



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

February 28, 2013

Worship Services

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, and Rose McAuley will bring some additional gospel vocals to the service. The sanctuary will be full. Come and join us and see who you've been missing. The annual budget drive committee will be hosting a gathering afterwards with discussion and reflective discussion about the church. Refreshments will be served

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

Please volunteer:

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

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

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

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

Time

Role

Name

10:00 AM Usher Robyn Matzke
([click here to cancel](#))

10:00 AM Usher Charles Beauregard
([click here to cancel](#))

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](#).

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013

"Bouncing Through Uganda (and Rwanda, too)"

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Daylight Savings Time starts today, so remember to set your clocks an hour ahead Saturday night!

Two weeks ago, Rev. Tim returned from a trip to Uganda and Rwanda. He went to trek into the rainforests to view the rare and endangered Mountain Gorillas in their natural habitat. He found the gorillas, but while in bouncing along the dirt roads of Uganda and Rwanda, he also found something unexpected. Music at both services provided by Kevin Kealing, vocals.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013 - 5:00 PM SERVICE

"Second Sunday"

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

5:00 PM

Our next Second Sunday will be held Sunday, March 10th at 5 PM. This is a time for All Ages to come together for a time of fellowship, spirit, and sharing. There will be some fun and compelling activities and conversations to explore the many dimensions of our identity. As always, a free-will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meal. Come one come all!!

[Sign up by Thursday, March 7th \(Thursday\) by clicking here](#), or [email 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.

Caring and Sharing Coordinator for Month

The caring and sharing coordinator for the month of March 2013 is Sue Wondolowski. Sue can be reached at 781-872-1274 or [by email by clicking here](#).



Featured

WHERE-TO-GO-WHAT-TO-DO THIS SUNDAY MARCH 3!

A Summary of Sunday March 3!

1. **First remember to attend the one service option for this day: 10:00 AM!** Mark your calendar, the fridge, put a note in the car! We look forward to seeing your smiling face at 10:00 AM this Sunday!
2. **On this Sunday, we ask you to attend our special ANNUAL BUDGET DRIVE GATHERING at 11:30 AM In Fellowship Hall.** In preparation for Commitment Sunday, the church is sponsoring this gathering to refreshments and discussion about the challenges and hopes for UUCR. Please come to this event and join a thought provoking discussion about our roles in the past, present and future of UUCR.
3. **For folks looking for coffee hour only, and who do not wish to take part in the Annual Budget Drive Gathering Discussion,** please head downstairs to Community Hall, after 10:00 AM worship concludes, for coffee hour only.

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, refreshments will be served.

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

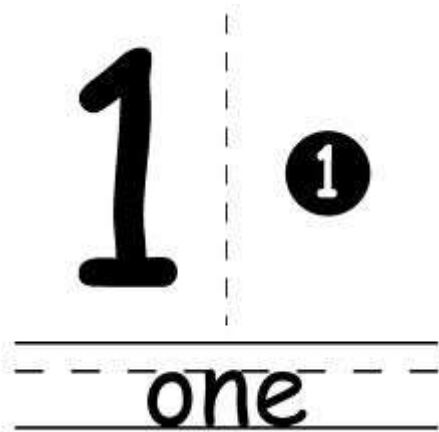
Friday, March 8, 7:30 PM - The home of Tracy and Jim Sopchak, 642 Haverhill Street, Reading. Food and drinks.

[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.](#)

HAVE YOU NOTED YOUR CALENDAR? - WE ARE HAVING A ONE SERVICE SUNDAY ON MARCH 3



Let's all get together!

Our special one service date of Sunday, March 3 is fast approaching! On this day we will have only ONE worship service at a special time of 10:00 AM. We recommend that you note your electronic and home calendars and remind all family members.

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.

Worship Notes

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 at 7:00 AM on Sunday morning. 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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TRADITIONAL PASSEOVER 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.

