



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

January 3, 2013

Worship Services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2013

"To Boldly Go: A Service for a New Year"

Rev. Tim Kutzmark

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Join us as we look back at what was, and look ahead to what could be. As part of our service for the New Year, we will have our annual lighting of candles for friends and families who died in 2012, and we'll celebrate the many babies born into our congregation as well. Tim will preach a sermon about claiming the freshness of the New Year. Music: 9:15 Rose McAuley, vocals; 11:00 AM-Rose McAuley, vocals, and 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 Busy Boxes](#)

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

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

Time	Role	Name
09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	Poinsettias from Our Members and Friends
09:15 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	Membership Team

11:00 AM Service

Please volunteer:

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

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

Time	Role	Name
11:00 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	Membership Team

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2013

"What Is Spirituality?"

Rev. Tim Kutzmark

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

We talk a lot about spirituality. Some of us are hungry for spirituality. Many of us say we are on a spiritual journey. Others of us say we are spiritual but not religious. What is spirituality? Is it real? How can you find it? Music: 9:15-Classical piano with Jennifer Maxwell; 11:00 AM-The UUCR Choir

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012 - 5:00 PM SERVICE

"Second Sunday"

Rev. Tim Kutzmark and Anne Principe, Director of Faith Development

5:00 PM

Join us for our next "Second Sunday" on January 13, 2013 at 5:00 PM. Relax with others for a meal and then enjoy an circle of spirit and friendship, themed activity, and a great discussion. Sign up by January 10th (Thursday) [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.

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

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, 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 us at 781-944-0494, ext. 104, or by email by clicking [HERE](#), with any questions!

**NOURISHING A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD AND YOUR WEIGHT -
BEGINNING THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013**

REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT CLOSING ON THIS MONDAY JANUARY 7

10 Sessions on Wednesday evenings beginning January 9, 2013 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
in Loring House, Room 103

The Adult Enrichment programs in October that focused on healthy eating were well received and as a result the Enrichment Committee is sponsoring an educational/coaching and support group that will meet for 10 sessions this winter to facilitate a healthy relationship with food and if necessary, weight loss. Terry Courier and Paula Koppel will facilitate this program. Terry is a personal trainer, hypnotherapist, Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) practitioner and yoga teacher. Paula is an integrated health coach and nurse practitioner who also facilitates mindfulness training. Registration before January 7th is required and can be done online, by calling the church office or contacting Paula.

The purpose of this group is to offer education, skill development and coaching support to individuals seeking to create a healthier relationship with food and weight. The program includes weekly 60-90 minute group sessions for ten weeks. Mindfulness-based practices (meditation, informal mindfulness practices), complementary approaches to managing eating behaviors (emotional freedom techniques and hypnosis), group discussion and education regarding nutrition and exercise are the core components of the program.

A commitment to attending all sessions is requested, as well as a fee to cover expenses for the program. To learn more about this group contact Paula by phone (617-835-7087) or email by clicking [HERE](#).

Terry Courier is a personal trainer, hypnotherapist, Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) practitioner and yoga teacher. Paula Koppel is an integrated health coach and nurse practitioner who also facilitates mindfulness training.

Please register by signing up, by clicking [HERE](#); or by contacting Paula by phone (617-835-7087) or email by clicking [HERE](#).

Worship Notes

NEXT SECOND SUNDAY IS JANUARY 13TH

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Minister's Messages - January 3, 2013



Dear Friends:

Last February, while in Afghanistan, I visited the Charahi Qaumbar Refugee Camp on the fringes of Kabul. I had read about the camp in a story in the New York Times. Several children had frozen to death during the cold January nights. While at the camp, I met with the Council of Elders, and they talked about the conditions they were facing. They were living in tents and tarp covered mud huts. There was no heat or electricity or running water. There was limited sanitation. They were burning wood and charcoal at night, but there just wasn't enough to go around, and so most folks shivered beneath blankets at night. While there, I saw some little kids with no winter clothes, hats or gloves. Some had only plastic summer flip-flop type shoes. It was below freezing.

