



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

April 25, 2013

## Worship Services

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013**

**"No God, Just Us"**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister**

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

Humanism is a way of understanding humanity and our place in the cosmos. Humanism is religion without god and an affirmation of the power of human reason and the untapped potential with us and among us. Come explore humanism through the story of one of its most influential thinkers. His spiritual journey will thrill and challenge you.

Music: 9:15 – Jennifer Maxwell (classical piano solo) and Lisa Wright (vocals); 11:00 AM- UUCR Choir

*If you are new to the church, Lisa Treadwell, our Member Services Coordinator will offer a short "Tidbits and Tour" after each service, offering a brief introduction to Unitarian Universalism, a tour of the campus and a short conversation with Rev. Tim. No registration necessary. We meet at the front of the church after each service.*

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 Coffee Maker\(s\)](#)

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

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

Time	Role	Name
09:15 AM	Altar	Alice and Mike Modica
	Flowers	Celebrating our 65th Wedding Anniversary

### **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, MAY 5, 2013 - TWO DIFFERENT SERVICES**

### **"The Places that Make us Whole"**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister**

**9:15 AM**

The Spanish philosopher Jose Ortega Gasset once said: "Tell me the landscape in which you live, and I will tell you who you are." Why do the places we live, the places we work and worship, and places in nature balance and rejuvenate us? Rev. Tim offers an encore of one of his favorite sermons from his first year at UUCR. If you are newer to the church, come to hear a sermon from Rev. Tim's first year with us. If you are a long-timer, we think the message will ring true even if you heard the sermon eight years ago. Special Music: Igor Iwanek, piano. *(Note: Rev. Tim is only preaching at 9:15 AM; Coming of Age Service is at 11:00 AM)*

### **"Coming of Age Service"**

**Coming of Age Youth, mentors, Anne Principe, and Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister**

**11:00 AM**

This community ceremony culminates years of faith development explorations, experiential learning, and peer and mentor spiritual discussions. Our Coming of Age youth (ninth graders) will share personal expressions of belief and self for their congregation, families, and friends. Come to this moving service to hear and support our youth, and to celebrate the future of our world! *(Note: Coming of Age is only at 11:00 AM, Rev. Tim is preaching at 9:15 AM)*

## **SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2013**

### **"The Women Who Shape Us"**

**Mother's Day Service**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister**

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

This Mother's Day, we'll reflect on the women who shaped our lives. As we celebrate their contributions to sense of self and our values, we'll also remember some of the women who shaped the history of our faith tradition, Unitarian Universalism. *At the 11:00 we'll celebrate the Child Dedication of Harrison Robert Conrad-Proulx, son of Jennifer and Ruth.* 9:15 AM Music - Carol Bittenson (fiddle) Steve Bittenson (guitar) and Beth Murray (piano). Feel free to tap your toes as you hear the fiddle, guitar, and piano; 11:00 AM - UUCR Choir.

*Please note that we encourage EVERYONE, rather than attending worship services, to take part in [the 17th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace in Dorchester](#). UUCR always has a group marching in this important event that memorializes children in Boston lost to gun violence and makes a statement that peace and nonviolence is our only option. Join other UUCR adults, youth and children as we walk with thousands of others (including many, many Unitarian Universalists from other congregations). Contact Rosemary in the church office (781-944-0494; [click here to contact Rosemary by email](#)) for more information or to sign up to march.*

## APRIL 2013



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

## 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](#).

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## Featured

### COMING OF AGE FOOD DONATIONS

Can you feed an important congregational tradition? Please contribute a covered dish for this year's group of Coming of Age youth. Ten youth will bravely take the pulpit on May 5th to share what they have given their heart to. The love and support of their congregation is an essential feature of what marks this sacred rite of passage for them, for all time. Youth's friends and family will join us in the pews. Later that evening youth and families celebrate as a group.