ORDER SPRING PLANTS FOR OUR EASTER SERVICES SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2013

We are asking UUCR members and friends to help beautify Our Sanctuary for the Easter Services on Sunday March 31. Order Tulip or Daffodil or Lily or Azaleas Plant(s) – you choose! The flowers will decorate the Sanctuary for both the 9:15 AM and the 11:00 AM Easter Services. We are also asking for plant dedications, in memory of or in celebration of a loved one. [Please indicate your dedication on the attached form](#), where requested. If this dedication part of the order form is left blank, Rosemary will assume that there is no dedication.



These plants are lovingly grown at a Massachusetts greenhouse and stunning every year. The hardy azaleas as well as bulbs can eventually be transported to your yard. (Please take only the plant(s) type(s) that you ordered and prepaid home after the second service on Sunday March 31. Any plants remaining after the second service will be delivered to those who are home bound the next day.)

[Please use the attached form](#) and attach a check made out to UUCR for \$ 15.00 per plant, and leave the form and check in our grey safe in our copy room, or drop into the collection plate on Sunday, or mail the form to Rosemary Fiori, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn Street, Reading, MA 01867. All orders must be called in to the greenhouse on the morning of Monday March 18th. This gives the greenhouse adequate time to reserve our plants.

Please call Rosemary at 781-944-0404 if you have any questions!
[Click here to open the form for donating spring plants for Easter Services.](#)

Intern Minister's Messages - February 28, 2013 - Once a Fortnight



Top Ten

I attend a predominantly Christian school, and Unitarian Universalists comprise fifteen to twenty percent of Andover Newton's student body. It sometimes happens that everyone is intimately familiar with something that comes up in class except for the UU who has never heard of it. My Church Music professor sets the tone for the day by starting class with a hymn. So far, I have not recognized any of them! Meanwhile, everyone else sings them with delight, the way I imagine many Unitarian Universalists would embrace singing "Spirit of Life."

Today's Church Music class started differently, with these words on the board:

From this valley they say you are going
We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile
For they say you are taking the sunshine
That has brightened our pathways awhile

Come and sit by my side, if you love me
Do not hasten to bid me adieu
And remember the Red River Valley
And the one who has loved you so true

Together we sang "Red River Valley." Then we hummed it while a classmate recited the 23rd Psalm, another song about a valley. The juxtaposition of a psalm with a Canadian folk tune led to a discussion of how we might interpret what most of us would call a love song in theological terms: What else might we mean by that valley? Could "the one who has loved you so true" be seen as God?

The class shared feelings that came up as we sang the old tune. It evoked in people a sense of place, perhaps home. A feeling of loss. A longing for something that once was—a love, perhaps, a dream, a long lost way of life. Everyone seemed to respond to today's "hymn" with a thoughtful wistfulness. This music resonated in our souls.

Hymns convey a variety of messages and evoke emotion. Some we sing with joy, others with fervor, some in a whisper. Our professor asked us to compile a list of our congregation's Top Ten Hymns, the ones people love the most. I started jotting down my favorites then remembered what a wonderful singing church UUCR is! So I wonder: What are your favorite hymns? What words do you know by heart? Which hymns stay with you all day long? What songs on the radio do you sing soulfully? Add them to your list!

On or off key, we sing, hum and whistle the music that stirs our souls.

Betsy Tabor is UUCR's Intern Minister. [Please tell her your favorite hymns either by email \(by clicking here\)](#) or in church.

President's Messages - DFD Advisory Committee



Last year the board called together a pilot Director of Faith Development Advisory Team led by George Marinakis and including Blair Howell and Junelle Barras. The idea for the team arose from the year-long work completed by the Faith Development Committee, the interim DFD and the board to develop a working document which details the Roles,

Responsibilities and Relationships related to the DFD position in preparation for preparing a new DFD job description. We recognized that the DFD would be well served by an advisory body that could provide feedback, support, and advocacy for the DFD with the goal of serving the best interest of the congregation. We formed the pilot team with the following mission: "to pay attention to and reflect the experience and ministries of children, youth, parents, family and multi-generational ministry... and serve as a communication conduit between the religious educator and the congregation including concerns and feedback on performance and consulting on an appropriate response by the religious educator.

