

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

April Ministry Theme: Wholeness

Services at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

April 7: "And So Our Journey Began—The First Decade." (rescheduled from March 10)

This service is an important part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration. We will remember and honor members who laid the foundation for the establishment of Unitarian Universalist Society: East and became dedicated to ensuring the success of our liberal religious community east of the river. You will hear about our beginnings from 1969 to 1979. It will be a special opportunity you won't want to miss.

Coordinator: Nancy Madar

April 14: "To Take Away the Sins of the World?"

A pesky question haunts Christianity: if God is all-powerful, why did God have to die by crucifixion? Rev. Josh explores Jack Miles' Christ: **A Crisis in the Life of God** for a provocative answer. This morning's sermon was purchased by Fred and Phil Sawyer at the 2018 UUS:E Goods and Services auction.

Coordinator: Rev. Josh Pawelek

Friday, April 19: "Good Friday Service."

April 21: "Easter Music Service: The Dream Keeper."

All-congregation worship. Please join us for our annual Easter Music service. Easter is a story of dreams dashed and destroyed—and then renewed, restored, resurrected. This morning we say yes to dreams, yes to hope, yes to love!

Coordinators: Mary Bopp, Gina Campellone, and Rev. Josh Pawelek

April 28: "Holding Close to the Spirit of Earth."

Reflections by members on sustaining our spirit by caring for the Earth.

Coordinator: Lauriston King

2018 – 2019 Ministry Themes

July	Witness
August	Freedom
September	Vision
October	Sanctuary
November	Memory
December	Mystery
January	Possibility
February	Trust
March	Journey
April	Wholeness
May	Curiosity
June	Beauty

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 April 2018

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, fifty percent of our Sunday plate collections for the month of April will be split between **CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence** and **Covenant to Care for Children**.

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence (The Alliance) is a statewide alliance of individual sexual assault crisis programs. The Alliance works to end sexual violence through victim assistance, community education, and public policy advocacy.

Covenant to Care for Children channels the generosity of caring and faithful people to advocate for, and provide direct assistance to Connecticut's children who are neglected, abused and/or impoverished. The committee overseeing our community outreach efforts welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Please contact Louisa Graver at lgraver163@gmail.com, 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.

Stop & Shop

UUS:E sells Stop & Shop gift cards after services on the first and third Sundays of the month. If you do your weekly grocery shopping at Stop & Shop, buying these cards is a GREAT way to support the church without it costing you a cent. Cards for \$50, \$100, or \$250 can be purchased at face value, and, in return, Stop & Shop gives the church 5 percent of the sales. If you shop at Stop & Shop, please consider picking up one of these easy-to-use cards.

2018 – 2019 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 and Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU)
February	Operation Fuel
March	Rebuilding Together (Manchester) and Communitas
April	CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence and Covenant to Care for Children
May	MARC and MARCH, Inc
June	Mary's Place and True Colors

Equal Exchange

Fair-trade, sustainably-grown, **organic coffee, tea, chocolate and now olive oil** are available for purchase in the lobby after each service on the **second Sunday of every month**. These products are good for the growers, good for the Earth, and offered at a very good price. And did you know that the coffee served on Sunday mornings and at other UUS:E events is also **Equal Exchange** brand?

Sponsored by your Sustainable Living Committee.

The Minister's Column: Hallelujah!

Dear Ones:

I'm preparing my newsletter materials as spring 2019 arrives. It is cold and wet outside, a reminder that early spring can be messy, muddy and raw. I found a meditation I wrote years ago that addresses this point in the new season. It's called, "May We Rise to Meet the Wet." (Duffy Schade and I included it in our book, **Hear the Earth Call.**)

Now come spring drizzles, spring rains, spring thunder and lightning, spring mud and muck, spring dew on morning grass, on spider webs, on bare feet. May we rise to meet the wet. May we not shy away from the mud and the muck. May spring moisten us. May spring's wet mornings point us, guide us, lead us to that moistness of spirit so many of us long to experience and express. May spring's wet mornings point us, guide us, lead us to deep feeling, to intuition, to insight, to apprehension of the holy sacred meaning of our lives, to apprehension of the holy sacred person each of us is called to be, to apprehension of our place on this holy sacred planet in this holy sacred universe. And may spring's wet mornings instill in us a longing to engage in holy sacred actions in the service of peace, justice, love and compassion.

