



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

January 31, 2013

## **Worship Services**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013**

**"Living in the Age of Incivility"**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister**

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

Are we living in a new age of incivility? From the halls of Washington to the aisles of the supermarket, do people seem harder and less understanding? Have basic manners and respect been replaced with rage, stubbornness, intractability, and the inability to see someone else's perspective? What do our Unitarian Universalist moral values have to say about all this?

Music: 9:15- Al Murray, vocals, and George White and Beth Murray playing four hands on one piano; 11:00 AM- UUCR Choir

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

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

Time	Role	Name
09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	Partner Church Committee
09:15 AM	Usher	Tracy Sopchak
09:15 AM	Usher	Ann Garrett

### **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 Welcome Table](#)

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

Time	Role	Name
11:00 AM	Usher	Robbie Kohn
11:00 AM	Usher	Tracy Sopchak

### **Please volunteer:**

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

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

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013**

#### **"Prophetic Encounters: Spiritually Grounded Immigrant Rights Activism"**

**Jesse Jaeger – UU Mass Action Executive Director**

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

Using Unitarian Universalist theologian Dan McKanan's idea of Prophetic Encounter as a jumping off point, Jesse will tell the story of his own recent encounter doing immigrant rights work and reflect on how encounters like these can ground our activism in our faith.

Jesse Jaeger became the Executive Director of UU Mass Action in August of 2011. Before that he served the UU Church of Greater Lynn as their Director of Membership and Leadership Development for two years. He also previously served the Unitarian Universalist Association in the Young Adult & Campus Ministry Office and also in the Youth Ministry Office for eight years.

A special second offering will be collected for UU Mass Action. Their focus this year is building Massachusetts UU congregations' capacity for justice making.

Music: 9:15-UUCR Choir; 11:00 AM-Kevin Kealing, vocals.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013**

#### **"Finding True Identity"**

***New Member Sunday***

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister**

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

Who are we? Why are we here? Does our life matter? These are big questions, and we'll explore them as we take a fresh look at the life of Jesus of Nazareth, a human being who wrestled with just these same questions. Music: 9:15-TBD; 11:00 AM- UUCR Choir

### **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

### OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 24, 2013

If you want to become an official member of UUCR, our next New Member Sunday is February 24. We'll share in our ritual of welcome and membership during the service, and then all new members are invited to a special coffee hour. Please let Rosemary Fiori, our church administrator know as soon as possible if you are considering membership at 781.944.0494 or [contact Rosemary by email](#).

### STARLIGHT SOIREE AND AUCTION



**You are invited...**

**...to attend the 2013 Starlight Soiree on Saturday, February 9!**

It's the middle of winter and the holidays are long past. It's the perfect time to attend an evening of sparkling entertainment, delectable food and fruitful conversation. The Starlight Soiree, UUCR's annual auction is coming up in just two weeks on Saturday, February 9th. The Soiree is our major winter fundraiser to help support the ongoing life of our church. You can think of it as a jazzed-up coffee hour!

THE DOORS OPEN at 6:00 pm with a generous preprandial. Enjoy Jennifer Maxwell's gifted piano music and the musical talents of our church members and friends while you feast on sumptuous appetizers, mouth-watering desserts, and fine wine. Silent auction and sign-ups

are available as soon as you arrive, and the live auction starts at 7:00. The suggested donation for this evening is . Come with your partner, some friends or solo. However you arrive, this is a perfect place to enjoy an entertaining evening while at the same time supporting our church.

READ ON FOR A SAMPLING of the items which will be offered.



We have the ever-popular sign-ups, including the International Dinner, UUCR

Hike of the Month, Girls' Night...In, Take a Walk in the Woods, and Ladies' Tea Party. New this year is the March Madness Chili Cook-off. Some of the goods and services featured are piano lessons with our very own and incredibly talented Jennifer Maxwell, Wedgewood china, a personalized altar arrangement, handmade jewelry, Ivy Chord tickets, or a sermon by Rev. Tim. We will also be offering delicious dinners, such as a South American dinner, a poolside dinner at the Sopchaks and a dinner of Afghan specialties at the Wood-Beckwiths. If you want to get away, you can bid on the Kittery waterfront. Ann Fisher is bringing back her walk through Boston, a favorite in years past. This is just an idea of what is to come. Check next week's newsletter to hear more as items are coming in every day.