We asked the team to serve in a pilot capacity for a year so that they could feel out this mission and return to us with any suggestions for change to make their team permanent. The team recently returned to us after their pilot year with some suggestions and with a formal job description to most clearly communicate and document their mission, role and composition for themselves, the board and the congregation. At the February board meeting, the board unanimously voted to approve the job description and therefore create a permanent DFD Advisory Team.

The board is starting to develop job descriptions for all committees, teams and positions for which we are responsible for staffing. [For the full DFD Advisory Team job description click here.](#) You need to be logged into the website as a Member or Friend to access the job description. If you click on the link while you're not logged in, you'll be prompted to log in.

Please join me in welcoming George, Blair and Junelle to this role and please ask them for more information if you are interested.

Best Regards,

Tracy

Website News - Recent Sermons posted

A number of sermons have recently been posted to the website, as [sermon transcripts](#), [sermon podcasts](#) or [sermon videocasts](#), including:

- [Living in the Age of Incivility](#) (transcript and podcast)
- [Kids, Guns, America and Non-violence](#) (transcript and podcast)
- [Finding True Identity](#) (podcast)

Also:

- [Becoming Durga](#) (Betsy Tabor) (podcast)
- [Becoming Our Age](#) (Anne Principe) (transcript)

Adult Enrichment

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 sign up 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 so please click here to sign up for this UU Basics session, or contact our Church Administrator, Rosemary, by telephone, at 781-944-0494.

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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Choir

MARCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

March

**3 Rev. Tim A Letter from Satan: Skepticism and Prayer/Bring a Friend
Sunday**

[10 AM Service ONLY/ Rehearsal @ 9:15]

Introit: This Little Light of Mine (#118) with Rose McCauley

Anthem I: The Call, Z. Randall Stroope

Anthem II: Zol Zain Sholem, Yiddish Folk, Arr. by, Joshua Jacobson

All invited to sing!

10 No Choir

**17 Rev. Tim Where Your Heart Is, There Your Treasure Will Be:
Commitment Sunday**

Anthem I: Many Gifts, One Spirit, Allen Pote

Anthem II: Brudmarsch Från Jämtland (Wedding March from Jämtland), Anders

Öhrwall

24 Rev. Tim Passover Service

Anthem I: Ani Ma'amin, Traditional Jewish, Arr. by, John Leavitt

Anthem II: Shehecheyanu, Charles Collins

31 Rev. Tim Easter Sunday (9:15 & 11:00)

Anthem I: Festival Sanctus, John Leavitt

Anthem II: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (#268)

All invited to sing!

Last Tuesday of the Month Book Club

LTOM BOOK CLUB - MARCH 26, 2013

Hello fellow readers, The next meeting of the LTOM Book club will be on March 26th ,1:30 pm, at the home of MaryEllen Campbell, 197 Grove Street, Reading. The book selection is Fall of the Giants by Ken Follett. The book follows royals and commoners through World War I and revolution. Below is a painting of Marie Theresa of Austria. She had eleven daughters,one of whom was Marie Antoinette, the teenage queen of France. See you on the 26th! Janet



Membership

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Bruce Bacon

I grew up in a suburb of Los Angeles, in a house that, upon reflection, was alarmingly similar to the home seen on the Brady Bunch. My prior company relocated me to Atlanta, then back to Los Angeles and finally to the Boston suburbs. I currently manage the human resources function for Hood (the dairy processor) and do my best to keep away from the free ice cream that is occasionally stocked in the break room freezer. I have two children. Sam is twenty three years old and just graduated from the University of South Carolina. He is currently applying to graduate schools and hopes to follow his old man in the field of human resources. Elle is nineteen and attends Auburn University. She is a Spanish major with plans to teach at the high school level. Unfortunately, after twenty six years of marriage, my wife and I are going through an amicable divorce. The separation resulted in my move from Wayland to Reading this past December. When I can't finagle a trip down South to see my kids, I spend my time walking my beloved dog, Ballou. I also have played guitar, at an amateur level, in various bands since I was fourteen years old.



