



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

May 21, 2012

Worship Services

Sunday, May 27, 2012

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM
“Gold Stars and Empty Places”
Rev. Tim Kutzmark

Once known as ‘Decoration Day,’ Memorial Day is more than the unofficial start of summer. Join Tim for a service that lifts up the true meaning of this solemn and spiritual holiday. You are invited to bring pictures or mementos of departed loved ones (whether or not they died during military service) to place on our special Memorial Day altar. Special Music: Marsten Parker, violin.

Time	Role	Name
09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	Kristine Blum Jacob Blum's 13th Birthday & Kristine Blum's Birthday (click here to cancel)
09:15 AM	Busy Boxes	(click here to sign up)
09:15 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	Sunday Evening Chalice Circle - Brian and Nancy (click here to cancel)
09:15 AM	Usher	Sunday Evening Chalice Circle - Robbie (click here to cancel)
09:15 AM	Usher	Sunday Evening Chalice Circle - Paula (click here to cancel)
09:15 AM	Welcome Table	(click here to sign up)
11:00 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	Sunday Evening Chalice Circle - Dakota and Pat (click here to cancel)
11:00 AM	Usher	Sunday Evening Chalice Circle - Chris (click here to cancel)
11:00 AM	Usher	Sunday Evening Chalice Circle - Lynne (click here to cancel)
11:00 AM	Welcome Table	(click here to sign up)

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](#).

Please consider volunteering to help out at a worship service on our [Volunteer Signup page](#).

Featured News

Bring a Pal Pizza & Pasta Safari Night

Please join us June 8th from 5:00-6:30 pm for Bring a Pal Pizza and Pasta Safari Night. This is the perfect opportunity to bring a friend to our campus for a great night. Rev. Tim will present a slide-show of his trip to Africa. We will have animal themed activities and everyone is encouraged to bring a stuffed animal. There is a suggested donation of for members and any friends you bring eat for free. Please RSVP so we have enough food for everyone.

When: Friday, June 8, 5:00 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

RSVP: [Click here](#)

Gluten and dairy-free options available.

Suggested \$5.00 donation per person. Friends you bring dine for free!

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

May 2012

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



Minister's Messages - May 21, 2012



Dear Friends:

Several people have been asking when they might hear more details about my trip to Afghanistan. On Sunday, June 10th, I plan on offering a sermon entitled "Report From Afghanistan" at both services. I'll share some stories, tell you about some of the inspiring women civil rights advocates I met, and share how my heart broke and was also filled with hope amidst the tears and fears. I hope you will join me for this service. June 10th is also New Member Sunday, so if you are interested in formalizing and solidifying your relationship with the church, please let me or Amy Burton, our Member Services Coordinator (msc@uureading.org) know. We'd love to welcome you into full membership at the church.

I've also got some awesome photos from Africa, and I'll be sharing those and telling some stories about the lions, elephants, rhinos, and giraffe I met on Friday, June 8th at our **Bring a Pal Pizza and Pasta Safari Night** ([click here to RSVP](#)). This family friendly gathering for people of all ages will begin at 5 pm and end at

6:30 pm. Church members are asked to make a suggested donation of .00 per person for all the food that we'll provide for you...**But we're hoping you also invite friends and families who are not part of the church to join you - and they eat free!!!** We really want to share how much fun the church can be—and that we are more than just Sunday morning—so please invite a friend or family to join you. We'll dine on pasta and pizza (gluten and dairy free food option will be available), I'll show my pictures from South Africa, and there will be fun safari-themed activities for all. Kids (and adults) can also bring their favorite stuffed animal (I hope someone brings a giraffe!!). **So I hope I'll see you on Friday, June 8, 5:00-6:30 pm.** And don't forget to bring a pal.

See you on the path,
Tim

[Intern Minister's Messages - You are invited!](#)

 [Your invitation to the ordination of Meg Soens](#)

[Faith Development Explorations News - One Minute; Three Questions](#)

The Faith Development Committee would love to hear from you!

Please click on [this link](#) to take a **three question** survey (one of them is your name!). We'd love to hear about your current involvements, interests and hobbies.

[Leadership News - 2011-2012 Annual Report](#)

Please click the link below to read the annual report.

