

# 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

May Ministry Theme: Curiosity

Services at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

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### May 5: "The Roots, Nature, and Experience of Shared Ministry."

A 50th Anniversary Service.

**Coordinator:** Lauriston King

**Speakers:** Lauriston King, Nancy Madar, and Guest Commentary by Rev. Josh Pawelek

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### May 12: "Flower Communion."

All Congregation Worship. Through wonderful music and our annual flower communion, we will celebrate our beloved multigenerational community. Please bring a flower or flowers to share!

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

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### May 19: ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM

#### May 19: "Affirmation."

This morning we affirm our coming-of-age youth who plan this service with their mentors and will share their credo statements with the congregation. This is always one of our most rewarding, thought-provoking services.

**Coordinator:** Gina Campellone, DRE

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### May 26: "Living Your Faith—Finding and walking your path of faith as a Unitarian Universalist."

Tom Gervais from the Unitarian Society of Hartford, and Stacey Musulin, who joined UUS:E on March 24 will be our speakers. Kate Howard-Bender will be the soloist.

**Coordinator:** Martha Larson

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### June 2:

The Reverend Andrew Moeller from the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, Maine will be our guest minister. Drew is a long-time member of UUS:E and will be returning to his UU home to participate in this service.

**Coordinator:** Sheila Foran

## 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](mailto: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 May 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 May will be split between **MARC Inc.** and **MARCH Inc.**

**MARC Inc.** of Manchester is an organization which supports people with disabilities, empowering them to live, work, and enjoy all their community has to offer. Through the provision of many support services, their clients become able to live their lives to the fullest according to their individual goals and dreams.

**MARCH Inc.** serves people with developmental disabilities in greater Manchester, and supports their families in a number of ways. It has a respite program that gives youth the chance to socialize together while giving their families a break.

Please contact Louisa Graver at [lgraver163@gmail.com](mailto:lgraver163@gmail.com), David Lacoss, or Nancy Madar at [nancymadar@hotmail.com](mailto: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	<b>MARC and MARCH, Inc</b>
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:

Our ministry theme for May is **curiosity**. We've considered this theme before. As I have preached, the human quality of being curious aligns very naturally with Unitarian Universalism. Our fourth principle, "the free and responsible search for truth and meaning," implies that curiosity lives at the heart of our faith. We search because, at some level, we are curious about something we don't know. Our emphasis on questioning conventional wisdom, questioning traditional theologies, questioning God, questioning authority, questioning the uses of power, questioning religious doctrine and dogma, questioning either/or, black/white, binary conceptions of the world—all of it implies that our liberal faith requires, even demands, a curious spirit.

As a parish minister, it has always been critical to me that the people I serve are curious about each other. Can we approach each other with a spirit of curiosity, with a sense of wonder? After all, that is the best way to build strong relationships within the congregation. I found this list of "curious questions" in a sermon I preached a few years ago. I commend them to you now as ways to get to know each other better. Consider these questions as tools for taking a conversation to a deeper level:

I'm interested. Can you tell me...?

I'm fascinated. How did you...?

I'm intrigued. How old were you when you decided...?

May I ask you about...?

I heard your sharing in Joys and Concerns. Can you tell me more about...?

Where are you from originally?

Who are your people?

Were you scared?

How did you get through it?

What have you learned?

You had this same operation. What can you tell me about it?

"One day at a time"—what does that really mean to you?

Do you miss her?

Do you miss him/her/them?

What's next for you?

I'm curious. Tell me about yourself.

I'm curious. Tell me what you're passionate about.

I'm curious. Tell me your story.

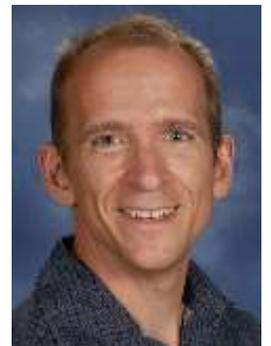
And as my colleague, the Rev. Marta Valentin asks, "How is your heart?"

Obviously, a person has to want to share, has to feel safe enough to share, must be willing to risk being vulnerable in that moment—our stories are so precious, our hurts so tender, our fears so raw. It may not be the right time to share. But I ask you to contemplate the difference in experience between a person who is invited to share some piece of their story and a person who never receives such an invitation. The former knows their story matters to someone, even if they can't share. The latter cannot be sure, and may suspect they don't matter.

Our curiosity about each other's stories is a sign of our willingness to know, to hold, to love. Our curiosity about each other's stories is the foundation of a caring congregation. It is also builds the relationships that provide the foundation for our social and environmental justice work.

