratitude while taking something earthy and tangible to represent that gratitude. What helps you respond to the world from a place of deep appreciation? Join us in this reflection, preparation, and simple ritual.

Coordinator: Linda Duncan

Speaker: Rev. Heather Rion Starr, minister Unitarian Society of Hartford

November 26: "Want What You Have."

This piece of advice from UU minister Forrest Church is the title of our Thanksgiving service on gratitude. Beth Hankins coordinates this service on gratitude..

Coordinator: Beth Hudson-Hankins

December 3: "Connecting the Dots."

Isolation is on the rise and the need for connection is urgent. Regardless of religious affiliation human beings are hardwired for connection. Rev. Kathleen Green is the Executive Director of the Yale Humanist Community and will speak from her

experience and ongoing research on this important topic as it relates to hope in a season of holidays.

Coordinator: Martha Larson

2017-2018 Ministry Themes

July	Courage
August	Identity
September	Vision
October	Atonement
November	Faith
December	Hope
January	Justice
February	Brokenness
March	Generosity
April	Transcendence
May	Compassion
June	Restlessness



Sunday Service Flowers

The signup sheet for flowers is in a binder in Annie's office. Please make sure you check off the box, indicating whether you want to take the flowers back home with you or have them donated. The contact person for delivering donated flowers is Cyndi Krupa, 860-986-1957, cyndikrupa@sbcglobal.net



Recorded Services Available

Many of the Sunday Services at UUS:E run on the three community access channels (Cox in Manchester, Community Voice Channel in Bolton, and Charter Communications in Windham). The DVDs are available at UUS:E, and you can sign out the programs you were unable to see. Audio CDs are available one week after each service, and as a download from Jane, our sexton, if you provide a flash drive (USB port).

Community Outreach Ministry

Charitable Giving for November 2017

As always, thank you for your generosity.

"We do not gather our gifts only for ourselves, but to share with the larger community."

Continuing our practice of sharing our gifts with the community beyond our walls, the recipient of fifty percent of our Sunday plate collections for the month of November will go to **Manchester Senior, Adult and Family Services**.

The Manchester department of **Senior, Adult and Family Services** works to improve the quality of life and help maintain the independence of Manchester residents by offering information, referral, outreach, advocacy, assessment of needs and individual consultation on human services benefits and programs.

Please contact Louisa Graver at Graver30@att.net, David Lacoss, or Nancy Madar at nancymadar@hotmail.com.

Checks made out to UUS:E will be treated as follows: If the memo line:

- ✓ is blank or "pledge" is written, all will go toward your pledge.
- ✓ has "COM" or the name of the charity is on the memo line, all will go to the charity.
- ✓ has "1/2 pledge, 1/2 COM," it will be divided equally.

Correction and Update to October COM

Thank you for your generosity—

Our Community Outreach Ministry offering taken the first Sunday in October was dedicated 100% to hurricane relief. As a congregation, we donated \$1,571 to the UUA program for hurricane relief and \$1,806 to the Hispanic Federation specifically for Puerto Rico relief from hurricane Maria. Thanks to all who contributed.

The remainder of October's contributions will go to Free At Last Players supporting mental health ministry.

Rev. Josh on Sabbatical

Rev. Josh will be on sabbatical from October 2 until the first Sunday in February.

2017-2018 COM Recipients

July	Three area food banks (Manchester, Vernon, East Hartford)
August	Kado Pet Foundation and STRIVE
September	KIDSAFE CT
October	Free at Last Players
November	Manchester Senior, Adult and Family Services
December	Three area shelters McKinney Men's Shelter (Hartford), East Hartford Community Shelter, Cornerstone Shelter (Rockville)
January	Moral Monday CT
February	Operation Fuel
March	Rebuilding Together (Manchester) and Communitas
April	CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence and Covenant to Care
May	MARC and MARCH, Inc
June	Mary's Place and True Colors

Enter, rejoice, and come in!

