

Unitarian Universalist Society: East

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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

June Ministry Theme: Beauty

Services at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

June 2: "Being with Beauty."

As springtime unfolds we are surrounded by abundance of beauty and renewal. It is easy to embrace the full frontal beauty color and fragrance of this time of year, but how do we find the beauty in the less glamorous parts of our being? Today Rev. Andrew Moeller will explore finding greater beauty in our lives and reminisce about how UUS:E played a transformative role in his answering his call to UU ministry.

Coordinator: Sheila Foran

June 9: "Religious Education Sunday."

It's been a year filled with exuberant, enthusiastic learning in RE. Join us for a celebration of the UUS:E Religious Education program and help us show our gratitude to the awesome volunteers whose energy and dedication make it all possible.

Coordinator: Gina Campellone

June 16: "Centering the Other as Spiritual Practice, continued."

Unitarian Universalism is changing. Our historical centering of straight, white, male people, narratives and power is changing, though not without conflict and pain. Rev. Josh continues his exploration of centering the other as spiritual practice.

Coordinator: Rev. Josh Pawelek

June 23: "The Sand, the Sea, and the Spirit."

The sea provides an abundance of natural and spiritual resources. Speakers will share how their ties to the shore and the sea have enriched their lives.

Coordinator: Lauriston King

Guest Speakers: Deb Dauphinais, Carole Capen-Kargher.

June 30: "O, the Beauty in the World."

Unitarian Universalists are called to name and confront all the horror, oppression, violence and evil in the world. But as we respond to this calling, we must not forget to name all the beauty. In fact, it is our apprehension of beauty that fortifies us in the struggle for justice.

Coordinator: Rev. Josh Pawelek (Read Josh's column for special instructions.)

July 7: "How to Love a Country."

As a conclusion to a long "Fourth of July" weekend, Rev. Josh reflects on poet Richard Blanco's new Beacon Press book, **How to Love a Country**.

Coordinator: Rev. Josh Pawelek

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 June 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, the recipient of fifty percent of our Sunday plate collections for the month of June will be split between **True Colors**, with headquarters in Manchester, and **Mary's Place**, located in Windsor.

True Colors Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services is a not-for-profit organization working to eliminate the stigma associated with sexual and gender minority status and to ensure that the needs of the LGBTI community are competently met by those responsible for our education, health, and well-being. True Colors sponsors the largest sexual minority youth conference in the nation.

Mary's Place, a non-profit organization located in Windsor, provides a safe place in which children, teens and families who are grieving a death share their experiences, receive support and find comfort. Recognizing that after a death families may experience financial concerns, Mary's Place does not charge a fee for its services nor do they receive any state or federal funding. All programs are supported solely through donations

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:

Our ministry theme for June is beauty. I find myself struggling with this theme. I struggle because there is so much ugliness in the world. So much hatred. So much corruption. So much suffering. So much exclusion. So much inequity. So much environmental degradation. So much apathy and indifference. I struggle because a central pillar of my call to ministry is naming and confronting the ugliness. That's why I dedicate a significant amount of my time as a minister engaged in community and interfaith organizing, antiracism work, social justice work and legislative advocacy. I have found these to be the best vehicles for "naming" and "confronting." But there's got to be room for beauty as well.

I don't feel comfortable remaining silent in the face of what I'm calling ugliness. (I also call it evil.) Silence really does equal complicity. When I pause to consider how the Unitarian Universalist principles inform my ministry, well, they don't allow for silence either. Along with so many of my colleagues in ministry, I interpret the principles as a call for us to name and confront violence, oppression, injustice and hatred—all those forces that suppress the inherent worth and dignity of people, that reduce justice, equity and compassion in human relations, that prevent the emergence of a world community with peace, liberty and justice for all. We are indeed called to name and confront the ugliness in the world. But there's got to be room for beauty as well.

We cannot go about our lives as if the ugliness isn't there. We cannot live in denial. It isn't a spiritually sound way to live. But neither can we go about our lives as if beauty isn't real. Neither can we live in denial of the beauty all around us. That isn't spiritually sound either.