With love,

—Rev. Josh



## Enter, rejoice, and come in!

A Religious Education message from Gina

Dear Friends,

When is the best time to be a Unitarian Universalist? Always, of course! But when is the very best time? I say right now. Why? Well because it's spring time, when some of our most special UU rituals and celebrations take place. The Unitarian Universalist faith tradition is informed and inspired by six diverse sources, including Christian and Jewish teachings, wisdom from world religions, Humanist teachings, and Earth-centered religions. Therefore, many of our rituals and celebrations are rooted in these traditions. However, we Unitarian Universalists do have some unique traditions of our own, and we will be celebrating several of them over the next few months.

The first of these rituals is **Flower Communion**. As described on the website of the [Unitarian Universalist Association](#), Flower Communion "...is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow. In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The congregation and minister bless the flowers, and they're redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought." (Celebrated May 12.)

Another UU ritual celebrated in the spring is **Affirmation**, a "Coming of Age" ceremony for teens. Youth in ninth and/or tenth grade are matched with adult mentors from the congregation, and together they spend about eight months working together in both small and large groups. The goal of the program is to help youth delve deeper into Unitarian

Universalism and articulate their own beliefs. This culminates in a worship service in which the youth share their credo statements with the congregation and are invited to sign the membership book if they choose to do so. Completing Affirmation is a huge accomplishment, worthy of significant celebration and recognition. (Celebrated May 19.)

**Religious Education Sunday** is an annual service that celebrates the children, youth, and adult volunteers who participate in our RE program. This service provides an opportunity to express our appreciation to the volunteers and to share with the congregation some of what the children have been exploring over the course of the year. The RE Sunday service often includes a slide show with highlights from the year, upbeat music, lots of fun, and of course cake! (Celebrated June 9.)

**Bridging** is the final of the UU rituals we'll celebrate this spring. As described on the website of the [Unitarian Universalist Association](#), "The Bridging Ceremony celebrates the transition of our youth from their high school experience into young adulthood. One of the most important things we can do for our youth is to support them into adulthood, to keep them connected to Unitarian Universalism, and continue to minister to them as they become adults." On this day we will also formally "bridge" 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Junior Youth into High School Youth Group, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders into Junior Youth Group. (Celebrated June 16.)

I look forward to celebrating "UU style" with all of you this spring!

Be well & be loved,

Gina



## Membership News

### Check Out Our New Member Biographies



#### **Elise Cotrone**

Elise Cotrone is newly married to Ellen Williams. They share their home with their dog, Murphy, and two cats, Zoe and Marshy.

Elise works at the Veteran's Home in Rocky Hill. Her hobbies evolve around the fiber arts, and she is a weaving member of the Wesleyan Potters Guild. In addition, she also enjoys knitting and sewing.

Elise grew up in the Middletown area, and she attended Catholic schools there. When her parents divorced and subsequently remarried, her family became Episcopalian.

Elise stayed with the Episcopal Church while raising her children. However, once they became adults, she started on a journey of religious exploration. After some consideration, she felt that her beliefs were more compatible with the Unitarian Principles.

She currently participates in the Women's Sacred Singing Circle at UUS:E, and is looking forward to being a member of the community.

#### **Ellen Williams**

Ellen Williams and her wife, Elise Cotrone, share their home with dog, Murphy, and with two cats, Zoe and Marshy.

She has recently retired from her long career in nursing. Ellen spent a large portion of that career establishing hospice care in nursing homes throughout the state. Now having some time, she enjoys reading, listening and singing to music, gardening and many crafts.

Ellen grew up in Wallingford, and was raised in the Catholic faith. However, she found that being gay did not fit in with that religion. She helped to found the Metropolitan Community Church in Hartford, and belonged there for many years. Eventually, and for several reasons, she drifted away, finding her spirituality in Nature and in Pacifism. She learned a great deal from Holly Near songs about respect for all and in becoming aware of global issues.

As well as attending many programs at UUS:E, Ellen is a welcome participant in the Women's Sacred Singing Circle, finding that music has many healing properties.

Ellen is glad to be signing the UUS:E covenant book.

## Membership News

### New Member Biographies (continued)



#### **Bob Janes and Lauren Midgette**

Bob Janes and Lauren Midgette have lived in Connecticut for most of their lives. Bob grew up in Cheshire, and Lauren grew up in Colchester. They met while completing their Masters degrees through UConn in London, England in 2012. They have been married for two years and have lived together in East Hartford for the past three years.

Bob and Lauren are both educators. Bob taught math in CREC schools, both in Hartford and New Britain for five years, and Lauren taught English at Bulkeley High School in Hartford for five years. This past September, Bob became the Math Supervisor for East Hartford Public Schools, and Lauren began teaching English as a Second Language for East Hartford Adult Education. She also works at UConn as a research technician.

The two enjoy taking walks with their dog Benny and traveling to new places, both in the US and internationally. Being outside in nature is where they feel most spiritual.

Lauren found UUS:E in February of 2018 when she was looking for a liberal religious community, and Bob began attending services a few weeks later. They both immediately felt connected to the messages of UUS:E and have been attending ever since. They are happy to have found such a welcoming, caring, and philanthropic spiritual home.

