



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

## **Worship Services**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2012**

**"Who Gets A Merry Christmas?"**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark and Sylvia Clarke (SEIU Local 615)**

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

As we begin the holiday season, we'll step away from the colored lights and wrapped presents so central to so many of our celebrations. We'll open our hearts to see who might be lost in the shadows and fringes of December 2012. After sharing his sermon, Rev. Tim will be joined by Sylvia Clarke, leader/member of SEIU Local 615, the Massachusetts janitor's union. She'll lift up the stories of those who struggle in multiple, low-paying service jobs that offer little economic opportunity. Music: Jim Sopchak, vocals; 11:00 AM-UUCR Choir  
*NOTE: After the 11:00 am service, please join us for a "Community Conversation" that will allow you to explore the sermon topic and questions raised through a facilitated discussion.*

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

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

**Please volunteer:**

[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](#)

Time	Role	Name
09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	Lucinda Damon-Bach

For Barbara and for Celeste: In gratitude for the mother who brought me into the world, and for the daughter who made me a mother, in honor of mothers and daughters everywhere.

### **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	Usher	Ann Fisher <a href="#">(click here to cancel)</a>

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2012**

**"Annual Holiday Choir Service"**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark and the UUCR Adult Choir**

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

Come celebrate with the choir as we present our annual Christmas Choir Service featuring Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols." Bring a friend for what promises to be a delightful hour of music and worship. Dr. Mark Bennett conducts the choir, and Jennifer Maxwell will be at the keyboard. We'll also celebrate the second day of Hannukkah by lighting the menorah. The choir will sing at both services.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2012 - 5:00 PM**

**"Second Sunday"**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark and Anne Principe**

**5:00 to 7:00 PM**

Relax with others for a meal and then enjoy an opening circle of spirit and friendship, themed activity, and meaningful discussion related to this season of hope and love. Please sign up by November 8 by clicking [HERE](#), or through our Director of Faith Development, Anne Principe by clicking [HERE](#). This gathering is for all ages and stages is for singles, couples, families, children, youth...you! Bring a friend.

**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**

### **ALL AGES CAROLING PARTY TO DANIELS NURSING HOME IN READING ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 9 AT 4:15**



Use your voice to bring holiday cheer to those who need a lift of spirit. Rev. Tim and will lead a Caroling Party to nearby Daniels Nursing Home prior to our Second Sunday worship. We gather together at 59 Middlesex Avenue in Reading at 4:15 PM and carol for 25 minutes. All ages welcome and encouraged.

So that we may have an idea of how many carolers will be attending we ask you to sign up online by clicking [HERE](#), or sign up during coffee hour on the sign up sheet in the atrium, or email the church office by clicking [HERE](#).

### **NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: LEADER 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.

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



UUCR Intergenerational Book Club meets THIS Wednesday, December 5, 2012 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM in 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](#).

## **Worship Notes**

### **POINSETTIAS/DEDICATIONS FOR OUR HOLIDAY SERVICES**

#### **Please Contribute for Holiday Poinsettias for the Sanctuary**

This year the UUCR will be beautifying our sanctuary for the Christmas season and throughout the first week of January with poinsettias. As was done the past few years, plants will not be going home: Your donation will be purely a gift. We will be putting your dedication in the order of service and using *combined donations* to purchase a few large lush plants. Rosemary has seen these plants at the greenhouse and they are gorgeous!

Please send your dedication to the church office, by printing and filling-out the form you can find [HERE](#) and attaching a check for \$ 12. Please either mail your form and check to 239 Woburn Street, Reading MA 01867, place it in the floor safe in the church mailroom, or place it in the offertory plate during worship services. Alternatively, please call the church office at 781-944-0494.



The Greenhouse deadline is Tuesday, December 11th. All dedication requests and donations must be made by December 11th.

## **THANKSGIVING COLLECTION OF SHARING ESSENTIALS FOR LIVING EXTENDED UNTIL DECEMBER 2**

### **Collection Drive Extended Until December 2nd**

Our Thanksgiving ingathering collection of SHARING ESSENTIALS FOR LIVING resulted in a huge mound of items. It was powerful to witness us -- the congregation -- come together to support the homeless mission that the COA youth will participate in this December 7-8 with Ecclesia Ministries on the Boston Common. These much needed items will be collected for the next two Sundays (until December 2nd). You are encouraged to leave your donations in the bins that can be found in the narthex, the atrium, and Loring porch.

List of needed items:

**\*\*new underwear and socks\*\*** these are needed the most!

sleeping bags

blankets

toiletries of all kinds

used adult clothing and shoes

## **SNOW CANCELLATIONS**

Should it be necessary to cancel worship services/Faith Development at the UUCR due to inclement weather this winter, the cancellation announcement will be posted on the WBZ Storm Center. Please log on to [www.wbz1030.com](http://www.wbz1030.com) Cancellations will be broadcast via a scroll also on WBZ-TV and CBSBoston.com.

