



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

May 7, 2012

## Worship Services

Sunday, May 13, 2012

### "Nature and Nurture"

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark**

**9:15 AM and 11:00 AM**

Fresh from his sabbatical, Rev. Tim returns to the pulpit! From the mothers of Afghanistan to the African elephant and her calf in South Africa, Tim will invite us to reflect on the power and importance of being nurtured by women. Come reflect on the various ways you've been nurtured through the years.

Music: 9:15 Radonna Crandlemire; 11:00 AM-The UUCR Choir.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>
09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	Tammy Zambo and Nancy Nienhuis ( <a href="#">cancel</a> )
09:15 AM	Busy Boxes	( <a href="#">click here to sign up</a> )
09:15 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	Sabbatical Support Team ( <a href="#">cancel</a> )
09:15 AM	Usher	Marketing Committee ( <a href="#">cancel</a> )
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09:15 AM	Welcome Table	Michele Catalano ( <a href="#">cancel</a> )
11:00 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	Sabbatical Support Team ( <a href="#">cancel</a> )
11:00 AM	Usher	Marketing Committee ( <a href="#">cancel</a> )
11:00 AM	Usher	Marketing Committee ( <a href="#">cancel</a> )
11:00 AM	Welcome Table	Robbie Kohn ( <a href="#">cancel</a> )

## Schedule of Worship Services

Sundays

9:15 and 11:00 AM

Children's Classes at 9:15 AM only; infant and toddler child care at both services.

Our full service schedule can be found on our [Upcoming Services page](#).

## Featured News

### Warrant - Annual Meeting of the UUCR on Sunday May 20, 2012

THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

WARRANT

ANNUAL MAY MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, May 20, 2012

In the Sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading in Reading, MA  
at 12:30 pm

The Members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading are hereby called to the Annual May Meeting of the Church on Sunday, May 20, 2012 in the Sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, Massachusetts, at 12:30 pm.

#### AGENDA

1. To approve minutes from the October 2011 Meeting.
2. To receive Annual Reports from the various committees of the church.
3. To elect officers.
4. To adopt the operating budget for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Jolkovski

Clerk

## UU Basics- A Great Opportunity!

I always love to see the new and returning faces that come through the door on Sundays. However, a few minutes on your way into service never feels like enough time! If you are newer to the church or interested in knowing more about this bountiful community, come hang out with Rev. Tim and me at the **Unitarian Universalist Basics class!** This is one of my favorite offerings because it gives me the chance to spend a morning getting to know you better.

**Facilitator: Rev. Tim Kutzmark (with help from me, Amy Burton - Member Services Coordinator!)**

**Date: Saturday, May 19th 8:30 AM - 12:45 PM**

This condensed one-day Saturday class will include kid-friendly breakfast, bagels and coffee for adults, and CHILD CARE to make it easier for parents with young children to attend the UU Basics class. You will have the chance to meet other folks who are new as well and learn more about Unitarian Universalism. This is also a great class if you thinking about becoming a member of UUCR. Registration is required, please call or [email the church office](mailto:church@uucr.org) (781-944-0494) or sign up on Sunday at coffee hour. You can also email me directly to express your interest!

## Worship Notes

### Ordination of Meg Soens - Save The Date of June 10 at 4:00 PM!

**Save the Date -- June 10, 4pm**

Ordination of Meg Soens by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading and First Parish UU, Lexington at First Parish in Lexington. More information will be forthcoming, but please mark this date and time on your calendars. It's an important gift you are giving to the whole Unitarian Universalist community, so come and be part of it!

## Caring and Sharing Coordinator

The caring and sharing coordinator for the month of May 2012 is Samantha. Samantha can be reached [HERE](#)



## Minister's Messages - May 7, 2012



Dear Friends:

After a truly wonderful sabbatical experience, I am back in the office and looking forward to leading worship and preaching this upcoming Sunday morning.

