



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

May 9, 2013

Worship Services

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2013

"Things My Mother Taught Me"

Mother's Day Service

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

This Mother's Day, we'll reflect on the wisdom mothers and other influential women in our lives have offered us through the years.

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.

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 Welcome Table](#)

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Altar Flowers	Jon Copernicus and Family
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Usher	Carin Bennett Rizzo
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Usher	Erik 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, MAY 19, 2013 - TWO DIFFERENT SERVICES

"The Senior Bridging Service"

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Seth Robinson (Youth Coordinator), and members of the Senior High Youth Program

9:15 AM

One of the most important things a congregation can do is to join together to celebrate rites of passage and the cycles of life: birth, coming of age, life transitions, marriage, and death. Join us for our annual service celebrating our graduating high school seniors and their passage to young adulthood. The UUCR Adult Choir will sing, several of our graduating seniors will share from their heart, and we'll join in sacred ritual to honor and bless our high school students who will be making this important rite of passage.

(Note: This service is being offered only at the 9:15 AM service, Rev. Tim will preach and lead regular worship at the 11:00 AM service)

"The Places that Make us Whole"

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister

11:00 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: Ruth Clogston, flute.

(Note: Rev. Tim is only preaching at 11:00 AM; Bridging Service is at 11:00 AM)

The Annual Meeting will follow the 11:00 AM service. All members are requested to attend to approve FY 13-14 Budget and elect new officers to the Governing Board.

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2013

"Awakened by Song"

Memorial Day Service

Betsy Tabor, Intern Minister

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Music takes us deep, to a place beyond thought and reason. Music that resonates for us takes up lodging in our souls—listening, humming and singing along can move us to strong emotion or bring us a sense of comfort or peace. Familiar American camp fire songs will be our gateway to observing this Memorial Day. What is it about these old songs that awaken our dreams and longings? Special music: Jim Sopchak

Featured

MOVING FORWARD... PROUD, STRONG, UNITED, MARCH WITH US AT BOSTON PRIDE, NOON ON SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2013



Sign Up to March: Time to mark your calendar for the 6th Annual UUCR walks Boston Pride on Saturday June 9 at 12 Noon

UUCR marches with Boston Gay/Lesbian/Transgendered/Bisexual Pride on Saturday, June 8 at Noon. This is our 6th year! Some marchers are planning carpools from UUCR. See the sign up sheet in the atrium to contact other marchers. The parade route kicks off at Noon.

Join us in line by Noon. Your two parade marshals for this year are the Chair of Welcoming Congregation and the best parade route runner ever: Rebecca Griffin and Rosemary Fiori. The parade route starts at Boylston St. and Clarendon St. [Please click here for full details on the parade route.](#)

For the second year in a row, our church, thanks to the efforts of the Welcoming Congregation team, will have a UUCR literature table at City Hall Plaza. Call Rebecca Griffin at 781-820-5983 if you can help lend a hand staffing during the mayhem that is post pride march. It is fun. Lots of folks will approach the table and ask what UUCR is all about. This is a fun chance to be an emissary for our wonderful church.

The Boston Pride Parade is a march to celebrate and promote equal rights for the region's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities and is the staple event of Pride Week. As one of the most popular and scenic gay pride marches in the country, organizations and individuals from around New England will walk together to advocate for inclusivity, equality and respect. **The theme of the Boston Pride Parade this year is "Moving Forward... Proud, Strong, United"**



OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS JUNE 9

Membership at the UUCR!

If you want to become an official member of UUCR, our next New Member Sunday is June 9. We'll share in our ritual of welcome and membership during the service, and then all new members are invited to a special coffee hour. Please contact Rev. Tim if you are interested in exploring becoming a new member. By telephone, 781-944-0494, extension 101.

Adult Enrichment

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.](#)

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](#).

Member Services Corner - A Message From The Member Services And Volunteer Coordinator

To the UUCR Congregation:

It is with sadness that I announce my departure from UUCR as of May 16th, 2013. In my brief time as the Member Services and Volunteer Coordinator, I have been met with and experienced an open, welcoming, intergenerational community of loving and giving people. Many were interested in not just what I could bring to the role as the MSC but who I was as a person. It is important to know that it was not the role, the people, or the responsibilities of the position that prompted my decision. My decision to depart has come after much thought and consideration on what is right for me in my life at this moment, which is to put the focus back on my young children. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be a part of their community, even if for just a short time. My time here, although brief has been meaningful and had a great impact on me personally and I thank you all for that.

Warmly,
Lisa L. Treadwell



MAY 2013

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](#).

News

Faith Development Explorations News

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.](#)

GLIMPSES OF OUR 2013 COMING OF AGE YOUTH!

[Please click here to view the video on the YouTube website.](#)



Choir

CHOIR DIRECTOR WILL LEAVE AT END OF CHURCH YEAR



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



Last Tuesday of the Month Book Club

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH BOOK CLUB - MAY 28, 2013

The next meeting of the LTOM Book Group will be held at the home of Joyce Miles, 43 Hathaway Road, Wilmington, MA. at 1:30 PM on May 28th. The book to be discussed is *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. All are welcome.

Fellowship

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

– ONLY A FEW SLOTS REMAIN

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://Theferrybeach.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.

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

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

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)

May 13, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm
Buddhist Meditation (FH)

May 14, 2013 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm
Worship Arts Team (Lor-101)

May 15, 2013 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
OWL (CH)

May 15, 2013 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Third Wednesday Activity (Sanctuary)

May 15, 2013 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
COA Session (Lor-103)

May 16, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Choir (Sanctuary)

May 18, 2013 8:30 am - 12:45 pm
UU Basics (Lor-101)

May 19, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

May 19, 2013 10:15 am - 10:30 am
"Tidbits & Tour" 10:15am & 12:15pm

May 19, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

May 19, 2013 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Annual May Meeting (Sanctuary)

May 19, 2013 1:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Private (Sanctuary/FH)

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

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