



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

March 14, 2013

## Worship Services

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013

#### **"Forward Through the Ages"**

#### ***Commitment Sunday***

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister**

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

We are not self-created. We exist because of those who came before us, and the decisions they made to pass on the legacy of life to future generations. Today we'll explore the spiritual concept of 'stewardship'— taking care of this present moment so there will be a future for those who come after us.

Music: 9:15 – Lorraine Dennis, Liz Lovell, and Molly Smith (vocal trio); 11:00 AM- UUCR Choir.

*Today is Commitment Sunday, the day we make our pledge for the church year starting July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.*

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

##### **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 Usher](#)

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>
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09:15 AM	Usher	Beth Safford
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#### **11:00 AM Service**

##### **Please volunteer:**

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

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

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

### **Earth Vespers: A Mid-week Spiritual Service**

**"Celebrating the Spring Equinox"**

**Wednesday, March 20th in Fellowship Hall**

**7:30-8:30 PM**

**Led by Rev. Tim Kutzmark and special guest Rev. Maddie Sifantus**

Welcome the return of spring in this earth-based spirituality, nature-focused evening of reflection, ritual, and community connection. Rev. Maddie Sifantus from the UU church in Wakefield will also participate, bringing her amazing voice and ability to lead us in chant and song. This meditative service is a perfect way to explore earth-based spirituality and to connect to the wisdom of the natural world through readings, silences, and ritual. The service will explore the wisdom revealed in the spring, and invite us to reflect on our own change of seasons.

Violinist and UU Wakefield member Peter Stickel will add evocative music to help us welcome the spring. Youth and adults are invited.

This service will be in Fellowship Hall, and we'll gather in a sacred circle to worship together.

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013**

### **"The Sting of the Serpent"**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister**

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

Journey back to Ancient Egypt, to a time when the serpent had great spiritual symbolism. We'll explore how the serpent played a key part in the Jewish Passover story. How can this ancient symbol speak to our own spiritual lives?

Music: 9:15-Sarah Hickok, vocals; 11:00 AM- UUCR Choir

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## **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**

### **COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

Please remember that this Sunday, March 17th, is our Commitment Sunday! On this Sunday, the UUCR congregation will come together to pledge our annual financial support for our church. Remember that this is the day that you will pledge your financial support to our Spiritual home.

### **PLAN TO WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEDNESDAY MARCH 20 EARTH VESPERS**

#### **Mid-Week Worship Reminder: Spring Will Be Sprung**

Spring begins this Wednesday, March 20, and we invite you to participate in a special mid-week Wednesday evening worship: Earth Vespers. Celebrate the Spring Equinox by joining us in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 PM.

Find your joy and wisdom in the welcoming of Spring. Enjoy a respite from the rigors of a busy week by making time to enjoy a meditative service which explores earth-based spirituality.

Adults and youth are welcome one and all. Bring a friend or family member and embrace the change of the season.



## 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](http://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.

### PLANT ORDERS FOR OUR EASTER SERVICES CLOSE THIS MONDAY MARCH 18

**We Have ONLY 6 Plant Orders and our deadline is this Monday, March 18!**



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.](#)

## **DO YOU LOVE SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR?**

**Calling All Folks Who Enjoy Coffee Hour Every Sunday!**

**Please drop off all items in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen marked "Sunday Coffee Hour" Thank you!**

Our resident Barista and front line Sous Chef of all things crackers, Bill Grace, reports that the kitchen coffers are in need of the following items for donation:

1. Fish crackers! The delightful little orange fishies so enjoyed on Sundays by our children are all gone. Please help us restock.
2. Hi Test caffeine! Do you enjoy a cup of Jo every Sunday? Then perhaps you would consider helping us restock our supply of coffee. Please consider bringing in a can of Regular coffee please (we do not need Decaf) as our supply is near depletion and the budget line item for this in-demand beverage is exhausted for this church year.
3. Apple Juice - a bottle or two for the children to enjoy on Sunday mornings



### **MARCH 2013**

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](#).

## Minister's Messages - March 14, 2013



Dear Friends:

I'm currently teaching a class here at UUCR entitled "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time." I'm having a blast with two different groups (morning and evening). We're focusing on peeling back the myth from the man, to get a glimpse of who Jesus might have actually been, versus what people have projected onto him. Our guides in this endeavor are some brilliant scholars and historians; we're reading their words and listening to them on video. This is coupled with some deep thinking in small group discussion. What is most exciting to me is that the Jesus who is being revealed is the Jesus that Unitarians and Universalists have professed for over two thousand years. We've maintained that Jesus was human, not divine, and that his life's purpose was not to die on the cross as atonement for our sin, but to teach a way of living that put love at the center. Of course, Jesus is more complex than simply those two basic ideas. He was Spirit Person, religious reformer, teacher of wisdom, and social revolutionary.