May we rise to meet the wet.

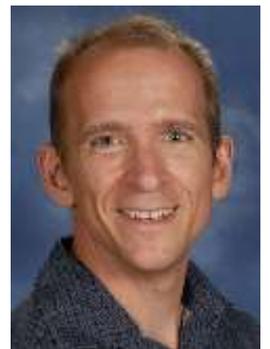
Our ministry theme for April is **wholeness**. Sometimes when we talk about wholeness in a spiritual context, we talk about achieving a state of peace, tranquility, serenity. Or we might talk about achieving a healthy balance between heart, mind and spirit. Or we might talk about achieving a mixture of fulfilling work, meaningful relationships, moments of rest and relaxation, joy, and the capacity to help others in need or to participate in social and environmental justice struggles. All these are valid ways of talking about wholeness. But I notice we rarely talk about the cold, wet days—the raw times in our lives; the times when we feel caught in the mud and the muck.

We cannot escape the cold, wet days, the raw weather, the mud and muck. Being in it, accepting it, embracing the way it challenges us must be part of our wholeness too. [Now, if you've read this far, please know that the 8th person to contact me either by phone or email and correctly state the language of the proposed 8th UU principle will get lunch on me later this spring!] I dare say we need the cold, wet, raw, muddy days. They teach us patience. They teach us endurance. They teach us that life is inherently messy. They teach us to hang on just a little bit longer before the truly beautiful days of spring arrive. Let's not resist these cold, wet, raw days of early spring. Let's lean into them instead. I suspect they made lead us to sources of resilience and power within ourselves—a moistness of spirit, as the meditation says. Deep feeling, intuition, insight, apprehension of the holy, sacred meaning of our lives. I say lean into these cold, wet, raw days of early spring. Lean in and learn what they have to offer.

It's April already! Spring is here. The holy weeks of Easter and Passover arrive soon. Beautiful days are coming. For now, may we rise to meet the wet!

With love,

—Rev. Josh



Enter, rejoice, and come in!

A Religious Education message from Gina

Dear Friends,

Spring has finally arrived. As a matter of fact, I am writing this on the first official day of spring. It's not especially warm yet, and my yard is still spotted with small patches of dingy, tired looking snow. But the arrival of spring is evidenced by the half dozen robins frolicking in the still bare lilac bush just outside my window, and by the purple and yellow crocuses pushing their tiny, determined heads through the earth, searching for the sun. While the winter season provides us with valuable opportunities to slow down and be introspective, to nest and to rest, I am ready to shake off the cloak of winter and embrace all that spring has to offer. Like the crocuses, I, too am ready to feel the warmth of the sun on my face. I look forward to the sense of hope and renewal that come with spring, and I am excited about all that will be happening in Religious Education and the life on this congregation over the next several months. Some of those happenings include:

- A Family Talent Show & Coffee House (April 6)
- A multi-generational Passover Seder and potluck (April 20)
- An all congregation Easter worship service filled with music and story (April 21)
- An RE Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to show our gratitude to those whose generous gifts of time and talent help make our program a success. (April 27)
- Our Flower Communion, a beautiful UU tradition (May 12)
- Our Affirmation Ceremony, a worship service in which our coming of age youth share their credo statements with the

congregation. (May 19, one service at 10 AM)

- UUS:E's 50th Anniversary Carnival, a multigenerational event featuring games, food, and fun for all ages (June 8)
- Our annual RE Sunday Worship service (June 9)
- A Bike Rodeo in which folks of all ages can have their bike tuned up, do a helmet safety check, ride through a course, and more (June 23)

Information and details on all of the events mentioned above can be found in this newsletter, in the Weekly Wednesday e-Blasts, the Weekly RE Updates, on Facebook, and on the UUS:E website.