I am deeply grateful to each of you for allowing me these past four months to renew, rejuvenate, learn, grow, and explore! Meg Soens was splendid as Acting Minister, and worked in successful partnership with Governing Board President Tracy Sopchak and the entire Governing Board to provide skilled and sensitive leadership. I extend my appreciation to Meg for stepping into the minister role, and to Tracy for dealing with the added workload that my sabbatical created. Our staff team, as expected, continued their exceptional work. I feel fortunate and blessed to have such a dedicated and collaborative staff team. Special recognition to Rosemary Fiori, our able Church Administrator, for holding so many pieces together and doing so with warmth and enthusiasm. Our skilled Interim Director of Faith Development, Anne Principe, continued to use this interim period to help our Faith Development Program assess and reevaluate. Amy Burton, our Member Services and Volunteer Coordinator, continued to astound with her endless energy, genuine warmth, and professional expertise. The music at Sunday Services continued to be strong and moving; my thanks for this to Mark Bennett and Alex Gordon and all our UUCR musicians, vocalists, and choir members. Marc Evans continued to keep our facilities running, while our bookkeeper Cindy Salloway kept our finances in order. Last, but not least Lynne Flammia, Karyn Carmicheal, and Terry Hill and kept our little ones safe, clean, and contented in the nursery and play school. I also want to extend a special thank you to our hard-working and creative Worship Arts Team, led by Al Murray. Coordinating and running services during my sabbatical was a bit more complicated with so many guest speakers. Thanks for meeting the challenge. Lastly, the entire Sabbatical Support Team held the congregation in their knowing embrace, so a big and grateful hug from me to Sharyn Taitz (chair), Ron Cavicchio, Don Pearson, Molly Smith, and Dru Wood-Beckwith.

The last few weeks also brought some significant loss to our church community. Long-time member Alan Riley died in early April. Alan was a true gentleman, and possessed a keen and searching mind, a way with words, and an artist's heart. He will be missed. Just ten days ago, our beloved Ruth White died after a long illness. For those who knew Ruth through the years, the empty space she leaves is real and large. For

those who are newer to the church and never got to know her, Ruth was strong and inspiring. She was born into the congregation, baptized here, and lived her entire long life as a member of this church. She was a splendid Mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, music teacher, choir director, music coordinator, committee member, and friend to many. Music filled her soul, sparkle filled her eyes, and she filled this church with so much love, warmth, and generosity of spirit. Ruth, you were our "spirit of life."

The next few weeks at church will be busy. In June, we will be helping to ordain Meg Soens into professional ministry, and also saying goodbye to her as she ends her two-year internship with us and leaves us to begin her work as a Unitarian Universalist minister. These next few weeks we'll be winding down the church year, while also beginning to plan the next. We will have our Senior High School Bridging Service, Ferry Beach Weekend, New Member Sunday, and our annual Flower Communion Service.

Our final "An Introduction to Our Faith: Unitarian Universalist Basics" class will be on Saturday, May 19 (breakfast and childcare provided). Please join me for this interesting introduction to what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. Our final New Member Sunday before the summer will be on Sunday, June 10th. If you'd like to become an official member of this faith community, we'd love to welcome you at that special service. Just contact Amy Burton, Member Services Coordinator [by email](#).

Lastly, in the next few weeks we will also have to together address our significant deficit that currently exists in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2012-13. We didn't raise as much as we needed during our recent Operating Budget Drive. So we must grapple with how to address this challenge and opportunity, whether by raising additional funds from the congregation, cutting programming and services, or some combination of both.

It is good to be back. It is good to be with you again. I hope to see you this Sunday (Mother's Day).

