



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

♥ February 14, 2013 ♥

Worship Services

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2013

"Becoming Our Age"

Anne Principe, Director of Faith Development

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going? These timeless questions are the core of the human experience. When we speak them out loud, these fundamental questions about our connectedness and purpose can provide us deep purpose and focus. You are invited to go on a brief 'coming of age journey" of your own and take note of what you are given your heart to. 9:15 and 11 AM Liz Lovell, Vocals.

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 Welcome Table](#)

Time	Role	Name
09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	The Intern Committee
09:15 AM	Usher	Tammy Zambo
09:15 AM	Usher	Nancy Nienhuis

11:00 AM Service

Please volunteer:

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

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

Time	Role	Name
11:00 AM	Usher	Bob Cary
11:00 AM	Usher	Janet Nussmann

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2013

"A Letter From Satan: Skepticism and Prayer"

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister

10:00 AM

Let's all get together! Today, for something special, we are going to offer just one service (at 10 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. Rev. Tim will offer a sermon entitled "A Letter From Satan: Skepticism and Prayer." Faith Development classes for children will be offered. The choir will sing. The sanctuary will be full. Come and join us and see who've you've been missing.

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](#).

FINAL CALL: 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](#).

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. The outgoing church message will also be changed to indicate the cancellation of services. Please call the main church number at 781 944 0494 and listen to the outgoing message. Finally a church newsblast will be issued with the same alert. Please listen or watch WBZ, call the church, and check your incoming email.

STARLIGHT SOIREE AND AUCTION RESCHEDULED TO SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23



Yes, The Starlight Soiree WILL Happen!

Mark your calendars! The Starlight Soiree and Auction, which was postponed due to the blizzard last weekend, has been rescheduled for **Saturday, February 23**. We will have all the food, entertainment and fabulous auction offerings. We just need YOU to make the evening a complete success. It will begin at 6:00 with food, music and silent auction, and the live auction will begin at 7:00.

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 \$ 10. 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 with the Villarroyels, 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 and Tony Fisher are bringing back their walk through Boston, a favorite in years past. This is just an idea of what is to come.

[The Auction Booklet can be downloaded by clicking here.](#)

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 1 week 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](#) at 781-944-2444 [or by email](#), or [by contacting Ann Fisher](#) at 781-942-1634 [or by email](#).

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.

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.

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.

THE READING TAILS!

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading Blessing of the Animals segment from Episode 5 of Reading Tails has been posted to YouTube.

<http://youtu.be/b2ngCmGV6RI>

Website: www.readingtails.com

E-Mail: readingtails@rctv.org

Facebook: [facebook.com/ReadingTails](https://www.facebook.com/ReadingTails)

Intern Minister's Messages - Once a Fortnight - February 14, 2013



Beautiful February Light

This sparkling winter day brings to mind many a breakfast with my mother over the past few years. I would stay with her in Lexington when I had an early class the next day at Andover Newton. Every February, she would comment on the quality of the morning sunlight as it slanted through the window over the sink and onto her kitchen table. "It's not like the cool, thin light of January," she would say. "February light is beautiful—warm and steady."

Warm and steady.

I invite us this Valentine's Day (and week and month) to think about what feels warm and steady in our lives. Ordinary things may come to mind—the warmth of a mug of coffee or a teapot, the warmth in each other's eyes or the warmth of coming indoors on a cold day. We might think of a steady routine, something we do every day, that gives our lives shape, or the steadiness of someone's presence in our lives—someone we see or hear from regularly or maybe the check-out person at the grocery store. We might appreciate how Mother Nature's steady ways help us feel grounded.

How does appreciating the warmth and steadiness in our lives inspire us in our relationships? We can live from the heart during this Valentine's season by offering a bit of warm, steady caring. Whom do you know who could use a smile today? A friendly call? A "here if you need me" message?

May February's beautiful light remind us of what feels warm and steady in our lives. May it also inspire us to look around and see where we can open our hearts a bit wider and offer a steadying hand.

Betsy Tabor is UUCR's Intern Minister.