The Council of Elders asked if I could come back and let people know they needed help. This Christmas Eve, 60% of our special collection was designated as assistance for the camp, in order to allow the Elders to buy blankets and firewood/charcoal for some of the families. (40% of the offering went to our UUCR's We Care fund, which is used to assist members of the church who are facing economic challenges.)

Just last week, the first child of this winter froze to death in the camp, a three-year-old named Janan. I wonder if he is one of the little ones I met last year.

If you weren't at Christmas Eve Services, and would like to donate to assist the children of the Charahi Qaumbar Refugee Camp, please send a check to the church office, payable to UUCR. Be sure to note *Refugee Camp Fund* in the notes section of the check. We will be wiring the money to my friend and contact in Kabul, who will deliver the money directly to the Council of Elders. (The church's address is 239 Woburn Street, Reading MA 01867)

The families in the refugee camp were displaced from their homes in the north of Afghanistan by fighting between Coalition Forces and the Taliban. Their village and farms were destroyed during US bombing of the Taliban. Although these families were not supporting the Taliban, they got caught in the crossfire, and lost their livelihood and their possessions.

To read more about the camp, check out this story in The New York Times:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/31/world/asia/cold-afghan-camps-receive-some-aid-but-shortages-loom.html>

To watch video about the plight of the refugees,

see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dc0UAueglcA>

See you on the path (and at church),

Tim







Intern Minister's Messages - January 3, 2013 - Once A Fortnight



Going Inward - As I head outside with Josie, our old brown dog, I welcome the cold wind this morning. After last year's unsettling mild weather, I appreciate the "right-ness" of today's frigid temperatures. New England and cold winters go hand in hand, after all...

Every winter, I think of Marie. We met in a chalice circle, my first ever, about fifteen years ago. We were a diverse group by most measures, and Marie, a longtime grandmother, represented the oldest generation at seventy-five. Every one of our chalice circle meetings carried a revelation for me. Having grown up with a dad who annually denounced November as The Worst Month of the Year, I couldn't believe that one group member loved it. Then, when winter blew in, Marie surprised me by saying that she liked winter best of all—even though she did not care for snow and holed up in her apartment most of the time.

Why, then, did she like winter so much? Marie said that winter was "about going inward." By that, she meant spiritually inward. She had worked all her life and now took great pleasure in pursuing spiritual growth. This intrigued me—I had never heard anyone talk that way, never mind this cozy grandmotherly person. Precisely because she stayed indoors, Marie spent her winters diving deep into the spiritual realm. All year, she saved up books about spiritual exploration and enrichment, memoirs, poetry anthologies and the like. All winter, she would flip through them, ponder, jot down thoughts and write in her journal every day.

I love that Marie made the weather her excuse to devote time to this part of her life. Giving a whole season over to spiritual reflection every year sounds outright delicious. David Budbill's poem, "Winter is the Best Time," reminds me of Marie:

*Winter is the best time
to find out who you are.
Quiet, contemplation time,
away from the rushing world,
cold time, dark time, holed-up
pulled-in time and space
to see that inner landscape,
that place hidden and within.*

If you were to set aside some reflection time "to see that inner landscape," what would it look like? What resources would you turn to for some cozy, wintertime spiritual exploration? Marie has a good thing going—these wintry days, we might well follow her lead and venture inward.

Betsy Tabor is UUCR's Intern Minister.

President's Messages - Stewardship Consultant Report



Back in November, UUCR was visited by a UUA Stewardship Consultant, Mark Ewert, whom the board hired to help us scope out options which UUCR could implement in the coming years to strengthen our financial foundation and ensure our financial sustainability. As you are likely aware, UUCR is an extraordinarily generous congregation, and our Operating Budget Drives continue to increase in pledge amounts each year. But our financial health is compromised by the size of our monthly mortgage payments (money that was borrowed to expand and renovate the church campus) and our ongoing maintenance to our buildings. At the board's invitation, Mark visited us for a weekend, meeting with many church leaders and attending our services to conduct his stewardship assessment. Subsequently he issued to us his analysis report. (The report is available on the website. It is restricted to members and friends who are logged into the website with their username and password. After you have logged in, return here and click [HERE](#) to open the report. If you try to access the report before logging in to the website, you will get an error.)

