



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

July 16, 2012

Worship Services

Sunday, July 22, 2012

"A Visit To The Border"

Joe Cleveland, Summer Student Preacher

Special Summer Service Time - 10:00 AM Only

Join us for a sermon on encountering the human face of the immigration crisis in southern Arizona and northern Mexico.

Time	Role	Name
10:00 AM	Altar Flowers	(click here to sign up)
10:00 AM	Lemonade	(click here to sign up)
10:00 AM	Usher	(click here to sign up)
10:00 AM	Usher	(click here to sign up)
10:00 AM	Welcome Table	(click here to sign up)

Sunday, July 29, 2012

"Belonging and Religious Experience"

Joe Cleveland, Summer Student Preacher

Special Summer Service Time - 10:00 AM Only

I like to assert that I do not follow the crowd. But then I thought about all of the organizations that I have been a member of...

Sunday, August 5, 2012 – Liz Lovell

Sunday, August 12, 2012 – Rob Craig-Comin

Schedule of Worship Services

Sundays through the Summer
10:00 AM

There are no childcare services or Faith Development Classes during the Summer worship months of June 24th through September 2nd. These offerings will resume on Sunday, September 9, 2012.

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

Mark Your Calendar This Weekend With These Important Fall Enrichment Offerings!

Even though it is the leisurely days of summer, why not take this opportunity to save the date(s) for the fall for these compelling adult enrichment offerings? Full course descriptions are available online.

SAVE THE DATE

YOU ARE WARMLY WELCOME TO JOIN US

Unitarian Universalist Basics - An Introduction To Our Faith

Saturday, October 13 (8:30 AM-12:45 PM)

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Amy Burton and Guest Facilitators

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS FALL ADULT ENRICHMENT:

The Power of Forgiveness

Tuesday Evening Class: September 25, October 2, 9, and 16: 7:00-9:00 PM

Wednesday Morning Class: September 26, October 3, 10 and 17: 10:00 AM-Noon

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Facilitator in Loring 103

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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS FALL FILM AND DISCUSSION:

Facing the Terminal Illness of a Loved One - Film and Discussion

Sunday September 16, 12:45-2:15 PM

Tuesday September 18 from 7:30-9:00 PM

Rev. Tim and Members of the Pastoral Care Team

Join us for an exploration of how we can face the terminal illness and inevitable death of a loved one. We'll watch a short film and then share a conversation together. Please let us know if you plan to join us by calling the church office at 781-944-0494 or email [HERE](#).

Worship Notes

Please Welcome Our New Accompanist, Jennifer Maxwell To The UUCR!

The UUCR Pianist/Organist Search Committee is thrilled to announce that we have hired Jennifer Maxwell as our new accompanist. We were fortunate to receive 20 applications for this job, so we were able to choose from a very talented field of candidates. Her piano skills, education and experience all combine to make her a prime candidate to work with us at UUCR. We also think that you will find her engaging and lively personality to be a great addition to our staff. Jennifer has been unanimously approved by the Governing Board.

Jennifer received her Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Iowa and her Master of Music degree from the University of Louisville. She expects to finish her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Boston University in spring of 2013. She is a classically trained pianist and piano instructor and is a well-respected performer. Among her work experiences is a six year stay as the pianist/organist at the Clifton Unitarian Universalist Church in Louisville, KY.

Welcome, Jennifer! We hope you enjoy working at our wonderful church home.

Thank you, also, to the members of the Search Committee, who put in many, many hours of hard work and amazing collaboration to accomplish this task.

Sincerely,

Your UUCR Pianist/Organist Search Committee: Sharyn Taitz, Chair; Ron Cavicchio; Molly Smith; Lorraine Dennis; Jim Sopchak; Radonna Crandlemire Mark Bennett and George White, consultants

All Things Summer

SPECIAL SUMMER SERVICE TIME OF 10:00 AM STARTS ON JUNE 24

Please note your calendars that starting on Sunday, June 24, 2012 worship services will be at one time only, 10:00 AM, every Sunday through Labor Day. During our summer service months we recess after worship for fellowship and enjoy cold delightful lemonade and conversation. Please join us Sundays in the summer. Details for each of our summer worship services will be communicated shortly.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR SUMMER STUDENT PREACHER JOE CLEVELAND

We welcome our summer Student Preacher, Joe Cleveland, who will preach on Sunday, July 8, 15, 22, and 29. A recent graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, Joe is the Intern Minister at the UU church in Bedford, MA. Before preparing for the ministry, Joe was a teacher of English literature and academic writing courses having done his graduate work in literature and literary theory at Syracuse University. In addition to performing in regional coffeehouses in New York State, Joe co-founded and served as the Artistic Director for a non-

profit group sponsoring folk and acoustic music concerts and workshops in Syracuse, NY. Also a lover of poetry, Joe sings and plays both guitar and old-time banjo.

