



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

May 3, 2013

Worship Services

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)

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
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09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	(click here to sign up)
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11:00 AM Service

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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.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2013 - 5:00 PM SERVICE

"Second Sunday"

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

5:00 PM

Our next Second Sunday will be held Sunday, May 12 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, May 9 \(Thursday\) 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

CHOIR - RESIGNATION LETTER



It is with mixed feelings that I announce that I will be leaving the UUCR community as of June 17, 2013. I have had eight wonderful, amazing years as your choir director and have had the opportunity to participate in so many soulful, transcendent experiences in that position but I feel that it is time I seek new challenges and adventures. I do value the relationships I have developed while here in your community as well as the many times and thoughtful ways you expressed your appreciation for the choir and its singing. I am honored to have been a part of this wonderful, vibrant and caring community and to have experienced that care on so many occasions. Please know that I will always cherish the years I spent with you and, in particular, the magical, musical moments we have all shared together.

Wishing you all the best in the future,

Sincerely, Mark Bennett

CHURCH PLAYSCHOOL

Playschool Volunteers Needed for seven Remaining Sundays in this Faith Development Church Year

Terri Hill, one of our Playschool staff, has moved on from UUCR. She has a new, weekend job. This past Sunday was her last. We, and especially the children, will miss Terri's smile and warmth and loving arms. Our other steadfast Playschool leader, Lynne, will continue providing care to our youngest members.

Your loving arms are needed! There are seven Sundays remaining in the year and help is needed to ensure that our li'l ones are greeted into their beloved Play-space. We're hoping to get a few folks who can volunteer two weeks in a row, so that there is some continuity for the children.

Here's what's involved:

- Arrive at 8:55am to open up the space, greet parent(s)/guardian(s) and children;
- Play, comfort, enjoy the children;
- Greet parent(s)/guardian(s) upon pick up between 10:15am and 10:30am.

.....ta-da! And go home smiling.

Please be in touch with your availability and willingness to be a part of this important welcoming, playful role!

Many thanks, Anne

[To contact Anne regarding volunteering for the church Playschool, please click here.](#)

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:

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 is particularly needed for cleanup 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.](#)

MAY 2013

Caring and Sharing Coordinator for Month

The caring and sharing coordinator for May, 2013 is Sue Wondolowski. She can be reached at 781-872-1274 or [you can contact Sue by email by clicking here.](#)



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.

HAVE YOU ATTENDED A SECOND SUNDAY YET?

Our Next Second Sunday is May 12!

Please note your calendars! Our next Second Sunday will be held Sunday, May 12 at 5 PM with Rev. Tim Kutzmark and Anne Principe, Director of Faith Development. This is a time for All Ages to come together for a time of fellowship, spirit, and sharing. As always, a free-will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meal. Come one come all!! This time for all ages and stages is for singles, couples, families, children, youth...you! You are encouraged to bring a friend.

Director of Faith Development's Messages

- A Community Ritual this Sunday



This Sunday is another special day in the life of the congregation. Ten youth will **come of age**, sharing personal reflections in the form of a spoken credo. I hope that all of you have the opportunity to be present to experience this sacred rite of passage first hand and as importantly, to be the beloved community that bears witness to this moment. The youth have had a rigorous journey of discovery and adventure.

As liberal religious seekers, it is often difficult to conceptualize the importance, the joy and the very substance of what coming of age as a Unitarian Universalist is all about. We do we believe? We embrace the free search for truth and meaning. We welcome the opportunity to arrive on the threshold of the adult years being given the opportunity to speak authentic words that capture what we have given our hearts to. We cherish this moment to be one family, of all ages, to mark this occasion for all time in story of youth.

President's Messages - Call for Pledges



Does my pledge really make a difference?

You bet it does! On Monday, May 6th the board will be voting on our budget for next fiscal year and at last count, we are still \$ 85,000 short of our goal and have not yet raised enough funds to cover even our baseline budget, referred to as our Level Services Budget, which does not provide for any discretionary increases. While we anticipate that these pledges will be made, we cannot approve a budget based on an expectation. If we are unable to raise sufficient funds, the board will have to make difficult decisions and budget cuts from last year.

Our Annual Budget Drive Committee has been hard at work. To date, they have received 147 pledges representing \$ 365,000, or 81% of our total goal (and \$ 8,700 in UUA/MassBay dues). That leaves 67 pledges remaining representing \$ 85,000.

This year is not so different from other years. There are always last minutes pledges that come in, however last year, because of late pledges, the board had to delay completion of a draft budget beyond the May business meeting. We had to send a special appeal letter home to clearly communicate to people the seriousness of the budget shortfall at that time. We were eventually able to raise the needed funds and passes a balanced budget at special meeting we called in June.

We will not take such measures again this year and we will pass a balanced budget. However, if we are unable to raise the required funds, a balanced budget will mean difficult cuts will need to be made.

The good news is that if all expected pledges come in, we will be able to reach our goal and avoid budget cuts.