So, I need some help. I want to preach a sermon called "O, the Beauty in the World." That's a riff off hymn #182 in our hymnal, Bishop Toribio Quimada's "O, the Beauty in a Life." Please write to me at revpawelek@gmail.com and tell me about the beauty in the world. What do you find beautiful? It could be a natural phenomenon, a person, a piece of music, a painting, a town or city, a vacation spot, a room in your home, a mountain, a river, a tree. It could be an act of creativity. It could even be the act of naming and confronting evil.

Tell me what you experience as beautiful. I will compile your comments into a reading in the June 30 Sunday service.

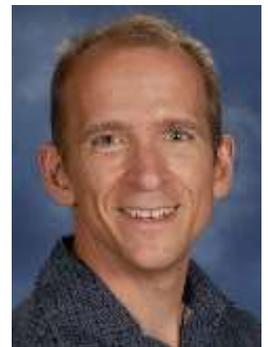
This isn't an idle exercise. Naming and reveling in the beauty of the world has the power to carry us through difficult times. Naming and reveling in the beauty of the world has the power to generate joy in the midst of despair. Naming and reveling in the beauty of the world has the power to inspire us when we are feeling lost and directionless. Naming and reveling in the beauty of the world may be exactly what we need to ground us and sustain us in the struggle for justice.

So, please let me know what you experience as beautiful.

With love and many blessings for a wonderful summer.

With love,

—Rev. Josh



Enter, rejoice, and come in!

A Religious Education message from Tammy Stolzman

Another Exciting Year in Religious Education

Mission Statement: We, the Religious Education Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society: East, will provide a multifaceted program for our young people, which promotes personal religious growth and exploration, and incorporates Unitarian Universalist ideals. We will integrate children, youth and families into the life of UUS:E by educating the congregation and its leadership about the needs of RE volunteers, parents, and children, and encouraging both parents and non-parenting adults of the congregation to seek opportunities for involvement and leadership.

We've had another great year in Religious Education jam packed with religious exploration and fun! Our monthly model of two Sunday mornings learning religious curriculum in the classroom, one Faith in Action Sunday (Cooking for a Cause this year), one Sunday upstairs for a multigenerational service, and special activities whenever there is an extra 5th Sunday continues to work well for us. We like it because it brings the whole congregation together on a regular basis and it allows the children to be a part of the "upstairs" Sunday activities, while at the same time giving the rest of us a chance to get to know some of the children we don't otherwise get to see. This scheduling also spreads the joy and commitment of volunteering in Religious Education among more adults (sharing the fun and making it easier to fit into their busy schedules).

In addition to our Nursery and Pre-K – 8th grade curriculum, Jenn Richard and Sham Elshakhs, with the help of some spectacular mentors, led a wonderful group of our youth on their journey toward Affirmation. They presented themselves and their credos to the congregation at our special Affirmation Service on May 19, joining a long list of UUS:E youth who have done so over the years.

Our Youth and Junior Youth Groups are also thriving. New to UUS:E this year is Dungeons and Dragons! That's right, a regular clan, including kids from both groups, has been having a great time on Sunday afternoons getting together to play D&D! The two groups have also combined forces for

other fun events like making soup to serve on Sunday.

Did I mention that we've been cooking for a cause once a month? Yes, back by popular demand, and more fun than ever, we've been cooking up delicious bites to be sold after the AM service and raising money for various causes near and dear to the hearts of the kids.

This year has also been filled with plenty of events for all ages. To name just a few: Trunk-or-Treat was a hit again (with a new indoor twist because of rain), we went Holiday Caroling, and stepped up our gaming event by adding video and virtual reality (hosted by the Youth Group).

There's still much more to come in June. On June 8 will be the Phenomenal 50th Fun Fair, combining our regular picnic with carnival fun to celebrate UUS:E's 50th Anniversary. We've been working with the Carnival committee to make sure there will be fun and games for all ages! The very next day on June 9 we have our annual Religious Education Sunday Worship Service, where we get to share what's been going on in RE with the congregation and thank all of our amazing RE volunteers. The Bridging Ceremony will be on the 16th, and this year we will be welcoming new Youth and Junior Youth into their respective groups. A children's book swap will also take place that day. The Bike Rodeo will be on the 23rd, which is also the first day of our RE Summer Sunday Program.

We've got plenty planned for this summer, from building fairy gardens to self-massage so be sure to stop in!