I hope you will join me in celebrating all the gifts of spring in beloved community. May this spring hold for you the joy of frolicking robins, the bright blessings of purple and yellow crocuses, and the opportunity to spend some time outdoors with warmth of the sun on your face.

Be well & be loved,

Gina



Greetings from the Membership Committee!



We Warmly Welcome our New Members



Elise Cotrone & Ellen Williams



Stacey Musulin



Paula Baker & Tomar Nitzan & Sadie



Lauren Midgette & Rob Janes



Jane Penfield & David Klotz



Carrie & Bill Kocher

We have many new visitors each and every month, and **thank you for reaching out to new folks**. From the comments we've received, your friendliness has made a big impact.

So many of you have volunteered faithfully to help with Coffee Hours on Sunday, as well as being at the Welcome Table, and being a Sunday Service Greeter. Heartfelt THANKS go to all of you.

However, substitutes are still needed from time to time. If you'd like to occasionally help with Coffee Hour please Contact Jackie Heintz (jacqonstance@gmail.com). If you had some time to be at the Welcome Table, Jennifer Klee would love to know, so contact her at jenduv@sbcglobal.net. Louisa Graver schedules all of our Greeters, so please contact her at lgraver163@gmail.com.

Are you interested in joining our busy (and fun) committee? We'd love to have you! Talk to Edie Lacey, chair, (edielacey1@gmail.com; elacey1@cox.net) or any committee member: Jennifer Klee, Gail Crook, Louisa Graver, Jackie Heintz, Betsy Nelson, Alexander Herpst, Susan Barlow, and Kathi Lee and Jerry Arcari to learn more. You can always join us on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 PM in Room 2. No RSVP necessary!

Honoring the Past, Envisioning the Future



And So Our Journey Began – The First Decade

April 7 Service ~ Postponed from March 10

We will honor our Charter Members and hear stories from the “founding generation” who saw the possibility of a loving and inclusive home for liberal religion in Manchester. How did those early years shape who we are today? What legacy did our founders leave us, and how are we handling that responsibility today? Come to the April 7 service to consider this and much more!

April Milestones ~ This Month in UUS:E History:

April 1969: one month after opening our doors, an organizing meeting for Liberal Religious Youth (LRY) draws more than a dozen teens. Public Forums are scheduled two evenings each month on topics such as inner-city schools, prison reform and more. The Board votes to join Manchester Interfaith Social Action Committee (MISAC), which is completing 194 units of affordable housing in North Manchester.

April 1977: surveying, clearing and planning begins at the newly-purchased wooded lot on West Vernon St., Manchester. There is also much fundraising that must be done before we can have a home of our own!!

Show Your UUS:E Swag!

Just one more week to order a shirt!

Have you seen these great-looking black and gold 50th Anniversary tee shirts? Don't miss out, order deadline is April 8! Look for the display after each service or email Anne Carr: acarr06040@yahoo.com. \$20 for Small-XL, and \$25 for XXL and up. Many thanks to Sandy Karosi for design and ordering.



Looking forward to other 50th Anniversary events, including:

- ✓ Rev. Drew Moeller, who discovered his ministerial calling while at UUS:E, returns to preach on June 2
- ✓ All-generations carnival on June 8 (rain date June 15)
- ✓ WUdstock concert on July 27
- ✓ Celebration Gala on September 28
- ✓ Looking back, looking forward. A legacy service on November 3

Questions? Ideas? Want to volunteer?? Contact Anne Carr: acarr06040@yahoo.com

Green Sanctuary News

"I am here to say our house is on fire." These are the words of young climate activist Greta Thunberg, who recently spoke at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. She continued, "We are facing a disaster of unspoken sufferings for enormous amounts of people. And now is not the time for speaking politely or focusing on what we can or cannot say. Now is the time to speak clearly. Solving the climate crisis is the greatest and most complex challenge that Homo sapiens have ever faced. The main solution, however, is so simple that even a small child can understand it. We have to stop our emissions of greenhouse gases."

