



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING



November 8, 2012

## Worship Services

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012

#### **"For One Brief Shining Moment"**

*UU History and Heritage Service*

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark**

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

Unitarian Universalism has a long, rich, exciting, and mostly forgotten history. Today, we'll look back to the 1600s in, of all places Poland, where a little city named Rakov grew to be the Unitarian capital of Europe and of the world!! The tale of its swift rise and terrible fall is filled with intrigue, bloodshed, and betrayal. Don't worry—this history lesson won't be a bore. The Our Whole Lives class (OWL) (7th and 8th grades) will present a short skit as part of today's service.

Music: 9:15 AM-Joan Marshman, vocals; 11:00 AM-UUCR Choir

Click [HERE](#) to see a video invitation to this weekend's worship.

#### **9:15 AM Service**

##### **Please volunteer:**

[Click here to sign up for Altar Flowers](#)

[Click here to sign up for Busy Boxes](#)

[Click here to sign up for Coffee Maker\(s\)](#)

[Click here to sign up for Usher](#)

[Click here to sign up for Welcome Table](#)

#### **11:00 AM Service**

##### **Please volunteer:**

[Click here to sign up for Coffee Maker\(s\)](#)

[Click here to sign up for Usher](#)

[Click here to sign up for Welcome Table](#)

Time	Role	Name
11:00 AM	Worship Associate	Rob Craig-Comin

## **SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 11, 2012**

### **"Second Sunday"**

**Rev. Tim, Anne Principe, Countless Others, and YOU!**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Join us for a new way of doing church. A different time, a different vibe, a different feel. Each second Sunday of the month, we'll gather at 5:00 pm, share a meal (we cook, you eat) and a short fellowship/worship circle, and then we all have the choice between several spiritual exploration activities. This special program is open TO ALL AGES: from Senior Citizens to youngsters, from empty nesters to tweens (and teens). Singles, couples, families. We encourage you to invite friends to join you. Reservations are requested so we know how many people to expect.

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2012**

### **"Thanksgiving Service: The Bread Of Our Lives"**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Anne Principe, Betsy Tabor**

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

We invite you to bake and bring a loaf of bread to church for our special Thanksgiving Communion. We'll share the bread during the service, and also enjoy it during social hour after the service. Bake and bring bread that has meaning to you—either because it connects you to your family heritage, or because it just tastes good. We will have gluten/nut free bread available, as well. Or, bring your own piece of bread that is allergen-free so you can participate. The UUCR Adult Choir will sing at both services.

NOTE: This year we come together in awareness, love, and sharing with those who are experiencing homelessness in the Boston area. Our 9th grade COA youth will engage in a CityReach Homeless Mission in Boston this December and bring our congregations cornucopia of material donations to folks in need. Please bring your donations of: NEW socks and underwear for adults, used adult clothing (especially coats), used carrying bags -- ie. suitcases and duffels, sleeping bags and blankets and toiletries of all kinds. If you'd like to make arrangements to bring your donations at another time, please contact Anne Principe, Director of Faith Development [HERE](#)

## **SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays

9:15 and 11:00 AM

Nursery care, playschool and all children's Faith Development during 9:15 service only.

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



Come one come all to the wonderful Kris Kringle Fair, Saturday November 10th from 9am-3pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn Street, located at the corner of Woburn and Summer streets.