Tammy Stolzman

Religious Education Chair

Membership News



Greetings from the Membership Committee! Photos of Members Who Joined Since June 2018

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.

As we're in a year of celebration, we are taking this opportunity to look back over the past UUS:E year, June 2018 – June 2019, to present and honor all those who joined us during this time.

We held our "Intro to UU" on Sunday, May 5, with three newcomers attending. Our next New Member Sunday is on June 2, and "Meet the Church" with Rev. Josh that same day.

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 Jacquie Heintz (jacqonstance@gmail.com). If you have 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), Jerry Arcari, Membership Coordinator (membership@uuse.org), or any committee member: Jennifer Klee, Gail Crook, Louisa Graver, Jacquie Heintz, Betsy Nelson, Alexander Herpst, Susan Barlow, and Kathi Lee. You can always join us on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 PM in Room 2. No RSVP necessary



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Membership News

New Member Photos (continued)



Robert Janes, Lauren Midgette



Carrie Kocher, Bill Kocher



David Klotz, Jane Penfield



Christine Bailey



Dottie Keating



Cliff Pelletier



Kelly Mabry

Membership News

New Member Photos (continued)



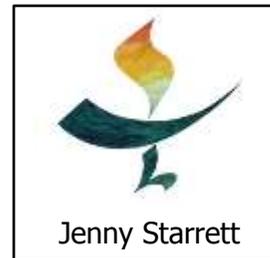
Stacey Musulin



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Melissa Falb, Joel Devonshire



Jenny Starrett



Patricia Squier



Ellen Williams, Elise Catrone,

Honoring the Past, Envisioning the Future



Our ministerial legacy:

Many pastors nurtured at UUS:E!

Rev. Andrew Moeller, who discovered his ministerial calling here at UUS:E, will return to his "UU home" to help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary on June 2. Drew now serves the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, Maine.

A remarkable number of Unitarian Universalist pastors have been nurtured at UUS:E over the decades, and have brought a bit of our spirit to congregations across the U.S. As we welcome Drew, we celebrate the work of the Reverends Tom Bozeman, Michelle LaGrave, Jeanne Lloyd, Paul Mueller, Carol Rosine and her son David Egan, Gretchen Thomas, Jean Wahlstrom and Mary Wellemeyer. Who will be next on this Path to the Pulpit?

June Milestones ~ This Month in UUS:E History:

June 1969: Our first annual summer picnic is held in Center Springs Park, directly behind the Main Street building where we held services.

UUS:E votes to call an interim minister, with salary paid by the UUA. The Rev. Arthur Olsen arrived October 1.

June 1984: Arnold Westwood preaches his last sermon as our first settled minister. He had been called in November 1970, and helped lead the society through four locations to a home of our own.

Looking forward to other 50th Anniversary commemorations, including:

- Phenomenal 50th Fun Fair on June 8 ~ Sylvia Ounpuu, coordinator (see article in this newsletter)
- WUUdstock concert on July 27 ~ Deena Steinberg, coordinator
- Celebration Gala on October 4 (note the new date) ~ Lesley Schurmann, coordinator
- Looking back, looking forward. A legacy service on November 3
- Multimedia timeline created by Carol Marion (to the right of the stage) and photos of each of our congregational homes (hallway near office entrance.) Ongoing

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

PHENOMENAL 50TH



Phenomenal 50th Fun Fair June 8, 11 AM – 3 PM

Don't miss the first-ever multigenerational UUS:E carnival featuring games, arts and special activities PLUS a delicious picnic! Bring yourselves, your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews!

Some of the highlights:

- Activities for all ages ~ Bounce house, "dunk the minister," scavenger hunt, art projects, treasure dig, photo booth and much more!
- Games for all skills ~ Bingo, human tic-tac-toe, relay races, corn hole, cake walk, hula hoop contest!
- Picnic for all preferences ~ Vegetarian, vegan and meat options. Sign up to bring a salad or dessert.
- Cotton candy, snow cones and lots of FUN FOR ALL!!

Sign up after services OR on the Fun Fair web link (click 50th Anniversary on UUS:E home page.) We need a head count for the picnic!!