Climate change is a pressing matter the Sustainable Living Committee takes seriously, and it will be the subject of our Earth Day service on April 28. We will share updates from Our Children's Trust, indigenous wisdom of tribal leaders, and inspirational intergenerational quotes from climate justice leaders. On this day, we reflect on our place in the world and how grateful we are for the beautiful planet we call home. We also reflect on our responsibility, and the decisions we make on a daily basis.

While the news is dire, there are actions we can all take—both individual and institutional—to address the climate crisis we now face. We can all make efforts to drive less, eat plant-based, buy local and organic, stop using pesticides, reduce waste, and reuse, repurpose, and barter what we can. We can support local efforts to reduce emissions and expand wind and solar programs in our towns and state. We can pressure institutions to divest from fossil fuel companies and invest in renewable energy.

We can demand that the US government address this problem by urging our congressional representatives to endorse the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763). We can do all of this RIGHT NOW.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763) is a resolution to levy a fee on companies that produce carbon pollution from coal, oil, and natural gas. The funds collected will go into a trust and distributed as a monthly carbon dividend to all American households. The dividend will help low and middle income households while providing incentives for technology innovation toward a sustainable economy and away from the destructive carbon economy. More information about the bill can be found at <https://energyinnovationact.org/how-it-works/>. Look for a table in the lobby after Sunday service for ways you can support this legislation.

It's time to plant some seeds, literally and figuratively! Last year we launched UUS:E's "Peas & Love Community Garden" where we grew organic vegetables from spring through fall. Produce was shared with volunteers, community members, and the Universalist Church of West Hartford's Food Ministry. Our first planting day of the season will be Sunday, April 7, at 1:00 PM and we need volunteers to help out! Bring your skills, energy, and positive spirit and join us in the garden. If you're a newbie, you're welcome to come learn with us!

Please feel free to join our next Sustainable Living Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 PM in Room 2.



Green Forum on Plastic Pollution

Thursday, April 4

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM (refreshments at 6:00 PM)

St. John's Episcopal Church

523 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT

Join us for a 90-minute forum on plastics on Thursday, April 4 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Vernon. We will view a 22-minute version of "A Plastic Ocean," an award-winning documentary on the impact of plastics on our ocean. We will also hear about the plastic pollution in CT's rivers, the current state legislation to regulate single-use plastic, and the moral imperative for addressing this issue. This event is FREE, but RSVP's are required.

RSVP at:

<https://greenforumonplasticpollution.eventbrite.com>



IREJN's 3rd Annual Earthkeeper Dinner

Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Pond House Café

1555 Asylum Ave, West Hartford, CT

Come to IREJN's wonderful Earthkeepers Dinner, enjoy a delicious gourmet vegetarian/vegan meal and network with interfaith environmental activists from around the state.

Our keynote speaker will be Mayor M. Saud Anwar, advisor to Governor Lamont. We will honor the recipient of our second Earthkeepers Award, organizer John Humphries, Founder and Director of the CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs.

Tickets: \$70/members, \$80/non-members, \$120/ticket + IREJN annual membership

Purchase tickets here:

<https://earthkeepersdinner.eventbrite.com>

Meet Thousands of UUs This Summer!



<https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/ga flyer2019.pdf>

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association, the central governance group of our denomination. Thousands of participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. UUS:E can send four delegates to the 2019 GA, which will be held from June 19 – 23 in Spokane, Washington. See link for a preview of the exciting programming, lectures and Social Justice opportunities.

This year's theme is about collective power, "The Power of We." Delegates will look at the possibility, the purpose, the struggle and the joy of what it means to be together in faithful community. In the past two years, Unitarian Universalism has recommitted to the work of liberation – both inside and outside our faith community. The antidote to a time of dangerous dehumanization is a love that connects us to our deeper humanity.

If you are interested in attending this year's GA, please speak with Rev. Josh, Society president Rob Stolzman, or to Nancy Pappas. GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System open March 1 at noon EST at www.uua.org/ga. There are volunteer opportunities and scholarships which can help defray the costs



Honoring Dr. King

April 4, 4:00 PM
300 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Join the Due Justice Coalition in honoring Dr. King:

- 4:00 PM Gathering in Remembrance
- 4:45 PM Call for a moral budget
- 5:15 PM Action!

