



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

April 4, 2013

## Worship Services

**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

### **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](#)

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09:15 AM	Usher	Carin Bennett-Rizzo
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### **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, APRIL 14, 2013**

### ***Jericho Road Service***

**UUCR Members who work with Jericho Road**

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

We'll be exploring the concepts of economic and social justice by means of actively helping others. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said "It isn't enough to throw a beggar a coin". Why do some people travel down the hard, dangerous road that the Jericho Road has come to represent? Members of the UUCR who actively work with the Jericho Road, Lawrence program will speak to us regarding their service, their reasons, their returns. *There will be a second collection for the Jericho Road, Lawrence program.*

9:15 AM - Special Musician: Aaron Clark; 11:00 AM - UUCR Adult Choir

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2013 - 5:00 PM SERVICE**

### **"Second Sunday"**

**Anne Principe, Director of Faith Development**

**5:00 PM**

Our next Second Sunday will be held Sunday, April 14 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, April 11 \(Thursday\) 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.

## **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**

### **HAVE YOU ATTENDED A SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE YET? OUR NEXT SERVICE IS APRIL 14 AT 5 PM**

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### **MAY 4TH: SUN, FUN AND BEST YARD SALE EVER!**

**Spring Fling** - Are you saving your items and keeping track of the date and times for our fabulous fundraiser? The Spring Fling is Saturday May 4th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Start gathering your items. Lots of Volunteers and Donations needed to make this a successful fundraiser for our church! This will be the best yard sale ever and is a key financial fundraiser. Your spirit and involvement are key to the success of this event!

[For more information on the Spring Fling, please click here.](#)

### **PUT YOUR SPIRIT INTO ACTION, AND REFLECTION**



## **PUT YOUR SPIRIT INTO ACTION AND REFLECTION (continued)**

On April 13th, a "Spirit in Action" Day is happening in and around UUCR. The teens of our Senior High Youth Program are engaging in a day of service, reflection, and sharing. You are invited to join in this Spirit in Action Day! In the morning our destination is Lynn, Massachusetts. While it is only 12 miles away, this city (the 8th most racially and ethnically diverse community in the state....at 52%) offers many opportunities for us to forge partnerships of learning and living. In the afternoon, the group will engage in a series of spiritual and creative practices to process the experience and to enjoy contemplative explorations individually and as a group. During the last portion of the day there will be a shared meal and group activities that will interweave the richness of the day.

For youth, this is a full day of action....away from their church FD explorations and many other of their usual routines and responsibilities. It's a big deal! They will bundle the whole experience and bring it back home to all of us at UUCR. Following their hands-on experiences, Youth Coordinator Seth Robinson will support them in creating Youth Sunday together, which is coming up on April 21st. You will have the opportunity to not only hear youth's perspective and vision, but also enjoy music by an emerging all-ages band. Please come and connect with our teens. They are eager to connect with you in sincere and powerful ways.

Our ongoing Faith Development manifests in our spiritual identity when we take time to reflect on our actions and experiences. Equally important are the ways we choose to act on our ideas and reflections. Action/reflection. Reflection/Action.

On behalf of the youth, we would be delighted for you to join in the Spirit in Action Day and to worship with us on April 21st. Please be in touch with me or Youth Coordinator Seth Robinson with your interest.

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Special FD Programs coming up:

- April 6th: 9:15 AM -- Questing Year Field Trip to Life Alive -- an exploration of food and community
- April 7th: 6 - 8:30 PM -- Credo Café for COA Youth
- April 13th: 9 AM to 9 PM -- SHYP Spirit in Action Day
- April 14th: 5 - 7 PM -- **Second Sunday**: Share a meal, share an all-ages activity and discussion, join our closing circle of spirit and peace. [Sign up here!!](#)
- April 20th: 11 AM to 11 PM -- COA Spirituality Retreat
- April 21st: 9:15 AM and 11 AM -- Youth Sunday Worship (with Welcome, Music, Reflections, and Tech by our SHYP Youth)

## Worship Notes

### REV. TIM

Rev. Tim is off to Iraq on this Saturday morning, April 6th. Rev. Tim will return to the office on Wednesday, April 24th, and return to the pulpit on Sunday, April 28th.

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

### TIDBITS AND TOUR - WE WANT TO MEET YOU!

Save a date for an enjoyable tour of our campus and some time with our fabulous Member Services and Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Treadwell. On Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, May 19th, we offer our "Tidbits and Tour." If you are new to the church, Lisa will offer a short "Tidbits and Tour" after the service, offering a brief introduction to Unitarian Universalism, a tour of the campus, and a short conversation with Rev. Tim.

No registration ever necessary. We meet at the front of the church after each service. Newcomers enthusiastically welcomed.

Those who have been visiting for a while and feel like they would enjoy a more detailed view of our campus and helpful tips about our wonderful enrichment and other offerings come on down! This is a fun way to meet staff and learn about our community.