Once again, we'll be offering a Raffle with a Twist! Tickets are \$ 50 each and good for any item at the auction. That's right...anything! A dinner, a service, a vacation home. Plus, you may buy as many chances as you like.

To make the auction a huge success, we need both your donations and your help. If you like to cook, please [contact Fran Sansalone](#) to make an appetizer or dessert. We can also use assistance for both set-up and cleanup. For donations or to volunteer, please contact [Dru Wood-Beckwith](#) at 781.944.5030 or [by email](#), or contact [Liz Lovell](#) at 978-887-9898 or [by email](#).

The most important ingredient for a successful event is YOU! It is a fun evening for a great cause. We look forward to seeing you on February 9th.

### **It Can't Be a Party Without the Food**

Only 2 weeks until the Starlight Soiree - our annual UUCR auction. You can help by contributing either an appetizer or dessert to share. Your contribution can be a family favorite or a cutting-edge delicacy. All we ask is that you make sure it requires no more than a fork or spoon to eat. Please let one of the food coordinators know if you can help out by contacting [Fran Sansalone](#) 781-944-2444 or [Ann Fisher](#) at 781.942.1634.

## **Worship Notes**

### **BE A STAR - USHER ON SUNDAY!**

Ushers are integral to the success of Sunday morning service, having the key duties of welcoming people as they enter and taking the collection. All of us who enjoy Sunday services are encouraged to usher four times per year. If each of us did that, then we could easily fill this important need. Please see our upcoming worship services page to see when you can contribute next in this meaningful and essential area.

### **SECOND OFFERTORY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH FOR UU MASS ACTION**

On Sunday, February 10th, Jesse Jaeger, the Executive Director of UU Mass Action will be preaching at both services on "Prophetic Encounters: Spiritually Grounded Immigrant Rights Activism." As part of each service, we will be collecting a special offering for the important work being done by UU Mass Action.

UU Mass Action believes our faith calls us to change the world. Grounded in democracy, powered by hope, they mobilize Unitarian Universalists to overcome injustice. In the past year, they have worked on immigrant rights, prison justice and economic justice issues.

This year, UU Mass Action's focus is on building Massachusetts Unitarian Universalist congregations' capacity for justice making. They are doing this through a series of Sacred Activism Retreats as well as bi-monthly, issue-based webinars.

Visit [www.uumassaction.org](http://www.uumassaction.org) for more information.

UU Mass Action is sustained by the generosity of individual Unitarian Universalists as well as Unitarian Universalist congregations. The UU Funding Panel is matching every new donation they receive, dollar for dollar, to support their Sacred Activism Retreats.

Checks can be made out to UU Mass Action.

### **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR - WE ARE HAVING A ONE SERVICE SUNDAY ON MARCH 3**

#### **Let's all get together!**

It's not too early to ask you all to mark your calendars for the special date of Sunday, March 3. On this day we will have only ONE worship service at a special time of 10:00 AM.

We'll bring together all the folks from the 9:15 and 11:00 am services so we can meet each other and celebrate together. Faith Development classes for children will be offered. The choir will sing. The sanctuary will have room for all.

We'll follow the service with a brunch to which everyone is invited, sponsored by our Operating Budget Drive Team.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A TRADITIONAL PASSOVER SEDER SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2013**

Rabbi Bart Perlman will hold a traditional Passover Seder at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Doors will open at 5:30 PM. This event will include a full Passover meal. To RSVP and receive information on the cost of meal donation please contact Lou Damelin by Wednesday March 20th. You can [contact Lou by clicking here](#). This RSVP deadline is necessary in order to prepare for the purchase of the full Passover meal. All are welcome to share in this festive holiday.

## Minister's Messages - January 31, 2013



Dear Friends:

First I want to give a shout out to Beth Murray, whose hard work, passion, and team management skills have once again pulled off a splendid evening of music at our Ivy Chord Coffee House last Saturday. The pews were packed, the tickets sold out, and the music soared. Beth and her team's work also netted the church some much-needed funds. Thanks Beth!

I'll be taking some vacation (to make up for missed summer vacation when I was called in address some church and pastoral issues) from February 6-February 19th. Most of that time will find me out of the country and in remote regions, out of easy contact.