"God never intended for one group of people to live in superfluous inordinate wealth, while others live in abject deadening poverty."

Dr. King, **Strength to Love**, 1963



Spring Clean-up

Sponsored by Building & Grounds Committee

Where: UUS:E

When: Saturday, May 11

Time: 9:00am – noon

Clear winter debris, prep for summer.

Family friendly event.

Bring gloves and garden tools (we also have some to lend).

Refreshments and good company provided.

Contact Cory Clark or Jane Osborn with questions.

Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare Seeks Volunteer Organizer

The Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare is seeking a UU to organize on their behalf in the greater Hartford region. You may remember that last June, UUS:E welcomed former military chaplain and UU minister, the Rev. Chris Antal of the Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare into our pulpit. Chris spoke about his own experience speaking out against drone warfare as a military chaplain. The Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare seeks to raise awareness of the status of drone technology and its military uses as well as build public will to shape United States drone policy. If you have any interest in serving in this volunteer role, please contact the Rev. Chris J. Antal at 845-297-2792 for an application.

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

Third Tuesdays and Fourth Mondays
in the Sanctuary
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Open to all levels of ability and experience. Facilitator Mary Ertel provides djembe drums and other hand instruments, and you may bring your own.

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

Book Lovers

We meet every second Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00, downstairs in the chapel area. Everyone is welcome—including friends from outside UUS:E. Even if you haven't finished the book, you are invited to the discussion. Books are selected by participants, and we try to choose books that are old enough to be available in paperback, or at least in public libraries.

- April 9: **The Age of Innocence**, by Edith Wharton
- May 14: **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI**, by David Grann
- June 11: **Wild Swans, Three Daughters of China**, by Jung Chang
- July 9: **Mink River**, by Brian Doyle

For information: marlar@wordshard.com

UU Buddhists

First Tuesdays, Room 2

The Buddhist Group meets at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month, for meditation, dharma, and discussion. The April ministry theme is "wholeness." 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 is March 27 – May 15, 11AM – noon. The current yoga session with Jessica DeCarli is March 25 – May 13, 5:45 – 6:45 PM.

Come enjoy physical strengthening and the opportunity to quiet the mind. 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).

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

Science and Religion

4th Thursdays 4:30 – 6:00 in the Chapel

How does science inform our beliefs? Where do science and religion meet? Where are they in opposition? Members of this ongoing group will select and discuss readings covering myriad topics such as evolutionary biology, artificial intelligence, climate change, the brain, genetics...and the way we look at the Big Questions. Please sign up in advance, by contacting Annie Gentile at uuseoffice@uuse.org or 860-646-5151 or Linda Duncan at lindakduncan@gmail.com. Those who sign up will receive information about the next meeting's topic and questions.

Books, Classes and Discussions

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Kirtan with Hearts Wide Open—

Bring Your Friends!

Friday, May 10, 2019 at 7 PM – 8:30 PM

UUS:E Meeting Room

Hearts Wide Open is a treasured Hartford-based group of kirtan-loving souls bound together by their love of the music and its impact in opening their hearts to each other and to the Divine. They enjoy passing the lead around the group, so that you may experience kirtan in a number of different styles and voices. The group also adds untraditional instruments to their music, including cello, violin, and banjo.

We are excited to bring **Hearts Wide Open** here to UUS:E for all to enjoy!

The band features:

- Joe Johnson on cello and lead vocals
- Rachel Smith Cote on responding and lead vocals
- Greg Bertsch (Arjuna) on drums and lead vocals
- Alisa Wright Tanny on responding and lead vocals
- Naomi Edelman on responding and lead vocals
- Eleni Yalanis on violin and lead vocals
- Maggie Shar on banjo and lead vocals
- Nathan LaFratta on tabla and lead vocals

Open your own hearts, just as Springtime in May opens wide her beauty to us all, and sing, sway, or just drink in every minute of this life-affirming evening!

ALL ARE WELCOME. While a \$15 donation is requested at the door, no one is ever turned away. Chair seating is provided. Bring your own floor cushions if you want to sit on the floor in the front. Footwear is optional. Remind your friends that UUS:E is a scent-free space.