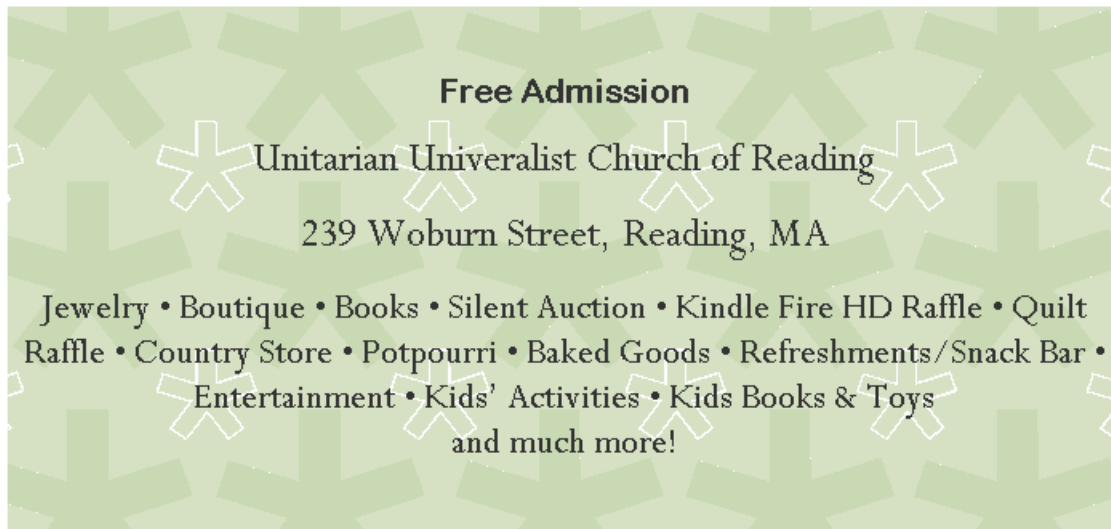
This holiday fair will help you get a jump on your holiday shopping but offers so much more than the average fair! Visit our Boutique table, where handcrafted items made by members and friends of the church are featured, or the Potpourri Table where you will find new and like-new gifts, or Deck The Halls where you can find deep discounts on gently used holiday decorations and accessories, as well as cards, boxes, and wrapping paper.

There will also be a Silent Auction area with all kinds of special items, a Jewelry area, and a great Books/DVDs/CDs section! Look for the fabulous raffle items - a beautiful hand-made quilt, Playmobil sets, a case of fine wine, a lotto ticket tree, and Kindle Fire HD! (Click [HERE](#) to see photos of the raffle items.)

And we haven't forgotten about the Kids: young ones can shop in the "Kids Holiday Gift Shop" area, for items \$ 0.50-\$ 3.00 to give their parents, grandparents, and other special grownups in their lives. A Kids Fair is right in the same area, with fun activities for the kids. Look for "Santa's Elves" on hand to help get a message to Jolly Old St. Nick!

An expansive Kids Toys and Books area will appeal to children as well as those shopping for kids! Have lunch at the Snack Bar while listening to live music, and then peruse the Country Store, full of jams, jellies, and other canned/jarred goods, or the Baked Goods area, offering all sorts of delicious treats!

Free parking and shuttle service from Parker Middle School (45 Temple St). We look forward to seeing you there!



Check out all the latest info about the Kris Kringle Fair raffle, by clicking [HERE](#).

Check out all the latest info about the Kris Kringle Fair silent auction, by clicking [HERE](#).

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10 OUR KRIS KRINGLE FAIR!**

**Kris Kringle Fair on Saturday, November 10**

The Kris Kringle Fair, one of the grandest events of the church year, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10, and you can ALL help to make it a success! Please help man a table or an activity. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available now in our atrium. Please sign up today.

Plan to do some baking, canning or preserving that you can set aside and then donate to the Baked Goods Table or the Country Store.

Give thought to something creative you might make to donate to the Boutique: can you sew or knit or crochet? Do you make jewelry? Can you decorate a wreath? Make pet toys? Make gift cards?

If you're cleaning house, set aside jewelry, kids toys, unused gifts, and holiday decorations for the Jewelry Table, Toy Table, Potpourri, and Deck the Halls tables. Jewelry can be brought to church any time and placed in a basket in Fellowship Hall so it can be cleaned and made ready. Hold the rest until the week before the Fair. (Remember that there is no Attic Treasures at this Fair -- save your household items for the spring!)

If you have supplies of leftover yarn or silk flowers (even old silk flower arrangements) the Boutique folks would love to have them for craft projects: they can be left in a specially marked box under the coat rack in Fellowship Hall any Sunday.



## **Kris Kringle Fair**

### **VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE KRIS KRINGLE FAIR**

#### **Volunteering**

Volunteers Remain Urgently Needed! Can you lend a hand?

All it takes is an hour or two! If each member and friend helps a little, the 2012 Kris Kringle Fair will be a huge success. Just volunteer for a few hours, then go enjoy the fun and the bargains and the rest of the Fair! You can help during:

Fair Setup - Through Friday, November 9

Fair Day - Saturday, November 10.

Please note: there will be shuttle service available between Parker Middle School (45 Temple St) and the Church on Fair Day.

#### **Urgent:**

Cleanup help needed, after the Fair is over, Saturday, November 10, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

We need lots of young legs that can trot up and down stairs carrying items to and fro. We will also need some young legs (and the rest of you, too) for Sunday, November 11, midday, because several tables have an "After the Fair" sale, then their leftovers need to be carted to the Loring House attic.