Although Mark's assessment was primarily a financial one, his report also includes information related to other areas of the church including governance, ministry and programming to help us understand our overall organizational strengths and any areas that might need development. Mark's written report and the verbal report he gave to us on the last meeting of his visit that weekend have already proven extremely useful to the board. They provide us with an outsider's perspective of our church, enabling us to take a step back and a fresh, objective look at ourselves. Mark's report serves also as a sort-of litmus test, enabling us to compare ourselves against other churches in our denomination so that we have a much clearer idea of our particular strengths and developmental needs. The board has condensed Mark's report into an action plan and identified and prioritized those items which require action this year and have begun to lay the framework for the board's efforts over the next couple years to ensure that we are moving toward our goal of financial sustainability.

Given that the plans we have begun to implement will require a concerted and continuous effort this year and next, I have decided (at Tim's request, with Nominating Committee's approval and pending a congregational vote in May) to stay on as board president for another year. Originally my term would have ended on June 30, 2013 but I have extended it to June 30, 2014. To prepare for my succession and to assist me with the workload (since I'm increasing to full-time work hours at the end of this school year), Jane Jolkovski, who is currently serving on the board as the Vice President of Programs, has agreed to serve as my President-in-Training, as I had done under Clyde Hardin during the year before I assumed the role. Beginning on July 1, 2013, Jane will serve in this role for 1 year and then assume the presidency on July 1, 2014 (pending congregational votes).

I could not be happier with this arrangement and with knowing that I will have done my

very best to serve my beloved church community by enacting such a thorough and solid succession plan and by turning over the reins to such a competent leader. Jane is a deeply thoughtful, respectful and insightful person who is also capable of the strategic thinking and decisive action required for the role. She's also a lot of fun to work with and has a great sense of humor. I feel deeply calm knowing that this succession plan and the activities the board has planned for the coming years will place UUCR on a rock-solid foundation.

Please join me in welcoming Jane.

Best Regards,

Tracy

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](#).

WHAT DO I WANT TO DO WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE? - FEBRUARY 23, 2012

What Do I Want To Do With The Rest of My Life?

Saturday, February 23, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Facilitated by Ann McClorey Fisher

Are you at that point in your life when you're stepping back – taking stock of where you've been and thinking about what lies ahead? Are there interests that you yearn to pursue? Are there changes – big or small – that you want to make? Is the life you're living in alignment with your passions and principles? Join with others for a morning of personal exploration. Using exercises involving private reflection and group conversations, we will clarify values, articulate dreams and make commitments aimed toward creating lives of passion and purpose.

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

For more information about this program, contact Ann McClorey Fisher by clicking [HERE](#).

INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK CLUB MEETS FEBRUARY 27, 2013 TO DISCUSS THE BOOK "RULES"

The next meeting of the Intergenerational Book Club takes place on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM in Loring House, Room 101. Our next book is "Rules" by Cynthia Lord.

What 12 year old child doesn't want to just have a *normal* family? Just what is normal? Catherine is dealing with just that in a family that revolves around the needs and often inappropriate behaviors of her younger autistic brother, whom she cares deeply about, yet is frequently embarrassed by. Catherine forms an unlikely friendship with a boy named Jason, who leads her take a close look at herself, her family, her brother, and almost anyone with disabilities in a whole new light.

Please Join us! Snacks will be served.

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

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

News

Choir

NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

Dear Choir Members and Friends,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! What great things we have accomplished and what great opportunities await us! Read on and tell us what you think!

Following our highly successful performance of Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" we are now excited to talk about singing Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. We're hoping for a performance date of May 19 in the afternoon, after the church service. For planning purposes, it would require a couple of Saturdays over the course of late winter/early spring (beginning in late January) to rehearse. In early spring - 8 weeks out - we would begin the longer rehearsals. To have the same kind of power and majesty we experienced Christmas Eve with the Hallelujah Chorus, it would be fabulous to have more folks join us, so we'll need your enthusiasm to invite friends, in and out of church, to join us.