A few details:

- Fair is 11 AM – 3 PM, with lunch from noon to 2 PM. Activities throughout the day. Relay races/lawn games 2 – 3 PM on lower field.
- Rain date is June 15. Weather info will be posted on the UUS:E home page (uuse.org).
- Everyone gets "starter tickets"—10 per child and 5 per adult. Additional tickets for 50 cents each. And many activities are absolutely free!

Want to help? We need volunteers! Sign up at service, online or email Sylvia Ounpuu:

ounpuu.adams@comcast.net

Also looking for costumes, hats and other accessories for the photo booth!

Any questions? Anne Carr: acarr06040@yahoo.com

WuuDSTOCK Update

Our WuuDSTOCK Concert & Celebration will take place in the Meeting room 7/27/19.

BAND CHANGE: The Dilemma, an up and coming band with an impressive resume will be playing Woodstock favorites and other 60s tunes from 7 to 9 PM.

OPEN MIC will precede the band from 5 to 6:30ish. If you would like to perform, email deenasteinberg@gmail.com.



PHOTOS NEEDED: please email circa 1969 photos of yourself to deenasteinberg@gmail.com.

VINTAGE ALBUM COVERS: if you have any to loan for decorating the MR, please contact Deena.

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED HIPPIY, PERFORMER LOOK-ALIKE AND MORE.

Hippies of all ages welcome; inside—no rain, no mud.



Litha Celebration

Come celebrate Litha (Summer Solstice)! Join the UUS:E Pagan Study Group for a multigenerational observation of Litha. Friday, June 21, 2019 7:00 PM UUS:E Sanctuary. All are welcome! Litha celebrates the longest day of the year. Come learn about the union of god and goddess at Litha, and the god's diminishing influence after the solstice. If you are planning to attend, **PLEASE** RSVP to Peggy Gagne at 860-646-6828 or pgagne15@att.net. We need to know how many to plan for the activity portion of the night. Please bring a light snack to share. The planned activity will be a bit messy, so bring a shirt for cover if you don't want to get dirty. If you arrive after 7 PM, please wait just inside the doors to the sanctuary so we can welcome you into the circle.

Green Sanctuary News

Thank you to everyone who voted—unanimously!—at our Annual Meeting on May 19 for UUS:E to endorse the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act:

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/energy-innovation-and-carbon-dividend-act/> as a national solution for fighting climate change. It is now in the House as H.R. 763 and will hopefully be raised in the Senate shortly. Please let your Representative (probably Larson or Courtney) and our two Senators know that you support this act and hope they will co-sponsor it! Even if you have already filled out a written form letter, you can keep the pressure on by using this site to send a message: <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/write-your-representative/>

Trinity Solar has an agreement with UUS:E to provide no-cost solar panels for qualifying UUS:E member homes. Many of us have already signed up for a site visit, which provides UUS:E with \$100 whether we qualify or not. For those who do qualify, and who go on to have an installation set up, UUS:E will receive \$1000. Sign up here: Visit [Trinity Solar](#) to get started. Questions, ask: David Luchetti.

Getting down to Earth, Mary Lawrence held a Compost Making Workshop on May 8 in our Peas and Love garden and had about 20 people show up to learn the process! NEXT garden workshop: Planting for Pollinators and Other Beneficials on June 5, 6:00 PM.

Come out on Friday, June 14, at 7:00 PM, to a film showing of **The Devil We Know—The Chemistry of A Cover-Up** with vegan snacks. <https://thediavilweknow.com/>

The Sustainable Living Committee meets on the second Tuesday evening each month at 7:00 PM and welcomes newcomers. Our next meeting is June 11. We will NOT meet in July this summer, but invite you to come to a special potluck/picnic meeting starting at 6:00 PM on August 13 downstairs and out back.



Piano Bash

Caution: Pianists at Play!

Come join us for the 2019 UUS:E Piano Bash on June 9 at 4 PM. Listen to piano lovers of all ages perform on the two beautiful Steinway pianos in the UUS:E meeting room! The event is free to all who enjoy live music.

Meet Thousands of UUs This Summer!



<https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/gafllyer2019.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.

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 – To sign up, look for the button near the top-right at uuse.org:



Send submissions to SBarlow627@aol.com

Honest Conversations

with Muslim Neighbors

Sunday, June 23 at 1:00 PM at UUS:E

Who are our Muslim neighbors? What do they believe? How do extremist actions worldwide affect them? Hear Connecticut Muslims share their stories, and respond to questions such as:

Why don't we hear moderate Muslims speak out against extremism?