See you on the path (and at church)

Tim

## Director of Faith Development's Messages - May 7, 2012 - Follow the 40/40 Crowd!

Have you taken a 40/40/42 challenge? If not, FOLLOW THE CROWD! The top commitments that we as a community have voiced are:

1. Eating lower on the food chain...join the CSA being organized at UUCR; find out whom in our community is a vegetarian or vegan and ask for their favorite recipes!
2. Using REUSABLE BAGS for groceries and all purchases...the COA youth are selling them as a fundraiser for their upcoming Memorial Weekend Mission Trip.
3. Starting and caring for a **vegetable garden**....the COA youth are selling vegetable seeds and the Senior High Youth are building and tending a UUCR garden.

Don't leave yourself out of this hoopla....join the action. It's EASY!

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## Director of Faith Development's Messages - May 7, 2012 - Finding Your Niche

### **Continued observations from the Interim Director of Faith Development..**

It is timely to consider what our calling is as cherished members of this faith community. As I have written and spoken over the months, the question isn't **if** you will become involved in this beloved congregational life, but **how** you will. A faith community thrives and sustains itself when each and every member finds his or her unique way of giving. This stepping forward of each person is powerful to witness and even more powerful to be a part of. "Volunteering," while a serviceable word, doesn't begin to capture how one's identity is shaped by sharing one's gifts with others. The sharing of gifts is the art...finding the perfect medium, the right-sized form, the most appealing flavor of how each of us becomes a pillar of community life.

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*Hide not your talents.  
They for use were made.  
What's a sundial in the shade?  
~Benjamin Franklin*

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On the Faith Development Committee, this vision is concretized by the articulated goals of creating programming that maximizes engagement and joy in a sustainable, satisfying way. As you know, this has meant an open call for folks to join the pool of teachers for next year. And the programming will reflect the size of that pool. Skilled and inspired lay leaders are ready to match volunteer initiative with innovative programming.

Teaching is really just one aspect of our intergenerational community. There are many ways to connect to the stream of learning and growing that happens at all ages. Do you have a skill, a craft, a passion? Do you like to dream? Do you like to "do"? Do you like to sit and talk or do you like to play Ninja? Do you want to be that friendly person who welcomes someone who walks through the UUCR for the very first time? Do you want to plan a party? Do you want to march for peace or cook for someone who is hungry? ***Do you want to belong?***

Finding your niche -- *that way and that place* -- where you give of yourself, where you become known, where you come to be depended on and grow to depend on others **is** the pathway of belonging.

In faith,  
Anne

## Get Involved News

### Archives Committee

#### Our Church's 1862 Annual Meeting

From the WARRANT for our church's annual meeting 150 years ago:

To the Collector of the First Universalist Society in Reading: Greeting. You are hereby ordered to notify and warn the legal members of said Society to meet for annual business in the ante rooms, Lyceum Hall building [in Reading Center, site of the Bank of America branch] on Monday, Feb 17th 1862 at 7 O'clk P.M....to act on the following articles.

1. To choose a Moderator
2. To hear report of the Treasurer and act on the same
3. To hear reports of the Committee and act thereon
4. To choose all necessary Officers for the year ensuing
5. To see what instructions you will give your Executive Committee
6. To see what instructions you will give your Collector

#### FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

"On motion of A. Howes Voted that all present at this meeting resolve ourselves into a committee of the whole, to get up a festival sometime in March, the proceeds to be for the benefit of the Society....On motion of I. Harriman, Voted that the meetings be continued two months--the minister to be paid at the rate of last year--from the proceeds of a social festival--and to be contingent on that."

#### FOLLOWUP MEETING MARCH 20, 1862

The net from the festival was 9.00. "Voted that the Committee [i.e., the Executive Committee] be instructed to have preaching as long as they continue to have funds for same. The collector was instructed to obtain and collect subscriptions."