Often times, Unitarian Universalists toss Jesus aside saying "been there, done that." For some others, the wounds of past experiences with churches leave them keeping the Jesus story at arm's length. We lose so many things in doing so. We may not be Christians, but that doesn't mean we don't need Jesus. We have much to learn from the life he lived and the path he revealed.

In the class, it is wonderful watching people claim a new understanding of Jesus, very different from the one many of us first met so long ago as children.

We're using Marcus Borg's book "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time." It is an easy yet powerful read. You'll think about Easter in a new way after reading even the first two chapters.

See you on the path (and at church),  
Tim

## **Intern Minister's Messages - March 14, 2013 - Once a Fortnight**



### **The Wow of Creation**

Spring. Green shoots. Songs. Hope. Fast! Momentum! Exponential!

My husband tells the story of a favorite eighth-grade science teacher who asked his students to each journal a patch of ground, fifteen feet square.

They had to write down everything that happened there. It was early spring. John vividly remembers going over his plot on hands and knees and watching it burgeon with life. Every week new growth appeared—grasses, weeds, plants he'd never seen before. Critters familiar and unknown crawled through webs, holes and hills. Greens got greener. But John's biggest learning was about the pace of spring. The changes in his assigned plot of ground picked up speed, moving at a faster and faster clip with each passing day. Eventually, he could not keep up with his journaling. There was too much going on. Before his eyes, his little patch of ground was growing, living and transforming beyond what he could handle. Almost beyond what he could fathom.

A simple science project gave this teenager a new perspective. He got to know a small patch of ground, and it showed him his limitations. Able as he was, he felt his smallness in the face of creation's teeming spring energy. How humbling! How awe-inspiring! That grassy patch made a lifelong impression on John, and he still tells the story forty years later.

The coming weeks give us all an opportunity to marvel at creation. UUs are a people of many perspectives—as humanists, theists, deists, pagans and agnostics (among others), we have different understandings of how Planet Earth came to be. Whatever our understanding, every spring it puts on an amazing show that's worthy of our attention.

Some folks say there are only two prayers: "Please, please, please," and "Thank you, thank you, thank you." Author Anne Lamott suggests a third prayer: WOW! Surely, WOW speaks to the burst of spring. Happy spring!

*Betsy Tabor is UUCR's Intern Minister.*

## **Adult Enrichment**

### **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](#).

### **UU BASICS - MAY 18, 2013**

**Saturday, May 18, 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 child care for little ones and breakfast of bagels and coffee. Registration is required, please call our member services and volunteer coordinator, Lisa Treadwell, at 781-944-0494, extension 104 or sign up on Sunday at coffee hour

## News

### **Choir**

#### MARCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

##### **March**

**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!**

### **Fellowship**

#### FERRY BEACH WEEKEND 2013 FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY IS 5/31, 6/1 AND 6/2!

Mark your calendars and save the dates for our annual weekend together at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine. Registration will begin towards the end of March and the prices are the same as last year. We will publish registration information on the website and will have sign-ups during coffee hour.

You don't want to miss this special weekend where our church community relaxes and has fun together at the beach!

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Vince at 978-790-4446.

## **Ivy Chord Coffee House**

### **IVY CHORD COFFEE HOUSE - MATT & SHANNON HEATON, APRIL 13TH**

#### **In Search of Bakers:**

Can you bake for the next Ivy Chord Concert, Matt & Shannon Heaton, on April 13th? [Contact Beth Murray if you can bake by clicking here](#), or by telephone at 781-229-9394.

## **Ivy Chord Coffee House**

### **IVY CHORD COFFEE HOUSE - MATT & SHANNON HEATON, APRIL 13TH**

#### **Buy Tickets This Sunday At Coffee Hour!**

Ivy Chord Tickets to this concert can also be purchased in person at our coffee hours on Sunday March 17 and Sunday March 24.

## **Kris Kringle Fair**

### **BEST YARD SALE EVER - MAY 4, 2013**

Save the date!

**Date:** Saturday, May 4, 2013

**Time:** 9 am to 3 pm

**What:** GIANT yard sale

**Where:** UUCR

The Spring Fling folks have scheduled our Giant Yard sale for Saturday May 4th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Start gathering your items.