#### **Greeters**

Would you like to welcome folks to the Fair? Greeters hand out programs and maps and welcome our guests. It's a great job for adult/child pairs. Chairs can be provided for those not wanting to stand for a long time. Be that friendly person who helps fair-goers feel at home on our bustling Fair Day campus. Contact Ann Fisher by clicking [HERE](#) or by calling 781-942-1634.

#### **Kris Kringle Fair on the Website and Social Media**

Click [HERE](#) to check out the Kris Kringle Fair page on the church website, our public presentation to the general public.

Please tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers! Please visit the [fair's Facebook event page](#) (click [HERE](#)) and use the Share link (under the holiday tree and the pictures of the faces of your friends who have indicated that they're going to be at the fair) to share the event on your own Facebook Timeline.

## **Fair Co-chairs**

If you have questions large or small or are interested in hearing about leadership opportunities, please contact one of the Kris Kringle Fair co-chairs:

- Debbie Vince - Contact Debbie by clicking [HERE](#) or calling 978-790-4446.
- Shanna Weston - Contact Shanna by clicking [HERE](#) or calling 617-955-9518.
- Joyce Barolak - Contact Joyce by clicking [HERE](#) or by calling 781-944-6676

## **Kris Kringle Fair**

### **BAKERS, CANNERS, AND MAKERS OF HOMEMADE FOOD**

As you prepare your baked, canned, and homemade food for the Kris Kringle Fair, please remember that you will need to have it:

- Labeled with the name of what it is
- Accompanied by an ingredients list
- Prepared in a clean kitchen
- Marked containing nuts if it does

We need jams, jellies, preserves of all sorts!

### **Kris Kringle Fair Safe Food Handling Guidelines - For Baked Goods Table and Country Store**

Please click [HERE](#) to review the [Kris Kringle Fair Safe Food Handling Guidelines - For Baked Goods Table & Country Store](#) or pick up an info sheet at the Kris Kringle Fair table in the Atrium this Sunday, November 4.

## Kris Kringle Fair

### WHERE AND WHEN TO DROP OFF YOUR FAIR DONATIONS 2012

Remaining Kris Kringle Fair donations drop-off hours are:

**Thursday, November 8** Until 9PM

**Friday, November 9** 9AM-7PM

Please make sure your items are in good condition and clean, then **please sort and deliver to the rooms indicated** on the chart below. Your help with this is appreciated!

<b>Table</b>	<b>Where</b>
<b>Baked Goods</b>	Fellowship Hall
<b>Books, Adult &amp; Teen</b>	Rear of Sanctuary (Woburn St. door will not be open)
<b>Boutique</b>	Loring Room 103
<b>Country Store</b>	Fellowship Hall
<b>Deck The Halls</b>	Community Hall
<b>Jewelry</b>	Loring Room 205
<b>Kids-Only Store</b>	Sawyer House
<b>Potpourri</b>	Loring Room 101
<b>Silent Auction</b>	Sanctuary, on the chancel
<b>Snack Bar</b>	Fellowship Hall
<b>Toys &amp; Kids' Books</b>	Community Hall

## **SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 11, 2012 "SECOND SUNDAY" 5 PM TO 7 PM**

After a wonderfully busy Fair Weekend, relax with others for a meal and then enjoy an opening circle of spirit and friendship, themed activity, and a great discussion. Please sign up by November 8 by clicking [HERE](#), or through our Director of Faith Development, Anne Principe by clicking [HERE](#). This time for all ages and stages is for singles, couples, families, children, youth...you! You are encouraged to bring a friend



## **JOIN US IN THE ART OF WELCOMING - TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14**

The Membership Team cordially invites you to attend a brief training on the Art of Welcoming on Wednesday, November 14 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will provide information on some very important Sunday morning roles - greeting at the Welcome Table and ushering at services. This workshop will also cover the questions, confusions and worries that might arise when faced with talking to someone you don't know, or answering questions about our faith community and tradition. For more information, read the full article about this training (see below). Already hooked? Click [HERE](#) to register.