Marcia Kent

I have been coming to the UUCR for the past five years as a member of the Mayflower Chapter of Rug Hooking and the Reading Society of Craftsmen. I have always found church members to be helpful and friendly. So it became easy for me to begin attending Sunday services and to consider becoming a member. My husband and I live in Wilmington and I recently retired from a long career in nursing. I am enjoying retirement filled with time to hook rugs, knit, needle felt, garden and read books. I grew up attending the Episcopal Church and for the past 25 years I have been following a path of meditation. This fall I joined the Buddhist Meditation group at UUCR and enjoyed the recent day long retreat. I look forward to becoming a member and participating in a community with those who share my values.

Erica Lakin

I am excited to become a member of UUCR. My children, Matthew (8) and Ali (6), are excited to be standing by my side, holding my hands, on New Member Sunday. Over the past 2 years, I discovered that UUCR is great place for my blended



Jewish/Catholic family. I enjoy the variety of topics presented during Sunday services and my kids look forward to their Faith Development classes. As for my background, I grew up in Reading, attended the University of Connecticut (go Huskies!), and returned in 1999 when myself and husband, Peter, bought a house in town. Presently I work part time as a pharmacist for Mass General Hospital. If I am not working or taking Matthew and Ali to basketball/gymnastics/jujitsu classes, you can find me in running sneakers hitting the streets of Reading, competing in a triathlon, or hiking locally or in the White Mountains.



Pat McGovern

I have been a follower all my life since high school. All my friends were Catholic so I went to church with them and when I was 18 I joined the church. I didn't go through religious education, I became a Catholic in name only. I did marry a Catholic boy and brought up my children Catholic. I took many courses and was very active in the Church, but there was always something missing. I even knew when I used to say the Apostle's Creed, I could never say I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, I knew I believed in something more meaningful. So here I'm taking this journey to this amazing place, the UU church of Reading. I so identify with the song "Come, Come whoever you are wonderer, worshiper, lover of leaving, our's is no caravan of despair." I found a place that takes me as I am. The UU Principles are who I try to be. I live in a family with diverse religious beliefs. My husband, my daughter and her family are Catholic. My son and his family whom we live with, are Jehovah Witnesses. Because I believe in the UU Principles I accept and encourage them to take their journey to their spiritual growth and to take a free and responsible search for their truth and meaning. So on this day, I'm free to be Me and follow no one. For today I'm a Unitarian Universalist.

Megan McQueeney and Jared Bly

Megan recently moved into the area and began attending the UU CR this past spring. She and her fiancé just became engaged over the Christmas holiday and they live in Haverhill with their two cats. She joined the church choir for the holiday concert and stayed on for the regular services and is excited to continue to become involved with church activities. For fun, Megan enjoys listening to music, painting, and road trips. Jared just moved to Haverhill in October and is having fun getting to know the area. He enjoys cooking and learning new techniques in the kitchen as well as hiking in the summer. Jared grew up near the beach in Rye, NH and is planning his upcoming wedding and, more importantly, a honeymoon on Cape Cod.



Melissa Plowman

I am, first and foremost, a mother of two beautiful and curious daughters - Kylie age 5 and Natalie age 2. My husband Nate and I, with our girls, travel frequently to our home states of Maine and Vermont to be with our families whom we are very close to. While family is extremely important to who I am, I also really embrace my life as a career woman. I received a master's degree in counseling psychology from Boston College in 2003 and have been practicing as a licensed mental health counselor at the Triumph Center, here in Reading. I love to cook and spend time boating on the lake during summers.



Janée Tichy and Derek Puff



We live in Reading with our two children, Astrid (6) and Zalen (4). Before moving to Massachusetts in 2004 we lived in southern California and were married in 2003 in Maine. We are both originally from the East coast. Derek has a doctorate in Biomedical Engineering and works as a software developer at a startup biotech company. Janée has a master's degree in Social Work and is currently in a post-master's program in School Adjustment Counseling. While we live in an old home

where Derek works on projects and Janée likes to cook and garden, mostly we take pleasure in spending time with our creative and energetic children. At the UUCR, we have enjoyed meeting like-minded members, taking time to reflect and learn, and are looking forward to making a deeper commitment to the community.