I'll be spending time in Uganda and Rwanda, trekking in the rain forest and tracking and observing family groups of the endangered Mountain Gorillas, first at the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda, and then in the Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda. While in Rwanda I will also visit and pay my respects at the Genocide Museum, which commemorates the 500,000 killed during that country's 1994 genocide. That should be a profound and sobering experience. I'll return to Uganda to meet with Rev Mark Kiyimba, the minister of the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Kampala, Uganda. We'll discuss the state of Unitarian Universalism in Uganda, and learn how we can be more connected to this African congregation. There is a devoted UU presence in Uganda, despite the fact that the congregation is under attack for their openness to welcoming gay, lesbian, and transgender folks. Uganda recently passed a law making homosexuality a crime, and the Ugandan public is waiting for an expected Feb. 4 announcement about whether this new law will include provisions that will make homosexuality punishable by death. Needless to say, that visit and those conversations will be weighty and filled with importance.

I've arranged for strong pastoral presence in my absence. Betsy Tabor, our Intern Minister, will be the key pastoral care contact in case of an emergency (603-521-2844 cell phone). If the situation involves serious illness or death, the Rev. Maddie Sifantus (from our sister church in Wakefield) will be called in to provide experienced pastoral care, including officiating memorial services if needed. Our Pastoral Care Team will also continue their visits and calls to members of the congregation who have asked for pastoral support. Iris Hardin, a member of our congregation who is finishing up her intensive pastoral care and chaplaincy training will also be able to provide resources and advice to Betsy and the Pastoral Care Team. If you are facing a pastoral emergency, illness, impending death, or are having a personal crisis and would like ministerial support, call Betsy Tabor, our Intern Minister at (603-521-2844 cell phone).

I will miss you while I'm gone, and look forward to returning with more stories and experiences from Africa.

Tim

Gorillas in Uganda

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEHikKRSj4M>

Baby gorilla

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yu41IL8RSMY>

Link to Unitarian Universalist Association of Uganda

<http://www.ugandaunitarian.org/index.html>

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## Intern Minister's Messages - Once a Fortnight - January 31, 2013



### **The Grays of Winter**

January's landscape is a tableau of gray—gray tinged with hues of all the colors of the rainbow. During a thaw this month, mottled gray patches of old snow spot the ground. The yard is strewn with twigs from winter storms—not quite black, a charcoal gray. The sparrows and chickadees are gray. Dark brown-gray thickets of bare trees thin out to black-gray outlines of branches against lavender-gray clouds. Deep in the pines, a dark green-gray stillness beckons. When we look out the window, almost nothing is all black or all white. Rather, we see a sea of grays everywhere.

Life is like this, too. While some experiences feel certain—black and white, if you will—a whole lot more of our reality hovers in the realm of gray—what the dictionary defines as “a color intermediate between black and white, as of ashes or an overcast sky.” So much is in constant flux. Our thoughts, rarely still, sometimes flit from one idea to another with impossible speed, and other times they slowly evolve, as when we gradually begin to see something in a new way. Even when we feel stuck in indecision, in a relationship or in a difficult problem, no one moment is just like another—we continue to unfold in the process.

Buddhist teacher Pema Chodron writes about our continuous changing and becoming in a January blog post called “Heart Advice”:

In a book I read recently, the author talked about humans as transitional beings—beings who are neither fully caught nor fully free but are in the process of awakening. I find it helpful to think of myself this way. I'm in the process of becoming, in the process of evolving. I'm neither doomed nor completely free, but I'm creating my future with every word, every action, every thought.

“Becoming” and “evolving” sound gray to me. On the edge of our hard-held opinions, is there an edge of gray, a place of openness to other ways of seeing? Sometimes we lose touch with someone for many years and consider them gone, our relationship a thing of the past. Then, someone's smile, or a dream, or a story reminds us of the person again and in some way that relationship continues in us. Even when someone dies—what could be more black and white?—surely our reality of them continues to “become” and “evolve....”

Artist Cynthia Chatis contrasts “the whole black and white business with the yummy grays in the middle.” As we take in the grays of this time of year, let us find spaciousness within our selves to appreciate the yummy grays in the middle, to be with what Pema Chodron calls “the transitional, in-process quality” of this gift of life.