A Religious Education message from Gina

Dear Friends,

Have you heard about Faith in Action? Faith in Action is our newest Religious Education program offering. Social justice work is central to Unitarian Universalism, and empowering children to find ways to practice the Seven Principles is an important goal of our RE program. Once per month, generally on the second Sunday, children in grades 1 - 6 will work together to put their UU faith into action through service to our church, our community, and our world.



Thanks to a team of enthusiastic volunteers, the program is off to a great start. We kicked things off in October by learning about Alex Scott from Manchester, CT. When she was just four years old Alex held her first childhood cancer fundraiser in her front yard, a lemonade stand, and raised over \$2,000. By the time of

her death in 2004, Alex raised \$1 million and inspired a legacy of hope and cures for childhood cancer. We put our own spin on the lemonade stand and instead prepared and sold mulled cider and Rice Krispy treats following an 11 AM service. Thanks to the efforts of the kids and the generosity of the congregation we raised over \$100. This money will be donated to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Foundation, which offers life changing camp experiences to children with serious illnesses.

We have plans in the works for future Faith in Action projects including helping with the UUS:E holiday fair, filling "post-detention" backpacks to provide newly released inmates with some basic essentials, and participating in Hunger 101, an interactive learning experience sponsored by the CT Food Bank.

Our hope is that these projects will provide opportunities for our children, youth, and folks of all ages to share compassion, do service, and spread justice in a way that yields growth in faith for all involved. Ideally this work will be truly multigenerational, giving adults and children a chance to establish connections while collaborating on meaningful service to the community. If you have a cause that you're passionate about, if you are involved in social, environmental, or economic justice work on a local or national level, we'd love to hear from you. Let's help our kids realize that they really can make a difference! If you have ideas to share or would like to learn more about what we have planned, please let me know.

Be well & be loved,

Gina



The Policy Board's Column

A Message from Larry Lunden

I have had the position of Clerk for about a year now, and I have been busy organizing our policies and procedures.

Many boards and committees have passed or written policies, procedures, guidelines, instructions, etc. for the running of the church. Most of these were passed and forgotten. With the turnover of board and committee members no one remembers that a policy was passed. Some may even be lost as no one saved a copy where others could find it.

The previous clerk, Nikki Cole, gathered all the policies she could find and put them together. There is a policy book in the office that the clerk is supposed to keep up to date. It hasn't been updated in many years, and contained much outdated material. Many committees have posted policies and procedures on SeeWorks. Some are documents and some are just messages. Some policies have been posted to our website. Some are documents, and some just text on one of the pages. The documents are all spread out in many locations.

SeeWorks is a valuable tool for collaboration, but it works much like a vacuum cleaner. It saves everything that is put into it. I spent some time to sift through all the material out there. I gathered all the documents I could find as a starting point to sort them out. I found 106 documents to be sorted through.

These documents came from a wide variety of boards and committees. Some were policies that said what should be. Some were procedures that told how to do an activity. Some were forms to be filled out. Some were guidelines that told things to consider. Some were fee schedules. The naming of the documents was in a variety of styles that told little of what the document meant.

In order to bring order out of chaos, I started with several steps. The new version of SeeWorks improved the system of organizing documents. Carol Marion defined a new project there for the documents. I implemented a standardized method of naming the documents, with a key word, the type of document, and the effective date. This will make it easier to find. SeeWorks also allowed me to define a folder for each committee so their documents are together. As I could verify the document as current and up to date, I posted it there so we will have one location to find all relevant policies.

The main effort during the year was to communicate with all the boards and committees to see if the documents I found are still current. Some committees have identified the documents as still valid. Some are obsolete. Some were updated to reflect current practice. I have been able to upload about 60 documents that are current and valid. There are still another 30 that have not been verified. In some cases I can't even identify which board or committee is responsible for them.

The next steps are to update the policy manual in the office with all the latest documents, and review which ones need to be posted on our website.

Larry Lunden, Clerk

Membership News



Greetings from the Membership Committee!

UUS:E is certainly going full steam ahead now that summer is over and we're all "back." The membership committee has a very full plate, too, and we could really use your help.