#### **Dottie Keating**

Dottie, who now lives in Manchester, CT, spent a good many years in Vermont. She attended the University of Vermont, getting her undergraduate degree. From there she attended SUNY in New York, earning her master's degree.

She has worked for many years as a School Library and Media Specialist in both the elementary and high school levels. Luckily for UUS:E, her library professional skills have certainly helped with organizing and running the Book Sales area of our Fall Holiday Fair. Thank you, Dottie!

Now, according to her, it was our own Kat Dargan who introduced her to UUS:E, subsequently becoming a dear and treasured friend. Kat led the two of them on many adventures and memorable times. She is profoundly missed along with Dottie's husband, Robert, who passed away several years ago.

Now surrounded by wonderful friends and neighbors, including the Sawyers, Dottie is most welcomed into our community.

## Membership News

### New Member Biographies (continued)



#### **Bill Kocher**

Bill is a lifelong New Englander. He grew up in Ellington, CT and has lived in Storrs for the past 9 years. Prior to that, he lived in Vernon for over 20 years.

Bill's spiritual journey includes being baptized a Congregationalist, being raised primarily in the Congregational church, and finding Unitarian Universalism in his 40's.

Bill has studied printing and graphic arts and worked for many years in a variety of positions in the printing industry until technology made many of those positions obsolete. He is now retired and enjoying the opportunity to do some travelling.

Bill love history and his main passion is antiques, especially antique phonographs. He also likes clocks and any kind of early technology, such as lightbulbs and fans. Bill also enjoys woodworking and has a small shop in his home where he putters repairing and refinishing antiques and making creations out of wood. He also is interested in old cars—especially Studebakers—but so far hasn't bought one. He also likes nature and hikes with the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Bill found UUS:E after visiting many other churches in the area in the process of searching for a spiritual home. Bill recalls driving by the church on several occasions and finally deciding to venture in one Sunday, finding it to be an open and welcoming congregation that drew him back again and again.

#### **Carrie Kocher**

Carrie is a lifelong New Englander. She grew up in Kensington, CT and has lived in Storrs for the past 9 years. Prior to that, she lived in Vernon for over 20 years.

Carrie's spiritual journey includes being baptized a Congregationalist, being baptized again as a Baptist, being raised in both mainline and evangelical Protestant churches, and finding Unitarian Universalism in her 40's.

Carrie has undergraduate degrees in economics and nursing and graduate degrees in nursing and communications and information management. Her professional life has encompassed working both in businesses as a computer programmer/systems analyst and as a nurse in varied positions in healthcare. She is now retired and enjoying the opportunity to do some travelling.

Carrie reads quite a bit and has an active correspondence with many friends and family by email and snail mail. She likes to cook, swim, and do yoga.

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### New Member Biographies (continued)



#### **David Klotz**

David Klotz was brought up Lutheran in Bethlehem, PA, but discovered the Unitarian Church while in college in Chicago. He has considered himself to be a UU ever since and has been a member of churches in Pittsfield, MA; Toronto, Canada; Norfolk, VA; and, finally, in Hartford and New Britain, while moving around as an engineer with GE. He has also been a college teacher, self-employed, and has worked for several other companies in Connecticut, including UTC. He and his wife Jane have grown children and grandchildren.

David has been a member of IRAS (Institute on Religion in an Age of Science) since 1993, has attended almost all of the annual conferences since then, and has held several offices in the organization, currently as treasurer. This summer's conference (on Star Island) is about the new gene-editing technique known as CRISPR; please come talk to David or Jane if you are interested.

Other main interests are photography, astronomy, music (both singing and listening), and reading (especially science fiction, science, and history). He and Jane currently sing in the Vernon Chorale.

David has volunteered for the Sunday Services committee and looks forward to a more active role on Sunday mornings.

#### **Jane Penfield**

Jane Penfield has been a lifelong Episcopalian, and is happy now to have gained dual citizenship. Her involvement in Religion and Science at Star Island for many years has led her to feel very much at home in the Unitarian Universalist community. She and her husband David (also joining today) live in Coventry. They have grown children and young grandchildren.

Jane is an award-winning artist who is drawn to nature, as well as to the human influence on it. Her work is an impression of light and life as she has experienced it through walking, travel, and direct observation. She finds great joy in the creative process and in teaching.

In addition to visual art, Jane has worked professionally as a choral director and administrator of nonprofit arts organizations. She served as executive director of the professional choir CONCORA, and as dean of the Greater Hartford Chapter, American Guild of Organists. She later served as Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for the Greater Hartford Arts Council, a major funder of arts organizations large and small throughout the region. She currently serves as President of the board of directors of Arts Center East in Vernon, Connecticut.

## Membership News

### New Member Biographies (continued)



#### **Tomer Nitzan Paula Baker Sadie**

Though the Nitzan family has lived in Glastonbury for 12 years, Tomer & Paula got their start in life rather far apart. Tomer was born in Israel and moved to Fairfield, CT with his family when he was a freshman in high school. Although his family returned to Israel, Tomer stayed behind, attended UConn, and has been in the United States ever since. He proudly became a U.S. citizen in 2012.

