



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

A REGIONAL CHURCH SERVING COMMUNITIES NORTH OF BOSTON - WELCOMING PEOPLE OF ALL AGES,  
RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS, CULTURAL ORIGINS, DIFFERING ABILITIES, POLITICAL VIEWS, AND SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Sunday, October 30, 2011 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM	Sunday, November 6, 2011 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM
Sermon	“Food Matters” Rev. Tim Kutzmark	“How To Thrive When Everything Else Is Changing” Rev. Tim Kutzmark
Children	Both services offer child care and playschool for infants through 1st grade.	Both services offer child care and playschool for infants through 1st grade.
Ushers	9:15 AM Needed 11:00 AM Diane Chapin, Steve Oston	9:15 AM Needed 11:00 AM Needed
Welcome Table	9:15 AM Membership Team 11:00 AM Membership Team	9:15 AM Needed 11:00 AM Needed
Coffeemakers	9:15 AM Membership Team 11:00 AM Membership Team	9:15 AM Membership Team 11:00 AM Membership Team, R. Urell
Altar Flowers	Membership Team	Needed

### Sunday, October 30, 2011 – 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

#### “Food Matters”

#### Rev. Tim Kutzmark

Today we explore the spirituality, sensuality, and emotionality of food. As we officially kick-off our two-year all church Community Engagement Project around food, food distribution, and ethical eating, we’re going to stop and simply savor the wonderful reasons we all love food. Today we also launch our Helping Hands partnership with “The Food Project,” a local organization that engages young people in personal and social change through sustainable agriculture. *In celebration of the kick off of our Community Engagement Project, we invite you to bring fresh fruits, vegetables or other wholesome food to share and eat at Coffee Hour.*

Music: 9:15 AM-The UUCR Choir; 11:00 AM-The UUCR Singers

### Sunday, November 6, 2011 – 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

#### “How To Thrive When Everything Else is Changing”

#### Rev. Tim Kutzmark

Face it. Life is constant change. And that is hard. Today we think about how we find our balance and perspective when everything is changing around us. Music: 9:15 AM-special musicians; 11:00 AM-UUCR Choir.

### **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6th**


If you want to become an official member of UUCR, our next NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is November 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 let Rev. Tim or Amy Burton, our Member Services and Volunteer Coordinator, know if you are considering membership, as they try to schedule a time to meet with all new members in the days before the service. Contact Tim at [revtim@uureading.org](mailto:revtim@uureading.org) and contact Amy at [msc@uureading.org](mailto:msc@uureading.org)


### **TIDBITS AND TOUR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13**

Are you new to the church? Join Rev. Tim and Amy Burton, our Member Services and Volunteer Coordinator, for a short introduction to Unitarian Universalism and a quick tour of our church campus. This thirty-minute mini-introduction will give you a chance to meet Rev. Tim and Amy and ask any questions you might have. No registration necessary. We meet at the front of the church after each service.

**SABBATICAL SUPPORT TEAM** - Please make an effort to pick up your household copy of our "Sabbatical Handbook" – available after both services on Sunday, November 6th in Fellowship Hall. We will make every effort to have this be a well-organized process because, whatever we don't actually hand off, we will have to pay the postage on! The Kris Kringle Fair set-up will begin at 12:30, so please pick up your copy as soon as you can. As mentioned earlier, this booklet includes the January – May 2012 worship schedule, a church resources listing and letters from our lay and ministerial leaders. For those of you who have questions, thoughts or suggestions on – or beyond – what's covered in the handbook, the Sabbatical Support Team is hosting an informal, "come as you are" Q & A session in Loring House Room 101 on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Please check out the Sabbatical bulletin board in the atrium or against the Loring-side wall in Fellowship Hall – new material is being posted there frequently! We'll also stay in touch with everyone through our online and print media, but if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of us anytime: Sharyn Taitz, Chair [SharT8z@gmail.com](mailto:SharT8z@gmail.com), Ron Cavicchio [RCavicchio@NEPC.com](mailto:RCavicchio@NEPC.com), Molly Smith [marin smith@verizon.net](mailto:marin smith@verizon.net), Don Pearson [Don.Pearson@draeger.com](mailto:Don.Pearson@draeger.com) and Dru Wood-Beckwith [woodbeckwith@comcast.net](mailto:woodbeckwith@comcast.net)

**SERMONS** - All sermons are online in podcast, audio, and some are in video format!! Visit

[www.uureading.org](http://www.uureading.org) and click on the word "sermon" on the left green colored vertical toolbar.  If this

picture is next to a sermon, that indicates it is available in audio.  If this picture is next to a sermon, the sermon is also available in video. While you are online note that our sermons are available in a printable format if you desire a hard copy. On church campus our sermons are available in printed booklet form in both the atrium and front foyer of the church. Visit our website address <http://www.uureading.org/sermonlist.htm>

### **WATCH OUR SERVICES ON YOUR LOCAL CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION**

*Reading MA residents:* <http://rctv.org/schedule.pdf> for a weekly listing of programming on channels 9 Comcast and 31 Verizon. A special thank you to John Surette for coordinating worship service copies to RCTV weekly.

*Woburn MA residents:* <http://www.woburnpublicmediacenter.org/programming.html> for a weekly listing of programming on channels: Comcast: Channels 9, 10, 22 and Verizon: Channels 43, 45, 47 and RCN: Channels 3, 13. A special thank you to Jennifer Conrad-Proulx for coordinating worship service copies to the Woburn Public TV station weekly.

*North Reading MA residents:* <http://www.norcam.org/programs.php> for a weekly listing of programming on channels: Channel 22 Comcast and Channel 24 Verizon. A special thank you to Judy Riley for coordinating worship service copies to NORCAM weekly.

*Wilmington MA residents:* <http://www.wctv.org/wctv-programming.html> for a weekly listing of programming on channel 9 Comcast and Channel 37 Verizon. A special thank you to John Surette for coordinating worship service copies to WCTV weekly.