Coffee

Everyone loves coffee hour, but it can't happen if we don't have enough volunteers. We need some new faces to join us in the kitchen! It is simply not fair to have the same people doing it week after week after week. This is a rewarding job—you get to say hi to everyone at the service—and it's NOT HARD. Contact Jackie Heintz or Edie Lacey if you want to join this important team.

Welcomers Needed!

When Rev. Josh is on sabbatical this fall (and always), we will be counting on the welcome table volunteers to be the face of UUS:E for visitors. This job is fun and easy and important. If you can help out, please contact Jennifer Klee at jenduv@sbcglobal.net. We will have training as a reminder for the veterans and to bring "newbies" up to speed.

Refreshments

The schedule is up for anyone who can sign up to supply the snacks we serve with the coffee. All you need to do is drop the goodies off, the coffee team will serve them.

Eager to build your connection to UUS:E?

There are lots of ways, all month long, for every interest. I encourage you to check the calendar and come to an event or two, take a class, volunteer in RE or review the committee listing in the front of the directory and pick a committee to try out. They'd all be happy to have you! I know membership would hint, hint. The holiday fair is another great way to spend time getting to know new people. Fair Chair Michelle Spadaccini will be happy to find a job for you.

The Committee

Are you interested in joining our busy (and fun) committee? We'd love to have you! Talk to Jennifer Klee or Edie Lacey, co-chairs, or any committee member: Susan Barlow, Gail Crook, Lisa Drexler, Louisa Graver, Jackie Heintz, Kathy Lee, Betsy Nelson, and Wilda Wyse to learn more.

Intro to UU

Would you like to know more about Unitarian Universalism and Unitarian Universalist Society: East? Rev. Josh leads this seminar where you will learn more about the UU faith tradition, including a brief history and background of our theology and UUS:E. It provides a great opportunity to meet others, share our stories about what brings us together as UUs and to find out how to get more involved in the life of our society. Our next class will be in February when Rev. Josh returns from sabbatical. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to ask membership committee co-chairs Jennifer Klee (jenduv@sbcglobal.net) or Edie Lacey (edielacey1@gmail.com) or any member of the committee or anyone at the Welcome Table anything at all! We're happy to help!

Newcomer Socials

Join us on Third Fridays! Newcomers, new members, and those who want to meet new people, are invited to a friendly evening of coffee, dessert, and socializing at Susan and Malcolm Barlow's Manchester home. Bring a short reading or poem to share with the group. Plan for a few relaxed moments at the end of your week. The next two Newcomers Social is on December 17 at 7 PM. Info & RSVP to Susan by Thursday at sbarlow627@aol.com. Due to logistical constraints, this event is for adults only. There won't be a social in November because we hope everyone will be at our wonderful Holiday Fair.

Books, Classes and Discussions

brought to you by...

The Adult Religious Education Committee

(Youth are welcome at all workshops. Childcare is available with one week's notice.)



Community Drum Circle

Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

(Third Tuesdays in the Sanctuary)

Open to all levels of ability and experience.

Facilitator Mary Ertel provides djembe drums and other hand instruments, and you may bring your own.

Drum with intentionality, send good vibes out into the world!!

Contact Paul Cocuzzo at pcocuzzo@gmail.com or 978-270-2056 with questions or to reserve a drum.



Book Lovers

We meet on the second Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, in Chapel, garden level. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

- November 14: **Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption** by Brian Stevenson
- December 12: **Once, Please Wear Red for Me** by Carolyn Kolwicz

For information: marlar@wordshard.com



UU Buddhists

Room 2, 7:00 PM on November 7

The Buddhist Group meets at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month, for meditation, dharma, and discussion. The November ministry theme is "faith." Contact Nancy Thompson nancythompson123@yahoo.com with questions.

Women's Sacred Singing Circle

Every Thursday from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, we will be singing in the sanctuary. All women and girls eight years and older are welcome to join our circle regardless of musical training or ability. Come when you are able, stay as long as you wish.



Sing, laugh, and be in community.

For more information, contact Jane Osborn: janeosb3@gmail.com

Yoga News

Come enjoy yoga at UUS:E!