PLANNING AHEAD

– WATER COMMUNION SERVICE ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Save some water from any place you visit this summer (far or near or backyard or kitchen sink) for our Annual Water Communion and Mingling of the Waters on September 9. A few drops in a bottle or vial will allow you to participate in this meaningful and ongoing ritual of connection and community.

REV. TIM'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

Rev. Tim will begin his summer vacation on July 1st. (four weeks), followed by four weeks of study leave (intensive reading, preparation for the new church year). Rev Tim will return to the office Monday, August 27.

Caring and Sharing Coordinator

Summer 2012



In case of a pastoral emergency this summer, Rev. Tim can be reached by contacting a member of our Pastoral Care Team. The Pastoral Care Team Representative will know how to reach Rev. Tim if necessary. From July 1st through July 31st: Call Iris Hardin at 781-608-5416 and from August 1-26: Call Ruth Goldberg **at her cell phone only** of 781-640-7387

Website News - Newsletter News

The communications team met in June to discuss all the great input from members and friends regarding church communications. One of the things they've decided in response to your comments is to return the church newsletter to how it used to be: All the current news, with full articles, one click from your email. (These changes are reflected in this July edition of the newsletter.)

Also, the newsletter will be coming to you each week on Thursdays, and will include a full summary of weekend worship and activities. The move to Thursday begins with the August Summer Newsletter, which will be published on August 16, and continues with weekly newsletters starting August 23. (Since the Newsletter includes a full summary of weekend worship and activities, there wouldn't be a separate Weekend Update.)

You can contact the communications team by clicking [HERE](#).

Adult Enrichment

Chanting Evening with Lana Surya Das - September 29, 2012

Wednesday evening, September 29

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

See more information later in this newsletter.

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Understanding Loss and Grief

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Would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Do you have questions about what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist? Are you thinking about becoming a member of UUCR? Do you want to feel more connected and involved? Then UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST BASICS is just the thing for you. Join Rev. Tim, Amy Burton, our UU Basics Teaching Team for this engaging introduction to our faith and this church. NOTE: The Saturday morning options include kid-friendly breakfast, bagels and coffee for adults, and CHILD CARE to make it easier for parents with young children to attend. Registration is required, please call 781.944.0494 or email [HERE](#) or sign up on Sunday at coffee hour.

Details to follow for the following offerings:

A Healthy Relationship with Food - October 10, 2012

October 10

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Food Cravings - October 17, 2012

Wednesday, October 17

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Meeting Jesus for the First Time

Wednesday mornings or Wednesday evenings

March 6 and 13, 2013

Get Involved News

Buddhist Meditation Group



An Evening with Lama Surya Das

Lama Surya Das

Living in Buddha Standard Time:
It's Not Time We Lack but Focus

September 29, 2012

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Presented by: The Buddhist Meditation Group
@ UUCR & The Unitarian Universalist Church of
Reading

Register Here: <http://lsduucr.eventbrite.com/>
"Living in Buddha Standard Time: It's Not Time
We Lack but Focus"

In our time-stressed era, who doesn't struggle with the increased speed of events and things to be done? Buddhist wisdom has a lot to say about how to deal with change and feelings of stress and overwhelm, time-famine and anxiety. The New Now just isn't what it used to be! We've all heard about the power of now, but many of us are not equipped to cut through habitual illusions and realize the magnitude of the present moment. With the sacred art and practice of presencing, we can learn to consciously and intentionally cultivate clarity and appreciate each moment of our life. Lama Surya Das, one of the nation's foremost Buddhist meditation masters and spiritual leaders, invites you to directly experience the spacious dimension that he calls "Buddha Standard Time". Translating Buddhist principles to their most practical form for today's world, Surya Das shows you how to transform your relationship with time—paradoxically allowing you to become more effective, productive, and happy as you become less preoccupied with schedules and deadlines. We have all the time in the world; it's only focus and awareness that we lack.

Introducing us to this natural great wholeness and completeness is the life work of Lama Surya Das and the foundation for his latest book, *Buddha Standard Time*, leading us to the spiritual realization and enlightenment.

Kris Kringle Fair

Kris Kringle Fair News - New Changes and Job Opportunities!

Our annual Kris Kringle Fair is set for Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012

There are a few changes and several opportunities to get involved in the management team. The biggest change is that Attic Treasures will not be offered in the fall, but will occur at our Spring Fling on April 27th. Please save your Attic Treasures for the spring fair, but be sure to select out any items that might belong at Potpourri (new/almost new gifts) or Silent Auction (items of higher value) for the fall fair. There will be some changes in the locations of the tables, but everything else that we normally offer will occur in the fall – Jewelry, Toys, Books, Country Store, Boutique, Deck The Halls, Potpourri, Silent Auction, Raffles, Snack Bar, Kids' Fair, Kids Only Store, Santa's Elves and Baked Goods. There is one small space available (the Loring Kitchen) for a small table if anyone has an idea for something that would fit in that small-ish space.