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 for What Do I Want To Do With The Rest of My Life? - February 23, 2012 - 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 for the Intergenerational Book Club discussion of the book "Rules" by clicking here.](#)

[For further information, please contact Diane Chapin by clicking here or contact 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 for the **morning** class of Meeting Jesus for the First Time by clicking here.

Please register for the **evening** class of Meeting Jesus for the First Time by clicking here.

If you prefer, you can also sign up for the class on the signup sheet in the Atrium on Sunday; by calling the church office at 781-944-0494; or by emailing the Church Administrator, Rosemary Fiori, by clicking here.

UU BASICS - MARCH 16, 2013

Saturday, March 16, 2013

8:30 AM-12:45 PM

Would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Do you have questions about what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist? Are you thinking about becoming a member of UUCR? Do you want to feel more connected and involved? Then UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST BASICS is just the thing for you. Join Rev. Tim and our UU Basics Teaching Team for this engaging introduction to our faith and this church. NOTE: The Saturday morning option includes bagels and coffee. Registration is required, please call or email the church office at 781-944-0494 or sign up on Sunday at coffee hour

AGE-ING TO SAGE-ING: A DAY LONG RETREAT TO EXPLORE CHALLENGES AND GIFTS ASSOCIATED WITH GROWING OLDER - APRIL 20, 2013

Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Day Long Retreat to Explore Challenges and Gifts Associated with Growing Older

April 20th 10am-4pm (please bring a bag lunch) Community Hall

Ruth Goldberg, Laura Cavicchio & Paula Koppel, Facilitators

This experiential based program will allow participants to explore the gifts and challenges of aging in a safe and sacred space created over a day long retreat. By connecting and listening closely to our mind, body and spirit, remaining open and receptive, the group will explore what it means to age. Journaling and mindfulness based exercises will facilitate life review and life repair, providing an opportunity to further synthesize and integrate life's wisdom. We will also explore memorial services in the UU tradition and practical preparations related to funeral arrangements. We hope men and women of all ages will consider joining us on this meaningful journey certain to be filled with surprising gifts and insight. If you participated in last winter's program, we'd love to have your presence and trust that you will find new things to learn and explore.

Please sign up for Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Day Long Retreat to Explore Challenges and Gifts Associated with Growing Older - April 20, 2013 - by clicking [here](#).

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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.](#)

Last Tuesday of the Month Book Club

LTOM BOOK CLUB - FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Hi Fellow Readers, The Feb. book discussion will be held at the home of Ruth Goldberg, 11 Bond Street Reading, on February 26th at 1:30 pm. We will be discussing the novel, *Faith* by Jennifer Haigh. On February 27th, at the Reading Library, Jennifer will be the featured speaker at their Book Group Night. If you can't make it on the 26th, please call Ruth. See you then! - Janet



Pledge Drive

ANNUAL BUDGET DRIVE GATHERINGS

On Commitment Sunday (March 17) the UUCR congregation will come together to pledge our annual financial support for our church. In preparation for Commitment Sunday, the church is sponsoring four gatherings to share food, drink and discussion about the challenges and hopes for UUCR. Please come to one of the events and join a thought provoking discussion about our roles in the past, present and future of UUCR.

Friday, March 1, 7:30 PM - The Home of George Marinakis and Molly Smith, 417 Summer Avenue, Reading. Food and drinks.

[Please signup for this gathering by clicking here.](#)

Sunday, March 3, 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hall, lunch will be served.

[Please signup for this gathering by clicking here.](#)

Friday, March 8, 7:30 PM - The home of Tracy and Jim Sopchak, 642 Haverhill Street, Reading. Food and drinks.

[Please signup for this gathering by clicking here.](#)

Sunday, March 10, 10:30 AM - Fellowship Hall, brunch will be served.

[Please signup for this gathering by clicking here.](#)

Social Action

ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN YOUTH MUSICIANS OF HEARTBEAT EMBARK ON DEBUT US TOUR TO PROMOTE COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING

Heartbeat is the Israeli-Palestinian youth music community of young Arab and Jewish artists (ages 17-21) performing from Boston to Washington, DC for 15 shows at universities, music venues, and congregations. Based in Jerusalem, Heartbeat is an international non-profit organization uniting musicians, educators, and students to build mutual understanding and transform conflict through the power of music. Heartbeat creates opportunities and spaces for young Israeli and Palestinian musicians to work together, hear each other, and amplify their voices to influence the world around them. Heartbeat youth develop creative nonviolent tools to express themselves and become a voice for their communities.