The current yoga session with Susan Barlow ends Wednesday, November 15. Her class on November 15 will not be held at UUS:E. Students should contact Susan, sbarlow627@aol.com for the location of this class. Her next session is November 22- January 10, 11AM - 12 noon, The current yoga session with Jessica DeCarli ends November 6. Her next session is November 20 – January 29, 5:45-6:45 PM, with no class December 25 and January 1.

Come enjoy physical strengthening and emotional awareness. Bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothes. All welcome, including beginners!

\$40 for the eight-week session or \$6 drop-in fee.

You can register with, and direct questions to:

- Jessica at jess.decarli@gmail.com
- Susan at SBarlow627@aol.com
- Or Annie at uuse153@sbcglobal.net

To read about their classes, visit UUSE.org.

<http://uuse.org/religious-ed/adult/yoga-classes>

Books, Classes and Discussions

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One Path, Many Experiences: A Labyrinth Workshop

Saturday, 12/9, 1:00 – 3:30 PM

Walking a labyrinth quiets the mind and reduces stress. Join us for either or both of these workshops where we'll learn the difference between a labyrinth and a maze, experience the labyrinth first hand, and share our experiences on the labyrinth.

The December workshop will be purely experiential. We will use labyrinth inspiration cards to guide our walks on both a hand-held labyrinth and an indoor canvas labyrinth.

Please wear or bring socks to protect the canvas labyrinth. Limit of 20 participants. If you have any questions, please contact Bobbi Gerlits at bobbigerlits@icloud.com.

Co-Sponsored with Pastoral Friends.

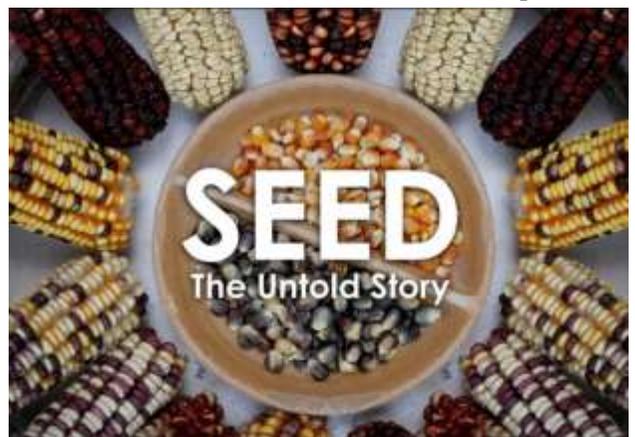
Sacred Dance

The Sacred Dance Group at the Unitarian Universalist Society: East invites new participants to join this ancient tradition. All interested members and friends of UUS:E are welcome, and participation is free. No experience is necessary – just the desire to move to the spirit! (It's not necessary to attend every time the group meets.) If you are interested in exploring sacred dance, contact Christine Joyner at 860-983-6705.

Dates and times for meetings will be determined after receiving input from those who are interested, so please be sure to call Christine.

Sacred dance is movement with spiritual intention. The term is a modern one for an ancient practice of worshipping and expressing spiritual beliefs as a group. Women and men usually worshipped separately with drums and dances, often worshipping the different roles of their lives. Join the Sacred Dance Group at UUS:E for a wonderful, modern variation on the ancient practice, and experience the expression of spirituality through movement and connection with others.

SEED: The Untold Story



Free showing of **SEED: The Untold Story** at UUS:E.

Friday, November 3 at 7:00 PM

Free popcorn. Discussion following the film.

Film synopsis in the Green Sanctuary column of this newsletter.



Holiday Fair

The UUS:E Holiday Fair is November 17 & 18, 2017!

It's coming up FAST!