## Buddhist Meditation Group

### Half Day Meditation Retreat

The Buddhist Meditation Group @ UUCR invites you to a half day meditation retreat on Saturday June 30th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The retreat will consist of a combination of chanting, silent meditation and walking meditation. It is recommended you wear loose comfortable clothing. Please bring a meditation cushion if you prefer one over a chair. The retreat will be followed by a pot luck vegetarian lunch. Registration is required and free here: <http://bmgjuneretreat.eventbrite.com/>

## Planting Seeds (Community Engagement Project)

### Support Community Sponsored Agriculture At UUCR

**SUPPORT COMMUNITY SPONSORED AGRICULTURE  
RIGHT HERE AT UUCR! - First Delivery Scheduled to  
Loring House for Tuesday, June 12**



You are invited to join the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading World PEAS (People Enhancing Agricultural Sustainability) CSA (Community Sponsored Agriculture).

You are invited to sign up for shares of produce comes from organic sustainable Lowell based farms. This agricultural program is sponsored and managed by Tufts University. Rosemary Fiori is the on-site coordinator. Fresh vegetables and fruits will be dropped off at the UUCR Loring Porch for pick up by YOU every TUESDAY by 8 PM from June through October. There will be 18 deliveries to the UUCR campus. The once a week delivery will be Tuesday at our church! There will be 70 locally grown vegetables, berries, melons, tree fruit and more! Also, there will be an extended 3 delivery season from October through November for an extra subscription price. To enroll visit [www.nesfp.org](http://www.nesfp.org)

~A large share costs \$ 710.00 for 18 deliveries.

~A small share costs \$ 470.00 for 18 deliveries.

~The extended season costs \$ 130 for 3 extra deliveries at the end of the season.

Enrollment must be done online [www.nesfp.org](http://www.nesfp.org)

## Kris Kringle Fair

### Kris Kringle Fair Organizational Meeting

Mark your calendars now. On Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7:30PM, in Loring Room 101 there will be a very important Kris Kringle Fair organizational and planning meeting. We welcome all who are interested in the fair and in helping us structure the new "two fair" system for the upcoming church year. If you have been involved in past fairs or if you'd like to get involved, please come to our meeting with your ideas. If you have a vested interest in which tables or services appear in which season (fall or spring) - please come to the meeting with your ideas. And most important of all, IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE FAIR STEERING COMMITTEE AND BE TRAINED FOR FUTURE LEADERSHIP, please come to the meeting with your ideas. We can't make the fairs happen without strong leadership teams. Each fair needs 3-4 co-chairs. If you can't attend, but wish to offer suggestions or to volunteer for a leadership position, please contact either of us by e-mail, by phone or in person.

Sharyn Taitz and Shanna Weston, co-chairs of the fall Kris Kringle Fair

## Partner Church

### Chocolate and Coffee Still for Sale: May 13

On May 13 you can still buy chocolate and/or coffee -- just visit the Partner Church Committee table at coffee hours. Limited supplies of these organic, fairly traded chocolate bars and bags of coffee are left -- many thanks to those who've already supported UUCR partner church activities through your purchases!

## Social Action

### Join UUCR Volunteers at the Greater Boston Food Bank: Sat., June 9

For a fun, informative, and satisfying morning of work, you're invited to join with other UUCR volunteers at the Greater Boston Food Bank, Saturday, June 9, 9:30 to noon -- our church's 4th or 5th annual trip.

After a brief training, volunteers head to the conveyor belts to sort, pack, and label donated food that goes out to food pantries and meal sites, to help alleviate the increasing food insecurity and hunger in Massachusetts.

There are jobs for volunteers of all strengths, and for volunteers who can lift and those who can't. For safety reasons, volunteers need to be 16 years old or older.

For more information or to sign up, please [contact Jen McAneny](#) or [Anne Mark](#).