Please attend the kick-off planning meeting on Sunday, March 24th in Loring House @ 7PM.

[For more information, please contact Rebecca Higgins and Ginny Beauregard by clicking here.](#)

## **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

## Pledge Drive

### A MESSAGE FROM ERIC RIZZO

Good Morning,

My name is Eric Rizzo and I have been asked to speak to you today about what being a member of our church means to me.

Like many of us here I came to the Unitarian-Universalist Church later in my spiritual journey. I grew up as a member of the Catholic Church. About six weeks before my confirmation I was called to a meeting with one of the priests at the church. I had recently failed a catechism test and was frequently unable to remember what the gospel and sermons were each week during CCD classes.



My parents and I were told I was not a good catholic and would not be confirmed. Looking back on it now I realize that the priest was right. I was not a good catholic. Much of what I was being taught conflicted with who I was and what I believed and I never felt that I was truly part of the church.

In May of 2011, my father passed away after a length illness. I had been taking him to church regularly but still felt like an outsider. In October of 2011, my wife and I moved to Wilmington and began attending services here at the UUCR. During one of the first services we attended, Rev. Tim gave a sermon on the recent passing of his father. I felt Rev. Tim was speaking from his heart and for the first time in my spiritual journey I had heard something in church that truly resonated within me. I felt like I had finally found the place I was looking for. I felt welcomed and accepted. The following spring my wife and I became members of the church. Being a part of this community has helped to fill a void in my spiritual life and I have come to appreciate and cherish the rich history of this church and the traditions of Unitarian Universalism.

And *this* is why I choose to financially support our church through a yearly pledge, and to volunteer my time to you, the members of this church community. Our upcoming Operating Budget Drive needs everyone. I hope you will join me in sustaining our church community for another year."

## Welcoming Congregation

### GOT PRIDE?

#### **The Welcoming Congregation Committee calls its first Meeting To Talk Boston Pride and Be Welcoming: Thursday March 14th at 6:00 PM Loring 101**

Welcoming Congregation Committee is the church committee whose mission it is to make the UUCR a welcoming, comfortable and safe place for bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender persons in every aspect of congregational life. We are a committee that seeks to accomplish our mission within the UUCR congregation through education and an emphasis upon the affirmation of the dignity of all persons. In the larger community, we provide awareness and we advocate for all persons when rights or dignity are at stake.

In deed and action, we sponsor Reading PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) which meets in Loring House on the second Thursday of every month from 7:30 to 9 or 9:30 pm. This is a support group open to the church and community. We plan and march annually as the awesome Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading contingent behind our fabulous banner at Boston Pride



an activity that promote our church's visibility and commitment to inclusivity, equality, and respect. We also staff a post Pride Parade walk table at Boston City Hall where revelers and community can approach our UUCR table and find out all about who we are. This June will be our 5th year of marching at Boston Pride and we want to march with you! If you are saving the date Boston Pride is Saturday June 8th this year. For scheduling purposes, this is NOT Ferry Beach Weekend (which is the weekend before) and it is NOT Father's day weekend, which is the weekend after.



Our first meeting will be run by our new chair of Welcoming Congregation, Rebecca Griffin. Rebecca is an energetic rainbow soul who ran through the streets of Boston last year handing out UUCR church cards during the parade walk and who staffed our City Hall Plaza table of UUCR literature.

The first meeting should be fun as we think about what the 5th year mark means for our presence at

Pride and how we want our table at City Hall Plaza to present to the Community. Join us on Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 PM in Loring House Room 101 and bring a bag dinner.

## **More News**

### **IN SEARCH OF A WOMEN'S MISSING COAT**

Perhaps you noticed that the woman's black coat that you wore home from church last Sunday, March 3, was, in fact, not the one you wore to church? Perhaps you noticed the pewter pin on the left shoulder that did not look familiar? Ann Fisher is in search of her woman's black coat. Please check the closet and if you find that you inadvertently took home the wrong coat call Rosemary in the church office at 781.944.0494 and we can arrange a coat swap. The coat left behind here at the UUCR is a woman's black London Fog Brand with buttons.

## **More News**

### **COMMUNITY MEETING ON GUN VIOLENCE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH**

On Sunday, March 24 you are invited to First Church Boston, 66 Marlborough Street, Boston, for a special presentation on gun violence. The presentation will begin at 12:30 PM with a showing of the documentary "Living for 32," chronicling the life and work of one of the survivors of the Virginia Tech massacre, followed by a discussion and talk by John Rosenthal, founder of "Stop Handgun Violence." Mr. Rosenthal is recognized as a highly influential expert on this issue. Please plan to join us for this educational opportunity! First Church Boston is located near the Copley T-stop on the green line with parking at the Boston Common Garage, 0 Charles Street.