## **Worship Notes**

### **REV. TIM GETS NATIONAL ATTENTION**

Tim's comments about Ballot Question #2 (Death With Dignity) have received national attention beyond his interview on National Public Radio's "The Take Away" program. Associated Press carried a story about controversial national ballot measures, and included a quote by Tim. Click [HERE](#) to read the [Kansas City Star newspaper article](#). Click [HERE](#) to read Tim's comments on the issue as memorialized on Wikipedia.

## **CARING AND SHARING COORDINATOR FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2012**



The caring and sharing coordinator for the month of November will be Beverly Thompson. Beverly can be reached at 978-758-0058 or click [HERE](#) to email her. Contact Beverly if you or someone you know is ill or recovering, and could use a meal, a supportive note or card, or a ride to the doctor.

## **Minister's Messages - November 8, 2012**

Dear Friends;

I walked through the Kris Kringle fair set up last night. It was looking sparse.

It seems the inflow of things to sell (children's toys, books, upscale items for the silent auction, jewelry, Christmas décor, and Boutique Items (things that in new or next-to-new shape) has been a bit slow. We've had election night and a Nor'easter, which has slowed things down.

This morning, I went through my basement and home office, and found some books, some unopened DVDs, a unused alarm clock with relaxing nature sounds, a fancy brass and slate water fountain that I never took out of the box, and lots of Christmas decorations I haven't used (what was I thinking when I bought a lot of purple and blue ornaments, deciding I wanted a different look for the tree?). As soon as I finish this note, I'm driving them over to the church.

Please consider what you have that we can re-sell. Or, bake a cake or pie or other goody. Or, take a look in this newsletter for all the different items we are inviting. (Click [HERE](#) for all the latest fair news.) Kris Kringle Fair is fun and an important fundraiser for us.

Thanks, see you on the path (and at the fair and in church),

Tim

PS: Next Sunday is our Annual Thanksgiving Service. Because of its popularity, we are again going to celebrate a freshly baked bread communion. See the service description in this newsletter for full details (but please consider baking a favorite bread or family tradition bread and bring it to the service next week to share). All are welcome.

PPS: Second Sunday is this Sunday, November 11th. We gather in Fellowship Hall from 5-7 pm to eat a home cooked meal together, share a short worship circle, and then engage in a fun and spiritually infused activity or experience. This is for ALL AGES. Join us, whether you are a single, a couple, a family, or a space alien. We'll have a great time.

## **Member Services Corner - November 8, 2012 - Please Welcome Our Newest Members!**

It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce to you the newest members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading. These fabulous folks signed the Membership Book at our New Member Sunday celebration on November 4th:

### **Justin Cohen**

I am a life long resident of Lynn. Try not to hold it against me! I am currently working as an electrician, but my real passion is computers. I am studying hard to move my career in that direction. I was married on Halloween of 2009. No kids... 12 pets (last time I counted). I enjoy drawing, running, and trying to learn to play several musical instruments. I also like singing and am a member of the church choir.



### **Ian Griffin**

I married Rebecca Kingston in 2007. We had our first child, Fiona Griffin, and bought a house in North Reading in 2008. We started attending UUCR, and our second child was born, Xavier Griffin (2011). Rebecca became a member and both our children have been dedicated to the UU faith. I enjoyed the community and the atmosphere. I grew up Roman Catholic which led me to mistrust most religions but I began to realize that I could become a part of this faith because it is based on many aspects like ethics and spirituality. We look forward to raising our children within this church where all people are welcomed with

respect and compassion.

### **Jillian & Sheila Freitas-Haley**

Jillian and Sheila met 4 years ago and will be married 2 years this New Year's Eve. Sheila, a Fall River native graduated from Pine Manor college and spent most of her career as a Supervisor of Attendance in Fall River, MA. After many years serving her hometown and making the 120 mile commute from Stoneham every day, she has recently secured a new job for the Somerville Public School department. She is enjoying her now very short commute from Stoneham, which gives her more time to focus on her graduate classes at Lasell.



Jillian grew up in Easton, MA and graduated from Bridgewater State College. After many years in retail and managing her family's restaurant she returned to school and received her Masters from Suffolk University in Higher Education Administration. She is currently the

Associate Director of Admissions at Middlesex Community College. Both Jillian and Sheila have strong family ties and spend much of their time with their sisters and their four nephews and one niece. They hope very soon to have a family of their own and are looking forward to being a part of the UU community.