### **APRIL 2013**

The caring and sharing coordinator for the month of March 2013 is Nancy Bond. She can be reached at 781-944-1105 or [you can contact Nancy by email by clicking here.](#)



## Minister's Messages - April 4, 2013



Dear Friends:

**I'm off to Iraq on Saturday morning, and will return to the office on April 24.** I imagine I'll return with a few stories to share. (I will actually preach about the trip on June 9, so mark your calendars).

**While I am gone, you can contact our Intern Minister Betsy Tabor if there is a pastoral emergency (603-521-2844, cell phone).**

One last reminder before I head off: **if you haven't already made your yearly pledge to the Operating Budget Drive for fiscal year 2013-14, please look for a letter and a pledge card in the mail.** The letter and pledge card should arrive in your mailbox by Saturday. Please take a moment to fill it out and send it back. We're hopeful that many folks will be able to increase their pledge to the average level of giving here at UUCR (\$ 2,250). If you are already pledging at or above that amount, I hope you will join me in increasing your (our) pledge by 5%.

**I'll carry you in my heart as I journey throughout Iraq,** seeing the results of the last ten years of war and violence, and also visiting Islamic holy sites, and ancient archeological and biblical sites.

See you on the path (and at church),

Tim

## **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.

### **HOW TO RAISE A UU KID, A CONVERSATION FOR PARENTS - TUESDAY, MAY 7**



**Tuesday, May 7, 2013 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**

How can I talk to my kids about the Seven Principles? What do I say when my child asks why she isn't making her First Communion and getting all those gifts like all the other kids? Bedtime prayers – is there a place for them for UU kids? Have you found yourself asking these kinds of questions about raising your child as a Unitarian Universalist? You are not alone. Come talk to other parents who are grappling with these and other questions. We'll be joined by some "seasoned" UU parents who will share how

they answered these questions and how it's worked out for them. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

Please sign up for How To Raise a UU Kid, A Conversation for Parents - Tuesday, May 7, by clicking here.

**LOUIS D. BROWN MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE - SUNDAY, MAY 11**

A congregational invitation! - young and old and in between - the Mother's Day Walk for Peace in Dorchester on Sunday, May 11 at 8:00 AM.

This three mile walk supports the healing work of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, providing support to survivors of homicide and to instill the values of peace in young people.

This is our third year marching! Registration is free but donations are accepted both online and on the day of the event. You can pre-register at <http://www.ldbpeaceinstitute.org/> or you can register on the day of the walk.

This event starts at Town Field Park, Fields Corner, Dorchester, MA. Registration Begins at 7:00 AM. Remarks start at 8:00 AM. Walk begins at 8:30 AM. Closing Remarks at 10:00 AM.

Join us! So we know how many are marching, please sign up in the atrium during coffee hour or follow the link here:

[Please sign up for Louis D. Brown Mother's Day Walk for Peace - Sunday, May 11, 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 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.

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## **News**

### **Membership**

#### **HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

Calling any and all who would like to give a little to help UUCR gain a lot. We are in need of volunteers that can aid in Ushering, Greeting and Coffee making/serving. What better way to give back than knowing your time contribution can help a new visitor enjoy our wonderful Sunday services? What better way to give back than knowing both services will continue to flow as smoothly as they do? Please consider taking a little bit of time out of your Sunday morning to make a difference in our church community. It is so easy to volunteer!



[Just follow this link to volunteer for an upcoming Sunday.](#)

## Helping Hands

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY

Do you have a passion for local charities? Do you like to interact with children of all ages? Do you have a limited amount of time?

We are forming a new Helping Hands Grant Team that would allow you to experience all of the above!

We need energetic individuals who could spend 2-10 hours between now and June 9th.

- Gathering name of potential local charities
- Doing a little research into the charities
- Narrowing the list to three awesome candidates
- Figuring out how to convey what a charity does that the youngest to oldest child would "get"
- Running a voting process for the children

For more information, [please click here to email Laura Hackel](#), or call her at 781-820-1654 by April 30th.



## Helping Hands

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Call for nominations for Local charities to be considered for Helping Hands Grant Money

If you know of a local charity that is in the Congregation's Overall Focus Area of food, please let us know!

We are soliciting written nominations from individuals and committees for local charities that operate in the Domain of Food for the Helping Hands Grant Team to select three to have the children vote on this year on June 9th! The selected recipient will receive \$ 7,600 and the two runner ups will receive \$ 1,200 each.

[Please submit your written nomination by April 30th to Laura by clicking here.](#)

## Green Sanctuary

### "THERE'S NO TOMORROW" - FILM AND DISCUSSION - SUNDAY, APRIL 21

"There's No Tomorrow" - Film and Discussion - Sunday, April 21 at 12:30 pm hosted by the Green Sanctuary Committee. Please join us to recognize Earth Day with this 35 minute movie followed by discussion. Light lunch included.