## **"READING TAILS"- UUCR BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading will be featured in an episode of the Reading Tails! A segment is in production on the Blessing of the Animals. The following link will take you to a 30 second YouTube video taken from the full segment that will be in an upcoming episode of Reading Tails sometime in January. Please click [HERE](#) to watch.



### **CARING AND SHARING COORDINATOR**

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.

Looking ahead, the caring and sharing coordinator for the month of December will be Sharlene Reynolds-Santo who can be reached at 781-942-1848 or click [HERE](#) to email her.

## Minister's Messages - November 29, 2012



Dear Friends:

I was delighted to see that Mary Oliver (perhaps the most accessible nature-focused poet writing in America today) has published a new book of poems, entitled "A Thousand Mornings." Mary Oliver is wonderfully attuned to the subtlety and rhythms of nature, and how that connects to our own inner spirit and sense of connection to the larger world. As an early holiday treat for myself, last night I ordered Oliver's new book through Amazon.com. What was nice about that purchase is that I was able to order it through the Amazon.com link on our website, so our church received a percentage of the purchase price.

If you are thinking about making a few holiday purchases on-line this year, consider accessing Amazon.com through our website's homepage (<http://uureading.org>) and placing an order that way. We only get the percentage donation if you enter Amazon.com through the special link on our website. It is an easy way to help support the financial future of the church.

If you'd like to nurture your spirit for a moment, listen and watch Mary Oliver read her poem "Sunflowers" on this YouTube link:

[Mary Oliver reading "Sunflowers"](#)

If you want to hear a recent interview with Mary Oliver from NPR's Weekend Edition, click here:

[A Thousand Mornings with poet Mary Oliver](#)

And if you simply want to savor her words, enjoy this excerpt from her poem entitled "Summer Day"

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention,  
how to fall down into the grass,  
how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed,  
how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

See you on the path (and at church),

Tim

## Director of Faith Development's Messages - Finding a Piece of Peace



The re-enactment of the birth of a baby, born to simple parents, has been told and retold for thousands of years. This is a classic story of a baby – helpless and small, innocent and peaceful (when sleeping), who grows up to challenge a paradigm in which his vision of peace and justice was a severe threat. No matter who we believe this baby was, no matter what honorific title we assign to him, or not, something tugs at us to be we traditional at this time of year. We

either hang lights or admire them. We light candles – one, four, or nine. Why do we do this? This is a rhetorical question. I am not questioning as to why; I am merely calling the question into our laps so that we can once again enter into a reverie of wonder.

What does this story mean?

What does this story mean to you?

What does this story mean to your child?

In our multi-generational community, I hope that you are compelled to ponder this question on behalf of all the children in our church family. That child might be you! As a religious educator, I have been gathered in many a circle of young prophets to discuss the seasonal themes. Once I asked playfully,

***“wait, I forget...why are we here?”***

It’s always the youngest wise one who responds with a condescending one-sided smile,

***“It’s Christmas. We do a pageant. It’s a play. It’s about Jesus.”***

They expect banter from me and I as,

***“what about Jesus anyway, who was he?”***

While they were thinking about it I started singing,

***“Hark the Herald...”***

And they responded,

***"Angels sing."***

And I sing,

***"glory to the newborn...." "king..." they say, flatly.***

***"King? What kind of king?"***

An even younger wise one said,

***"rich!"***

***"Rich with what?"***

And effortlessly but like a string of lightbulbs coming on suddenly in succession... they say one at a time,

***"Hope!"***

***"Joy!"***

***"Love!"***

And the littlest one says,

***"and peace too!"***

Peace. Peace on earth and mercy mild.

Just think if you were one of those kings, or queens, you bought a gift...a nice one...and traveled a long way to meet your new colleague...a naked baby boy. Just imagine if you were one of those shepherds, trying to herd those impish little lambs, and donkeys, a long way to see this baby who you were told would change the way things are, finally make things fair. Or you could have been a townfolk, following the crowd because you heard that there was someone who would speak up, speak out, ***for you***. If you are imagining being one of those angels, well, you can fly anywhere, easily.

But the story of Christmas is about a certain baby that was born and was called the Prince of Peace. Peace. Unheard of then.

Children will show up and are line up for various festivities in the next few weeks. You might hear a hush, a very special and powerful hush. Candlelight will be lifted up for these holiday occasions, reverently. Through it all, an abiding stream of peace will help settle the children and hold them and perhaps us. This will not last very long and not long not long enough. Let us at once behold this time of year and allow it to transform our modern kids into children suspended in time. Let us all be that child.