*Burlington MA residents:* <http://www.bcattv.org/#> for a weekly listing of programming on channels 9, 22, 10 Comcast, RCN 3, 13 and 15 and Verizon 39, 40, 41. A special thank you to Al Murray for coordinating worship service copies to BCAT weekly.

*Stoneham, Ma residents:* <http://www.stonehamtv.org/> for a weekly listing of programming on channels Comcast Channel 22, RCN Channel 15, and Verizon Channel 36. A special thank you to Judy Bousquin for coordinating worship copies to Stoneham Cable Access Television weekly.

## MINISTER'S COLUMN

Dear Friends:

I am been deeply touched by the outpouring of care and support so many of you offered to me on the death of my father (on September 27<sup>th</sup>). From a delicious meal to countless cards and notes, I am so appreciative. Our UUCR church family and Governing Board sent beautiful flower arrangements to the house and wake. Our staff has been especially caring, sending a huge fruit basket, and stepping in to help keep things running while I was home in Pittsburgh with my family.

I want to especially thank Rosemary (our administrator) who covered for me and helped me keep attending to the essentials; Intern Minister Meg Soens, who stepped in and covered for my class on Unitarian Universalist History and Meaning Making and helped in so many other ways; Anne Principe who with her typical grace understood when emails and meetings were delayed; and Amy Burton, who kept the warmth and welcome on Sunday morning strong.

We have a staff team that is collaborative, committed to working together for a common vision and in support of the mission of the church, and truly cares about each other. I so wish you could witness our Core Staff Meetings, where, on Monday, we begin with spiritual practice and deep spiritual conversations, and then connect that to our roles in supporting the mission of our church. I am blessed to work alongside such wonderful, supportive, and collaborative people. It is refreshing and invigorating to have a staff team that is so connected to each other and committed to the work of our church.

Speaking of caring, committed and hard-working folk, I'd like to give a shout out of appreciation to everyone who is working so hard to coordinate our annual holiday extravaganza-Kris-Kringle Fair. Special hugs to this year's co-chairs: Jasmine Hatzopoulos, Susanne Sullivan, and Sharyn Taitz. I'll be working in the kitchen making sandwiches, and I hope each one of us finds a way to share a few hours of support for this fun and festive event. Contact the Fair Chairs at [sharT8z@mail.com](mailto:sharT8z@mail.com) (Sharyn) or [mom4times99@yahoo.com](mailto:mom4times99@yahoo.com) (Susanne) or [Jasminehatz@comcast.net](mailto:Jasminehatz@comcast.net) (Jasmine) for more information.

See you on the path (and at church!),  
Tim

PS: On Oct. 30, we launch our two-year Community Engagement Project themed around food. I hope you'll be at church that Sunday. I promise a tasty treat!

PPS: In twelve years of ministry, I have never had the response to a sermon that I received for the sermon entitled "Can You Forgive Yourself." It will soon be posted on our website. I hope you'll take a look or listen to the podcast. It really seemed to touch a nerve in a great number of people.

## SOCIAL ACTION

### **UUCR Volunteers at Greater Boston Food Bank: Saturday, November 19**

As part of our church's learning/outreach focus on food and hunger, you can join with other UUCR volunteers to help out at the Greater Boston Food Bank on Saturday, November 19, 9:30 to noon. After a brief training, volunteers head to the conveyor belts to sort, pack, and label donated food that goes out to food pantries and meal sites, to help those experiencing food insecurity and hunger in Massachusetts.

There are jobs for volunteers of all strengths, and for volunteers who can lift and those who can't. For safety reasons, volunteers need to be 16 years old or older.

Folks from our church have volunteered at the GBFB several times and report that it's a fun, informative, and satisfying morning.

A sign-up sheet is in the atrium on the table near the church office. Or, to sign up or get more information, contact Jen McAneny ([jen@mcaneny.net](mailto:jen@mcaneny.net), 978-664-0387).

**“Faithful Witness—Faithful Budget”: UU Mass Action/Promise the Children vigil at Sen. Kerry's office October 26 to support maintaining US programs to help those in need** - From the UU Massachusetts Action Network and Promise the Children: Wednesday, October 26, at 5 PM, Unitarian Universalists will be Standing on the Side of Love to Protect the Most Vulnerable at a vigil in front of Senator Kerry's office (One Bowdoin St.) in downtown Boston. We invite you and anyone you know to join us as we voice our resolve that the US national debt not be shifted onto the backs of those who are least able to bear it.

Promise the Children and UU MAN have partnered to meet with Senator Kerry's staff at 4 PM and will share the feedback we receive with the group. We will light candles, pray, sing, and generally raise our voices for a humane and moral approach to dealing with the deepening economic recession and its consequences. For questions, contact Sue Kirby at Promise the Children, 978-910-0190.

Some UUCR members plan to take part. (Contact Anne Mark, 781-944-8769, [amark@mit.edu](mailto:amark@mit.edu).)

### **“Spark: The Fire Within”: Original Performance to Benefit Renewal House, Saturday, October 29**

The UU Urban Ministry in Roxbury invites everyone to a benefit for Renewal House, which for many years has sheltered women and their children fleeing domestic violence.

“Spark: The Fire Within” is an original performance with music, dance, and drama highlighting the reality of intimate partner abuse in all its complexities. This drama will be presented on Saturday, October 29, from 7–9 PM at the First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St. “Spark” will feature an ensemble of talented performers, including Mass. First Lady Diane Patrick, in the areas of music, drama, spoken word, poetry, and dance that is diverse in race, gender, sexual orientation, and age. The evening will begin with a wine/coffee reception and tickets will be available at the door (\$30 for 1; \$100 for 4; students and seniors \$15). (For information, call the UUUM, 617-318-6010.)