Paula was born and raised in New Fairfield, CT, leaving the state to go to college and later to work in England, but always returned to CT, living at different times in Newtown, Woodbury and Middletown.

Their stories converged in 2000 when both were working at Bristol-Myers Squibb in clinical trial research, where they remained until the closure of its Wallingford, CT office last year. While Paula is still enjoying some downtime to consider her next career move, Tomer's story has come full circle with his return to UConn in April to start a new position.

Their daughter Sadie is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Gideon Welles School in Glastonbury and is a regular at UUS:E Junior Youth Group meetings and Sunday R.E. classes. She loves to sing and dance, can spend hours sketching, and has been attending a 'ninja style' obstacle course training class for over a year. She can run up a 10 foot warped wall and is currently working on 12! The Nitzan family also shares their home with 2 cats, Jack and Pepper, and a fish, Herbie.

It was Sadie's arrival that prompted a desire to find some form of spiritual community. While Paula was raised Roman Catholic, neither was part of any organized religion. But they did have a desire for a meaningful family connection to something larger

than themselves, for the rituals and traditions that accompany that, for a community of like-minded folks, and for the opportunity for a liberal religious education for Sadie—and some help with the big questions that children have! Luckily for us, infant Sadie attended day care with young Max Pawelek...and though it took a while to get here, the rest is history!



#### **Stacey Musulin**

Stacey Musulin lives in South Windsor with her husband, Andrew, and their dog, Moxie. The Musulins most enjoy being at home together, whether it is discussing the day's events over dinner, working in the garden, or hanging out on the deck when the weather is warmer. When not at home, Stacey works as Director of Financial Aid at the UConn School of Law in Hartford.

Stacey's spiritual journey began with 11 years of Catholic School. More importantly, she had parents who encouraged her to question what she learned in religious education classes. In adulthood, she found a life partner who, like her, didn't identify as religious and enjoyed engaging in "deep" discussions.

Stacey began exploring Unitarian Universalism two years ago. She appreciates a faith community that encourages life-long spiritual growth, welcomes all people, promotes use of reason as well as an appreciation for mystery, does not have one-size-fits-all answers to the big questions, and strives to create a just, peaceful, and healthy world.

Stacey has been participating in the Hartford area Living Your Faith program this year, which has given her time to reflect on her beliefs and the benefits of joining UUS:E. She is grateful for everyone who has helped her walk her life's path.

## Honoring the Past, Envisioning the Future



# Fantastic Fiftieth Frolic – Carnival Fun for All Ages!

## June 8, 11 AM – 3 PM

Celebrate our 50th Anniversary at our first-ever multi-generational carnival featuring games, arts and special activities PLUS a delicious picnic! Mark your calendar!! (Rain date June 15).

Some of the highlights:

- Activities for all ages ~ Bounce house, “dunk the pastor,” scavenger hunt, cake walk, community art project, bubbles!
- Games ~ Bingo, human tic-tac-toe, relay races, corn hole!
- Barbecue for all ~ Vegetarian, vegan and meat options. Sign up to bring salad or dessert.

Now it’s your turn!

- RSVP at UUSE (upper and garden levels) or contact church office, so we can plan the food!
- Volunteer to help with a booth or game, set up or clean up. What can you do??
- Do you like to bake? Sign up to make a cake or pie for the “cake walk”

Any questions? Suggestions? Contact Sylvia Ounpuu at: [ounpuu.adams@comcast.net](mailto:ounpuu.adams@comcast.net).

### **May Milestones ~ This Month in UUS:E History:**

**May 1969:** First-ever child dedication at UUS:E, as little Cynthia Barlow is welcomed into the community.

First Annual Meeting. A Pulpit Committee is elected “to explore ways and means of getting some professional leadership for the Society.”

**May 1989:** Congregation calls Connie Sternberg as our third settled minister. She serves from September 1989 until her retirement in 2001, and was honored with the title ‘Minister Emerita.’

### **Looking forward to other 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, including:**

- ✓ Rev. Drew Moeller, who discovered his ministerial calling while at UUS:E, returns to preach on June 2
- ✓ WUUDstock 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](mailto:acarr06040@yahoo.com)**

## Green Sanctuary News

### Earth Month Relections

As we reflect on April, Earth month, and move into May, what challenges or resolutions have we made to protect our climate and our children's future on a planet at a tipping point? Yes, Earth really is at a tipping point. Scientists tell us that climate change is happening faster than predicted, ice is melting faster, seas are rising and weather events are becoming more powerful, more frequent and more unpredictable. Stopping this acceleration is one of the greatest challenges ever faced on the planet.