Let us take time to walk a long way, out of the way, to behold something or someone quite ordinary and helpless. Let's stay up past bedtime once in a while and marvel at the millions of powerful stars...as they twinkle perfectly and silently, at least to our ears. Let's light a candle at every meal and let our vision blur, caught in an awake reverie. Let's make promises to call each other and ourselves to gently but surely speak sweet words, affirming words, kind words...even when we can rationalize and intellectualize our criticism.

The moment of peace is upon us. Let's hold it in our hands and stuff that peace in our pockets. When we are at home, let the peace spill out upon the table and make a magical mess. Don't clean it up. Each day, pick up one piece, of peace and see what might happen...

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### **Website News - Please consider using Amazon.com for Holiday Shopping**

The church is an Amazon.com affiliate and receives a commission on purchases made shortly after you go to Amazon.com from the link on the home page of our church website. If you're inclined to use Amazon.com for holiday purchases, would you please consider following our affiliate link, to support the church?

To have your purchase benefit the church, simply enter Amazon.com by clicking on the image below, then put the items you wish to purchase into your cart, and then complete your transaction.



You'll find this image on several pages on the website, so you'll be able to find it so your future purchases can benefit the church as well.

To help support the church when buying products from Amazon.com, please click the image above or click [HERE](#). For more information about the affiliate program, please click [HERE](#).

## **Adult Enrichment**

### **WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY RETREAT: A DAY OF SILENCE, LAUGHTER, CREATIVITY, SPIRIT**

January 12: 8 AM to 4 PM

All women of the greater UUCR community are invited to partake in a day of reflection, exploration, and sharing. Anne Principe, Director of Faith Development, will facilitate this time to come together.



Sorry, no late arrivals, early departures.

\$ 20 for members; \$ 30 non-members (to cover the cost of refreshments, lunch, and materials).

Please sign up by January 8 by clicking [HERE](#).

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

#### **Unitarian Universalist Basics**

**Sunday, January 27, 2013 from 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

What do Unitarian Universalists really believe? Would you like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Join other folks new to the church community for this interactive and informative introduction to our faith and church community. You'll get to spend time with Rev. Tim, Amy Burton, our Member Services and Volunteer Coordinator, and other special guests. Together we will learn, connect and maybe even have a little fun! We offer lunch and childcare as part of this condensed course. Registration is required so please click [HERE](#) to sign up for this session or you can also contact Amy Burton at 781-944-0494, ext. 104 or click email Amy [HERE](#) with any questions!

## **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

### **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**

#### **NEW RECYCLING INITIATIVE BEGINS - RECYCLE THOSE OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!**

The Green Sanctuary Team will be collecting non-working Christmas light strings for recycling. They can be left on the porch of Loring House November 25th through January 6th. Please remove large light bulbs.

## Chalice Circles

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND WEDNESDAY MORNING CHALICE CIRCLES - OPEN CHAIR



The Tuesday Afternoon Chalice Circle and the Wednesday Morning Chalice Circle are looking for you!

Chalice Circles are intentional, lay-led small groups that deepen and expand the ministry of a congregation. Chalice Circles help build community connections and provide opportunities for deeper relationships and for deeper spiritual exploration and search for meaning. The Chalice Circle is a more intimate place to get to know one another at the same time as providing the opportunity to explore meaningful topics with other members of our community.

Chalice Circle sessions consist of a brief reading, a check in among the members, a longer reading, and a discussion of members' reactions/reflections/thoughts about the readings. Topics over the years have ranged from world religions to more personal topics such as friendship, community, nature, etc.

The Tuesday Afternoon Chalice Circle meets the First and Third Tuesday of each month, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM. The Wednesday Morning Chalice Circle meets the First and Third Wednesday of each month, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

Please register by signing up online, by clicking [HERE](#); or by emailing Jean Hanson, the program coordinator, by clicking [HERE](#).

## Faith Development Explorations News

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS FOR ALL AGES

Coming up for All Ages:

December 9th:

4:15 PM All Ages Caroling Party to Daniels Nursing Home: Use your voice to bring holiday cheer to those who need a lift of spirit. We gather together at 59 Middlesex Avenue in Reading at 4:15 PM and carol for 25 minutes. All ages welcome and encouraged. Sign up [here!!](#)

5:00-7:00 PM to light our chalice of community spirit, share a meal, a themed-activity and meaningful discussion. This one will be busy -- all will be able to add their hands to creating symbols and props for the Dec. 23 and Dec. 24 services. We'll also talk about how we bring intention and meaning into this holiday season that is too often enveloped in frenzy. Sign up [here!!](#)

December 23rd:

9:15 AM Families begin in the Sanctuary and then children/youth (and parents if desired) are "sung out" to the Atrium. All present will then be a part of a "living pageant," meaning we will create it together.