## **More News**

### **A FEW GOOD MARCHERS - MARCH 17, 2013**

This year, for the third year in a row, there will be an alternative parade in South Boston on St. Patrick's Day. The traditional St. Patrick's Parade in South Boston has always excluded Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered groups. An organization called "Veterans for Peace" seeks to remedy this lack of inclusiveness by holding a second parade that kicks off about one mile after the "official parade." The date for this march is Sunday, March 17th with a start time of 3:00 PM. The parade route is a little more than 4 miles; last year it took about 1 ½ or 2 hours to march. There will be a Duck Boat and trolley available for those unable to walk the distance of the parade.

Assembly of marchers begins between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM. Assembly begins at "D" Street and West Broadway in South Boston. (Look for white "Veterans For Peace" flags.)

The Hope is that this year there will be a larger religious contingent (including many Unitarian Universalists) made up of congregations and other religious organizations that support peace and LGBT equality. Organizers believe that a peace parade is in the tradition of St. Patrick, who said, "Killing cannot be with Christ". Veterans for Peace also believe that a parade that is inclusive of LGBT groups is in the spirit of the modern celebration of St. Patrick's Day, where "everyone is Irish" for the day. It is the goal of Veterans for Peace to have one inclusive and welcoming parade. VFP is working to end this last vestige of institutional exclusion, bigotry, discrimination and homophobia on the streets of Boston. Join Veterans for Peace in this goal! Please march with VFP carrying a banner or sign from the UUCR!

Contact Rosemary in the church office at 781.944.0494 if you think you would like to carry our awesome Rainbow Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading banner. Rosemary will happily supply the banner and walking pole. Think about rounding up some folks to be our UUCR-inclusive self and green for the day.

## More News

### LOOKING FOR A COMMITTEE TO CALL HOME?

**Are you Committee-less? Are you looking for a place for your talents and energy at our UUCR? Are you wondering about what Committee opportunities are afloat here at the UUCR?** Please find two great opportunities for your involvement, below:

1. Are you a hospitable kind of soul? The Membership Team cordially invites you to attend our next meeting on **Wednesday, March 13 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in Loring House. Please come and meet Lisa Treadwell, our new Member Services and Volunteer Coordinator, and members of our team in a smaller group setting. Light refreshments will be served. The Membership Team assists our congregation in building and maintaining a welcoming, inclusive and dynamic community. If you are looking to get involved at UUCR in easy ways with a time commitment that fits your schedule, please attend this meeting.
2. Are you interested in growing our Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered inclusivity here at the UUCR? The Welcoming Congregation Committee calls its first Meeting To Talk Boston Pride and how to Be LGBT Welcoming on Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 PM in Loring House Room 101. We plan and march annually behind our fabulous banner at Boston Pride. Our first meeting will be run by our new chair of Welcoming Congregation, Rebecca Griffin. Rebecca is an energetic rainbow soul who ran through the streets of Boston last year handing out UUCR church cards during the parade walk and who staffed our City Hall Plaza table of UUCR literature. We need your ideas and your energy. Join us on **Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 PM** in Loring House Room 101 and bring a bag dinner.

## 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](http://UUCSJ.ORG) to apply

## **Our Renters**

### **FIBROMYALGIA RECOVERY WORKSHOP - UNIQUE HEALING STRATEGIES**

**Loring House, Saturday, March 23, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM**

Unique workshop for Fibromyalgia patients stuck in their recovery, practitioners who want to know how better to help their clients, and loved ones who support their significant others. We will cover all the treatments, techniques, and tools that you need to know about. Once you have this information you can move forward to reduce your pain and suffering. Call Betsy at 623-251-7547/617-043-5570 to RSVP. Limited Class size must RSVP in advance of class.

## Upcoming Events

March 14, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Mothing Connection (Lor-205)

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

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

March 17, 2013  
Commitment Sunday Budget Drive Kick-off

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

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

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

March 17, 2013 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
COA Class (Lor-205)

March 17, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
SHYP (Lor-103)

March 18, 2013 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm  
Zumba (FH)

March 18, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Finance Council (Lor-101)

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

March 18, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Program Council (FH)

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

March 20, 2013 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Set up Earth Vespers (FH)

March 20, 2013 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Earth Vespers (FH)

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

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

March 24, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

March 24, 2013 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
COA Class (Lor-205)

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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