## ANNUAL MEETING

**THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING  
WARRANT  
ANNUAL OCTOBER MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

Sunday, October 30, 2011  
In the Sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading in Reading, MA  
at 12:30 PM

The Members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading are hereby called to the Annual October Meeting of the Church on Sunday, October 30, 2011 in the Sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading at 12:30 PM

## AGENDA

1. To approve minutes of the Annual Spring Membership Meeting of May 22, 2011.
2. To receive the Treasurer's final report of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.
3. To receive the announcement and update on the 12 kW Photo-voltaic Solar System on the south roof of Fellowship Hall (Woburn Street side) scheduled for installation by the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jane Jolkovski*, Clerk

## MEMBER SERVICES CORNER

I have regular office hours on campus, during which I will be available to respond to your calls/emails. My hours are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM. I will also have some availability by appointment outside of these hours. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or just to say hello! My phone is (781) 944-0494 ext. 103 or email me at [msc@uureading.org](mailto:msc@uureading.org) Thank you, Amy Burton.

## OUR 2011/2012 GOVERNING BOARD

At the Annual Meeting on May 22, 2011, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading members elected Governing Board officers for 2011-2012 (7/1/2011 through 6/30/2012) as follows:

**President:** Tracy Sopchak, 781-944-5264, [tsopchak@comcast.net](mailto:tsopchak@comcast.net)

**Vice-President for Programs:** Jamie Maughan, 781-779-1049, [jmaughan@ch2m.com](mailto:jmaughan@ch2m.com)

**Vice President for Finance:** Armando Villarroel, 781-944-7979 [armandovillarroel@yahoo.com](mailto:armandovillarroel@yahoo.com)

**Vice President for Planning:** Jay Schwartz, 978-474-0208, [jay.schwartz@1-3com.com](mailto:jay.schwartz@1-3com.com)

**Treasurer:** Chad DaGraca, 781-750-8070, [cdagraca@dgccpa.com](mailto:cdagraca@dgccpa.com)

**Clerk:** Jane Jolkovski, 781-779-1914, [Jolkovski@verizon.net](mailto:Jolkovski@verizon.net)

**At Large Member:** (term ends 2012) Jean Hanson, 781-779-1382, [sullivanhanson@verizon.net](mailto:sullivanhanson@verizon.net)

**At Large Member:** (term ends 2013) Christine Lusk, 781-779-1559, [christine\\_tighe@yahoo.com](mailto:christine_tighe@yahoo.com)

**At Large Member:** (term ends 2013) David Oakes, 781-942-2559, [oakes@psicorp.com](mailto:oakes@psicorp.com)

**At Large Member:** (term ends 2012) Christine Thomas, 781-942-1346, [christine.b.thomas@lahey.org](mailto:christine.b.thomas@lahey.org)

**At Large Member:** (term ends 2013) Matt Wilson, 781-942-7544, [wilson2958@hotmail.com](mailto:wilson2958@hotmail.com)

**Additional officers** (not on the Board) elected at the meeting are:

**Auditor** (term ends 2013) Lorraine Dennis, [ldennis@uua.org](mailto:ldennis@uua.org)

**Moderator** (term ends 2013) Geoff Beckwith, [woodbeckwith@comcast.net](mailto:woodbeckwith@comcast.net)

**Nominating Committee** (term ends 2014) Dru Wood-Beckwith, [woodbeckwith@comcast.net](mailto:woodbeckwith@comcast.net)

## CONTINUED OBSERVATIONS FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT: LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

“She kept asking if the stories were true.  
I kept asking her if it mattered.  
We finally gave up.  
She was looking for a place to stand  
and I wanted a place to fly.”  
~Brian Andreas

In ancient Roman religion and mythology, **Janus** is the god of beginnings and transitions -- also of gates, doors, doorways, endings and time. He is usually a two-faced god since he looks to the future and the past. The concepts of January and janitor are both based on aspects of Janus. He holds the key, in fact, to the present, which is that **magical interim** in which we always live: that sacred place right smack in between the past and the future.



The Unitarian Universalist Association distributes a definite resource on interim work for congregations. It is called, *The Janus Workbook*. While originally created as a comprehensive guidebook for the concepts, principles, and tasks that define the work of interim ministers, it is also used for preparing the work of interim religious educators. Through method and vision, it explores and illuminates what does and can happen during that **magical interim** when a congregation's past and future are rigorously brought together.

This is not easy work but it is potent work. It is not only the work of staff or leaders, but the work of the entire congregation. As your Interim Director of Faith Development, I invite you to embrace this **magic time**. You may be wondering about some things that are changing that shouldn't, and some things that are not changing that should. I invite you to consider the ways that you can directly connect yourself to the unfolding of who we are as a beloved faith community. We do this by first listening, and then sharing, our stories and our dreams.

I leave you with some questions to contemplate: where are we as a faith community? What is possible?  
What's next?  
In faith, Anne

**Coming up in Faith Development Explorations -- October 30<sup>th</sup> is the Helping Hands Launch!**

**Worship      Food      Friendship**

This year, our Helping Hands partnership is with **The Food Project!** Since 1991, **TFP** has built a national model of engaging young people in personal and social change through sustainable agriculture. Each year, they work with [over a hundred teens](#) and [thousands of volunteers](#) to farm 37 acres in eastern Massachusetts in the towns and cities of Beverly, Boston, Ipswich, Lincoln and Lynn. Food from their farms is distributed through [Community Supported Agriculture](#) programs, [Farmers' Markets](#), and to [hunger relief organizations](#). The young people working in their programs participate in all of these distribution streams, giving them valuable job experiences and a personal connection to our food system and issues of food justice.

Stay tuned for bushels full of more information, opportunities and inspiration!!

## ALL THOSE DEADLINES

- Our next newsletter deadline is Thursday, November 3, at 2:00 PM.
- Order of service information deadline is every Wednesday at 9:00 AM. If you have an attribution, dedication, or celebration for altar flowers please email [uucr@uureading.org](mailto:uucr@uureading.org) by Wednesday morning.