Meike Gourley

I was born in Muenchen, Germany. I studied Islamic Arts and Archeology, Arabic, PreHistory and Archaeology of the Middle Ages in Bamberg where I met my husband Donald who was a 2nd LT in the US Army at this time. We have two kids, Jacob and Henry (5&2) and one cat "Ernest". In August 2012 we moved to Reading and my husband is now for two years a MBA student at Babson college. I am a stay at home mom. My hobbies are hiking, biking, swimming, ice and inline skating and riding horses. Am interested in foreign languages, ancient history, intercultural communication, organic and holistic farming and healthy living.



More News

NINTH ANNUAL FORUM ON FAMILY HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY MARCH 3

The Adverse Effects of Housing Insecurity on the Overall Development of Young Children

Ninth Annual Forum on Family Homelessness

Sunday, March 3, 2013, 3:00-5:00 PM

First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Rd., Concord Center.

Family homelessness remains at record levels in Massachusetts due to the economic recession with record foreclosures. While the state seeks more low cost housing, 43% more families are in shelter or motels than in 2008 and families who have overflowed into motels have tripled. Now over 2000 families are in shelters nightly and over 1700 families are in motels, with great risk to health of families and children.

This year's Forum focuses on the effects of homelessness on the overall development of a child. Across the nation the average age of a homeless person is 8. Homeless children are 4 times more likely than their peers to show delayed development. Among school-age children who are homeless, 47% experience anxiety, depression and withdrawal compared with 18% of other school-age children

The Keynote Speaker, Christina Murphy of the Campaign to End Child Homelessness at the National Center on Family Homelessness, will speak on the effects of homelessness and severe housing insecurity on the health, mental health, and early childhood development of children. LizBeth Heyer, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance, Mass. Department of Housing and Community Development, will discuss the state's homeless prevention program, including HomeBASE and the shelter system. A formerly homeless woman will testify on the needs of her homeless teen age children.

For more information about the Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness, contact Carl Miller, Coordinator, at 978-369-3755.

More News

BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS TO PERFORM MARCH 2 AT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF HAVERHILL



The Universalist Unitarian Church of Haverhill is proud to present the Boston Gay Men's Chorus in concert on Saturday, March 2, at 8 pm. Tickets are \$ 30 each and available by calling the church office, 978-372-5173.

The church is located at 15 Kenoza Avenue, Haverhill, and doors open at 7:15 pm.

Please join us for what will be a great evening!

[For more information, see the event information posted on the UU Haverhill church website.](#)

Unitarian Universalist News

REPRESENT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Can YOU Represent UUCR at our General Assembly?
June 19-23, 2013 in Louisville, Kentucky**

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. If you are interested in being one of the five delegates from the UUCR then, please contact Rosemary in the church office at 781 944 0494 before Sunday, March 10th.

Unitarian Universalist News

ALL ABOUT THE DISTRICT

What is the Clara Barton and Massachusetts Bay Districts of Unitarian Universalist Congregations?

The Massachusetts Bay District is the organization of 55 Unitarian Universalist congregations in the Greater Boston area. The Clara Barton district is the organization of 64 Unitarian Universalist Congregations in the central and western Massachusetts and southwest corner of Connecticut areas.

How Does the Clara Barton and Massachusetts Bay Districts Serve our Congregation?

The CB/MBD assesses the needs of and provides resources for UUCR congregational leaders to help them become agents of transformation in our congregation. The district brings an outside perspective for UUCR to learn from broader religious, cultural, and academic contexts. The CB/MBD activates the capacity and potential of the UUCR to become communities where individuals may grow spiritually throughout their lives and learn how to live in respectful covenantal relationship with one another. The CB/MBD offers support, training, lectures, collegiality, to lay leaders, ministers, Faith Development educators, church staff and all UUCR members.