**Dan Jacobs**

I grew up in a primarily non-religious Jewish family in Stamford, Connecticut, and moved to the Boston area in 1981 to begin my career as a software engineer and entrepreneur. Fortunately, having never become a Yankees fan, the transition was easy. I have two wonderful kids from a previous marriage: my son Steve (22) graduated from B.U. last Spring and is pursuing a career in film production, and my daughter Allison (20) is a junior at Mt Holyoke, majoring in psychology and management. They're both truly inspiring people, and two of my closest friends.

After some significant bumps in the road a few years ago, I found the right path for my life with Jane Jolkovski. Jane is my best friend, my true life partner, and now my wife. Jane introduced me to UUCR 4 years ago, and I'm happy to find a welcoming home and community here to call my own too. In the present, I'm loving my 2 kids and loving being Alexander's step-dude (he's my step-dude too), working toward starting a new software company, and discovering every day that fulfillment comes in very different forms for everyone.

**Roselyn & Stanley Listernick**

Roselyn Ratliff Listernick: I was born into a strong Universalist Family; father a minister and professor in Religious Education at Tufts and mother whose family roots reached back three generations to early Universalism in upper New York State. My early church memories are of music and warm friendships. I always sang in the choir and enjoyed the youth fellowship. My brief career in O.T. was put to good use as I assumed leadership in many venues at church and the community. Winter vacations find us active at the Tarpon Springs, Florida UU Church and we look forward to membership here at UUCR.



Stanley Listernick: I was brought up in the Everett Universalist Church and was quite active in the Sunday school and youth fellowship (UYF), serving on the national board. At this point in joining the UU Church of Reading, it's a real pleasure to be reconnecting to my liberal faith. My college was at Tufts University both undergraduate and professional school.



### **Eileen & Fabio Rojas**

Fabio and Eileen live in Reading with their 2 children, Delia (3 years) and Albert (3 months), and their 3 cats. As the daughter of a military officer, Eileen graduated from high school in Virginia, from Northeastern with a B.S. in Chemistry and Neuroscience, and finally from Boston University with a Doctorate in Pharmacology and Biophysics. She is currently taking some time off from her career to spend more time with her family. Fabio was born and raised in the Dominican Republic. He graduated from Northeastern University with both a B.S. and M.S. in Computer Science and is currently working for VM Ware in Cambridge. Fabio and Eileen have been attending UUCR services for over 3 years now, after being initially introduced to Unitarian Universalism by a family friend. They are looking forward to being a part of this community and raising their children in a religiously inclusive and spiritually tolerant environment.

### **Dakota Raine**

I'm a private person finally finding a welcoming community to be a part of. I came to know a little about Unitarian Universalism from the Chalice Circle. This year will be my 4th year as a participant and has led me to Church services and so much more. I didn't know anything about Unitarian Universalism, but I'm finding that I already believed and tried to live many of the Principles. Lately I've been attending many of the programs offered, meeting more UU's. I love that UU is about present day life as well as being steeped in history, about behavior and being open to new ideas, and social consciousness.



I grew up in Danvers, MA when it was still a farming community. We had a large, multigenerational family with fruit trees, vegetable gardens, chickens, sometimes ducks and always cats and dogs. We literally lived off the land year round by canning vegetables and making jams. Animals have always been an important part of my life, as is nature. I love the smell of the woods, the beach in all seasons and the sky. I can frequently be heard saying 'did you see the moon last night' now I text friends, 'go look at the sky it's gorgeous. I have two grown, married and happy daughters and two amazing granddaughters, that I see at least a couple of times a week. We do crafts together, read each other stories and they recently taught me an amazing fact about snails. I love being called Grams. My ex and I are still friends, sharing our daughters and granddaughters lives as we all grow and change. I went back to work after my children started school, managing a used book store, talk about fun, my very own library! As the children grew, I began 10 years as a professional Facilities Manager and transitioned recently into a smaller company as an Office Manager. I'm filled with gratitude and joy to be joining UUCR.

## **Website News - October 14 Sermons posted to YouTube**

The videocast of the October 14 sermon, "Pizza as a Spiritual Practice" has been posted to YouTube. It is available [embedded HERE](#).

You can review prior sermon videocasts by clicking [HERE](#).

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- To join the Church News mailing list or the amongUUs mailing list, please click [HERE](#).
- To submit news or events for the newsletter, please click [HERE](#).
- To send messages to the amongUUs mailing list, please click [HERE](#).