Click on the link provided below and see what you think. There are online learning tools available to help you out. For those interested, there are solo and small ensemble opportunities.

So...give it a click and listen, [HERE](#).

Mark and the Music Committee

Ivy Chord Coffee House

CALLING ALL IVY CHORD BAKERS AND JOHN GORKA TICKETS FOR SALE AT UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS

The Ivy Chord Coffee House needs bakers for the John Gorka concert on January 26. Let Beth Murray know if you can contribute.

Perhaps you have extra treats at your house from all those extra holiday desserts? Would you consider freezing them and contributing them?

Contact Beth Murray by clicking [HERE](#) or by phone at 781-229-9394.

Ivy Chord tickets will also be sold for the John Gorka performance during our Social Hours on Sunday, January 6, January 13 and January 20th.

Finally, Ivy Chord tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#)

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.

Social Action

READING FOOD PANTRY: HOW TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

On Christmas Eve, at the 5:30 church service, our congregation donated food for the Reading Food Pantry. **Indeed, we can donate paper goods and nonperishable food items year-round, to support the roughly 90 families--our church's neighbors--who turn to the pantry for help.** The donation basket is in the front foyer (Woburn St. entrance), under the coat rack. Ed Barbagallo kindly transports donations to Old South Methodist in Reading Square, where the pantry is located.

Some of the most requested items are juice, juice boxes, coffee, canned meats and fish, stew, hash, chili, canned fruits, rice (brown and white), boxed and canned potatoes, canned pasta, brownie and cake mix, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, unsweetened cereal, detergent, toilet tissue, shampoo, and toothpaste.

The pantry also needs cash donations to provide supermarket vouchers for perishable items. Checks (payable to Reading Food Pantry) can be sent to Reading Food Pantry, 6 Salem St., Reading, MA 01867-2697.

Social Action

SAVE THE DATE OF MONDAY JANUARY 21 FOR A MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

Please plan to join the Town of Reading Human Relations Advisory Committee, and the Town of Reading at this important gathering. This event will take place on Monday, January 21 at the Reading Memorial High School Performing Arts Center. A continental breakfast will be available between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM. The program will commence at 10:00 AM with entertainment from local Reading schools, as well as a featured speaker. All are welcome! For further information, please contact HRAC members Lori Hodin at 339-927-7121 or Monique Pillow Gnanaratnam at 781-944-5315.

Social Action

IMMIGRATION REFORM - A FREE COMMUNITY PRESENTATION ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 AT BILLERICA FIRST PARISH

Please consider attending a discussion on Immigration Reform.

Legal Questions and Moral Issues - Free Community Presentation & Discussion on Friday, January 11, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Billerica First Parish, located at 7 Concord Road (on the common), Billerica, MA.

Billerica First Parish Social Justice Cte. is hosting a presentation by Jack and Linda Smith, who are members of Brookline UU Church and the Boston New Sanctuary Movement and will lead a discussion about the local and national issues of immigration reform. Immigration issues have been an important, often divisive and polarizing topic for many years, but now, more faith, law enforcement, and business leaders are working towards consensus on solutions to the pressing need for common-sense, comprehensive immigration reform. We invite business and community leaders, and members of all faith communities as well as the general public to come and learn more about what these issues mean not only as legal questions but also as a moral issue as we explore the important historical and recent events that help us understand the current local as well as national immigration situation, Massachusetts and U.S. policy affecting immigrants today and new legislation that will be introduced in the Massachusetts legislature in 2013. Personal stories will also be shared of undocumented immigrants, including Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas who answers one of the common questions in the immigration debate: "Why don't undocumented immigrants get in line and come to the U.S. legally?" We will also examine ways to be involved - individually, through a church, or with other immigrant rights groups - through advocacy, witness or direct service.

This is part of Billerica First Parish's monthly community series of social justice presentations that are free and open to the public. The Billerica First Parish is handicapped accessible and all are welcome. Light refreshments. For further information, please call 978-663-2293.

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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.

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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 Cancellations will be broadcast via a scroll also on WBZ-TV and CBSBoston.com.