## FROM THE UUCR ARCHIVES

Samuel Pierce's Organ Factory on Pierce Street in Reading (later the Dennison factory) was demolished on October 14, 2011, and with it went a bit of UUCR history. The organ installed in our previous church home in Reading Square was constructed in that building, which dated back to 1852. From the Reading *Chronicle* of Sept. 9, 1871: "On Wednesday evening last, occurred the opening of the new organ, in the new Christian Union church....[T]he organ was erected by Mr. Samuel Pierce, of Reading, a gentleman whose name is a sufficient commendation of his works. Much interest had been manifested by our citizens in the success of the instrument, and the number who assembled to listen to this, its first trial, filled the house to overflowing, crowding the aisles, passage-ways, and vestibule. Some of the most skillful and popular organists from neighboring towns and cities were present to assist." *The UUCR Archives Committee*

## HELPING HANDS NEEDS YOU

The Helping Hands Outreach Program is a unique and important part of our church community allowing us to reach out beyond our walls and put our faith into action. *A generous donor has contributed \$10,000 to establish a yearly outreach fund for UUCR. The overall intent of the project is to educate the entire church community about the work of local non-profits that are in alignment with UU values, to enter into a working partnership with a selected local non-profit, and to have multi-generational opportunities for service and meaningful experiences. The way we do this is special, and created in a way to engage our children in the larger life of the church community. In the words of the donor: the goal of this fund is "to help children and adults learn the value of giving and to gain a first hand experience in understanding and promoting UU principles locally."*

As we kick off the program's fourth year, we are in need of some new viewpoints, energy, and skills. If you have organizational or project management skills and a desire to contribute your support to a "food related" partner this year, the Helping Hands Steering Committee would like to invite you to our first meeting to see if there is a single task that you would like to spearhead. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact Laura Hackel at 781 820 1654 or [laurahackel@gmail.com](mailto:laurahackel@gmail.com)

## PLANNED GIVING

The newly formed Planned Giving committee is looking for volunteers with a financial background. Members who are interested in helping inform and educate our congregation regarding financial options of planned giving, please contact Evan Hackel at [evanhackel@gmail.com](mailto:evanhackel@gmail.com) or 781 820 7609.

## SAVE THE DATE: FIRST ANNUAL HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER!

**SAVE THIS DATE:** First Annual Harvest Potluck Dinner Saturday, November 5th in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. This potluck dinner will be a kick-off to our church-wide food initiative.

### **A SPIRITUAL RETREAT: Nature and the Language of the Soul**

Saturday, November 5, 2011

9:30 AM-3:00 PM

Led by Rev. Tim Kutzmark

Enter the autumn season by connecting to your spirit at this daylong retreat. Using a different format from Tim's previous retreats, this will be a chance to refresh yourself and deepen your spirituality. We'll use the theme of nature as our starting point, and explore how nature soothes and speaks to our soul. This will not be a silent retreat, but rather we'll use the power of our small group of spiritual seekers to learn from each other as we listen to the wisdom within. Please bring a bag lunch. *Registration is required, please call the church office at 781-944-0494, email at [uucr@uureading.org](mailto:uucr@uureading.org) or sign up on Sunday on the registration sheet in the atrium. Limit 12 people.*

### **Age-ing to Sage-ing: Dealing with Challenges and Finding Gifts**

Thursday Morning: November 3rd & 17th, December 1st & 8th: 10:30-noon

Ruth Goldberg, Tony Fisher & Paula Koppel, Facilitators

Loring 103

This experience-based program will allow participants to explore the gifts and challenges of aging in a safe and sacred space created over four weeks. By connecting and listening closely to our minds, bodies and spirits, remaining open and receptive, the group will explore what it means to age. Life review, journaling and mindfulness-based exercises will facilitate life review and life repair providing an opportunity to further synthesize and integrate life's wisdom. 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. Registration is required, please call or email the church office (781-944-0494; [uucr@uureading.org](mailto:uucr@uureading.org)) or sign up on Sunday at coffee hour.

## KRIS KRINGLE FAIR – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

### **KRIS KRINGLE FAIR**

**Saturday, November 12**

**9 AM to 3 PM**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ATRIUM DURING COFFEE HOUR?**

**Volunteer sign-ups.** Sign up to help with the Fair! Friendly faces will be happy to greet you and answer your questions.

**Raffle tickets now on sale!** See Raffles section below for a detailed list of the exciting items you might win.

**Soup jar donations.** Please drop a dollar or two in the Snack Bar's collection jar to help offset the cost of making all those yummy soups prepared fresh the morning of the Fair.

**Santa's Elves.** Parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, and anyone else with a special child in your life: stop by the Kris Kringle Fair table to pick up a form that will remind Santa's helpers what to write in a personalized letter to your special child.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Volunteer for an hour or two at any of the Kris Kringle Fair tables or services listed below. Gather items you wish to donate to the November 12 Fair. *Except for jewelry, which is needed now*, hold onto your things until the week starting November 6 when your donations will be welcomed with open arms at the UUCR

campus. Remember to plan time to browse, visit with friends, shop, and enjoy yourself in amongst all that donating and volunteering.

## **PLANNING AHEAD**

### **Drop-off hours**

- Sunday, November 6, from 4 to 6 PM
- Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8, from 9 AM to 6 PM
- Wednesday–Friday, November 9–11, from 9 AM to 9 PM

### **Drop-off notes**

- **Jewelry** accepted from now until the Fair in a collection basket in the Atrium.
- We encourage you to **drop off most items** as **early** as you can during Fair set-up week.
- During Fair set-up week, leave **Kids-Only Store** donations in a marked bin in the Atrium; on Friday leave them in Sawyer.
- Leave your contributions to **Attic Treasures** downstairs in Community Hall, *not* in the Atrium.
- Hold all **perishable foods** (Snack Bar, Country Store, Baked Goods) until Friday or early Saturday morning.

This information is also posted on the church's Worker & Volunteer pages.