## **Adult Enrichment**

### **UU BASICS - JANUARY 27, 2013**

Sunday, January 27, 2013

12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Details to follow

### **MEETING JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME**

#### **Meeting Jesus Again For The First Time**

*A Unitarian Universalist Perspective*

Wednesday Morning Class: March 6, 13, and 27 - 10:00 AM-Noon (no class March 20)

Wednesday Evening Class: March 6, 13, and 27 - 7:00-9:00 PM (no class March 20)

Led by Rev. Tim Kutzmark

Loring House Room 103

Far too many Unitarian Universalists carry emotional and spiritual baggage about Jesus of Nazareth. Join us and explore Jesus, his life, and teachings through a liberating and affirming light. Our conversation will be informed by scholarly research and new contemporary images of Jesus.

It would be helpful to get a copy of Marcus Borg's book "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time", available at libraries or on Amazon.com ([paperback](#)) ([Kindle edition](#)).

Registration is required. Limit 12 people.

Please register by signing up, by clicking [HERE for the morning class](#); by clicking [HERE for the evening class](#); signing up on the signup sheet in the Atrium on Sunday; calling the church office at 781-944-0494; or emailing Rosemary, the Church Administrator, by clicking [HERE](#).

## News

### **Faith Development Explorations News**

#### **NOVEMBER 25TH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN BOSTON**

This year we come together in awareness, love, and sharing with those who are experiencing homelessness in the Boston area. Our 9th grade Coming of Age (COA) youth will engage in a CityReach Homeless Mission in Boston this December and bring our congregation's cornucopia of material donations to folks in need. Please bring your donations of:

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- sleeping bags and blankets
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If you'd like to make arrangements to bring your donations at another time, please contact Anne Principe, Director of Faith Development by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Buddhist Meditation Group**

#### **DECEMBER 10, 2012 EVENT**

As a follow on to our well attended event in September, please join us for a more intimate evening with Lama Surya Das during our regular Sangha meeting on December 10. He will be speaking, chanting, and meditating on a topic more at home for our group, Pure Land-related traditions, and telling stories about his own meditative and mystical experiences with Amitabha Buddha. Lama Surya will share his reflections on the meaning and experiences of life and death, notions of afterlife, the outer-inner-and-secret/subtlest levels of Dharmakaya Buddha Amitabha.

Pure Land Buddhism is the most popular form of Buddhism in the east. It is a path to liberation through other-power, by faith in the Buddha, specifically Buddha Amitabha, the Buddha of endless light and life. If self is an illusion, then how can we arrive at liberation through the efforts of the self? By taking refuge in the Buddha, having faith in other power, faith in Buddha Amitabha, we can realize rebirth in the Pure Land.

There is limited space for this event, so please sign up early.

Registration is \$ 12 and can be done [HERE](#)

Andrew Furst

## Green Sanctuary

### REWARDS FROM OUR METAL RECYCLING EFFORTS



The Green Sanctuary Team is happy to announce that we made \$ 393 from this year's metal recycling! In keeping with UUCR's Food Initiative and the GS Team's effort to support Environmental Justice , \$ 200 will go to Loving Spoonfuls, a non-profit organization that facilitates the recovery and distribution of perishable and unserved foods that would otherwise be thrown away and wasted. This food is delivered directly to local crisis centers, soup kitchens and other social assistance entities. The rest of the recycling money will go toward projects that can reduce UUCR's carbon footprint.

Tom Mottl, Bruce MacKenzie and Ann Mottl working on sorting and loading the metal to be taken to the scrapyard.

Not pictured: Jamie Maughan, Walt Tuvell and Linda King.

## Social Action

### CANDY NEEDED TO FILL CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

**Our Undecorate The Tree program is in need of candy to place into stockings for needy children.**

Too much of a good Halloween sweet thing? Then help us use that sugar to brighten up the gifts we lovingly prepare for needy children. Please donate your leftover Halloween candy to be used as stocking stuffers in our annual "Undecorate the Tree" program, where we sponsor needy children and provide holiday gifts for children in the care of the Department of Social Services. You can drop your Halloween candy off in the bin in the back of the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Linda King by clicking [HERE](#) or call Linda at 781-944-3617.

## Social Action

### UNDECORATE THE TREE - PLEASE VISIT THE UNDECORATE TABLE AT COFFEE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 18

It's time to "Undecorate the Tree". This marvelous undertaking at our UUCR serves to help provide a wonderful Christmas for needy children under the care of the Malden Massachusetts Department of Children and Families Office.