*Betsy Tabor is UUCR's Intern Minister.*

## **Church Administrator News - Dreaming About Spring**



**World PEAS CSA - Sign Up for YOUR Share of the Harvest - Deliveries to the UUCR this Spring!** (Yes, Spring Will Arrive, Eventually....)

PEAS = **P**eople **E**nhancing **A**gricultural **S**ustainability  
CSA = **C**ommunity **S**upported **A**griculture  
UUCR = Us! The **U**nitarian **U**niversalist **C**hurch  
of **R**eading

This year the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading will be a host site, once again, for deliveries of Community Supported boxes of farm fresh local vegetables. Rosemary Fiori, our church administrator, will be the contact coordinator.

The World PEAS CSA offers delicious and nutritious boxes of fresh, local fruits and vegetables, delivered directly to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, on a weekly basis from mid-June through October. World PEAS aggregates the bounty of the season, supplying food grown by over 20 immigrant, refugee, and beginning farmers in eastern MA, to provide families with a weekly box of seasonally available fruit, salad and cooking greens, tomatoes, eggplant, carrots, potatoes and other healthy foods. The World PEAS CSA is a unique, multi-producer model that makes it possible for beginning or small-scale farmers who cannot manage a CSA on their own to participate by growing a select number of crops for the CSA, while providing greater crop diversity and reducing production risk for CSA shareholders.

Our church had the enjoyment to participate in this program last year and it was a great success. If you would like to talk to a prior year shareholder then please contact Rosemary in the office at 781 944 0494 or [contact Rosemary by email](#).

Space is limited, so act quickly to register for your small (2 person) or large (4 person) share of local produce that will guarantee fresh, delicious meals from June through October. A weekly newsletter is included with the share that features recipes, crop handling advice, and farmer profiles.

To join, or for details about pickup locations, prices, and what is included in a World PEAS CSA share visit [the World PEAS CSA website](#) or contact New Entry Sustainable Farming Project at 978-654-6745 or email: [worldpeas@comteam.org](mailto:worldpeas@comteam.org). Sign up for the CSA is on [the World PEAS CSA website](#). The World PEAS large share contains enough fruits and vegetables each week to feed a family of four or five. There are 20 distributions for the season - Mid June through late



October. [Click here to see the Large Share Content Sample on the World PEAS CSA website](#) to see examples of what you will receive in your share.

The small share contains enough fruits and vegetables each week to feed two adults. There are 20 distributions for the season - Mid June through late October. [Click here to see the Small Share Sample on the World PEAS CSA website](#) to see examples of what you will receive in your share.

Pricing is as follows:

The large share price is \$ 795 (after \$ 15 discount for check payment) and \$ 810 (if paid by credit card).

The small share price is \$ 525 (after \$ 15 discount for check payment) and \$ 540 (if paid by credit card).

[Contact Rosemary Fiori by email](#) or by telephone at 781-944-0494 if you would like to talk about any facets of this wonderful opportunity.

## **Adult Enrichment**

### **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](#).

## **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](#)).

Class size is NOT limited and registration is ongoing!

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

#### INVITATION FOR ADULTS TO JOIN....



### **"Invisible Faces": Learning about Youth Homelessness with Anthony Pira and Youth on Fire**

Wednesday, February 20th: 7 PM Fellowship Hall

Join OWL, COA, and SHYP youth and adults for an exhibition and discussion of documentarian Anthony Pira's film and photos, part of his campaign (with Ayala Livny and the Cambridge-based nonprofit Youth on Fire) against homelessness among youth in the Greater Boston area.

[RSVP to Youth Coordinator, Seth Robinson by clicking here.](#)

## **Leadership News**

### **UUCR COVENANT**

#### **Is UUCR the most loving community that we can make it?**

As Unitarian Universalists, we value the inherent worth and dignity of every person and we celebrate the rich diversity that exists among us. Yet our church functions within the wider culture that surrounds us, the default culture, which may not share our values or articulate them as clearly as we do.

The culture that currently surrounds us can be a challenging one in which to live. Who among us has not felt belittled or misjudged in our lives at some point? While experiences of personal conflict are a natural part of life that can help us strengthen our character as we overcome them, there is historical evidence (Rendle ... see below) to indicate that societies cycle through levels of civility related to their historical context. In American culture, the post WWII "Greatest" generation stressed order, consensus and security that required high levels of civil order; whereas the Baby Boomer generation stressed individual expression and exploration. Later generations are more reliant on electronic communication, bringing change to our cultural norms about relationships and conduct.