[http://uureading.org/fair2011\\_internal.htm](http://uureading.org/fair2011_internal.htm)

## **FAIR CO-CHAIRS**

Questions large or small? Contact a Kris Kringle Fair co-chair today:

- Sharyn Taitz [SharT8z@gmail.com](mailto:SharT8z@gmail.com) (781-942-7011)
- Susanne Sullivan [mom4times99@yahoo.com](mailto:mom4times99@yahoo.com) (781-942-0479)
- Jasmine Hatzopoulos [jasminehatz@comcast.net](mailto:jasminehatz@comcast.net) (617-942-7402)

A full list of table and services managers and their contact information is available on the Kris Kringle Fair volunteer webpages. Go to the UUCR homepage ([www.uureading.org](http://www.uureading.org)). Refresh your browser if you don't see Santa in the upper right. Click on "Worker & Volunteer Info," then select the committee chairs and co-chairs PDF. [http://uureading.org/fair2011\\_internal.htm](http://uureading.org/fair2011_internal.htm)

## **BAKERS, CANNERS, AND MAKERS OF HOMEMADE FOOD**

As you prepare your baked, canned, and homemade food for the Kris Kringle Fair, please remember that you will need to have it

- Labeled with the name of what it is
- Accompanied by an ingredients list
- Prepared in a clean kitchen
- Marked containing nuts if it does

For safe food preparation guidelines, please consult the Kris Kringle Fair workers' webpage

[http://uureading.org/SafeFoodHandling\\_BakedGoodsandCountryStore2011.pdf](http://uureading.org/SafeFoodHandling_BakedGoodsandCountryStore2011.pdf)

or pick up an info sheet at the Kris Kringle Fair table in the Atrium.

## **ALL TABLE AND SERVICE CHAIRS: Post-Fair meeting**

Sunday, November 20, at 12:30 PM in Loring 103. Please send at least one member of your team to attend the meeting and turn in your Table/Service Manager's Report. We'll discuss what worked well and what could be improved next year. Your presence and input will be greatly appreciated.

## **KRIS KRINGLE FAIR WEBPAGES**

Check out the Kris Kringle Fair pages on the church website. If you don't see Santa in the upper right homepage, refresh your browser, and the Kris Kringle Fair block should pop up right on top of On-Line Giving. Here [http://uureading.org/fair2011\\_internal.htm](http://uureading.org/fair2011_internal.htm) you can find drop-off hours, drop-off locations, and other useful information. Here <http://uureading.org/fair2011.htm> you can preview a selection of the many items Silent Auction has for your perusal and view photos of this year's two Raffle quilts and other offerings.

## KRIS KRINGLE FAIR TABLES AND SERVICES

### TOYS & KIDS' BOOKS: Outgrown toys and books?

We'd love to find them new homes on Fair Day. Want to join us? Sign up in the Atrium during coffee hours in October. Hold onto those donations until the week starting November 6, when Lisa Cashins [MikeandLisaCashins@msn.com](mailto:MikeandLisaCashins@msn.com) (781-944-2192) and Lisa Frechette [lisafrechette@verizon.net](mailto:lisafrechette@verizon.net) (781-942-3231) and crew will be happy to receive, sort, and price your toys and children's books. Thanks so much!

### SNACK BAR: Please fill our soup jar in the Atrium...

... not with soup, but with bills large and small. Your donations will offset the cost of making all those delicious soups, chowders, and chilies everyone enjoys so much every year at the Kris Kringle Fair. You can find the donation jar in the Atrium both coffee hours before the Fair. Phone or e-mail Denise Conry [denisedconry@gmail.com](mailto:denisedconry@gmail.com) (978-664-6563) or Paul Sulloway [psulloway@comcast.net](mailto:psulloway@comcast.net) (781-438-8960) with questions.

### THIS JUST IN

Snack Bar positions available:

-**Sous-chefs** help our soup makers chop, dice, slice, and otherwise prep soups. This is perfect for people who like to get their commitment over early. You would be arriving at the kitchen on Fair Day at 7 AM and be done by 9:30 at the latest to shop around and enjoy the festivities!

-**Soup stirrer and server** 10 AM to 2 PM. This person will work side by side with our seasoned stirrer, Bob Cary, to keep our soups Board of Health hot, without burning them! You will also be responsible for filling bowls of soup as they are ordered. It is a toasty spot by our warm stove. . . .

-**Counter/kitchen cleaner** 2 to 3 PM. This person will work in tandem with experienced cleaner Bob Bennett to do the final Board of Health sanitizing of the kitchen in a jiffy.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Denise Conry at [denisedconry@gmail.com](mailto:denisedconry@gmail.com) with your contact information, and she will answer any questions you have.

### SILENT AUCTION: Spark some lively bids!

Do you have a high-interest item that would create spirited bidding in the Silent Auction? Celtics, Bruins, or theater tickets...a fun and sought-after collectible...a special doll...an extraordinary piece of jewelry...art glass...a fancy handbag or scarf...? Holiday gift baskets and gift certificates for your professional services? Camille Anthony [camillea42@gmail.com](mailto:camillea42@gmail.com) (781-944-3506) and Anne Mark [amark@mit.edu](mailto:amark@mit.edu) (781-944-8769) would love to know what you plan to contribute. To see a few of the many items that will be up for bid, visit <http://uureading.org/fair2011.htm> and <http://uureading.org/KKFair2011Furniture.htm>

And do come to the Sanctuary and place your bids on Fair Day!

### SET UP: After services, Sunday, November 6

The Kris Kringle Fair set-up crew is looking for volunteers from 12:30 to 3 PM Sunday, November 6. The sign-up sheet is in the Atrium Sundays during both coffee hours. This job involves some lifting (tables, chairs, boxes, etc.), and you may get a little dirty. Contact Ron Cavicchio [RCavicchio@NEPC.com](mailto:RCavicchio@NEPC.com) (781-944-8149), Tim Conry [conryt@comcast.net](mailto:conryt@comcast.net) (978-664-6563), Rob Craig-Comin [relicsw@comcast.net](mailto:relicsw@comcast.net) (978-470-0804), and Eric Gaffen [ericgaffen@gmail.com](mailto:ericgaffen@gmail.com) (781-779-1571). Ron is handling setup in Fellowship Hall, Tim is responsible for Loring House, Rob will be handling set up in the Sanctuary, and Eric will be managing the set up in Community Hall. **ATTENTION LIGHTWEIGHTS:** Besides the need for people with big muscles, there is also a need for a crew to apply white table covering to tables as soon as they are in place and before the arbors are attached. If you are willing to help, please sign up with Ginny Beauregard at coffee hour and be sure to specify that you will help with table covers.