Upcoming CB/MBD Events of Note:

Pastoral Care for Youth - Saturday March 16th - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM - First Unitarian Universalist Church of Providence

Navigating Differences In Our Beloved Community - Navigating Difference in the Beloved Community - Sat, 04/06/2013 - 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM at the First Parish Church UU, Northborough with Presenter: Meck Groot, Justice Ministries Coordinator. In this workshop for religious professionals, congregational leaders and social justice teams, participants will consider what differences matter to them and to their congregation identify the ways they evaluate and react to difference explore attitudes and practices that promote authenticity, connection and inclusion across difference outline strategies they can use to bring this learning into their work as congregational leaders.

Hold That Date! CBD/MBD - Annual Meetings/Districts Assembly on Sat, 04/27/2013 - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Join hundreds of Unitarian Universalists at the United Congregational Church of Worcester for an afternoon of celebratory worship, vigorous conversation, and rampant optimism about the future of our faith. This experience will be centered around worship featuring live music, multimedia inspiration, and preaching from two of our districts' most respected ministers. Revs. Carolyn Patierno and John Gibbons will bring stories about how their congregations broke through common barriers to achieve real and lasting growth in soulfulness, spiritual practice, justice-making and size.

Evaluating Congregational Ministries on Sat, 05/11/2013 - 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM with Rev. Sue Phillips, District Executive

This workshop will explore mission-centered models of staff evaluation in the context of a congregation's shared ministry. This learning experience is designed for Committees on Ministry, Boards (and other lay leaders directly involved in staff supervision), and Ministers who supervise church staff.

Unitarian Universalist News

YOUTH TRAINING FROM THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

The UU College of Social Justice (UUCSJ) is advancing the mission to engage the next generation of Unitarian Universalists! Your gifts to the UUA have helped to create amazing service learning trips and trainings for youth, including this summer's National Youth Justice Training (NYJT) program. This year's NYJT builds on the success of the summer 2012 youth training. NYJT is a transformative three-week experience for high-school-aged youth that will take place in Boston, MA from June 30–July 21, 2013. The program will include interactive social justice education and real-world internships, grounded in Unitarian Universalist values and practices. Interested? Apply now or forward this information to a young person in your life who is committed to justice! Visit UUCSJ.ORG to apply

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FIVE WISHES

Rev. Maddie Sifantus of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield will offer an evening workshop on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:15 PM on the document Five Wishes published by the organization Aging With Dignity. The meeting will take place in the Social Hall of the church, located at 326 Main Street in Wakefield. Five Wishes is an advance directive combining a Living Will and assigning a Health Care Agent, which is user friendly, written in lay persons' terms. We will explore end of life issues and look at how to fill out the document, which will be available to each participant. The workshop is open to all and will be held in the Social Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend, since we are ALL aging and we never know what can happen in the blink of an eye. Having your family know what your wishes are at the end of life or in an emergency is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. A \$ 2 donation to the church is asked to help defray the cost of materials. For more information, call Maddie Sifantus at 508-733-8860 (mobile) or email minister@wakefielduu.org.

Upcoming Events

February 28, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Choir (Sanctuary)

March 1, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
"Social Gathering"- @home of Geo. Marinakis

March 3, 2013 10:00 am - 11:00 am
One Morning Service (Sanctuary)

March 3, 2013 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Coffee Hour (CH)

March 3, 2013 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Brunch (FH)

March 3, 2013 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
SHYP (Lor-103)

March 3, 2013 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
COA Class (Lor-205)

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

March 4, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm
Buddhist Meditation(CH)

March 4, 2013 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Governing Board (Lor-101)

March 4, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Property Comm. (Lor-103)

March 6, 2013 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
"Meeting Jesus for the First Time" (Lor-103)

March 6, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
"Meeting Jesus for the First Time" (Lor-103)

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

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

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

March 8, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
"Social Gathering" @ Sopchak's Home

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

March 10, 2013 9:15 am - 10:30 am
FD Pancake Breakfast -(FH) / K

March 10, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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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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