This current tour program will feature uplifting performances interweaving traditional and modern Eastern and Western music and engage audience members through interactive workshops in which youth will share their experiences of growing up amidst the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Heartbeat message inspires people of all backgrounds to work together to be the change we seek. All tour performances are free to the public and open to all ages. Please note that Heartbeat will perform locally on February 24th at Clark University in Worcester and on February 25th at Boston University and on February 26th at Brandeis University. For the full schedule with performance times and venues [please visit www.heartbeat.fm/US tour](http://www.heartbeat.fm/US tour).



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FINDING COMMUNITY AROUND THE CORNER: A RECAP OF THE INTERFAITH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HELD AT THE UUCR



The leader of the Buddhist Meditation Group at my church describes practicing Buddhism as his way of finding the secret to life--the same secret that Muslims, Catholics, and Jews seek in their own faith traditions. Through my own spiritual exploration, I have realized that any self-proclaimed religious or spiritual being has found a unique and valuable secret to life.

It was not until I was a freshman in high school that I realized that my secret to life would stem from Unitarian Universalism, and not, in fact, the religion that I was born into. But I realized that by choosing to go out and find some secret, no matter how diverse our practices of exploring it may be, we all are ultimately chasing shared goals: social justice, empowerment, advocacy, and wholeness.

We all know that healthy relationships are driven by honesty and fidelity and are only possible when secrets are shared. The same is true for interfaith relationships between communities. What is service if these "life secrets" are kept? What is social justice without dialogue inspired by diverse ideas, beliefs, and ideologies? For my Girl Scout Gold Award Project I held an Interfaith Leadership Summit for high school youth to present their life secrets, spiritual investigation, and lived experiences. A summit that would, in turn, create a flow of ideas between the temples, mosques, and churches in my community.

Participants in this summit, held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, initiated dialogue, listened to speakers, and engaged in workshops designed to highlight the commonality in our diversity. They learned that you don't have to go miles, crossing town lines, or state borders, to find a community invested in the same principles as your own. That same community could exist within the church next door or the temple across the street. And all you have to do is walk in the door.

Jenna Crawford

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NEW HANDICRAFT GROUP - KNITTING/SEWING CIRCLE - MONDAYS 2-4PM

Interested in joining a knitting/sewing circle on Monday afternoons at the church? Do you work at home and feel a bit too isolated? Would you like ideas and materials to make Boutique items for our Kris Kringle Fair? Our intention is to provide inspiration, encouragement and friendship to one another while accomplishing something creative. If you wish to join us, come to Loring House 101 from 2-4 PM on Mondays (when the church is open).

For more info, call Ellen (Devika) Hill at (781) 872-1332 or [contact Devika by e-mail](#).

Upcoming Events

February 14, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
PFlag (Lor-101)

February 14, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Choir (Sanctuary)

February 17, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

February 17, 2013 10:00 am - 11:00 am
"Tidbits & Tour" 10:15am & 12:15pm

February 17, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

February 17, 2013 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
COA class (Lor-205)

February 17, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
SHYP (Lor-103) NO MEETING

February 18, 2013 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Handicraft Group (Loring-101)

February 18, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm
Buddhist Meditation(CH)

February 18, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Adult Enrichment Comm. (Lor-101)

February 19, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Faith Development Comm. (Lor-205)

February 19, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Partner Church Comm. (Lor-101)

February 20, 2013 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Liberal Ladies (Lor-101) (Lor-102)

February 20, 2013 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
"Invisible Faces" (Youth Homelessness) FH

February 21, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Mothering Connection (Lor-205)

February 21, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Choir (Sanctuary)

February 23, 2013 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Men's Group (CH)

February 23, 2013 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
"What Do I Do With the Rest of my Life?" (FH)

February 23, 2013 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Starlight Soiree/Auction (FH)

February 24, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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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