### **SANTA'S ELVES: Parents and grandparents take note!**

Would your child or grandchild love a personalized letter from that special someone and mailed from none other than you-know-where? Plan to stop by the Santa's Elves table and spread holiday magic! Contact Eileen Cummings [mcseknitter@gmail.com](mailto:mcseknitter@gmail.com) (781-599-5189) with questions or to have her e-mail you a form that you can fill out to start the process rolling. Forms may also be found at the Kris Kringle Fair table in the Atrium. Just \$7 per letter—a true Fair bargain.

### **RAFFLES: You won't believe your eyes!**

Tickets now on sale for this year's Kris Kringle Fair Raffle at both coffee hours Sundays until the Fair—and, of course, on Fair Day! Tickets cost \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5, or 25 tickets for \$20. Winning tickets will be drawn just before the close of the Fair at 2:30 PM on Saturday, November 12. Montserrat Michelman [montsemichelman@gmail.com](mailto:montsemichelman@gmail.com) and Steve Michelman [sgmichelman@gmail.com](mailto:sgmichelman@gmail.com) (781-944-1513) have put together a wonderful 2011 Raffle! <http://uureading.org/fair2011.htm> Here's what you might win—so go buy that ticket today!

### **“Midnight Stars” Quilt**

A traditional “Tennessee Waltz” block in a modern color scheme (54" x 72"), “Midnight Stars” will cover a twin bed or serve as a generous lap robe. Lovingly created by the UUCR quilters specifically for the Kris Kringle Fair. It will go home with one lucky winner. Will that be you?

### **“Baby Stars” Quilt**

Another quilt on a traditional “Tennessee Waltz” block, “Baby Stars” (24" x 32") is sized just right to hang on a wall. “Baby Stars” was made by UUCR quilters specifically for the Fair.

### **Kindle Touch 3G, Free 3G + Wi-Fi, 6" E Ink Display**

Plus cover and adapter accessories. A \$235 value! Donated by Beverly Everett and Anne Mark. (It's so new we don't even have a picture!)

### **Playmobil Church**

Cheer on the newlyweds as they make their way out of the church. Press the windows of the church tower and hear the bells and organ music. Play set comes with three figures and many accessories. Donated by the UUCR Mom's Group.



### **“Elegance” Christmas Tree**

This holiday treasure is reusable and pre-decorated. At 4 ½ feet, it is one of the entries from the 2002 Parker Middle School “Festival of Trees” fundraiser. Donated by Diana Kaine.



### **Case of Wine**

Do you (or would you) like to enjoy a glass of wine? A case consisting of a dozen or more bottles of wine individually selected by some of the most educated palates in the church will be raffled off for the Fair! These wines are personal favorites and have been generously donated by our members.

*Please note: Winner of the wines must be at least 21.*

**POTPOURRI: Never-used items suitable for re-gifting**

Unused wedding presents in your attic? Unopened Christmas or birthday gifts occupying closets? All unloved, unwanted presents are welcome at our table—as long as they can be recycled as “new” gifts. Original wrapping and/or pricing information always appreciated. Reduce the clutter in your home and give someone the chance to enjoy something that no longer tickles your fancy while making money for the church. If you have questions, please contact Kris Abbott [krisfabbott@yahoo.com](mailto:krisfabbott@yahoo.com) (781-944-6905) or Carol Everson [cnj4@aol.com](mailto:cnj4@aol.com) (781-944-3632).

**PARKING/SHUTTLE: Vans, minivans, and drivers needed**

The Kris Kringle Fair shuttle service provides rides between the church and Parker Middle School, one block from the church. We encourage both volunteers and fairgoers to park away from the church. If you own a van or minivan, and can give us as little as an hour of driving time, it really helps to spread the load of this valuable service. It is a lot of fun, and you'll enjoy talking with folks who are going to or leaving the Fair. Contact Rob Craig-Comin [reclicsw@comcast.net](mailto:reclicsw@comcast.net) (978-470-0804).

**LIVE MUSIC: Calling all musicians!**

Would you be interested in providing background music to contribute to the festive mood at the Fair? Contact Molly Smith [marin smith1@verizon.net](mailto:marin smith1@verizon.net) (781-944-3451). You could play an instrument, sing, join a group of carolers. It could be a solo act, duet, or a group number. You could have a 15-minute slot, half an hour, 45 minutes, or possibly longer. We will have a sound system set up so your music will carry over the buzz of the shoppers.

**KIDS-ONLY STORE: The perfect place for youth 16 and younger to shop**

Welcome to the Kids-Only Store! Kids 16 and younger are invited to visit us in Sawyer on Fair Day to do all their holiday shopping in one place. All items will be under \$3, so you can use your own money to buy gifts. The Kids-Only Store would appreciate donations of items that would make great gifts for family and friends for the holidays. Also, we would love contributions of gift bags to wrap the gifts—used are fine! Our collection box will be in the Atrium outside Fellowship Hall starting November 6. Kids ages 8–16 who are interested in working in the Kids-Only Store on November 12 may sign up at coffee hour or contact co-chairs Lucy Johnson and Emma Turner at [KidsOnlyStore@gmail.com](mailto:KidsOnlyStore@gmail.com) (781-205-4884).

**KIDS' FAIR: Hey, kids! Visit Sawyer House on Fair Day**

Children of all ages will have fun decorating cookies, having your face painted, and watching balloon sculptures made before your eyes. Eileen Cummings [mcseknitter@gmail.com](mailto:mcseknitter@gmail.com) (781-599-5189) is coordinating these activities and the UUCR youth who make it all happen. Give her a call or pop her an e-mail to offer your help.