Sample the beautiful music of Hearts Wide Open online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/HeartsWideOpenKirtan/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEjLUN6s_806Cv9Aun3LWpQ

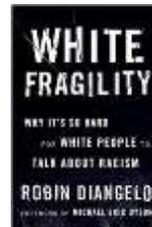
Explore the Healing Power of Sound Gong Journeys: Into the Sacred Heart with Ed Cleveland

Friday, April 5, 7:00 PM



We all know that music soothes the soul in myriad ways, but join Ed Cleveland's *Gong Journeys: Into the Sacred Heart*, to experience the power of sound on a deeper level. Ed is a certified Reiki Master and Holographic Sound Master and Teacher, offering a wide range of abilities to enrich your healing experience. Using singing bowls and gongs, he creates sound waves that trigger the release of healthy neurochemicals and hormones—sounds that can ease pain, boost your creativity, and promote a healthier, freer state of mind.

A \$15 donation is requested at the door, but no one is ever turned away. Chair seating is provided. Bring your own floor cushions if you want to sit on the floor. If you choose to lie on your back for the hour, bring your own mat, blanket, pillows—whatever you need for your comfort.



White Fragility

Book Discussion

June 6, 7:00 PM

In the Chapel

As part of UUS:E's ongoing commitment to confronting White Supremacy culture, Rev. Josh will lead a discussion of Robin DiAngelo's best-selling Beacon press book, **White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism**. All are welcome. Purchase the book now! If you need help purchasing the book, or if you'd like childcare for the event, please contact Rev. Josh at 860-646-5151 or minister@uuse.org.



Music Salon

The next music salon is Friday, March 29 at 6:30. This is a fun, noncompetitive gathering of novice to advanced musicians gathering to make music. Please let us know if you will be coming, what instrument you play and if you plan to bring music for the group to play. At the end of the salon, we will play a few pieces that everyone can join in on. Listeners are welcome. Contact Peggy Webbe 860-871-8035 or Mary Bopp 917-747-3872. If you know of someone who will attend, but hasn't been to UUS:E before, please mention the GPS address should be written 153 Vernon Street, W., Manchester, CT 06042, or directions are written on the UUS:E website.



UUS:E Concert Series Continues

MEETINGHOUSE returns to UUS:E on Sunday afternoon, May 5 at 4:00. While this talented Hartford area band has performed at previous Sunday Services, this is your chance to enjoy them here, at UUS:E, IN CONCERT! MEETINGHOUSE brings their own unique flavor to an eclectic mix of folk, blues, and rock, highlighting strong harmonies and songs with UU leanings. Their repertoire includes cover songs of The Beatles, The Weepies,

The Temptations, 10,000 Maniacs, The Wailin' Jennys, The Judds, Marvin Gaye, Hothouse Flowers, Fleet Foxes, and Melissa Etheridge (and more).

Everyone is welcome. There is a \$15 suggested donation, but no one is turned away, so tell your friends.

Group members, in alphabetical order, are:

- Hugh Schweitzer: bassist, backing vocals, mischief
- John Harmon: guitarist and world traveler
- Kate Howard-Bender: vocalist, keyboardist, and rhythm guitarist
- Mike Zanta: backing vocals, guitarist, mandolinist
- Sarah McKenzie: banjo player and guitarist
- Stephanie Briggs: vocalist and conductrix
- Tom Gervais: fearless leader and percussionist extraordinaire

Mark the date, May 5 at 4:00 PM, and get ready to rediscover favorite classics and kick back for a joyful Sunday afternoon of great music!

Beltane Celebration!

Sunday, April 28, 1:00 PM

UUS:E Meeting Room



Join the UUS:E Pagan Study Group for a celebration of Beltane. Beltane is the Anglicised name for the Gaelic May Day festival, held on or around the halfway point between the spring equinox and the summer solstice. Beltane is one of the eight sabbat celebrations in the Neo-Pagan "Wheel of the Year." If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Peggy Gagne at 860-646-6828 or pgagne15@att.net.

UUS:E GENERAL INFORMATION

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