



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

May 23, 2013

Worship Services

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 awakens our dreams and longings?

Special music: Jim Sopchak

9:15 AM Service

Please volunteer:

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Time	Role	Name
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09:15 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	Judy Riley
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09:15 AM	Usher	Dru Wood-Beckwith
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11:00 AM Service

Please volunteer:

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013

"Resting On the Gentle Edge of Summertime"

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Join us for a service of readings, music and reflection. We'll meditate upon the spaciousness of our approaching summer, and allow music to speak to our souls.

Jennifer Maxwell will play several special classical piano pieces at both services.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2013

"A Report From Iraq"

New Member Sunday

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Rev. Tim recently spent sixteen days on the ground in conflict-torn Iraq. What did he see? Who did he talk to? Today's sermon will explore some of what he learned, as he tries to make sense of everything he experienced. Today is also New Member Sunday, and we'll welcome our newest members with our special membership ritual.

Music: 9:15 – Molly Smith, vocalist; 11:00 AM - UUCR Choir

Worship Notes

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.

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](#).

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](#).

Intern Minister's Messages - May 23, 2013 - Once a Fortnight



Your Faces

Humans do so much. Too much, some would say. We can feel as if doing helps us feel useful. As if it's our purpose. Maybe doing helps us feel that we're a good person. In the meantime, all the while we are doing whatever it is that we do, we interact with other people.

I spent last week in Appalachia on a mission trip with a group from my home church. Believe me, we were busy, doing, every waking minute of every day. You would think some of us would have come home dreaming of that tray and roller of white paint that we wielded for several days, while painting the exterior of a cinder block Pentecostal church. You'd think some of us would have come home telling everyone about our aches and pains from cleaning, or taping and mudding dry wall, or hammering nails, or lugging lumber up a hill, digging ditches or gardening. After all, we truly did DO a lot last week.

But what people came home thinking about has nothing to do with the tasks they accomplished or how hard the group worked. Rather, on the minds of my traveling companions are the faces and the stories of the "mountain people" we met. Correction. These faces don't live in our minds at all. They live in our hearts. Here at home, as we have emailed back and forth about what it's like to re-enter our noticeably soft lives in New England, the people in our group seem to feel as if all those folks we met have come to New England and are part of our lives now. An Old Testament professor once tossed out a great line: "We are the key to each other's identity." Indeed, it's each other's faces and stories that change and grow who we are.

It feels wonderful to be home, and after this time so far away, it feels especially good to be back amongst you, whom I've missed. A lot happens at UUCR: worship services, opportunities for spiritual growth and faith development for everyone, sharing, caring, managing, holding, welcoming, repairing, organizing....doing. That said, with this week's two memorial services for beloved members of our community, I feel especially grateful for the faces and stories of UUCR.

Living in each other's hearts helps put our "doing" in perspective...

Betsy Tabor is UUCR's Intern Minister.

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.](#)

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.

Welcoming Congregation

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"**



Upcoming Events

May 23, 2013 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Memorial Service for Wendy Kinzler
(Sanctuary)

May 23, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Choir (Sanctuary)

May 25, 2013 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Men's Group (FH/Lor)

May 26, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

May 26, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

May 26, 2013 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
COA Class (Lor-205)

May 26, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
SHYP (Lor-103)

May 27, 2013
Memorial Day

May 27, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm
Buddhist Meditation (FH)

May 28, 2013 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
LTOM Book Club (Home of Joyce Miles)

May 28, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Intern Comm. (Lor-101)

May 28, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Rounds of Creativity, Conversation &
Spirituality (RoCCs) (CH)

May 29, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Communications Comm. (Lor-101)

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

May 31, 2013 6:00 pm - 12:00 am
Ferry Beach Weekend Begins

June 1, 2013 7:00 am - 12:00 am
Ferry Beach Weekend

June 2, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

June 2, 2013 10:30 am - 11:00 am
Covenant Meeting (CH)

June 2, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

June 2, 2013 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Covenant Meeting (CH)

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

Ivy Chord Concerts

ZOË LEWIS - OCTOBER 5, 2013



ZOË LEWIS is a band in a body! She plays jazz, jump jive, latin grooves, swing, international folk, funk originals on anything from the piano to the spoons!

Troubadour/vaudevillian/storyteller/singer-songwriter/piece of work!

Saturday, October 5, 2013
8:00 pm

Tickets:
\$ 20 general admission
\$ 18 students/seniors

[Click here to buy tickets for Zoë Lewis](#)

Winner of the Colorado Rocky Mountain Folks Festival Troubadour Award in 2003, New Folk Winner 2002 at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas and 2001 Falconridge Folk Festival Audience Favorite and now she's getting booked to play many of the main stages with virtuoso jazz recorder player Roxanne Layton (from Mannheim Steamroller).

Zoë has performed with a whole host of incredible musicians including Julie Wolf (Ani DiFranco, Bruce Cockburn), Gail Ann Dorsey (David Bowie), Paul Piercy (Dixie Chicks), Freebo (Bonnie Raitt) and has toured with Judy Collins and Nanci Griffith.

JONATHAN EDWARDS - JANUARY 25, 2014



Warm as summer sunshine, real as the truth, intimate as a long overdue visit between old friends ... such is a Jonathan Edwards concert. Four decades into a stellar career of uncompromising musical integrity, the man simply delivers, night after night – songs of passion, songs of insight, songs of humor, all rendered in that pure and powerful tenor which, like fine wine, has only grown sweeter with age.

Saturday, January 25, 2014
8:00 pm

Tickets:
\$ 30 general admission
\$ 27 students/seniors

[Click here to buy tickets online for Jonathan Edwards](#)

"Edwards' voice is so naturally malleable that all he really needs is a song with a strong melodic hook and he's home free" -- Washington Post

"His throaty tenor, one of the most distinctive voices on record, has always had a natural, unadulterated, undiluted quality" -- Music City News

"An Edwards performance is an unforgettable roller-coaster ride which combines his remarkable singing, storytelling, and wit" -- Martha's Vineyard Times

"The perfect remedy for depression" -- Cashbox

BROTHER SUN - MARCH 29, 2014



National touring artists Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway and Pat Wictor have made their mark as veteran touring singer-songwriters. Fusing folk, Americana, blues, pop, jazz, rock, and a cappella singing, Brother Sun is an explosion of musical diversity and harmony, in the finest of male singing traditions.

Saturday, March 29, 2014
8:00 pm

Tickets:
\$ 22 general admission
\$ 20 students/seniors

[Click here to buy tickets online for Brother Sun](#)

What happens when you unite three of the best male singers in the folk realm who already revel in harmony singing? Brother Sun. While numerous delightful female trios harmonize, few men bond that way these days (unlike the days of the folk revival when they were the norm). Added to great voices, energy and sincerity are worthy compositions in three distinct styles that bring to mind a modern day gospel." - Rich Warren, WFMT, Midnight Special, Chicago, IL

"Is there any reason why any music festival in America would not want to book this talented, versatile, can do just about any stage, trio? I can't think of any. " -Anne Saunders, Falcon Ridge Folk Festival

"The real breakout artists [at Falcon Ridge] this year had to be Brother Sun... who've come together to form a trio that's all about harmony - in their music and in their lives. Their joyful music making earned them a standing ovation in their mainstage set." -John Platt, WFUV

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