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MISSING TABLE

Have you borrowed or seen a small oak table that belongs in the narthex at church?

Bill and Carolyn Grace purchased and finished this little table specifically for a small area of our Woburn Street entryway several years ago when our elevator was installed. It was part of the refurbishing of the narthex and we would love to see it back in its place. We think that it went missing this past September.

If you have any information please call Bill and Carolyn Grace at 781-944-9353 or let the church office know [HERE](#)

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NEW HANDICRAFT GROUP

This group will be meeting every Monday afternoon, except when the office is closed on Monday holidays, in Loring 101 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, starting January 7th. We invite anyone interested in making items for next year's Kris Kringle Fair Boutique to join us. Also, if you just enjoy needlework and a social gathering, feel free to come. We have a large amount of donated yarn to share. And we have LOTS of ideas for projects. For further info, please call Devika/Ellen Hill at (781) 872-1332 or email her by clicking [HERE](#).

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SNOW SHOVELER WANTED!

The Sawyer Nursery School at 243 Woburn Street is looking for a responsible adult who would be willing to shovel and sand the front and back walkways to the school by 8:00 a.m. on weekdays when there is a light snowfall (4 inches or less). Shoveling is not needed for major snowstorms as a commercial service will handle that job then. The task is expected to take less than an hour, and Sawyer would pay \$ 30 to \$ 40 per snowfall, depending on the amount of snow. The ability to return to shovel again for 11:30 a.m. dismissal time in the case of ongoing snow would be desirable but not necessary.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact school Director Deb Harvey at the school at 781-944-9581, or by email by clicking [HERE](#).

Our Renters

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR KIDSING'S SPRING SHOW "ON THE RADIO"

If your child loves to sing, then KidSing, an exciting choral program that incorporates great singing, some "GLEE" style dancing and a bit of acting with a group of talented, enthusiastic and supportive children and teachers, will be the perfect Spring activity. Popular music educators Beth and Al Mosier will create some of their musical magic when they produce ON THE RADIO, which features popular songs and dances from Broadway shows like "Footloose," novelty numbers like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper", to Elvis' "Hound Dog", and current radio blockbusters like Katy Perry's "Firework" and Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'." ON THE RADIO celebrates popular music past and present with an enthusiasm only KidSing brings to the stage. The show choir choreography has been written by YouTube sensation John Jacobson.

Students currently in Grades 3 through 8 are invited to participate in KidSing. KidSing takes place on Wednesday afternoons 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for ten weeks starting January 9 and ending March 20, 2013.

The performance is on Friday, March 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Free for family and friends.

The tuition is \$ 160 which includes KidSing T-Shirt and Music and payment is \$ 30 due with registration, \$ 130 Balance due by January 9, 2013. Please register early to insure a spot for your child. There are only a few spaces left in the Spring program.

For more information please email [HERE](#) or call 781-910-7511.

Please don't hesitate to share this opportunity with anyone you think might enjoy participating. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

Upcoming Events

January 3, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Choir (Sanctuary)

January 3, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Mom's Book Group (Lor-101)

January 6, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

January 6, 2013 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
FD Teacher Bruncheon (CH)

January 6, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

January 6, 2013 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Pastoral Care Team (CH)

January 6, 2013 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
COA Class (Lor-205)

January 6, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
SHYP (Lor-103)

January 6, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Budget Drive Comm. (Lor-101)

January 7, 2013 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Handicraft Group (Loring-101)

January 7, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm
Buddhist Meditation (FH)

January 7, 2013 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Governing Board (Lor-101)

January 7, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Property Comm. (Lor-103)

January 8, 2013 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm
Worship Arts Team (Lor-101)

January 8, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Partner Church Comm. (Lor-103)

January 9, 2013 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Liberal Ladies (Lor-101) (Lor-102)

January 9, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
"Nourishing a Healthy Relationship with Food and Your Weight" (Lor-103)

January 10, 2013 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
MBD Teachers' Mtng. (Loring-205)

January 10, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Choir (Sanctuary)

January 10, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
PFlag (Lor-101)

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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