Don't forget, there are A LOT of ways you can help:

Contact Michelle Spadaccini at michspad@comcast.net for these opportunities to help out—

- NEW THIS YEAR! We would LOVE to offer a Pride Shop where everything comes up RAINBOWS! But we need A CHAIRPERSON or VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE SHIFTS to run this booth.
- Place Posters: Help us spread the word about our beloved fair by hanging posters in local shops and restaurants.
- Help with SET-UP Sunday, Nov. 12 after services.
- We need a Party Planner! At the end of the fair, all volunteers are invited to relax and enjoy with food, drink and conversation. But we need someone with fresh ideas and energy to organize it!
- Greeters: We need friendly faces to greet visitors!
- Leftover removal on Sat Nov 18: Do you have a truck or large SUV? We need people to help remove tag sale and book leftovers.
- Busy during the Fair days? No problem! We also need help with After Fair Sales on Sunday Nov 19 and 26 after services.

Share Your Time!

We need people to help SET UP the booths during FAIR WEEK, between Monday Nov 13 and Friday Nov 17, 10 AM to 7 PM. We ALSO need people to take shifts at the booths during the Fair on Friday Nov 17, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM and Sat Nov 18, 10 AM – 3 PM.

Where would you like to help?

- Book Shop: Talk to Susan Barlow at sbarlow627@aol.com.
- Children's Shop – The FUN ZONE: Talk to Peggy Gagne at pgagne15@att.net.
- Tag Sale Boutique: Please contact to Deb Gould at dagould59@comcast.net or Sandi Karosi at skarosi@comcast.net.
- Holiday Luncheon on Saturday: Contact Brent Curtin or Beth Zambrano at bethzambrano@gmail.com.
- Jewelry—New and Used: Contact Peggy Webbe at dwebbe@comcast.net at or Diana Creamer at dcreamer12@aol.com.
- The Bake Shop: Talk to Jennifer Klee at jenduv@sbcglobal.net.
- Friday Night Refreshments: Contact Nancy Pappas at nanapap338@aol.com.
- Silent Auction: Contact Mary Ellen Vigeant at mevig@sbcglobal.net.

Share Your Talent!

Do you make something that would be the perfect holiday or everyday gift? Let us know what you can contribute! Please bring donations to UUS:E by Wednesday night, Nov 15 and include your name on your donation. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, so they're fresh.

- Original Works of Art for the Gallery: note cards, prints, pottery, jewelry and more. Please contact Nancy Madar at nancymadar@hotmail.com.
- Handmade Holiday Crafts are welcome for the Holiday Table! Contact Louisa Graver at graver30@att.net.
- Sewn & Knitted Items: Contact Carol Marion at cmarion333@gmail.com, Phil Sawyer at psawyer215@gmail.com, or Deb Starkel at ddstarkel@cox.net.
- Baked Goods: Do you enjoy baking? We can sell as much as the congregation can make! Please contact Jennifer Klee at jenduv@sbcglobal.net or Jean Mamonas at bjeanmamonas@gmail.com.
- Jams & Jellies, Relishes, Salsa, Chutney: Contact Cory Clark at clarkski107@hotmail.com or Joan Macomber at jmacomberjm@gmail.com.
- Handcrafted wood items are welcome at the woodworking booth! Contact Bill Graver at billgraver30@gmail.com.

Share Your Stuff!

We'll gladly take donations of your gently used, pre-loved items. You can drop off donations from Monday, Nov 13 through Wed Nov 15, 8 AM – 7 PM. If you absolutely cannot bring them Monday–Wednesday, you can bring donations AFTER the 11 AM service on Sunday Nov. 12. Please leave things in your car during the service. If you cannot drop off by Wednesday night, Nov. 15, be sure to contact the chair/s of the area so they can save room for you. Also, PLEASE make sure ALL donations are in GREAT shape, are in WORKING CONDITION and are CLEAN! Unfortunately, we don't have enough time to clean or fix soiled or broken items.

- Jewelry–We are already collecting jewelry. There's a donation box in the coat room on the shelf.
- Books, including cookbooks, CDs, DVDs can be brought in the week of the fair. (PLEASE, no textbooks, encyclopedias or books with mold/mildew, and please feel free to dust them first.)
- Tag Sale Boutique: We need LOTS of items in very good condition and are especially looking for a few high-ticket items for our Friday Night Specials. If you have any questions about specific, or higher value items you would like to donate, please talk to Michelle Spadaccini at 860-543-0490. No clothing, please.
- Children's Books, Games, Small Toys, Puzzles for our FUN ZONE – we need A LOT of items for our busy children!
- Silent Auction Items: Please talk to Mary Ellen Vigeant at mevig@sbcglobal.net if you have special items for our silent auction.