 **[2011-2012 Annual Report](#)**

Website News - Worship Volunteers Signup

We're pleased to announce that volunteer signup for Ushers, Welcome Table, Altar Flowers donations, and Social Hour volunteers are now possible online. In each Upcoming Service article ([link](#)), there is a table showing the volunteers needed. If you prefer, you can visit the Worship Volunteers Signup page ([link](#)), and volunteer for any upcoming service.

If you are willing to fill an empty slot, please click the "(click here to signup)" link, enter your full name and email address, enter in the confirmation code, and then submit the form. If you entered a valid email address, then you'll receive a confirmation email containing instructions on the relevant volunteer job.

Get Involved News

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

- First Delivery June 12!

PEAS = "People Enhancing Agricultural Sustainability"

NESFP = "New England Sustainable Farming Project"

CSA = "COMMUNITY SPONSORED AGRICULTURE"

UUCR = US!



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

~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

Kris Kringle Fair

REMINDER! Kris Kringle Fair Organizational/Informational Meeting Tomorrow

This is just a reminder that there will be an organizational and informational meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, May 22, at 7:30 in Loring Room 101. We encourage all people who have an interest in the fair to attend. There will be some changes to our schedules and layout, so please come and let your voice be heard. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sharyn Taitz and Shanna Weston, co-chairs of the Kris Kringle Fair
[Contact Form](#)

Social Action

Help Out at the Greater Boston Food Bank: Saturday, 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 am to noon.

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. The last time UUCR members volunteered, on November 19, 2011, each volunteer sorted 172 pounds of food, on average, and made 133 meals possible.

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.

We welcome you to join in! For information or to sign up, contact Jen McAneny ([Contact Form](#)) or Anne Mark ([Contact Form](#)).

Social Action

UUCR Adults and Youth Take Part in Mother's Day Walk

On May 13, ten members of our congregation took part in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, which funds the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's work to support those who've lost family members to violence, and to nurture, instead, nonviolence and peace. Our intergenerational group, including acting minister Meg Soens, joined hundreds of other walkers (among them fellow UUs from at least five other churches).



As the Boston Globe reported on May 14: "Connected through loss and brought together by hope, [the urban family members quoted in the article] were among hundreds who marched through Dorchester on Sunday for the annual Mother's

Day Walk for Peace, to defy...the street violence that took their loved ones and shattered their lives. 'As we're here this morning, it's bittersweet,' said Tina Chery, head of the...Institute and founder of the walk. 'It is not acceptable for someone to take another mother's child. Let us remember...365 days of the year, that peace is possible.'"

Walkers were given handmade paper flowers to carry along the three-and-a-half-mile route. Look for the UUCR group's flowers at church, a memory of the walk and symbol of the Institute's mission.

We were honored to hear Tina speak at our church recently. The congregation supported the walk and the Peace Institute through a Second Offering raising \$1,673.39.

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 at 12 Noon. This is our 4th year. Some marchers are planning carpools from UUCR. See the sign up 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 at 11 AM. Or join us in our place in line by 12 Noon. The parade will start in the area where Clarendon Street and Boylston Streets meet. The route of the parade takes its marchers from Boston's Back Bay through the South End, up to the Boston Common, continues past the State House and will finish at City Hall Plaza where the festival will be held.

The Boston Pride Parade is a march to celebrate and promote equal rights for the region's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities and is the staple event of Pride Week. As one of the most popular and scenic gay pride marches in the country, organizations and individuals from around New England will walk together to advocate for inclusivity, equality and respect. The theme of the Boston Pride Parade this year is "Celebrating 30 Years of Worldwide Pride Movement" in honor of the annual InterPride conference, which will be held this year in Boston in October.

If you would like, join us in the UUCR parking lot at 9:30 AM and we'll paint some UU Principles on your arms or jeans! 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, call the office at 781 944 0494 or [HERE](#)

More News

[Read or Listen To Rev. Tim's First Sermon Since Returning From Sabbatical!](#)

Rev. Tim's Sunday May 13, 2012 sermon, the first since returning from sabbatical, is now available on the web.

[Transcript](#)

[Audio](#)

Our Larger Community

Ferry Beach Weekend Registration Continues - Last Chance!!!

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 Heatons 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."