**JEWELRY: Bring your bling for the Jewelry table!**

Jewelry cleaning and sorting for the Fair is already underway. The basket for your contributions is in the church Atrium. All jewelry needing a new home is welcome—costume jewelry, holiday, dated, current. We welcome it all! Please help us have time to make your donations shine by donating early. Nancy Bond [nbond120@gmail.com](mailto:nbond120@gmail.com) (781-944-1105), Lynne Champion [home@champear.net](mailto:home@champear.net) (978-658-6438), and Lisa Durrell [edurr13@aol.com](mailto:edurr13@aol.com) (781-942-1291) will answer any questions you might have.

**GREETERS: Would you like to welcome folks to the Fair?**

Greeters hand out programs and maps and welcome our guests. It's a great job for adult/child pairs. Chairs can be provided for those not wanting to stand for a long time. Be that friendly person who helps fairgoers feel at home on our bustling Fair Day campus. Ann Fisher [annmfisher@comcast.net](mailto:annmfisher@comcast.net) (781-942-1634) would love to hear from you.

**GREEN TEAM: Three cheers for the blue marble!**

When you hear *Remember the three R's*, do you say to yourself, *I don't need no schoolin'—it's Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!*? Put what you know is the right thing for the planet into action. Join the Green Team to help make the Fair the greenest it's ever been. All ages welcome. Call or e-mail Tony Fisher

[agrantfisher@comcast.net](mailto:agrantfisher@comcast.net) (781-942-1634) and Jay Schwartz [jayschwartz01810@gmail.com](mailto:jayschwartz01810@gmail.com) (978-474-0208) for details.

**EXTERNAL PUBLICITY: Help spread the word!**

Would you like to help with lawn signs? Put up flyers around your town and place of business? Tape posters to telephone poles early, early Fair Day? If any of these jobs sounds like your thing, please call Judy Barolak (781-944-4038).

**DECK THE HALLS: Spread holiday cheer!**

With a special focus on the winter holidays, Deck The Halls needs your generous contributions of gently used and no-longer-needed Christmas and Hanukkah decorations. Go through your stash now and set aside any of the following: hanging ornaments of all kinds, garlands, working light sets, holiday candles and holders, nutcrackers, Byers' Choice dolls, music boxes, tree skirts, artificial trees, window candles, extra bulbs, Christmas dishes, bowls, and serving pieces, greeting cards, gift boxes, wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows. Box up your treasures and bring them to church November 6–11. Judy Riley [a2riles@verizon.net](mailto:a2riles@verizon.net) (781-944-6908) and Sue Conley [susanbconley@comcast.net](mailto:susanbconley@comcast.net) (781-944-3656) look forward to hearing from you. NOTE: *Brand-new* holiday (and other non-holiday) items should still go to Potpourri and new *handcrafted* holiday (and other) offerings to Boutique. Deck The Halls is solely for gently used winter holiday items. Thank you!

**COUNTRY STORE: Workers, food, and donations warmly accepted**

The Country Store can sell your jams, jellies, pickles, chutneys, rubs, sauce mixes, baking mixes, and other creations. Simple safe-food-prep guidelines are up on the church's Kris Kringle Fair volunteer pages. [\[\[\[http://uureading.org/SafeFoodHandling\\_BakedGoodsandCountryStore2011.pdf\]\]\]](http://uureading.org/SafeFoodHandling_BakedGoodsandCountryStore2011.pdf) We could use donations to help pay for materials for the gift baskets we sell. If you would like to work at the Country Store, just sign up on Ginny's Fair sign-up sheets in the Atrium on Sundays. We also love old hand tools, hand-worked linens, gourds, and new country-style ornaments. Contact Lorraine Dennis [ldennis@uua.org](mailto:ldennis@uua.org) (781-944-2249) or Liz Lovell [lzlovell@gmail.com](mailto:lzlovell@gmail.com) (978-887-9898) to let them know what you're planning to contribute.

**CLEAN UP: Post-Fair clean up**

Ever wonder how we could have as much clutter and confusion as we have on Fair Saturday, and then be cleaned up and ready for church Sunday morning? Well, now's your chance not only to find out, but also to be part of this amazing process. It only takes a couple of hours (really), and it's a lot of fun (honestly!). Call or e-mail Mark Taitz [mtaitz1@yahoo.com](mailto:mtaitz1@yahoo.com) (781-942-7011).

**BOUTIQUE: Get your craft on!**

What? Craft? Sure, that might even mean you. The Boutique is the table at the Kris Kringle Fair where *handcrafted* goods are sold. In the recent past we have had knitted things, crocheted things, beaded things, woodworking, original photography, handmade jewelry, quilted and sewn items, weaving, glass etching, painting—you get the idea. If you craft it yourself, it probably qualifies for the Boutique. The clock is ticking! Just days left until the Fair. But it's reasonable to set aside some time for working, eating, sleeping, family and church (of course). Start—or finish—your projects soon. And just so we will sleep better at night, we Boutique chairs sure would appreciate it if you could let us know what you have in mind: Ellen Hill [devikahill@gmail.com](mailto:devikahill@gmail.com) (781-872-1332), Bev and John McAleer [johnmcaleer1@verizon.net](mailto:johnmcaleer1@verizon.net) (781-944-8458), and Shelby Woods [bbwhimsea2@comcast.net](mailto:bbwhimsea2@comcast.net) (781-779-1084).

**BOOKS AND MEDIA: Donate used books and more**

Donations of DVDs, CDs, books on tape, and computer programs will be welcome. Please no floppy disks, textbooks, and music audiotapes. We'd love to have you clean out your closets and bookshelves and give buyers the chance to get some good deals, and make money for the church. Contact Linda King [LLKforms@aol.com](mailto:LLKforms@aol.com) (781-944-3617). Thank you!