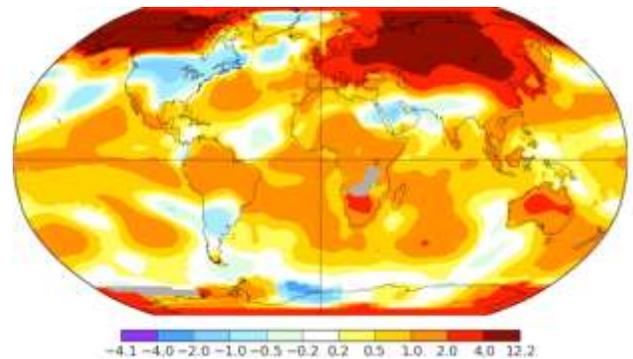
The only way to stop it is to stop the emissions which are causing climate change. Burning fossil fuels is the major cause along with other human activities that create greenhouse gases. We know so many good options. But these need to be incentivized and given a fair chance to take hold and transform our world.

We need to do this FAST, and scientists and economists say the best way is to put a price on carbon emissions. There are many ways to price carbon. The method our Sustainable Living Committee is endorsing and asking you, the UUS:E congregation, to endorse and support, is already a bill in Congress. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA) already has many co-sponsors in the House (H.B. 763) as well as endorsers and supporters from all walks of life, and it's basic ideas have been studied and promoted for years by volunteers with Citizens Climate Lobby and others.

The EICDA calls for a steadily-rising fee (paid by fossil fuel companies) on the carbon dioxide content of these fuels. And it calls for all the fees collected to go into a trust fund and be distributed equally among all Americans on a monthly basis. To learn the details and its effects and ask questions and discuss this bill prior to the Annual Meeting, please come on Thursday, May 9th, at 2:30 for a program sponsored by the Elder's Council and open to all. Then come out on Sunday, May 19, for the UUS:E Annual Meeting and vote on the resolution for UUSE to endorse the EICDA. Then help us get the bill passed so everyone will begin the real transition needed to save our climate!

In the meantime what else can we do? There are so many things! One idea is to consider a new offer made to UUS:E by Trinity Solar to have them put solar panels on your home—free of charge if your home qualifies. UUSE will benefit even if you let Trinity Solar come do an assessment, whether you qualify or not. So why not give it a try? Stay tuned for more about this soon.

There are many ways to conserve energy, limit use of plastics, especially single use plastic, and of course there is a planet-friendly diet made of mostly plants. Hope you are making a garden this year! Enjoy the earth we have and work to save her for all of us and for the future!



Global average temperature anomalies in degrees Celsius for March 2019 compared to the 1951 – 1980 average. Image: NASA GISS.



### Solar Opportunity

UUS:E is pleased to announce a new affiliate program with Trinity Solar. If you've been considering installing solar on your home, or are curious to learn more about the no-cost programs available, now is the time to set up an appointment to find out how. For each qualified appointment scheduled through this program, Trinity Solar will donate \$100 to UUS:E. If you decide to get solar installed on your home, UUS:E will receive a donation of \$1,000. This is a win-win-win for you, UUS:E, and the environment! Visit <http://www.gotrinitysolar.com/use> to get started.



## IREJN's 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

## 2019 Annual Meeting

The UUS:E 2019 Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 19, at 1:00 PM. We encourage all UUS:E members to attend. It is an important privilege and responsibility of membership to understand and vote on the items listed below and acknowledge the service of our dedicated leaders.

We are planning a salad potluck following the morning's 10:00 AM Affirmation Service. Please bring a dish to share! Just prior to the Annual Meeting we will re-dedicate the UUS:E Memorial Garden.

Keep your eyes open for our call to the annual meeting which contains a full meeting agenda and other details. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

## 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](http://www.uua.org/ga). There are volunteer opportunities and scholarships which can help defray the costs

## **The Beyond: Georgia O'Keeffe and Contemporary Art**

Tuesday May 21, 2019

New Britain Museum of American Art  
56 Lexington Street  
New Britain, CT 06052

Docent-led Tour (12:00 PM) with Catered Lunch (1:00 PM) in Moser Library (Assorted wraps, salad, dessert, chips, & bottled water)

Cost: \$25 per person (Space limited, must be reserved by 5/14/19 and paid in advance.)

Meet at the museum or carpool (please make your own arrangements).

Enormous flowers, luscious colors, desert landscapes, feminine forms, and still lifes. Georgia O'Keeffe (1887–1986) pioneered revolutionary ways of visually interpreting the world through her early embrace of abstraction and effusive use of color and is recognized as one of the preeminent American painters of the twentieth century. The **Beyond: Georgia O'Keeffe and Contemporary Art**, is an innovative exhibition that celebrates her work and legacy. Drawn from important public and private collections across the country, **The Beyond** will bring together three dozen iconic works—spanning O'Keeffe's long career and the full range of her output—as the centerpiece of a unique exploration. In this exhibit O'Keeffe's paintings and sculptures will appear alongside works by twenty contemporary artists that evoke, investigate, and elaborate upon the images and approaches that mark O'Keeffe's career.

