
UUFH Happenings in a Flash!

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The Weekly Fellowship Flash

July 30, 2026



On our 250th birthday year, someone of whom our nation can be justly proud is this country's Black Poet Laureate of the twentieth century, Langston Hughes. Hughes loved to create and recite his poetry to a jazz background. Guest Speaker, Rev. Ben Bortin returns to our pulpit with music by Isabella Johnson.

Join us in person or online
For online - please see the zoom link below.

[Click Here for Online Zoom Link to Sunday Service](#)

From Rev. Israel Buffardi

Gone to Seed

Rev. Israel is on study leave from July 7 through August 3. Study leave is work done away from the office: it's when the fall services and the new program year get built. He's available August 4 through 16 for fall prep and Bill Houck's memorial on the 15th, then on vacation through August 31, and back in the office September 1. Sunday services run all summer with our worship associates and guest speakers. For pastoral emergencies, call the office; Sandra will reach the Pastoral Care chair or board president, who know how to reach him.

Before You Scatter

Don't come back empty-handed: wherever summer takes you, pocket a stone and scoop a little water, and bring both to Ingathering on Sunday, September 13.

That same Sunday, the hour after worship gets a new job. We're making it part of the morning itself: food and coffee, things to make and do, real time with each other. Come for the service, plan to stay.

This Week's Events

UUFH Thursday Dinner with Friends **2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month** **Thursday, July 30 at 5:30 pm**

UUFH Thursday evening dinners are open to everyone! Men, women, and children are welcome to attend!

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, starting at 5:30 pm for a bite, a chat, and camaraderie.

No agenda, no RSVP needed! Just join whenever you can! Participants in the group receive an email informing of the restaurant name and location! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Call or email the [office](#) for the location and directions.

UUFH Art Gallery Opening **Sunday, August 2 from 12 - 2 pm**

Please welcome Patricia Lavan, a new UUFH member, to the UUFH art gallery for the month of August. Enjoy her paintings and speak with her at the opening on this Sunday, August 2nd from 12 to 2 pm.

National Night Out **Tuesday, August 4 at Manor Field Park in Huntington**

The Racial Justice Team would like the Fellowship community to know about "National Night Out", which will be happening this year on the evening of August 4th from 4 pm to 7 pm at Manor Park in Huntington. This event, which happens around the country on the first Thursday of August is an excellent chance to get to know our neighbors. The Racial Justice Team is hoping to have a table at the event. Please see the flyer to learn more about this fun event, family



friendly event. If you will be going we would appreciate it if you could spend a little time at our table. Please let Nikki Willard, Helen Boxwill, or Doreatha Hirsch if you are available.

Upcoming Events

Opera Night, Long Island Friday, August 14 at 7:30 pm

Opera Night, Long Island (ONLI) is a nonprofit organization providing the Island's only live opera series. Our professional, classically trained singers perform excerpts from opera, operetta, art songs, and musical theater with piano accompaniment. ONLI presents monthly programs.

Doors open at 7:00 pm, and the program begins at 7:30 pm. There is a \$15.00 donation at the door, (students enter for free).

For more information, visit www.operanight.org or email vivaldi222@aol.com.



Announcements

Childcare Providers Needed for Sunday Services

UUFH seeks 2 contractors to serve as childcare providers on Sunday mornings during worship service to under 3-year-olds. Please email [Sandra Yens](mailto:Sandra.Yens@uufh.org), the Religious Education Coordinator, with your interest. All applicants are required to fill out an application and authorize the UUFH to conduct a background check. Thank you for your interest in providing childcare to our UUFH children!

Check the UUFH Website!

Be sure to check the [UUFH website](http://www.uufh.org) for the latest information, including the Board of Trustees' monthly minutes.

UUFH Office Hours for Next Week - August 3 - 7

The UUFH Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Please call the UUFH Office at 631-427-9547 and/or email office@uufh.org if you have any questions.

View Previous Services on YouTube

You can always find the last four services [on our website](#), or, please subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#)!

[View the July 26, 2026 Service:](#)



July and August Split Plate



Long Island Cares

Founded by the late Harry Chapin in 1980, Long Island Cares – The Harry Chapin Food Bank has worked for more than four decades to ensure that no Long Islander goes hungry. Today, that mission is more critical than ever.

As the cost of living continues to rise, families are facing impossible choices. The price of groceries has climbed dramatically, transportation costs remain high, and household budgets are stretched beyond their limits. More and more people are walking through our doors who never imagined they would need help putting food on the table. Hunger does not discriminate, and in this moment, helping our neighbors is a revolutionary act of compassion.

At the same time, many of the safety nets families rely on are under strain. Changes to public benefit programs, reductions in social service funding, and growing fear and uncertainty within immigrant communities are increasing the demand for emergency food assistance across Huntington Station and beyond.

Any funds raised through this congregation's split plate offering will directly support the Long Island Cares Huntington Station Food Pantry, helping provide nutritious food and essential support to local children, families, veterans, seniors, and individuals experiencing hardship. The Huntington community has always responded with humility, generosity, and grace when neighbors are in need, and that spirit is needed now more than ever.

The staff, volunteers, and neighbors of Long Island Cares Huntington Station thank the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington for your compassion, partnership, and commitment to building a community where everyone has enough to eat.

To learn more about our Split Plate program, visit <https://www.uufh.org/faith-in-action/in-the-community/split-plate/>

To donate to the Split Plate, visit <https://onrealm.org/UUFH/-/form/give/UUFHdonations>

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