If you have already made your pledge this year, I'd like to give you my hearty thanks. I am especially pleased to learn that 25 of the pledges are from first time pledgers.

If you have not yet pledged, please do so right away. Please pledge today! It matters!

Best regards,
Tracy

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.

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.



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

Faith Development Explorations News

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.](#)

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](#) 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.

Partner Church

ORGANIC, FAIRLY TRADED COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE AT UUCR, MAY 5 AND 12

The next two Sundays, May 5 and 12, you can once again buy organic, fairly traded coffee and chocolate bars at coffee hours.

Besides the fact that they taste great, buying Equal Exchange chocolate and coffee at church is good because proceeds from the sale will support another year of high school for our church's partner student in the Philippines, Gerry. (If you haven't "met" Gerry yet, please come to the table at coffee hour to see his picture and learn his story.)

Members of the Partner Church Committee look forward to talking with you at the sale table. [To order coffee if you won't be in church, contact Ann Mottl by clicking here.](#)

From Equal Exchange: "The premium fairly traded organic cacao in our chocolate bars is grown by small farmers organized into co-operatives in the Dominican Republic, Panama, Peru, and Ecuador. The organic sugar and organic vanilla are both fairly traded. The sugar comes from small farmer co-operatives in Paraguay, while the vanilla is grown by a farmer association in Madagascar. Enjoy!"

Social Action

FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE - MAY 11, 2013

The National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive is on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Learn how you can help by calling to volunteer at phone number 781-944-8486: Please leave your name and phone number.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Feeding America's Hungry Learn how you can help

Every second Saturday in May letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America deliver much more than mail when they walk and drive along their postal routes. They also collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers who participate in the NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive – the largest one-day food drive in the nation and probably the world.

[For more information about the NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive, please click here.](#)

The Reading community will be participating to benefit the Reading Food Pantry.

Items especially needed are:

- Juice and Juice Boxes-100% Juice
- Regular and Decaf Coffee; Instant Regular and Decaf
- Paper Products: Toilet Tissue, Kleenex, Paper Towels
- Laundry and dish detergents, soap
- Unsweetened cereals: Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Rice Krispies, Special K
- Cans or six packs of fruit: applesauce, pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple, mandarin oranges, raisins
- Canned meats: chicken, turkey, ham, beef stew, hash, chili, Spam
- Canned fish: clams, sardines, salmon, tuna
- Miscellaneous: Canola oil, sugar, flour, baking soda, mustard, ketchup, relish
- Crackers, Granola bars and lunchbox snacks
- Brownie, muffin and cake mix
- Instant Jell-O gelatin and Jell-O pudding

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR ITEMS BY YOUR MAIL BOX ON SATURDAY, MAY 11 FOR PICK UP BY YOUR MAIL CARRIER!

Social Action

VOLUNTEER YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TO A WORTHY CHARITY THROUGH JERICHO ROAD



If you're looking for a unique way to make a difference in Lawrence--a community with compelling social and economic struggles--please consider contacting Jericho Road Lawrence (www.jerichoroadlawrence.org). They match the skills of experienced professionals with Lawrence nonprofits on specific projects that have a clear beginning and end.

Our church is an official partner of JRL. You may have heard Bruce Bacon and Tracy Sopchak speak in church on April 14 about why they chose to volunteer with nonprofits through Jericho Road and what that experience has meant in their lives.

Here are *just some examples* of Lawrence nonprofits currently seeking help through JRL.

Structural engineer: A retirement community that mainly serves low-income seniors seeks guidance designing a recreational area in their backyard.

Financial analyst: Several charities seek help with future projections and modeling "what-if" scenarios. Among them are a neighborhood legal counsel that provides legal help to residents below the poverty level, an antibullying organization, and a community development organization.

Event planners: Several organizations seek guidance and assistance in planning fundraising events.

Web designers and developers: We are constantly in need of web designers and/or developers, particularly individuals who know Wordpress, Drupal, or any other content management system.

If you'd like to learn more, call Joan Kulash at 978-604-8803 or [click here to send e-mail to Anne Mark](#).

Unitarian Universalist News

EVALUATING CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES - MAY 11, 2013

From the Clara Barton and Massachusetts Bay Districts of Unitarian Universalist

Congregations: 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.

Upcoming Events

May 4, 2013 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Spring Fling (FH)

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

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)

May 5, 2013 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
COA Celebration (FH)

May 5, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
SHYP (Lor-103)

May 6, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm
Buddhist Meditation (FH)

May 6, 2013 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Governing Board (Lor-101)

May 6, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Property Comm. (Lor-103)

May 7, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
"How to Raise a UU Child", (CH)

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

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

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

May 12, 2013
Mother's Day

May 12, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

May 12, 2013 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Second Sundays (FH) (CH) (Sanctuary) (Lor-101)

May 12, 2013 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
OWL Class (Lor-205)

May 12, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
SHYP (Lor-103)

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

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