For more information about the exhibit and directions to the museum visit their website at <http://www.nbmaa.org/exhibition/the-beyond-georgia-okeeffe-and-contemporary-art>. To reserve your space and arrange payment please contact Annie Gentile at [uuseoffice@uuse.org](mailto:uuseoffice@uuse.org) or 860-646-5151. (If the cost is prohibitive please contact Rev. Josh Pawelek, [revpawelek@gmail.com](mailto:revpawelek@gmail.com).) Contact Tammy Stolzman at [tammystolzman@gmail.com](mailto:tammystolzman@gmail.com) with questions.

## **May Exhibits in the Meeting Room**

National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls

and the Red Dress Project

Sunday May 5

Native American women face the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in the United States. In response, nearly 200 tribal, national, and state organizations are calling on Congress to pass a resolution designating May 5<sup>th</sup> as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls." The resolution was drafted in memory of Hanna Harris (Northern Cheyenne) who was murdered July, 2013. The resolution was first introduced in April 2016 on the same day that RoyLynn Rides Horse (Crow) passed away after having been beaten, burned, and left in a field to die. How can we show our support? Wear RED on May 5<sup>th</sup> and post a photo on social media with the hashtag #NationalDayofAwareness #MMNWG or #MMIW. Furthermore, UUS:E will be hanging a red dress in our sanctuary on May 5<sup>th</sup> to show solidarity with missing and murdered Native women and girls.

For more information visit the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center at <http://www.niwrc.org/news/may-5th-national-day-awareness-missing-and-murdered-native-women-and-girls>.

Visit the Red Dress Project at <http://www.redressproject.org/>

### **New Sanctuary Connecticut Photo Exhibition**

New Sanctuary Connecticut—an organization in which UUS:E participates—has created a traveling photo exhibition to draw public attention to the plight of two Connecticut residents who have been self-incarcerated in Connecticut churches for over 500 days each. The photos feature Sujitno Sajuti, who has been living in the UU Church of Meriden, and Nelson Piños, who has been living in the First and Summerfield United Methodist Church of New Haven. The photos will be on display in the UUS:E meeting room from May 3 until May 15.



## Tell ICE: Let Sujitno Free before Ramadan

The Islamic month of Ramadan, which begins this year on May 5, signifies a time of deep spiritual reflection and personal improvement. This period of internal advancement also elevates the importance of uniting in vulnerability and strength in moving forward as a community. On the first day of Ramadan, Sujitno Sajuti, who at 70 years old will have spent over 570 days in sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden, may remain unable to join his greater community at the local mosque to pray, relect, and break fast. We refuse to accept these circumstances.

We need your help to call ICE and demand that they grant Sujitno a Stay of Removal, so he can be with his people during the auspicious month of Ramadan, and continue fighting his case from outside church walls.

- ICE Boston Director Todd Lyons, 781-359-7500, ext. 3.
- ICE Harford Director Aldean Beaumont, 860-240-3013

## Congregational Survey Update

Thank you all for participating in the Congregational Survey! A member of our Growth Strategy Team is busily working on the analysis of the results, but it is taking longer than expected for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is that there is a lot of data! We expect to be able to share the results in the next 2 – 3 months. Thank you for your patience.

## Worship Workshop: From Initial Idea to Sunday Morning Experience

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 to 9:00 PM

UUS:E Meeting Room

Have you ever wondered how Sunday morning worship comes to be? Have you ever wondered how a Sunday service coordinator turns an initial idea or a question into a meaningful experience on Sunday morning? How are readings or meditations selected? How are hymns selected? What's the difference when it comes to designing adult-centered worship compared to all-congregation worship? Have you ever wondered if being part of the UUS:E Sunday Services Committee is right for you? If these questions, or any others related to worship at UUS:E, occur to you, then please plan to attend our Worship Workshop on Tuesday evening, May 21 at 6:00 PM.

### Leaders:

Revs. Jean Wahlstrom and Josh Pawelek.

Questions? Contact Rev. Josh at 860-652-8961 or [revpawelek@gmail.com](mailto:revpawelek@gmail.com).



## 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.

## Nearly Fifty Congregations Launch the **Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance!**

Imagine what life in our Greater Hartford region could be like if our religious institutions actually possessed the moral force to make it a more just and equitable place? The Christian Activities Council in North Hartford embarked upon this imaginative task in September 2016 when it convened the inaugural Greater Hartford Sponsoring Committee meeting. Less than three years later, nearly 300 diverse people of faith attended the Greater Hartford Sponsoring Committee's Winter Organizing Assembly. At 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, Jews, Muslims, Unitarian Universalist, Friends, and a vastly ecumenical group of Christians all filed into Congregation Beth Israel on Farmington Avenue in West Hartford for the Winter Organizing Assembly. In attendance were clergy, lay leaders, trained core team leaders, and those who were simply curious.