THE TIME TO START IS NOW! Watch for e-blasts, Sunday bulletin ads, the UUS:E Website, Facebook pages, and future newsletters to find out how you can get involved. Watch for the sign-up sheets at the helping hands table after services in November, or let Michelle Spadaccini know if you would like to help at 860-543-0490.

Thank you for your help in making the UUS:E 2017 Holiday Fair a success!



Card Tables Needed

Do you have a card table to spare for the Holiday Fair? We need LOTS for the luncheon! Please leave them in the coatroom with your name on the bottom. They will be available for pick up after the Fair.



Calling all Canners!

We need Jams and Jellies! Now is a great time to harvest for preserves for the holiday fair. If the weather is too hot for canning consider freezing the fruit or vegetable and canning it during cooler weather. We are also looking for Relishes, Salsas and Chutney. Remember that jars can be reused but must be thoroughly cleaned, including removing old labels. Please use new lids and bands. We also need used canning jars! They may be left on the steel shelf in the janitor's closet. Please contact Cory Clark at 860-597-9417 or clarkski107@hotmail.com with any questions/concerns, and with a description and quantity of jars you will be donating.



Got Jewelry?

Got more jewelry than you need? Want to share some? The UUS:E Holiday Craft Fair is coming up on November 17 and 18 and we need jewelry donations. You can bring your extra jewelry to Diana Creamer or Peggy Webbe, or leave it in the marked box in the coat room. You can leave fine jewelry in the office M-F during working hours.



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Fall Clean-Up 2017

Saturday, November 11, 9 AM - 1 PM. Join the Building & Grounds committee in preparing the grounds for the holiday fair and winter. Bring what you have for raking and pruning and we'll supply the rest: snacks, coffee, cider, equipment, direction and a few laughs. Children and youth with a responsible adult are welcome. This is a great way to connect with others in our community and to help steward our beautiful property, the seventh principle in action! Contact Cory Clark or Jane Osborn for more information.

Help Wanted!

Are you interested in helping our beloved UUS:E community grow and thrive? Do you enjoy thinking outside the box and working with a dynamic and creative team? Then we want YOU! The Growth Strategy Team is looking for new members to help identify and recommend strategies to encourage growth and retain members in our congregation. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Michelle Spadaccini at mtspadaccini@sbcglobal.net or 860-543-0490 with questions.



Calling All Manchester Road Race Fans!

We are looking for volunteers to help hand out FREE COCOA to runners and spectators on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 23 at the Manchester Road Race. You will have a GREAT VIEW of the race at the UUS:E Cocoa Booth at 172 East Center Street, in front of the Law Office of Malcolm Barlow. We need help from 8:30 am through the end of the race. Would you like to add your own sound to the Manchester Road Race? Any MUSICIANS interested in joining the Cocoa Booth ARE WELCOME to join us! LIVE MUSIC is a BIG HIT at the race! Electricity is available, as is cover in the event of inclement weather. Please contact Nancy Pappas at nanapap338@aol.com for more information.

Green Sanctuary News

Friday, November 3, 7:00 PM. Join us for a beautiful film—**SEED: the Untold Story**. A small group of us saw this last summer and wanted to share it with more people! Popcorn and discussion included.

Have you ever considered what a miracle each seed is, or that seeds have been worshipped and treasured since the dawn of humankind? **SEED: The Untold Story** follows passionate seed keepers protecting our 12,000 year-old food legacy. In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared. Today biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, but farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds. **SEED** features Vandana Shiva, Dr. Jane Goodall, Andrew Kimbrell, Winona Laduke and Raj Patel.
<https://www.seedthemovie.com/>

The Sustainable Living Committee will skip its November 14 meeting due to the fair set-up happening that week. Everyone is encouraged to **support the fair**. Bring your hand-made crafts, original art works, or home-baked items, gather your used books, collect good items you no longer need for the tag sale boutique, and sign up to help and come enjoy the fair!