## More News

### 4th Annual UUCR Walks Boston Pride - Join Us



#### **Sign Up to March: Time to mark your calendar for the 4th Annual UUCR walks Boston Pride**

UUCR marches with Boston Gay/Lesbian/Transgendered/Bisexual Pride on Saturday, June 9. This is our 4th year. Some marchers are planning carpools from UUCR. See the signup sheet in the atrium to contact other marchers. The parade route kicks off at 12 Noon after a

short service at the Arlington Street UU Church at 11 AM. You may join us at the Arlington Street Church in Boston located at 351 Boylston Street website at [www.ascboston.org](http://www.ascboston.org) at 11 AM. Or join us in our place in line by 12 Noon. The rear of the parade route is on Tremont Street. The "U's" line up at the very end. (They save the best for last). Buy a shirt (see above) be part of a human rainbow line of color! Show up early to carpool in the UUCR parking lot and we'll paint some UU Principles on your arms or jeans! Play an instrument? Call the church office; we are hoping to make as much noise about UUCR as possible. New this year! When the parade ends and we recess into City Hall Plaza, our UUCR will be represented with a literature table! We hope to sticker the crowd with UUCR Pride! Come join in on the fun. To sign up, [email the church office](#) or call the office at 781 944 0494.

## Our Larger Community

### Ferry Beach Weekend Registration Continues

#### **FERRY BEACH WEEKEND**

Registration continues for the church's weekend at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine on June 1, 2 & 3, 2012. Attendees from last year received forms by email, please print those forms and bring to church on Sunday at either coffee hour. If you need forms you can e-mail Susan Delaney by email and she will send them to you, or you may pick a registration form up at the church. [Contact Form](#)

## Ivy Chord Concerts

Lori McKenna: October 6, 2012

***"Poignant and profound poetry. She has an uncanny ability to paint stories of the human condition in a way that reminds us all that we are not alone." ~ Keith Urban***

Saturday, October 6, 2012

8:00 pm

Tickets:

\$ 22 general admission

\$ 20 students/seniors

[Buy tickets for this concert online.](#)



Lori is the winner of **2011 Boston Music Awards Folk Artist of the Year.**

From Good Day LA:

*Lori McKenna is one of the most respected songwriters in country music. Her songs have been recorded by other artists including Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, and Mandy Moore.*



John Gorka on Saturday, January 26, 2013

***Energetic, acoustic folk***

***"Listening to him sing, one can get goose bumps all over. There are many reasons—fresh lyrics, a stunning emotional baritone, his twisted humor ..."* New York Times**

Saturday, January 26, 2013

8:00 pm

Tickets:

\$ 25 general admission

\$ 23 students/seniors

[Buy tickets for this concert online.](#)

From Ben Wakeman, Take Me To the Bridge:

*There are few contemporary songwriters that come anywhere close to the talent of John Gorka. His songs have a way of working on you long after you thought you had it all figured out. I will listen to a song that I know all the words to and can sing along with and*

*then one day sitting at a traffic light I realize that there was a whole other layer of meaning that I had missed.*

*In 1984 John Gorka won the prestigious Kerrville New Folk competition. He has over ten albums to his credit. John is a songwriter's songwriter and his songs are championed by an amazing circle of artists including Nanci Griffith, Mary Chapin Carpenter, David Wilcox and many more.*

### Matt & Shannon Heaton on Saturday, April 13, 2013

***"Their playing is masterful and inventive, their arrangements city-smart and spacious. Still, they never forget that Irish music is, at its heart, a neighborly form meant for sharing, not showing off." — Scott Alarik, Boston Globe***



Saturday, April 13, 2013

8:00 pm

Tickets:

\$ 16 general admission

\$ 14 students/seniors

[Buy tickets for this concert online.](#)

Musically speaking, the Heaton's play the heck out of their instruments (Irish wood flute/accordion, guitar/bouzouki). After years of study in Chicago, and many nights of music in Clare, Galway, and their adopted home of Boston, Irish Music Magazine's John O'Regan wrote, "their duet playing is tight, sweet, and tasteful, lacking nothing on either technical expertise or instrumental virtuosity."

As for their singing, when Matt and Shannon perform centuries-old songs, it feels current, conversational. They make traditional music relevant to American audiences. O'Regan wrote "songwise [there are] hints an older domestic sound, the familiar down home harmonies of The Carter Family and Tim and Mollie O'Brien."