Why do some girls & women wear Muslim dress, and others do not?

What does the Qur'an really say about people of other religions?

American Muslims don't have all the answers, but our guests will respond out of their own experiences, raising issues that concern them as well as us. Together, in conversation, we can promote a more peaceful world for everyone.

ALL are welcome: come for an afternoon of interfaith bridge-building. Bring a friend!

"Honest Conversations" is a collaborative project of:

CT Council for Interreligious Understanding (CCIU)

the **Muslim Coalition of CT** and
Hartford Seminary

RSVPs / more info: interfaith@ccfiu.org (CCIU)

20 Lawmakers

& what their handwriting tells us about them

Are you interested in the drama of current events? Want to learn more about its cast of characters? On June 2, after the second Sunday Service, Carol Lowbeer, professional graphologist, will discuss the handwriting of 20 prominent lawmakers and candidates and tell you what those swirls, loops slants in their writing tell you about their real talents and strengths. Which candidate has the staying power to win the race? Which is over-sensitive? Which lawmaker is the most flexible? The confident appearing legislator may be week-willed and the "organized" candidate may be less dependable than you realized. Graphology is often used in Europe for candidate selection and reveals traits which may be hard to evaluate, like perseverance, attention to detail and dependability. Carol has analyzed the scripts of thousands of individuals, lectured and taught classes since 1993. Audience questions are welcome. An entertaining hour is guaranteed in this unique informal workshop. The workshop is from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the Chapel Room downstairs. There will be no charge for the workshop to UUS:E members and friends.

Facility Copyright License

UUS:E has purchased a bundled facility copyright license from Christian Copyright Solutions (CCS), which permits us to legally perform, have performed or broadcast through speakers music that is subject to a copyright. This is a one-year bundled license covering any music copyrighted through ASCAP, BMI and SESAC, which accounts for well over 99% of all music copyrights issued. CCS will distribute a portion of our license fee to each of the foregoing entities. Additional fees will be owed if we charge set ticket prices at events (as opposed to "by donation only"). Although music performed or played in the sanctuary during an actual religious service is exempt from licensing, any music performed in rooms other than the sanctuary and outside of the main service requires a license. This license will cover music played or broadcasted at social events, in the program room before/after services, at Yoga, concerts, etc. Note that the license does NOT cover streaming or Internet distribution of music. This means that music should NOT be placed on our Internet or other public sites (Facebook, website, etc.). This includes recordings we make at UUS:E, YouTube, or links embedded in other sites. Although a streaming license is available for purchase, it would have been significantly more expensive than just the facility license. Also note that while older music (composed by long-dead composers) is in the public domain and not subject to copyright, a derivative version (arrangement) of that music is frequently copyrighted, so it's best just to assume that music cannot be streamed or linked on the Internet unless the actual composer posts or gives written permission to post or link the music.

DRUUMM Hartford CT Area Gathering



Tuesday, June 11, 2019

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Unitarian Society of Hartford

50 Bloomfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06105

As part of our faith journey as Unitarian Universalists, we are regularly challenged by the ways race and racism affect our lives and our spirituality. Within our congregations we are creating space to build a community of care among UU People of Color, opportunities to explore deeper questions around race, culture and our religious values.

We invite UU People of Color in the Greater Hartford CT and Western Massachusetts area to gather for dinner and meeting facilitated by Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons, DRUUMM consulting minister. Joseph is a multiracial Asian American community minister by way of Oregon and The Philippines who has worked with DRUUMM for many years. We will nurture new relationships between UU People of Color in the area, discuss some of the historical development of UU People of Color and anti-racism efforts, and learn more about what the community needs and interests are among those who attend. Please RSVP with jsantoslyons@uuma.org or 503-512-0490 ideally by May 31, 2019.

Community Conversation with the Program Council

The UUS:E Program Council invites members and friends to join us for one of two discussions:

2:00 PM or 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 27 in the UUS:E Chapel.

The purpose of the event is to invite discussion of current UUS:E committee activities and solicit input on future programs and events to expand the offerings at UUS:E. The Program Council would love to hear your thoughts.