[Please click here to RSVP if you can bring some finger foods for the 11 AM Hospitality Hour on May 5th.](#)

[Please click here to RSVP if you can bring a scrumptious covered dish for their 5 PM Celebration on May 5th.](#)

### FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

**LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS** for Local charities to be considered for Helping Hands Grant Money

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 to Laura by April 30th. The grant application can be accessed by clicking here.](#)

[\(A non-editable, but printable version of the grant application can be accessed by clicking here.\)](#)  
[For more information, contact Laura by clicking here.](#)

## **LOUIS D. BROWN MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE - SUNDAY, MAY 12**

A congregational invitation! - young and old and in between - the Mother's Day Walk for Peace in Dorchester on Sunday, May 12 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 12, by clicking here.](#)



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## **Worship Notes**

### **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.

## Minister's Messages - April 25, 2013



Dear Friends:

When my plane's wheels touched down Tuesday afternoon in Boston, I felt a deep relief. Sixteen dangerous, difficult, awe-inspiring and extraordinary days in Iraq were over. But when my plane's wheels touched down, I also felt a deep sadness, knowing that I was about to step into the after-effects of great trauma, loss, and last week's uncertainty.

If you are hurting or struggling or questioning after last week's events, please let me know. We can make time to talk.

I am thankful to be home again, to be with you again.

Throughout my days in Iraq (both before and after the Boston bombing) I held these words by Wayne Arnason (adapted) close to my heart:

*Take courage friends.  
The way is often hard, the path is never clear,  
And the stakes are very high.  
Take courage.  
For deep down, there is another truth:  
We are not alone.*

Warmly,  
Tim

## **Adult Enrichment**

### **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.](#)

### **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.

## **AN EVENING IN IRAQ – PICTURES AND STORIES - WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013**

### **An Evening In Iraq – Pictures and Stories**

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Facilitator

Community Hall (downstairs - elevator is available)

Join Rev. Tim as he shows pictures from his recent journey to Iraq, and shares stories about what he saw, who he met, and what he experienced in this dangerous, conflicted, and complicated country. Bring a friend. *Registration is required.*

Please register for "An Evening in Iraq" by signing up, by clicking here; or sign up on the signup sheet in the Atrium on Sunday; or register by calling the church office at 781-944-0494; or register by emailing Rosemary, the Church Administrator, by clicking here.

## News

### **Fellowship**

#### **UUCR FERRY BEACH WEEKEND FRIDAY, MAY 31 - SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013**

The weekend will be here before you know so don't miss out and get your registration in soon!

For over 30 years, UUCR has spent a weekend together at the Ferry Beach Park Association in Saco, Maine. Ferry Beach is a magical place right on the ocean! You can bask in the afternoon sun, take a walk through the surf, build a sand castle, roast marshmallows at a campfire, fly a kite, participate in the talent show and enjoy conversation and company of other UU's. Or you are free to sit and do nothing! The weekend includes prepared meals and dormitory style rooms with communal bathrooms.

[The ferrybeach.org website](http://ferrybeach.org) has some wonderful pictures and lots of additional information to give you a sense of what it looks like!

We hope you can join us this year!

[Please click here for the UUCR Ferry Beach Weekend registration form.](#)

[Please click here for the UUCR Ferry Beach Weekend information page.](#)

Registration will continue until May 19th or until rooms are full. Please contact Debbie Vince at 978-790-4446 if you have any questions.

### **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.

## **Last Tuesday of the Month Book Club**

### **LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH BOOK CLUB - APRIL 30, 2013**

The next meeting of the LTOM Book Club will be on April 30 at 1:30 pm at the home of Beth and Bob Brauer, 4 Green Meadow Drive, North Reading, MA. We'll be discussing the book, *Calling Me Home*, by Julie Kibner. New people are always welcome. Just let the hosts know that you'll be joining us. You can contact Beth and Bob Brauer at 978-664-5046, or [click here to send Beth an email](#).

## **Social Action**

### **UUCR VOLUNTEERS COOK FOR BREAD AND ROSES AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE**

Who are these masked and aproned folks, and what are they doing?

They're UUCR members and friends, cooking a meal in the church kitchen for guests at the Bread and Roses soup kitchen in Lawrence. Walt Tuvell, Christine Thomas, Jamie Maughan, Don Pearson, Ann Fisher, Nancy Bond, and Linda King gathered on April 5 to turn many shopping bags of bread, chicken, pasta, peas, bacon, milk, butter, and cream cheese into a hearty, filling pasta primavera and at least a dozen loaves of garlic bread. Christine Thomas and Anne Mark took the food to Lawrence on April 6 for the evening meal.