Every church reflects the surrounding culture of its day and yet some churches, because they are aware of it and because they intentionally tend to it, maintain a higher level of civility and connectedness than that of the cultural default. These churches create a space where people feel safer and freer to be themselves and more effectively share their greatest gifts. UUCR has fared very well throughout these generational changes, creating a strong, loving community, and yet there is also history here from past and recent times when UUCR has experienced difficult and controversial periods when healthy disagreement and rich diversity of opinions gave way to bickering and division. These times have been especially difficult to weather because we did not have in place an intentional and formal process to express ourselves, understand the viewpoints of others and ultimately return to right relations.

#### **How is the Governing Board planning to address this issue?**

The Governing Board has been exploring the process of formal Right Relations Covenants. These are used to create a more intentionally and specifically articulated civil culture – a more loving community. The Board itself has a covenant, as does the Core Staff Team, the Faith Development Committee and the Pastoral Care Team. Covenants are also being developed in churches throughout our denomination and will be the main focus of the 2013 UUA General Assembly when representatives from all UU congregations gather in Louisville Kentucky.

This year the board is taking the next logical step in living our Unitarian Universalist principles by leading the congregation in the development of a UUCR church-wide Right Relations Covenant. Unlike a bylaw or a policy, a covenant is not a rule enforceable by a higher body. It is a promise that we create together and make to one another. And unlike a law, a broken covenant does not require compensation or punishment; it requires earnest inquiry, forgiveness and recommitment, further strengthening the covenantal bond. A covenant will enable us to reap the energy inherent in our differences for creative purposes instead of letting that same energy diminish and divide us. As UUCR continues to grow in terms of our numbers and influence, the existence of such a covenant can serve as a way to welcome new people into our community with clear statements that enable us to share with them our strong history and living commitment of a loving community that learns and grows together during our times of strife.

### **What process is the Governing Board planning to follow to develop a Right Relations Covenant?**

To inform our work, we are reading a book by Gilbert R. Rendle called "Behavioral Covenants in Congregations – A Handbook for Honoring Differences" and researching the experiences of other churches. We have formed a Covenant Task Force that is working with the Safe Congregation Committee to reach out to various groups and committees in order to listen to and share our stories and to seek input on this congregational covenant. On February 3rd, Reverend Tim will be preaching on Covenants and we will be hosting a Deeper Dives discussion after the services to gather your input. We will also be holding larger meetings for anyone that we have not been able to engage through a group or committee. By the end of the year we plan to draft a covenant upon which everyone will be invited to provide feedback. In the fall, we will host a worship service during which we can celebrate and adopt our finalized covenant. In this way, we will have started a conversation upon which we can build over the years about how we can best create loving community and what it means to be a part of one.

Imagine if such a conversation existed in our world at large? What if everyone in the world felt safe, loved, valued and understood to such an extent that they could freely give all the wonderful gifts they have to offer? Imagine the challenges we could overcome as a global community. Imagine what we could create together.

With deepest respect,

Your Governing Board: *Tracy Sopchak (President), V.P. Programs (Jane Jolkovski), David Oakes (V.P. Finance), Matt Wilson, Robbie Kohn, Christine Lusk, Christine Thomas, Andy Furst (At Large), Chad DaGraca (Treasurer), Theo Noell (Clerk), Rev. Tim Kutzmark (Minister), Betsy Tabor (Intern Minister), Anne Principe (Director of Faith Development)*

## **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.

## **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

## **Partner Church**

### **PARTNER CHURCH CHOCOLATE AND COFFEE SALE FEB. 3 AND 10**

At coffee hour on February 3 and 10, you're warmly invited to buy organic, fairly traded coffee and chocolate AND support the education and hopes of a young Unitarian in the Philippines. The Partner Church Committee will once again sell several flavors of Equal Exchange chocolate bars and packages of coffee, and take orders for coffee cases. Proceeds will go toward 2013-2014 school fees for our church's high-school-age partner in the Philippines, Gerry Faburada.