— Kevin Holian-Borgnis and the Program Council

UUS:E's GHIAA House Meeting Campaign

As part of our UUS:E participation in the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance, we have been running a house meeting campaign during May and June. All UUS:E members and friends are invited to participate in a house meeting organized by our GHIAA core team. House meeting participants will meet other UUS:E members and friends, share a meal (or tea and cookies) and share their own stories about what concerns them 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

Sunday, June 2, 6:00 PM, at the home of Lisa Sementilli, 7 Greenhurst Rd., West Hartford.

Thursday, June 6, 4:00, in the UUS:E chapel (hosted by Rev. Josh).

Friday, June 14, 6:00 PM, at the home of Rhona Cohen, 25 South St., New Britain.

If you know you want to participate in one of these House Meetings 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! UUS:E's core team will provide a facilitator. Contact Rev. Josh for more information at 860-652-8961 or revpawelek@gmail.com.

UUS:E Mental Health Ministry Summit

Saturday, June 29 at UUS:E, 9:00 to Noon

All are welcome to attend the UUS:E 2019 Mental Health Ministry Summit. This is an opportunity for anyone who lives with a mental illness, is in recovery from a mental illness, lives with and/or cares for someone with a mental illness, has a family member or friend with a mental illness, works as a health care provider to people with mental illness, or is just interested in the Mental Health Ministry, to meet with a committed, fun-loving group of people for fellowship, food and activities.

This year we are excited to welcome two very dynamic speakers:

Amer Nabil describes himself as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, a father, a husband, a son, a friend, a servant of my Creator and your brother in humanity. I grew up being told by many that my goals are over ambitious. I chose not to internalize this narrative and practiced being into this world the self that I wanted to be. As a psychiatric nurse practitioner, I serve as an inpatient provider for multiple acute psychiatric hospitals in Connecticut, outpatient consultant for clinics in CT and New York, mentor for psychiatric nurse practitioner graduates and a media contributor. My private practice is Half Full Psychiatry based out of Glastonbury, where I see clients ages 12 and up for medication management. I am also the co-founder of DNY (Destination New You), a company focused on personal development launching this November.

Helen Evrard, MD is a former practicing allergist who was hospitalized for major depression in 2011 after experiencing massive financial loss. She authored "Positive Matters: Words, Quotations and Stories to Heal and Inspire," and co-created Positive Pulls™ with artist Kimberly Barcello. She produced and hosted "Your Mind Matters," a radio show on mental health topics which aired on WESU 88.1 FM Middletown from 2014 – 18. She served on the Connecticut Suicide Advisory Board, and currently provides wellbeing coaching to library patrons. A 2015 winner of the Paul G Quinnet Lived Experience Writing Prize, she volunteers at the psych unit of Stamford Hospital, where she co-facilitates group sessions. Besides serving on her town's Committee Concerning Persons with Disability, she a candidate for a Master's degree in

creative writing at Western Connecticut State University, and is the mother of twins.

Questions? Contact Rev. Josh Pawelek at 860-646-5151 or revpawelek@sbcglobal.net.

Partnering With A Manchester Elementary School

UUS:E has been invited to be the "faith community partner" for Verplanck Elementary, a large socioeconomically and racially diverse school in Manchester. Verplanck is officially a "high need" school. In September, Verplanck will be welcoming many of the students from the newly-closed Washington Elementary (where UUS:E had a tutoring program for many years.)

What is a faith community partner? Right now, there are seven churches paired with Manchester schools; each sets their own priorities with their specific school principals and Family Resource Centers. The partners can conduct school supply, Thanksgiving food and/or holiday gift drives; help individual students with reading, math or research skills; work alongside the PTA on their book fairs, Bingo or literacy night; or assist at weekend projects such as a bike safety rodeo, playground clean-up, garden planting, Fun Run etc.

Right now, the Social Justice Anti-Oppression Committee would like to assess UUS:E's interest and capacity for taking on a new project. This would launch next fall, as the Verplanck students and faculty move back into their newly renovated building.

If you think you'd be interested/able to help in some way, please send a short note to Nancy Pappas at nanapap338@aol.com. Let her know if you have time during the school day, or would be available primarily in the evening or on occasional weekends. Thank you!

UUS:E Presents...