December 24th:

5:30 PM Family Christmas Eve Service with Pageant\*

Sign Ups: [RSVP](#) by December 8th if you, your child/youth is interested being a part of the Pageant Crew. Here are the parts (please give 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice).

~~Director (must be available Dec. 9th 4 - 7 PM and Dec. 24th 4 - 6:30 PM)

~~Costume Manager/Designer (must be available Dec. 9th 4 - 7 PM & Dec. 24th)

~~Caesar Augustus

~~Joseph

~~Mary

~~Inn Keeper (youth or adult)

~~Shepherd

~~Wise One

~~Animal

~~Angel

~~Star Bearer

\*\*Costumes will be passed out on Dec.9th during Second Sunday celebration (5 PM)

## Partner Church

### COME REACH YOUR HANDS ACROSS THE OCEANS: CHRISTMAS CARDS TO OUR UNITARIAN PARTNERS - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Did you know that our church has Unitarian partners across both oceans?

On Sunday, December 2, at coffee hours, the Partner Church Committee invites you to see photos, learn more about the partners with whom we are all connected, and sign Christmas greetings to them.

Across the Atlantic is our partner Unitarian congregation in Transylvania (the ethnically Hungarian part of Romania). Led by Rev. Kornel (a quiet man who loves books and history) and their church president Lorinc (who recently celebrated his 80th birthday and his 50th wedding anniversary), this small congregation has persevered through the Communist years and the migration of younger folks to the cities. They still worship in their centuries-old sanctuary, hung with exquisite blue-on-white embroidery.



Across the Pacific is Gerry, a high school student whose father is a Unitarian minister and whose mother also farms. Gerry's favorite subject in school is Filipino, and one of his hobbies is singing.

As we reach out to each other to hold hands for the benediction, here's a chance to reach out to our partners in faith beyond our walls. Members of the Partner Church Committee-- Ann Mottl, Anne Mark, Bill Childress, Leslie Lemerise--look forward to talking with you at coffee hour on the 2nd.

## **Social Action**

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING STILL AVAILABLE FOR OUR UNDECORATE THE TREE**

There are still many children under the care of Malden Department of Children and Families who have not been “adopted” for our annual Undecorate the Tree project. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile project to bring Christmas to a child who would otherwise have nothing, please come to the Undecorate the Tree table during coffee hour today. There are three ways you can support this worthwhile project: you can make a donation, buy one or two specific gifts, or sponsor a child’s complete Christmas.

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 today
2. Can’t sponsor an entire child? Buy one or two items – Come to the “Undecorate the Tree” table 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.

## **Unitarian Universalist News**

### **SHOP AT THE CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP'S ONLINE SHOP**

You've shopped with us before, and we'd love to see you again! The Church of the Larger Fellowship's shop is offering a 20% discount on all pewter and enamel lapel pins and pendants through December. 20% -- that's amazing!

Why would you want to make a purchase? Let the Church of the Larger Fellowship count the ways –

- Lapel pins and pendants make great holiday gifts
- Lapel pins and pendants are a thoughtful way to welcome new members
- Lapel pins and pendants are a fun thank you to volunteers and staff

Your purchase contributes to the good works of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, by supporting our Prison Ministry, our Military Ministry, and resources to individuals and groups worldwide!

The 20% discount is good through December, and will be processed as a credit card refund.

Questions? Feel free to contact Beth Murray via email [HERE](#) or call Beth at 617-948-6150.

**Church of the Larger Fellowship's Online Shop**

Proceeds support the many UU ministries of the [Church of the Larger Fellowship](#).

## Upcoming Events

November 29, 2012 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Choir (Sanctuary)

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November 30, 2012 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
RTDC Dinner (FH) tentative

December 1, 2012 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Private Wedding (Sanctuary)

December 2, 2012 9:15 am - 10:15 am  
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

December 2, 2012 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
"Community Conversation" (Minister's Office)

December 2, 2012 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

December 2, 2012 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
"Community Conversation" (FH)

December 2, 2012 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm  
Private Family Event (Sanctuary)

December 2, 2012 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
COA Class (Lor-205)

December 2, 2012 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
SHYP (Lor-103)

December 3, 2012 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm  
Buddhist Meditation (CH)

December 3, 2012 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
Governing Board (Lor-101)

December 3, 2012 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Property Comm. (Lor-103)

December 5, 2012 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Intergenerational Book Group (Lor-101)

December 6, 2012 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Choir (Sanctuary)

December 6, 2012 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Mom's Book Group (Lor-101)

December 8, 2012 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Choir Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

December 9, 2012 9:15 am - 10:15 am  
Worship- Holiday Choir Service (Sanctuary)

December 9, 2012 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Worship-Holiday Choir 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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