



THE NEWSLETTER OF
The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION
 of CONNECTICUT



November

UU Humanists Local Group

Monthly Meeting
“CONNECT”

Speaker: Kenny Foscue

Monday November 16, 7:00 p.m.

CONNECT, Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut, is comprised of approximately 25 religious and civic institutions, urban and suburban, multi-faith, racially and ethnically diverse, in New Haven and Fairfield Counties. They lobby at the State Capitol regarding social justice issues, both with paid professional staff and volunteers from member organizations, to whom they provide training. Kenny Foscue is USNH’s CONNECT Coordinator. Current issues he will address are the Clean Slate Initiative and the new Police Accountability Act. Kenny sits on the USNH Social Justice Council. In his free time, he builds birdhouses upon request in exchange for donations to CT Food Bank and other local organizations in need.

More info: <http://www.weconnect.org/>

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84602572741>

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist/events](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events). You can find out about events and get the latest newsletter at www.cthumanist.org.

Programs are held ONLINE this month.

NOVEMBER 2020

Mon. 2	Monday Social (Turkish Kebab House)	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 7	Explorations Topic: Patriarchy - Hazardous to Your Health, with Dr. Peter Rothenberg	2:30 p.m.to to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 16	Monthly Meeting: CONNECT Speaker: Kenny Foscue	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	Book Discussion: “Nemesis” by Philip Roth	3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sun. 22	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 23	Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap) Topic: Evolution, Accelerated (podcast)	7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 2020

Sat. 5	Explorations Topic: Leaving Violent Groups by Christian Picciolini	2:30 p.m.to to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 7	Monday Social (Turkish Kebab House)	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 19	Book Discussion: “Seven Types of Atheism” By John Gray	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 21	Annual Meeting & Winter Solstice Celebration	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 28	Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap) Topic: ---	7:00 p.m.

Humanist Explorations: -- “Patriarchy: Hazardous to your Health”

-November 7 - 2:30 p.m.

Psychologist Dr. Peter Rothenberg will speak to us on the impact patriarchy has on many aspects of our lives. Suggested reading is “Why Does Patriarchy Persist?” by Carol Gilligan and Naomi Snider. Following the April workshop on racism with Wendy McLeod, Peter suggested that he speak to us on the connection between racism and patriarchy. Peter owns Northford Farm in North Branford. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89383860995>

We Want Your Membership!

Join our 46 members! Pay in October and you’re covered for the next year. What a deal! Mail your check (\$35 individual, \$50 family) to Treasurer Nina Stein at 380 Hitchcock Rd., #272, Waterbury, CT 06705 <https://www.cthumanist.org/membership/>

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Topics of Interest

USNH Climate Change

Wednesday Nov. 18, 7–8:30 pm on Zoom
Join green sanctuary task force in a climate change workshop. Learn and discuss the personal steps you can take to reduce your household GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions. Discover how you can support and promote the cultural, social and political changes we need in order to avoid climate catastrophe.
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y2sdpdvo> by November 11 as there is a pre-meeting activity for you to complete.

VOTE! - Encourage 5 people you know who haven't voted yet to vote as well!
(You can register same day if needed.)

Court Reform - Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation has further tilted the high court's ideological balance. What should the court's future be, and who gets to decide it? -
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/10/27/opinion/supreme-court-reform.html>

The Legal Aftermath of the 2020 Presidential Election – Online with Kevin Zezima, hosted by Humanists and Freethinkers of Fairfield County, Nov. 9 at 7 pm. To read about it & attend, RSVP at <https://www.meetup.com/HFFCCT/events>

Monday Social (Turkish Kebab House)

– November 2, 7:00 p.m.

Join us online for our Virtual Social Dinner, and discuss a wide range of topics with like-minded people.

Link to event: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88032651877>

Book Discussion: "Nemesis" by Philip Roth

– November 21, 3:30 p.m. (note time change, this month only)

"Set in a Newark neighborhood during a terrifying polio outbreak, "Nemesis" is a wrenching examination of the forces of circumstance on our lives. Bucky Cantor is a vigorous, dutiful twenty-three-year-old playground director during the summer of 1944. As [a] devastating disease begins to ravage Bucky's playground, Roth leads us through every inch of emotion such a pestilence can breed: fear, panic, anger, bewilderment, suffering, and pain. – Amazon

"Roth does an excellent job of conjuring up the fear that polio caused before the arrival of a vaccine. . . . Cantor is one of Roth's best creations and the atmosphere of terror is masterfully fashioned." – The Daily Telegraph (UK)

For details and meeting location RSVP at <https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events>.

Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap)

Topic: -- Evolution, Accelerated

– Nov 23, 7 p.m.

From Freakonomics Radio episode 291: "A breakthrough in genetic technology [CRISPR] has given humans more power than ever to change nature. It could help eliminate hunger and disease; it could also lead to the sort of dystopia we used to only read about in sci-fi novels. So what happens next?"

Please prepare by listening to the podcast at

<https://freakonomics.com/podcast/evolution-accelerated/>

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89100485487>

WINTER SOLSTICE!

We will celebrate on Monday, December 21, via Zoom.

Can you plan to contribute to the festivities by: Singing a song? Playing live or recorded music? Reading a poem or short story, original or published?

Showing us a piece of art or a baked good you've made?

Whatever you choose, keep it to 5 minutes max.

Email your "act" to Gayle Walter by December 1 to be included in the program.

Tech Tip

Get a headset for your Zoom meetings. They assure that your voice is heard with minimum distortion and interference, and it is easier to hear the conversation. Look them over on Ebay or at your favorite local store. (Be sure and match up the plug(s) to your computer or phone!)