



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

March 21, 2013

Worship Services

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

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

9:15 AM Service

Please volunteer:

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

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

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

Time	Role	Name
09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	Gift from the Worship Arts Team and the Wednesday evening Earth Vespers services
09:15 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	Bridget Noell & Family

11:00 AM Service

Please volunteer:

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

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2013

"Easter Sunday Service"

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister

7:00 AM, 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Join us as we celebrate the renewing power of resurrection in many forms, as celebrated in Easter and other springtime festivals. Come for connection, come for community, come to claim the promise of this new day. Our 7:00 AM "Sun Rising Service" will be a short 25 minutes outdoor service (rain or shine). Our 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM services will feature The UUCR Adult Choir, an interactive "Time For All Ages", and a short sermon from Rev. Tim. Our traditional Easter Egg Hunt will take place after the 9:15 service.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2013

"What's Your Story?"

Anne Principe

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

It's not what happens to us that makes us who we are, it's the story we choose to tell about it. Each of us carries with us a lifetime of experience, only some of them put into words. Consider how the practice of storytelling helps us to convert the raw data and feelings into creative and powerful personal stories.

9:15 AM - Special Musician: Al Murray; 11:00 AM - UUCR Adult Choir

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays

9:15 and 11:00 AM

Nursery care, playschool and all children's Faith Development during 9:15 service only.

Our full service schedule can be found on our [Upcoming Services page](#).

Please consider volunteering to help out at a worship service on our [Volunteer Signup page](#).

Featured

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP IS "THE CAREFUL AND RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF SOMETHING ENTRUSTED TO ONE'S CARE."

Dear Friends,

This year's Operating Budget Drive had a great beginning last Sunday.

During the service, 84 pledges were made, and we are already at 55% of our Operating Budget Drive goal of \$ 450,000 and \$ 5,693 in UUA dues. What is even more exciting is that 17 of these commitments were first time pledges from our newest members.

If you were unable to attend last week, we'll have a pledge card waiting for you in the atrium this week. If we miss you this Sunday, we'll send your pledge card to you in the mail.

We look forward to our fellow stewards, joining us with their pledges over the next couple of weeks.

Thank you,
Your Operating Budget Drive Team

PS: [Please click here to read "Stewardship of the Present"](#), providing some interesting detail regarding our budget and our beloved Church.

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.

A REAL CUP OF JAVA

Calling All Folks Who Enjoy Their Coffee Hour Every Sunday!

Our resident Barista and front line Sous Chef of all things crackers, Bill Grace, reports that the kitchen coffers are up to speed cracker and apple juice wise. We do however need coffee cans, caffeinated only, (non-caffeine not needed). Please drop off your "hi-test" coffee in the kitchen this Sunday. Thank you!

MARCH 2013

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](#).



Minister's Messages - A Message from Eric Rizzo

Dear Friends:

We are in the midst of our annual Operating Budget Drive, which kicked off last Sunday at Commitment Sunday. This Sunday, you'll have a second chance to make your financial commitment, as members of our Operating Budget Drive Team will be in the atrium with your pledge card. If we miss you again this Sunday, then we'll be mailing your pledge card to you in the mail. Our ask is simple. We hope you can pledge at the average pledging level for the church, which is \$ 2,250. If you already pledge more than that, we are asking you to raise your pledge by 5%.

Below are words spoken recently in church by Eric Rizzo, a new member of the church and a member of the Operating Budget Drive Team.

- Tim

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 lengthy 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."

Director of Faith Development's Messages **- An Invitation to A Principled Challenge!**



As we get ready for our seventh Second Sunday of the year (on April 14th), I'd like to invite you to consider joining the Cook Team for this month. This is much more than an invitation to volunteer to serve a dinner for others. Rather, it is an opportunity to have to learn new skills, to experience the joy of teamwork and to discover what's possible when we gather in community across the generations.

Our daily lives offer us routines of familiarity, efficiency, and manageability. Such patterns are important, comforting rhythms to our days. Yet we can welcome stepping outside our routines occasionally so that we can remember what it takes to feed each other in literal and symbolic ways. We can discover that when we go out of our way to make our meal table bigger, the extra amount of work is significantly overpowered by a larger sense of family, a richer sense of relationships, and economy that results from sharing work and time.
(continued)

And so now I cast a challenge to you...**join the Cook Team for the April 14th Second Sunday!** I would love to hear from you and gather the team so that everyone can start thinking yummy thoughts. But....you will also have to accept the worthy challenge that makes the experience fun and purposeful and principled:

- *The budget? \$ 3 or less per person. Think it's not possible? Discover how easy it is!*
- *The menu? Most dietary options are accommodated.*
- *Complicated? With many hands and especially little hands (ALL ages truly welcome), the preparations begin at 4 PM and then the slicing, dicing, cooking happens in one hour...dinner is serrrrved (said with flair) at 5 o'clock!*
- *Healthy? Reasonably so. This is a valuable opportunity to learn and appreciate how eating healthy can be a luxury, but with creativity is made affordable and accessible.*

I look forward to hearing from you with your interest in joining the Cook Team on April 14th OR to sign up to enjoy **Second Sunday!**

Adult Enrichment

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 so please click here to sign up for this UU Basics session; or contact our member services and volunteer coordinator, Lisa Treadwell, by telephone, at 781-944-0494, extension 104; or sign up on Sunday at coffee hour.