Bread and Roses volunteers cook and serve dinner for 100-125 guests 5 nights a week. Several UUCR congregants have volunteered as servers over the past year and now dream that they and other UUCR volunteers can prepare and deliver a meal the first Saturday of each month. The group has submitted an application to UUCR Helping Hands to buy groceries for providing one meal a month for the coming year.

The group of masked cooks gained a feeling of great satisfaction from preparing the meal. "But," as Jamie Maughan reports, "there was also entertainment value involved as we enjoyed the social bonding during cooking and our improvised après-cooking celebration. It was so much fun we look forward to sharing it with others one Saturday a month in the future."

## Spring Fling

### **SPRING FLING, SATURDAY, MAY 4: SUN, FUN AND BEST YARD SALE EVER!**

The Spring Fling folks have scheduled our Giant Yard sale for 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!

#### **Drop Off Schedule:**

Sunday, April 28th: 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM

Monday, April 29 through Thursday May 2: 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday, May 3: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Please click here all of the details on dropping off donations.**

**We need your plants!** Please take a walk through your garden and divide and dig up extra perennials for the Plant Sale. Lilies, Iris, coreopsis, columbine and other hardy perennials welcomed. Herbs and seed started plants (as long as they have had time to establish a strong root system) are welcomed. If you have hosta to share, please focus on the more unique and variegated types since those sell more readily. Ground covers like pachysandra and myrtle are also popular. Please pot in individual containers that can be carried easily. Also, be sure to mark plants with name, sun/shade and soil/environment conditions (drought resistant or needs moist soil). If you could label your plants with a marker in case we have questions, we would appreciate it.

**Special Request:** We regret that we are unable to accept either floral vases or coffee mugs as donations. We kindly ask that you do NOT donate either of these items. Regretfully, glass floral vases and coffee mugs do NOT sell and become a disposal issue for our church. Also, please no TVs, computers, clothing, car seats, cribs, large exercise equipment, or Christmas items. Large furniture, large toys, and bikes can be dropped off on Friday, May 3rd for the outdoor tent. Unsold large items will need to be picked up by donors after the fair.

**Help needed after the second service's coffee hour on Sunday, April 28, to set up tables. Please see Ginny if you can stay to help.** Also, if you haven't already done so, please sign up at coffee hour to help. **Help is also particularly needed for clean up starting around 2:30 pm on May 4th, the day of the event.**

**Needed ASAP:** Are you interested in being a co-chair and work with a great team of people from our church? Co-chairs still needed for Toys, Snack Table, and Publicity. Thank you for your help. Your co-chairs: Rebecca Higgins and Ginny Beauregard.

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

[For more information about Attic Treasures, Books, Plants, Snacks, Baked Goods, or toys, please click here to contact one of the department co-chairs.](#)

## **Unitarian Universalist News**

### **ANNUAL MEETINGS/DISTRICTS ASSEMBLY - APRIL 27, 2013**

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

**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.

[Please click here for full details.](#)

## Upcoming Events

April 25, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
[Choir \(Sanctuary\)](#)

April 27, 2013 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
[Men's Group \(FH\)](#)

April 28, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am  
[Worship Service \(Sanctuary\)](#)

April 28, 2013 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
["Tidbits & Tour" 10:15am & 12:15pm](#)

April 28, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
[Worship Service \(Sanctuary\)](#)

April 28, 2013 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
[Membership Open House \(CH\)](#)

April 28, 2013 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
[OWL Class \(CH\)](#)

April 28, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
[SHYP \(Lor-103\)](#)

April 29, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
[Intern Comm. \(Lor-101\)](#)

April 29, 2013 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm  
[Men's spirituality Group \(Lor-103\)](#)

April 29, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm  
[Buddhist Meditation \(Sanctuary\)](#)

April 30, 2013 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
[LTOM Book Club](#)

May 2, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
[Mothering Connection \(Lor-205\)](#)

May 2, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
[Choir \(Sanctuary\)](#)

May 2, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
[Mom' s Book Group \(Lor-101\)](#)

May 4, 2013 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
[COA Sunday Rehearsal \(Sanctuary\)](#)

May 4, 2013 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
[Spring Fling \(FH\)](#)

May 5, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am  
[Worship Service \(Sanctuary\)](#)

May 5, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
[Worship Service \(Sanctuary\)](#)

May 5, 2013 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
[Pastoral Care Team \(CH\)](#)

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

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