## Ivy Chord Coffee House

### MATT & SHANNON HEATON PERFORM AT UUCR ON APRIL 13

Spread the word -- The IVY CHORD Coffee House, at our very own UUCR, presents Matt & Shannon Heaton on Saturday, April 13.



Blending timeless Irish ballads with neo-trad originals, husband-and-wife duo Matt & Shannon Heaton offer traditional and updated Irish music with voices, Irish flute, accordion, guitar and bouzouki. With tight modern grooves, sweet harmony singing, and virtuosic instrumental work, the Heatons balance full, rich musical arrangements with ease, warmth, and humor onstage. At the fore of Boston's vibrant Celtic music scene, Matt and Shannon create a cozy and welcoming atmosphere for audiences

from New York to Germany to Thailand.

Fran Sansalone will be selling tickets at coffee hour(s) this Sunday (April 7). [Tickets can also be purchased online by clicking here.](#)

\$ 14 seniors, students

\$ 16 general admission

Doors open at 7:15 pm. Fresh, home-made scones and hot beverages for sale before the concert. Yum! All Concerts start at 8:00 pm. Desserts for sale during intermission.

If you have questions about the concerts, [click here to contact Beth Murray](#), or call her at 781-229-9394.

[Find us on Facebook](#) and "LIKE" us! Better yet, "share us" to your own timeline!

Thanks for helping us spread the word.

## Spring Fling

**SPRING FLING YARD SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 4 - VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED!**

It's time for Spring... UUCR's Spring Fling that is!

Mark your calendars! UUCR's Giant Yard Sale will be Saturday, May 4 from 9 am to 3 pm. There are lots of Volunteers and Donations needed to make this a successful fundraiser for our church!



**Please click here for important information about volunteering for and donating to the Spring Fling.**

For further information please contact Co-chairs, Rebecca Higgins and Ginny Beauregard by clicking here.



## **Social Action**

### **POT LUCK DINNER FOR IRAQI FAMILIES FIRST PARISH BILLERICA SATURDAY APRIL 6 AT 4:00 PM**

You are invited to a Pot Luck Dinner for Iraqi families in Lowell, to be held at First Parish Church, Billerica, MA on Saturday, April 6, at 4:00 PM. Please come, and bring your favorite dish if you'd like, and meet families who have re-settled in Lowell, MA, in the past year and other families who came before them. Children are welcome.

The First Parish Church - Unitarian Universalist, 7 Concord Road (On the Common) Billerica, MA 01821 <http://www.uubillerica.org>

(Parking nearby behind the Public Library)

For information call: 978-663-4680

## **Unitarian Universalist News**

### **NAVIGATING DIFFERENCES IN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY - APRIL 6, 2013**

**From the Clara Barton and Massachusetts Bay Districts of Unitarian Universalist Congregations:**

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.

## **Unitarian Universalist News**

### **UU MASS ACTION ADVOCACY DAY AND ACTS OF FAITH BREAKFAST - APRIL 23RD**

Should Massachusetts lead the country on reforms of Gun Control, Climate Change and Immigration? On Tuesday, April 23rd, you can help make it happen. Join fellow Unitarian Universalists from across the state for UU Advocacy Day in Boston. You can choose to start your day with a breakfast with Sister Simone Campbell of "The Nuns on the Bus." Then you will be trained with background and talking points on key legislation for this year's three top issues. Afterwards you and others from your area will go to the State House to visit your Senator and Representative. Get details and register at [www.uumassaction.org/advocacyday2013](http://www.uumassaction.org/advocacyday2013)

## Upcoming Events

April 4, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Mothering Connection (Lor-205)

April 4, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Mom's Book Group (Lor-101)

April 4, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Choir (Sanctuary)

April 6, 2013 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Communications Team Meeting (Lor-101)

April 7, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am  
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

April 7, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

April 7, 2013 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
Personnel Comm. (Lor-101)

April 7, 2013 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
COA Credo Cafe (FH)

April 7, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
SHYP (Lor-103)

April 8, 2013 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm  
Zumba (FH)

April 8, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm  
Buddhist Meditation (FH)

April 9, 2013 7:15 pm - 10:15 pm  
Worship Arts Team (Lor-101)

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

April 10, 2013 7:00 pm - 8:35 pm  
Membership Team (Lor-101)

April 11, 2013 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Clergy Consortium Meeting (Lor 101)

April 11, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
PFlag (Lor-101)

April 11, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Choir (Sanctuary)

April 13, 2013 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Follow-up Discussion-"What do I Do....."

April 13, 2013 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Ivy Chord Coffeehouse (Matt and Shannon Heaton) (Sanctuary) (FH)

April 14, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am  
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

## Ivy Chord Concerts

MATT & SHANNON HEATON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013



*"Their playing is masterful and inventive, their arrangements city-smart and spacious. Still, they never forget that Irish music is, at its heart, a neighborly form meant for sharing, not showing off." — Scott Alarik, Boston Globe*

2013  
8:00 pm

Saturday, April 13,

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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