In her address to the multi-faith group seeking to work together to address issues that impact the quality of life in Greater Hartford, Rabbi Andi Fliegel, of the hosting congregation, passionately declared "the differences between us that too often keep us apart, spread thin and powerless will no longer divide us!" To identify issues that "keep us up at night," core team members coordinated and held over 30 small-group "house meetings."

At the end of the evening, those gathered boisterously and enthusiastically voted to name the organization the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA).

Since the meeting, institutional-based core teams have begun launching house meeting campaigns in their congregations. This coming summer, the body will gather again to affirm a slate of concrete, winnable issues to present at GHIAA's official launch on Monday, October 28, 2019.

### **The UUS:E GHIAA House Meeting Campaign**

As part of our UUS:E participation in the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance, we will be running our own house meeting campaign during May and early June. All UUS:E members and friends are invited to participate in a house meeting organized by our GHIAA core team. Sign-ups will be after services in late April and early May. Please plan to participate in a house meeting. Meet other UUS:E members and friends. Share a meal (or tea

and cookies). Tell your story: what concerns you the most about the future of our region? Our stories will be collected and shared with the GHIAA leadership team, who will use them to determine the issues that most unite us across lines of faith, race, class and geography. Then we will develop campaigns to address those issues.

### **UUS:E House Meetings**

- Saturday, May 18, 2:00 to 3:30, at the home of Marcia Leonard, 366 Ash St., Unit 17, Willimantic
- Monday May 20, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, at the home of Nancy and Ted Pappas, 338 Spring St., Manchester
- Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 PM at the home of Al Benford, 25F Cliffside Dr., Manchester
- Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 PM in the chapel at UUS:E (led by Nicole Bornhorst)
- Thursday, May 23, 4:00 to 5:30 PM, in the UUS:E chapel (led by Rev. Josh Pawelek)
- Thursday, May 30, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, at the home of Jim Adams and Sylvia Ounpuu, 48 Stonehedge Lane, Bolton
- Sunday, June 2, 6:00 PM, at the home of Lisa Sementilli, 7 Greenhurst Rd., West Hartford.

If you know you want to participate in one of the House Meetings, listed below, feel free to contact the host and let them know you are planning to attend.

Don't see a date that works for you, but want to participate? You are more than welcome to host your own house meeting! The UUS:E core team will provide a facilitator. Contact Rev. Josh for more information at 860-652-8961 or [revpawelek@gmail.com](mailto:revpawelek@gmail.com)

### **Music Salon**

The next two Chamber Music Salons will be Friday, April 26 and Friday, May 31 (both at 6:30 PM). 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.



## Memorial Garden Project Update

Members and Friends: If you've not had a chance to stroll down to the Memorial Garden (and also view it from the balcony or the meeting room windows), you're in for a surprise. Most of the work has been completed, and reaction has been positive. It's particularly meaningful that we've been able to accomplish this during our anniversary year celebration.

We're happy with what Andover Landscaping has done: efficient; on-schedule and completed as promised; friendly and cooperative staff; impressive clean-up; and, notably, most respectful of our space. Thanks to Matt, Jeff and crew.

Special thanks to UUS:E members and friends who contributed monetarily to this project and to those who purchased plots during our fundraising campaign, enabling us to proceed with these long-needed enhancements. Thanks also to Rev. Josh and President Rob Stolzman and the Policy Board for their support and encouragement.

And a special shout-out to Jeanne Pitney, Memorial Garden Trustee, who initiated this project; was involved in every aspect of it; and spent much time and energy in planning and on site. This effort would not have happened without her.

Some additional info:

\*Although the garden is accessible, we are still in the process of obtaining railings for the graduated steps leading down from the meetinghouse. These will be installed first on the main entrance walkway and then on the corresponding opposite walkway.

\*Additions will continue to appear (a new bench; a revamped mosaic in the center court; and various improvements in the flora).

\*Those who bought plots will be contacted by the Memorial Garden Trustees for selection of plot location. If you are eager to have this happen sooner rather than later, feel free to contact me (David) or the Trustee you initially spoke with.

\*We are planning to incorporate a brief re-dedication ceremony of our renovated garden at the upcoming UUS:E Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 19. Stay tuned.