Citizens' Climate Lobby, Greater Hartford will not meet in November due to Thanksgiving, but look for information about a special Saturday, Dec. 9 meeting!

Saturday, November 11, is Fall Clean-up Day. Come out and help care for our UUS:E gardens and grounds. It's a great way to meet people, work together and have fun! 9:00-1:00. Put our seventh principle in action! Bring rakes, pruners, gloves if you have them. Buildings and Grounds Committee will provide great snacks, coffee, cider, equipment, direction and some laughs.

Get Connected! with UUS:E on the Web

UUS:E WEBSITE is located at <http://uuse.org>. Here you can find the latest news about our community and upcoming events, basic information about group and committee activities, Rev. Josh's sermons, and much more.

DIALOGUE FROM HOME is our ongoing virtual **talkback series** that continues online after each of Rev. Josh's sermons. Whether you want to read along, post your thoughts, and/or engage in dialogue about the topic, you are welcome to join this group. Request a password from Annie, the office administrator, to get access to the discussion. Email uuse153@sbcglobal.net.

FACEBOOK! UUS:E has two Facebook pages where members and friends can share all things UUS:E. Our main site is www.facebook.com/UUSEast. You can find out what's going on at UUS:E here. And please share our events to your own page to help spread the word about all of the great things we do!

We also have a second site, UUS:E Happenings, designed specifically to share ideas and events with others in the UUS:E community. Anyone can post here. Is your child going to be in a play? Are you performing a concert? Looking for people to hike with? Post it here! This is a closed group, request to join here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/587066578028806/>

MEETUP: We have started a Meetup page! Join our group! Find events, RSVP and more at:
<http://www.meetup.com/Unitarian-Universalist-Society-East/>. If you'd like to add an event to the Meetup site, contact Carol Marion at cmarion333@gmail.com.

Rev. Josh has his own website located at <http://revjoshpawelek.org>

Catch up on his latest writings, community work, and more. You can also follow Rev. Josh on **Twitter @revjoshpawelek**, or connect with him at **LinkedIn** and **Facebook**.

Weekly e-blast – Contact Annie at uuse153@sbcglobal.net to be added to this weekly email of what's happening at UUS:E. Send submissions to SBarlow627@aol.com



Emergency Preparedness #1

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Our newly created Emergency Operations Plan defines actions to be taken when a critical situation occurs on the property. This "all hazards plan" identifies twelve situations that could risk personal safety or property damage. Each emergency situation is designated as a separate annex with specific instructions.

DID YOU KNOW?

In several annexes, an evacuation of the building may be required. When an evacuation is ordered, fire and police responders will be on the way. Did you know that many fire trucks cannot come to the building using the entrance driveway? The slope at the top is too great for many trucks. For this reason, fire apparatus will come to us using the exit driveway! The exit driveway must be kept clear! **Once you reach your car in the parking lot, do not drive off the property until directed by responding fire and police officials.**

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN DIRECTED TO EVACUATE?

The following procedures are to be followed:

- a. **IF NOT** during Sunday services:
 - i. All occupants are to exit the building and go to their cars. Then see second paragraph (c), below
- b. **IF DURING** Sunday services:
 - i. Children and staff on the lower level will leave the building at the nearest exit. That group will assemble together a safe distance away from the exit.
 - ii. Adult leaders will take separate small groups of children at intervals up to the front of the building.
 - iii. Adults upstairs will use the main exits to leave the building.
Parents of children who are in RE classes will assemble as a group a safe distance near the front exits until their children are brought to them.
- c. Then **FOR BOTH SITUATIONS:**
 - i. Parents with children, and all adults will go to their cars in the parking lot and remain there until all the fire apparatus arrive. Many of the larger trucks will enter the property down the exit driveway and must not find cars backed up blocking their way.

PARENTS – DO NOT TO GO DOWNSTAIRS TO FIND YOUR CHILDREN – THEY WON'T BE THERE! WAIT OUT FRONT FOR THEM TO BE BROUGHT UP.

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