News

Choir

MARCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

March

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.

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.

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



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.

Pledge Drive

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PRESENT

Dialogue between Dakota Raine and Steve Oston

Commitment Sunday, March 17, 2013

What of the present? We are the stewards of our church this day, this month, this year.
There is no one else!

Our ancestors in the pews worked hard and led us to where we are now. We applaud them, we revere them, but they are no longer here. It is up to us, to us alone, to steer this precious church of ours, through good and bad times, to the best of our ability.

We love our church and its values. Values are the core of who we are and what we stand for.
We live our values:

Respect and Concern for others, Community, Diversity, Spirituality, Justice, Generosity

We may ask how we protect our values. As a church, what are our strengths and our weaknesses, our gifts and our challenges, our joys and our concerns?

We have a first-class minister and the most marvelous worship services that are truly inclusive and inspiring. We have a caring and highly professional staff.

We need to pay fair salaries to the staff. Our minister, for example, is currently paid \$ 8,500 below the level recommended by the Unitarian Universalist Association.

We have truly beautiful and highly functional campus buildings and grounds.

However, maintenance for our campus is severely underfunded. We badly need to effect structural repairs to the roof, chimney and front façade areas of our church and upgrade our lawn and gardens. We know this work will be expensive! Our Property Committee has estimated we will need \$ 100,000 to make these repairs, or face more significant ones in the future.

We have a growing and wonderful Faith Development Program for children and youth.

In the budget for the current year we experienced cuts to the Faith Development budget and the services provided.

This church has traditionally been a proud supporter of both our national Unitarian Universalist Organization and our local Mass Bay District, which promote the larger fellowship of the denomination and provide a public voice and face for Unitarian Universalism in the Boston area and throughout the nation.

Unfortunately, in recent years, we have had to reduce our financial commitment to these organizations and to attendance at national events. Our cuts in financial support to the larger movement impact others. It lessens our denomination's ability to share the powerful message of love that is at the center of our faith, and to speak with a liberal religious voice on national issues that matter.

We have a magnificent choir and music program which stirs us deeply with beautiful music. We also have a superb adult enrichment program and meaningful and extensive social outreach programs.

On the other hand, the level budget under which we operate prevents us from keeping up with the growth in membership and in the increased demand for programs and services.

Yes, we are a church of many treasures, and, luckily, we possess a visionary Board and dedicated church committees that have worked exceptionally hard and successfully to reduce any negative budget impacts. Many of our church members have been very generous in their financial support, and giving increases every year.

Yet despite much progress, our mortgage debt is still high; repayment annually consumes \$ 64,000, or approximately 12% of the operating budget. Additionally, the church's endowment fund is only a small fraction of what it was some years ago. The Unitarian Universalist Organization recommends the endowment of a member church be large enough to cover two years operating expenses. Our endowment currently amounts to less than 2 months. The debt must be reduced further; the endowment must be replenished.

We, the stewards of the present, with your help, will pass on a growing, flowering and secure church to the stewards of the future.

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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PRESENTATION UUAC SHERBORN WITH KAY MONTGOMERY - APRIL 2, 2013

UUA's Kay Montgomery to speak at UUAC Sherborn

"Life in the Midst of Unitarian Universalism" is the name of the lecture to be given by UUA's Executive Vice-President Kay Montgomery on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Unity Hall UUAC Sherborn, MA. There will be a special reception preceding at 7:00 PM. This lecture will highlight:

- What It's Like to be "The President's Right Hand Man"
- 30 Years of Experiences in the Movement We Love
- Her Imagination about the Future of Our Faith

Montgomery at The Helm...Montgomery joined the UUA staff in 1983. She has held the position of Executive Vice President since 1985, and has worked alongside five UUA presidents: the Rev. Eugene Pickett, the Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz, the Rev. John Buehrens, the Rev. William Sinkford, and the Rev. Peter Morales. After 30 years of service to the Unitarian Universalist Association, Executive Vice President Kay Montgomery will retire in June. All are welcome.

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 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)

March 24, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
SHYP (Lor-103)

March 24, 2013 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Spring Fling Kick-Off Meeting (Loring 101)

March 25, 2013 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm
Zumba (FH)

March 25, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm
Buddhist Meditation(CH)

March 25, 2013 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm
Men's Spirituality Group (Lor-103)

March 26, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Rounds of Creativity, Conversation, & Spirituality (CH)

March 27, 2013 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
"Meeting Jesus for the First Time (Lor-101,102,103)

March 27, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Adult Enrichment Comm. (Lor-205)

March 27, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
"Meeting Jesus for the First Time" (Lor-101,102,103)

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

March 30, 2013 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Men's Group (FH)

March 31, 2013
EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

March 31, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

March 31, 2013 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
COA Class (Lor-205)

April 1, 2013 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm
Zumba (FH)

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 Heaton's 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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