If you want to sponsor an entire family you **must** contact Linda King **before** Sunday, November 18th and she'll send you some family groups to consider. After that the families get split among the various adopters.

1. As always, you can choose to sponsor a single child and make his or her Christmas wishes come true. Pick a child at the "Undecorate the Tree" table at coffee hour on November 18th. Funding is available to help if you need it.
2. Can't sponsor an entire child? Buy one or two items – Come to the "Undecorate the Tree" table on November 18th and choose one or two items to buy for a specific child.
3. Don't have time but want to help? Donate money – This will help those who would like to sponsor a complete Christmas for a child or a family but need additional funding to do so. Also used for buying grocery cards and gift cards for the families.

Gifts are due back to the church on Sunday, December 2nd.

You can contact Linda King [HERE](#) or by calling Linda at 781-944-3617 with any questions or if you want to get an early start.

## **More News**

### **NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: CHAIRPERSON FOR UUCR GARDEN GROUP**

"A garden should make you feel you've entered privileged space -- a place not just set apart but reverberant -- and it seems to me that, to achieve this, the gardener must put some kind of twist on the existing landscape, turn its prose into something nearer poetry."

— Michael Pollan, *Second Nature: A Gardener's Education*

While our church may not have the nicest lawn in town, we are justifiably proud of the landscaping of our various planting areas. Look around our grounds some time and you'll see beautiful plantings adorning our pathways and border areas. As you can imagine, these did not just plant and grow themselves. They are there as a result of the efforts of several of our members who have worked often below the radar screen for years helping our campus to look as nice as it does. Most recently, our Garden Group has been led by Whitney Perkins who has had to step away due to other commitments. We now need someone interested in putting their own "twist" on our existing landscape...to come forward to pick up Whitney's pruning shears and coordinate this committee for us. While a complete job description is available, most of the responsibility entails organizing and coordinating the efforts of a small group of volunteers who can sustain what we have and use our much-too-small budget to make some gentle improvements each year.

If interested, please contact Mark Taitz and David Kay by clicking [HERE](#) and we can give you a better idea of what's entailed.

## **More News**

### **RENOVATIONS AT LORING AND REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

Loring House is sporting a storage POD and dumpster as of late as the Property Committee gears up for mold remediation work in the Loring House Basement. This is great news and a welcome improvement on our busy campus. A high-five and a hearty thank you to the persistent hard work of the Property Committee on an inglorious goal that nonetheless will have an immediate positive affect at our Faith Development and meeting House. The work will be commencing during the week of November 12, and we will need a few hearty souls to help move "stuff" from the POD back into the basement after Church on November 18. If you can lend a hand, please contact Mark Taitz by clicking [HERE](#).

## **More News**

### **INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK CLUB NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

UUCR Intergenerational Book Club

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Loring House, Room 101

Calling all animal lovers (young and young at heart alike). Join us at the next meeting of the Intergenerational Book Group (for ages 9-99) on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Loring House Room 101 to discuss the moving story, *The One and Only Ivan*, by Katherine Applegate. The book was inspired by the true story of a wild infant gorilla poached from Africa and purchased by a family to be raised as their "child" pet. When the animal became larger and less manageable he was sold to a man to put him on display in a tiny, rundown exhibit at a strip mall to be viewed by passing shoppers for years and years until...

Read it and join us for a thought provoking discussion. Light refreshments served. Please sign up [HERE](#).

For further information, please contact Diane Chapin by clicking [HERE](#) or Beth Brauer by clicking [HERE](#).

## **Unitarian Universalist News**

### **UU CHILDREN'S CHOIR DALLAS TEXAS SINGER APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 15**

It's not too late to encourage participation in the UU Children's Choir next summer in Dallas, TX, July 24-28, 2013. The move away from General Assembly (GA) will allow more freedom of families and music directors to attend. Young singers get a rare opportunity to connect with hundreds of other UUs, deepening their faith and experiencing musical excellence! The Singer application deadline has been extended to November 15th. Even if you don't have a children's choir at your congregation, ask around – you might have 4th-6th graders who sing in school or community choir. Click [HERE](#) for information and forms.

## **Our Renters**

### **SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 17 AT 7:00 PM - FLUTE RECITAL JUDY BRAUDE AND FRIENDS**

Flutist Judy Braude and friends will present a recital at 7:00 PM, Saturday evening, November 17, 2012 in the Sanctuary of the UUCR in Reading.