Rob Laurens

Live in Concert
Saturday, June 22
7:00 PM

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, youth and students

Call UUS:E at 860-646-5151 to reserve

seats, or go online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rob-laurens-live-in-concert-tickets-62064215740>.

"Rob Laurens culls his naturalistic ballads from the fertile soil of American folk tradition, but his intimate, incisive lyrics embody the best instincts of the contemporary songwriter movement."—Scott Alarik, Boston Globe

"Rob Laurens has the rare ability to write songs that seem like they've always been there. When he steps on stage, you're drawn into the atmosphere that he creates from the first chord. Witty, engaging, thoughtful, and whimsical — it's all there, held together by taste, discernment, and an intriguing, original guitar style."—Dave Palmater, host, Folk Radio WUMB 91.9 FM

Rob has won the New Folk Award for Songwriting at both the Kerrville Folk Festival (TX) and its sister festival, The Columbia River Festival (WA). He has returned to play the main stage at these and many other festivals, including the Strawberry, High Sierra, and Napa Valley Festivals in California. He tours both east and west coasts, playing such clubs as The Freight & Salvage in Berkeley, California, and Club Passim in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



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.

Books, Classes and Discussions

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The Adult Religious Education Committee

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

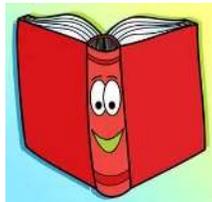


Community Drum Circle

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.

- 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 June ministry theme is "beauty." 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!

As Jessica DeCarli is on maternity leave, Susan Barlow will lead both the Monday and the Wednesday yoga classes at UUS:E. Her new sessions are Wednesday mornings, May 22 – July 10, 11AM – 12 noon, and Monday evenings, May 20 – July 15, 5:45 – 6:45 PM (no class May 27). Jessica plans to resume teaching her Monday evening classes in the fall.

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 Rohlfs at rohlfs26@comcast.net or at 860-872-2526.

You can register with, and direct questions to:

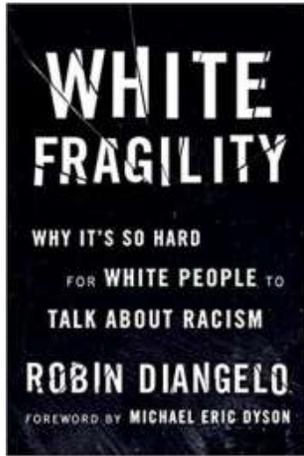
- Susan at SBarlow627@aol.com, or
- Annie at uuse153@sbcglobal.net

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

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

Books, Classes and Discussions

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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.

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. For information contact LindaKDuncan@gmail.com.



UU Wellspring

Good news! The Hartford Area Cluster (HAC) of UU churches (The Unitarian Society of Hartford, The Unitarian Universalist Society: East, and the Universalist Church of West Hartford) will be offering UU Wellspring, a 10-month curriculum of uniquely UU spiritual development successfully implemented in thirty other UU congregations. Beginning in September and meeting twice a month through mid-June, we deepen our spiritual lives through small group connections, daily spiritual practice, spiritual direction, readings and other resources. There will be two small Wellspring groups, one during the day facilitated by Judy Robbins and an evening group facilitated by Tom Gervais. Participants will be drawn from the three churches and meeting places will rotate among the churches.

Wellspring's practical tools:

- help us get and keep our balance and put our beliefs into action;
- challenge participants to experience new ideas on the path of spiritual exploration;
- provide practice in the transformative skill of deep listening;
- help clarify a sense of Unitarian Universalist identity and calling.

People are saying:

"Being a part of the Wellspring program has allowed me to 'feed my soul'. I can be with my own thoughts, and truly listen to others. It is quite luxurious to have a time already set aside that I have committed to study, think, listen, speaka time just for me."

"Wellspring was truly transformational for me...among the most powerful experiences I've had as a UU."

Because Wellspring is offered conjointly, space is very limited so you must indicate your interest asap. If we can't accommodate everyone, a waiting list will be started. For more information, see the Wellspring website <https://uuwellspring.org/> or contact Judy Robbins at judyrobb2@gmail.com or 860-633-3348.

There is no fee for the program but participants will need to purchase a couple of books for summer reading.

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