There are numerous opportunities to get involved in the leadership of the fair. It's a wonderful chance to meet new people and to work side-by-side with other leaders and learn new skills. Although there are some smaller leadership opportunities, the biggest slots we need to fill are the following:



Kris Kringle Fair Co-Chair: Sharyn, Shanna and Debbie could use one more organized and hard-working person to round out the fair steering committee.

Snack Bar: Paul Sulloway and Denise Conry are both retiring from Snack Bar this year, but would be very happy to pass along their years of records and management techniques. We need two people to chair this very important service at the fair.

Internal Publicity: Lori Renn Parker retired from this very important position, after doing an incredible job with it for two years. This job entails communicating with the congregation at large and also with the chair people of all the tables and services. This person would work closely with the fair co-chairs.

External Publicity: This is a great job for a team or committee.

Since there are several facets of the job, it could be parceled out to the various members of a committee, thus making it a fairly simple job for each person.

Spring Fling Co-Chairs: Currently, there is no management team in place for the Spring Fling. The fall fair people will not be coordinating the spring fair. This "tapered down" fair will be much easier to manage and will feature Attic Treasures, Plants, Snack Bar, Baked Goods and anything else that someone might be inspired to offer.

Use your imagination and come up with a new offering!

If you are interested in helping, or even if you are just curious and have some questions, please contact one of the Fair Steering Committee members below and we'd be happy to chat with you.

Sincerely,

Your Kris Kringle Fair Steering Committee Sharyn Taitz, Debbie Vince and Shanna Weston

Social Action

Create a UUCR Bread & Roses Volunteer Team

Jamie Maughan has found an exceptional volunteer experience at Bread and Roses soup kitchen in Lawrence--and he wonders, "Wouldn't it be great if a few UUCR folks could go together, every couple of weeks?"

He writes, "I've had a really incredible experience at Bread and Roses...We have been serving 140 to 160 people per night and actually ran out of food [recently] (not all food, we still had peanut butter and jelly and some of the main dish)." The work does require some stamina: on a recent shift, Jamie was setting tables, serving food, washing dishes, and cleaning up from about 4:00 to 7:45. But "the hard work makes it so much more rewarding!"

To become part of a UUCR Bread and Roses team, contact Jamie.

From <https://sites.google.com/site/breadandroseslawrencema/home>: "Bread & Roses fulfills its mission to ease the hungers in our community, providing guests with a hot, nutritious evening meal and distributing food, clothing and basic life necessities to those most in need.

"Bread & Roses has been providing free meals, clothing, hygiene products, childcare supplies and medical needs to the Lawrence community since 1980. Our soup kitchen, open five nights a week, prepares a three-course meal, homemade soup to dessert, for more than 150 people--men, women, and children who have to be or want to be here."

More News

Important Events on Campus and Dates To Save

Summer Office Hours: **Our Office** will be closed this week (July 16-22) as the administrator finds the ocean. The Office will re-open on Tuesday, July 24th at 8 AM.

Weekly publication of "Weekend Update" will continue every Thursday until August 9.

The next church newsletter will be published on August 16. Weekly newsletters will follow on Thursdays (from then on), beginning August 23. See Website News, earlier in this newsletter, for details.

CSA Vegetable and Fruit Pickup Reminder - Please plan to stop by the Loring House front porch every Tuesday by 7:30 PM if you are a Community Sustainable Agriculture shareholder. All food boxes are given to charity at 7:30 PM every Tuesday night and none will be held over. If you are on vacation call another shareholder to have them take your box or arrange a vacation swap with another shareholder.

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Plan Ahead For Our Water Communion Service on Sunday, September 9 and save some water from any place your visit this summer.

Upcoming Events

July 15, 2012 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Summer Worship Service (10:00 AM)
(Sanctuary)

July 16, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

July 17, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

July 18, 2012 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Girl Scouts (Cashins) (CH)

July 19, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

July 22, 2012 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Summer Worship Service (10:00 AM)
(Sanctuary)

July 23, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

July 24, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

July 26, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

July 29, 2012 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Summer Worship Service (10:00 AM)
(Sanctuary)

July 31, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

August 2, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

August 5, 2012 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Summer Worship Service (10:00 AM)
(Sanctuary)

August 6, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

August 7, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

August 9, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

August 9, 2012 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
PFlag (Lor-101)

August 12, 2012 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Summer Worship Service (10:00 AM)
(Sanctuary)

August 13, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

August 14, 2012 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sanctuary Rental (Sanctuary)

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."