FOR ALL THE DAYS TO COME

David Garnes for the Memorial Garden Trustees:  
Jeanne Pitney, Sharon Gresk, Eric Vogel, Gene Sestero, David Garnes

## Rally for a Moral Budget

Monday, May 20  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT

Gather at 4:00 PM, rally at 4:45

JOIN THE BUDGET JUSTICE COALITION

MAY 20TH, 2019 | RALLY FOR A MORAL BUDGET

<p><b>MONDAY MAY 20TH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4PM GATHER</li> <li>• 4:45 RALLY &amp; ACTION</li> </ul> <p>300 CAPITOL AVENUE HARTFORD, CT</p>	<p>CALL UPON GOV. LAMONT &amp; CT LEGISLATORS TO PASS A BUDGET THAT WORKS FOR THE MANY NOT JUST THE FEW</p>
<p>JOIN US TO DEMAND A MORAL BUDGET THAT WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENSURE GOOD JOBS &amp; FAIR WAGES</li> <li>• PROTECT VITAL PUBLIC SERVICES</li> <li>• FULLY FUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS</li> <li>• PROTECT AND EXPAND QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE</li> <li>• EXPANDS CLEAN ENERGY &amp; PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT</li> <li>• ADVANCES A SHARED PROSPERITY FOR ALL</li> </ul>	

Call upon Governor Lamont and Connecticut legislators to pass a budget that works for the many, not just the few.

Join us to demand a moral budget that will:

- ensure good jobs and fair wages
- protect vital public services
- fully fund public schools
- protect and expand quality, affordable health care
- expand clean energy and protect the environment
- advance a shared prosperity for all

## Emergency!

How many times has your committee participated in a 15-minute table top training exercise to learn what to do in an emergency situation?

	1	2	3	4
Policy Board	█			
Program Council	█			
Social Justice				
Sustainable Living	█			
Pastoral Friends				
Religious Education	█	█		
Sunday Services	█			
Music	█			
Committee on Ministry				
Denominational Affairs				
Community Outreach Ministry				
Sanctuary Team				
Membership				
Stewardship				
Nominating and Leadership Dev				
Adult Religious Education				
Communications and Technology				
Emergency Preparedness Team	█ <b>17</b>			
Building and Grounds				
Ecological Landscape				
Aesthetics				
Memorial Garden Trustees				
Personnel				

To schedule an exercise, please contact the church office at 860-646-5151 x10 to suggest a date and time.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:uuse153@sbcglobal.net) to be added to this weekly email of what's happening at UUS:E. Send submissions to [SBarlow627@aol.com](mailto:SBarlow627@aol.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

- 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](mailto: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 May ministry theme is "curiosity." Contact Nancy Thompson [nancythompson123@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. Her next session is May 22 – July 10. The current yoga session with Jessica DeCarli is March 25 – May 13, 5:45 – 6:45 PM. As Jessica will be on maternity leave, Susan Barlow will lead Jessica's next session, which will be May 20 – July 15, 5:45 – 6:45PM (no class May 27).

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. If the fee is an issue, please contact Linda Rohlf's at [rohlf's26@comcast.net](mailto:rohlf's26@comcast.net) or at 860 872-2526.

You can register with, and direct questions to:

- Susan at [SBarlow627@aol.com](mailto:SBarlow627@aol.com), or
- Annie at [uuse153@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uuse153@sbcglobal.net)

To read about their classes, visit [UUSE.org](http://UUSE.org).

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

## 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

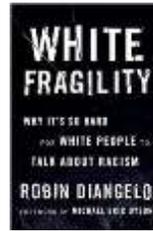
Open your own hearts, just as Springtime in May opens wide her beauty to us all, and sing, sway, or just drink in every minute of this life-affirming evening!

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEjLUN6s_806Cv9Aun3LWpQ)



### White Fragility

Book Discussion

June 6, 7:00 PM

In the Chapel

As part of the ongoing commitment at UUS:E to confront 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](mailto:minister@uuse.org).

### Science and Religion

4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:uuseoffice@uuse.org) or 860-646-5151 or Linda Duncan at [lindakduncan@gmail.com](mailto:lindakduncan@gmail.com). Those who sign up will receive information about the next meeting's topic and questions.



### **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!



### **Surcari Returns to UUS:E**

Concert AND Workshop  
Sunday, June 2, at 4 PM

Surcari (a combination of two words: Suramérica and Caribbean) is an award-winning performance group originally from Chile, Venezuela and Puerto Rico under the musical direction of award-winning guitarist Lorena Garay.

Last year, Surcari received the Arts For Learning Connecticut's 2018 Performing Artist of the Year Award.

#### **About The Program**

During the first half of the program the versatile members of Surcari will perform an irresistible mix of instrumental and vocal music from the Andes, the Spanish Caribbean, South America, Spain and Mexico on a wide variety of instruments.

#### **About The Workshop**

The second half of the program will be highly interactive and participatory.

Surcari's multicultural performances engage audiences of all ages as they sing, clap, dance, and play hand percussion instruments while learning about different Spanish-speaking cultures.

Join Surcari for an enchanting and colorful journey through the music of Latin America.

This is an event for all ages!

Suggested donation \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, children under 10 free.

It's only a suggestion—no one is turned away.

**UUS:E GENERAL INFORMATION**

**UUS:E Office Schedule:** Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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**Minister:** Rev. Joshua Pawelek 860-652-8961, [revpawelek@gmail.com](mailto:revpawelek@gmail.com)

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June Newsletter Deadline:

May 20

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