Here's what everyone's generosity in buying chocolate and coffee last spring has done! Gerry writes, *"I am very thankful to you for your financial assistance to my studies. Your support has paid off my [2012-2013] school fees and activities such as my school uniform, school projects, field trip, Christmas party and other expenses related to my education. I have fully paid. I am indeed very thankful to...the one[s] sponsoring me."*

Members of the Partner Church Committee look forward to talking with you at the table. To order coffee if you won't be in church, [contact Anne Mark by e-mail](#).

If you're on Facebook, visit the UU Church of the Philippines page (<https://www.facebook.com/uucp.phil>) to learn more about Unitarians in the Philippines. The page has many photos, with descriptions of UUCP-sponsored conferences and other activities.

## **Social Action**

### **IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE CALL - UU MASS SOCIAL ACTION CONFERENCE CALL ON FEBRUARY 4, 2013 AT 7:30 PM**

#### **Conference Call And YOU Are Invited!**

You are invited to join this month's opportunity for education and discussion with your fellow activists in the Immigration Rights community. This month's call will feature Natalicia Tracy from the Brazilian Immigrant Center and Jesse Jaeger, Executive Director of UU Mass Action. By participating in this conference call, you will be updated on the latest developments concerning important immigration rights legislation: The Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, The Right to Drive Act and the TRUST Act. The Brazilian Immigrant Center, Boston New Sanctuary Movement, SIM, Centro Presente, MIRA and UU Mass Action are working together to see these bills passed in law. Support from all who are involved with immigrant's rights work will be needed to see this goal met. Please plan on joining the discussion to learn more how you, your congregation and your community can be involved. Mark your calendar for Monday February 4th at 7:30 PM To register your intent to participate in this conference call, please send your name and email to: [immigration@uumassaction.org](mailto:immigration@uumassaction.org)

Conference Call Info: 949-812-4500 code: 315236#

## More News

### U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN CHRIS ANTAL GETS A NEW STOLE COURTESY OF UUCR QUILTERS



Here is a photo taken on Jan. 13, 2013 of U.S. Army Chaplain Chris Antal surrounded by his UU Community at Kandahar Air Field in Afghanistan. Chris is wearing a stole made for him by UUCR quilters. Local church member Lorraine Dennis, who also works for the UUA's Church of the Larger Fellowship, had been in communication with Chris and passed along to our quilters that he would value a stole, if it could be made of military-approved camouflage fabric. He and she found the fabric, and a group of our quilters -- Molly Bicking, Lynne Champion, Kitty Craig-Comin, Wendy Kinzler and Susanne Sullivan -- were up for the challenge. They constructed a stole, added a flaming chalice, and had it all ready to go overseas just before Christmas. There is plenty of fabric left over in case we hear of others in the military with such a need.

## More News

### UUCR MEN'S GROUP WELCOMES YOU!



Here's a typical gathering of the Mens Group. Pictured are Bill Grace, John MacDonald, Chuck Beauregard, George White, Bob Cary, Mike Modica, Jeff Everson, Ed Barbagallo, Steve Oston. David Kay is behind the camera. Not pictured are Gene Richey, Bob Green, and David Michaud. We meet once a month to drain the coffee pot, and talk about anything that comes up. Bring a snack and join us next month; we are a welcoming group! For more information on the Men's Group please [contact David Kay by clicking here](#).

## Upcoming Events

January 31, 2013

Nia Joy (FH) CANCELLED

January 31, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Choir (Sanctuary)

February 3, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

February 3, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

February 3, 2013 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Pastoral Care Team (CH)

February 3, 2013 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

COA Class (Lor-205)

February 3, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

SHYP (Lor-103) CANCELLED

February 4, 2013 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Handicraft Group (Loring-101)

February 4, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Property Comm. (Lor-103)

February 4, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Buddhist Meditation(CH)

February 4, 2013 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Governing Board (Lor-101)

February 7, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Mom's Book Group (Lor-101)

February 7, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Choir (Sanctuary)

February 8, 2013 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Brownie Mtng. (Lor -103)

February 9, 2013 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Auction/Soiree (FH)

February 10, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

February 10, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

February 10, 2013 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

COA Class (Lor-205)

February 10, 2013 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

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

February 10, 2013 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

SHYP (Lor-103)

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

## **Ivy Chord Concerts**

**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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