She will be joined in concert with : the classical pianist Debbie Emery for the first half ;and a jazz trio manned by jazz pianist Robert Littlefield and jazz bassist John Steward for the second half.

Pieces for classical flute and piano by G.Faure, F. Poulenc, C. Saint-Saens, J. Rutter, Godard and Borne will be featured on the first half of the recital. The second half will feature lively Latin American music in the "Sonata Latino" by Mike Mower and French jazz in "Suite for Flute and Jazz Trio" by Claude Bolling. The recital is free and open to the public; however, donations will be accepted.

Judy Braude has appeared frequently as a concerto artist with many Boston area groups and has premiered several concerti written exclusively for her. She has also appeared as a recitalist up and down the East Coast. She recently released her first solo recording entitled "The Twelve Complete G.F. Handel Flute Sonatas", which will be available for purchase at the recital.

Judy's future engagements include the world premiere of Jeffrey Brody's "Suite in Olden Style" with the Salem Philharmonic Orchestra this coming January and her first international tour as a flute soloist in India next August.

Judy is a former flute faculty member of the Boston Conservatory's Division of Special Programs who now currently teaches at Creative Arts in Reading. She holds a MM Degree in Flute Performance from the University of Illinois. Judy has studied flute with many of the world's top flutists including the legendary Marcel Moyse and the late American "Dean of the Flute" Julius Baker.

## **Our Renters**

### **PIANO LESSONS**



Greetings from the church pianist/organist!

I have received a number of inquiries already from parents interested in arranging piano lessons for their children. How delightful! As many of you know, I am almost finished with my doctorate degree at Boston University and seeking to expand my studio teaching whilst looking for a professorship in the area. Please see the advertisement below and contact me accordingly if interested in piano instruction for your child, your grandchild, or yourself. Future pianists welcome!!

Many thanks and kind regards,

Jennifer

If you are interested in piano lessons, please click [HERE](#) for information.

## **Our Renters**

### **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND KIDSING'S "WE ARE THE LIGHTS" HOLIDAY PROGRAM ON FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 16**

#### **Kidsing Set To Perform at UUCR On November 16**

Al and I are really excited to tell you about Kidsing's upcoming holiday program, We Are Lights. This is a wonderful show that celebrates the season and the light in all of us. The performers, who are in grades from three to eight, sing, dance and act their hearts out. The performance is free and takes place Friday night, November 16th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. right here at UUCR. You'll see lots of familiar faces in the show too. If these talented kids don't start your Holiday season off on the right note nothing will! We hope to see you at the show! Beth and Al Mosier's KidSing!

## **Our Renters**

### **FIBROMYALGIA RECOVERY WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

Please join on on Saturday, November 17th from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM in Loring House, Room 101 for a Fibromyalgia Recovery Workshop.

All the best and latest information on how to take your health to the next level.

If you feel stuck in your recovery this is the class for you. Call to reserve your spot; limited class size. RSVP to the facilitator Betsy at phone number 623-251-7547 or 617-943-5570.

## Upcoming Events

November 8, 2012

KK Fair Setup. No meetings scheduled.

November 8, 2012 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Choir (Home of Ruth Clark)

November 8, 2012 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

PFlag (Lor-201)

November 9, 2012

KK Fair Setup. No meetings scheduled.

November 10, 2012 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Kris Kringle Fair

November 11, 2012

UU History & Heritage Sunday

November 11, 2012 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

November 11, 2012 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

November 11, 2012 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Reserved (Lor-101)

November 11, 2012 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Second Sundays (FH) (CH) (Sanctuary)  
(Lor-101) (Lor-205)

November 12, 2012 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Intern Comm. (Lor-101)

November 12, 2012 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Buddhist Meditation (CH)

November 12, 2012 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Property Comm. (Lor-103)

November 13, 2012 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm

Worship Arts Team (Lor-101)

November 14, 2012 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Liberal Ladies (Lor-101) (Lor-102)

November 14, 2012 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Membership Team (FH)

November 15, 2012 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

"The Mothering Group", (Lor-205)

November 15, 2012 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Choir (Sanctuary)

November 18, 2012

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 18, 2012 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

For more upcoming events, visit our Calendar by clicking [HERE](#).

## Ivy Chord Concerts

### 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."

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