**BAKED GOODS: Special recipe for a mouth-watering treat?**

Bring us your delicious pies, scrumptious cakes, brownies, fancy breads, plain breads, and cookies and bars of all kinds. Bake them a few days before the Fair or bake them now and freeze them until drop-off on Friday, November 11. Keep a list of ingredients, per Town of Reading health regulations, to turn in with your baked

goods when you leave them at the church. See the church website

[http://uureading.org/SafeFoodHandling\\_BakedGoodsandCountryStore2011.pdf](http://uureading.org/SafeFoodHandling_BakedGoodsandCountryStore2011.pdf)

or check in at the Kris Kringle Fair table in the Atrium to pick up simple safe-food-prep instructions. Contact Rose McAuley [rblu1126@juno.com](mailto:rblu1126@juno.com) (781-942-1398), Margaret Soli [bobsoli@aol.com](mailto:bobsoli@aol.com) (781-944-4426), or Marie Brennan Taylor [RieBT@aol.com](mailto:RieBT@aol.com) (781-942-0818).

### **ATTIC TREASURES: The best white elephant sale around!**

Attic Treasures is back! On November 12 Community Hall will be full of nicely organized goods you no longer need but that other people will love to buy. If you have anything at home, in the basement, attic, or garage that makes you think white elephant or garage sale, donate it to the Kris Kringle Fair. Although we accept almost anything, here are some items we'd rather you not donate to Attic Treasures.

#### ***Please no:***

- Clothes, drapes, and shoes
- Medical equipment
- Pillows and mattresses
- Cheap floral vases and artificial plastic flowers
- Large electronics that we would have to pay to dispose of (such as TVs, computers, VCRs)
- Large exercise equipment (unless you're willing to take it back if unsold)
- Large appliances (such as air conditioners, stoves, refrigerators)
- Large furniture (unless you're willing to take it back if it doesn't sell)

Contact Jody Avtges [jodyavtges@gmail.com](mailto:jodyavtges@gmail.com) (781-942-5756), Joyce Barolak [joyce.barolak@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.barolak@gmail.com) (781-944-6676), Kristine Blum [blums@comcast.net](mailto:blums@comcast.net) (978-657-6195), Mary Ellen Campbell [kcjccamp@comcast.net](mailto:kcjccamp@comcast.net) (781-944-5083), and Diane Chapin [dichapin@comcast.net](mailto:dichapin@comcast.net) (781-944-8152).

**SEE YOU AT THE FAIR! Saturday, November 12 from 9 AM to 3 PM**

## **BITS AND PIECES**

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***UUCR MOM'S GROUP FIRST BOOK GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 13 AT 7:30 PM***

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The UUCR Mom's group will kick off its first book group meeting of the year on November 13, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in Loring Room 101. Please join us for refreshments and a discussion of *The Sibling Effect: What the bonds between brothers and sisters reveal about us*, by Jeffrey Kluger, a new book that was recently featured on NPR. Questions? Please contact Alison Friedmann at [afriedmann@partners.org](mailto:afriedmann@partners.org)

### CARING AND SHARING

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The Caring and Sharing coordinator for October is Samantha. Samantha can be reached at [sstampa@comcast.net](mailto:sstampa@comcast.net) Looking ahead, the Caring and Sharing coordinator for November will be Nancy Bond. Nancy can be reached at [nbond120@gmail.com](mailto:nbond120@gmail.com) or 781.944.1105.

### BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP

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Please join us on Monday evenings at 7:15 for an hour of peace and mindful community. All are welcome. For more information on the group, please visit our website <http://readingsangha.wordpress.com/>

### UUCR NEEDS YOU FOR OUR FALL GROUNDS CLEAN UP!

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WE NEED YOUR HELP! Volunteers needed to clear our campus of fall leaves (the church does not have a landscape service to do this – we depend on volunteers from the congregation). Please bring a rake and recruit some friends to join us! This event is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Our rain date is Sunday, November 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We appreciate all the help you can give – come for as much time as you can spare! NEEDED: Truck or trailer with Reading compost sticker and driver to transport leaves to the compost area while others are raking. Please contact Whitney Perkins [wperkins@rollbarresi.com](mailto:wperkins@rollbarresi.com) or 781-942-5787 with questions.

### THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH BOOK CLUB

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Yes! The Last Tuesday of the Month Book Club will continue! We had a lively group of nine core members attend the September meeting. The list of books that were recommended is long and worthwhile. The next meeting will be held at Loring House on October 25 at 1:30 PM. The hostess will be Judy Riley. The book that we will be reading for October is *"The Postmistress"* by Sarah Blake. If you can't make it to this meeting, please notify Judy. New people are welcome!

### LIBERAL LADIES NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16

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Because of Church Fair preparations, the next Liberal Ladies meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16th which is the third Wednesday of the month, rather than the usual second Wednesday of the month. Anne Mark will be at our meeting to tell us about the UUCR archives. All are welcome.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING IVY CHORD CONCERTS

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**Patty Larkin on November 19, 2011 AT 8:00 PM** - Acoustic Guitar hails her "soundscape experiments." Rolling Stone praises her "evocative sonic shading." She has been described as "riveting" (Chicago Tribune), "hypnotic" (Entertainment Weekly) and a "drop-dead brilliant" performer (Performing Songwriter). Patty Larkin is part of the urban-folk/pop music phenomenon that spun off of the singer/songwriter explosion of the seventies, reinterpreting traditional folk melodies, rock, pop, bossa nova, drawing on anything from Dylan (Bob) to Dylan (Thomas). A self-described "guitar driven songwriter," Larkin has wound her way through soundscapes of evocative vocals, inventive guitar wizardry and imaginative lyrics. Her songs run from impressionistic poetry to witty wordplay.

**Aoife Clancy & Robbie O'Connell on February 25, 2012 at 8:00 PM** - "Whether she's delivering an ancient Irish ballad, an American folk classic, or an urgent contemporary song, Aoife sings with the same gorgeous naturalism as if she were experiencing the emotions in the songs for the first time." -- Scott Alarik, Boston Globe. The Boston Globe describes Robbie O'Connell as "a writer of timeless-sounding, emotionally powerful and often hilarious songs" and places him "among the most respected guitarists, singer and songwriters in Celtic music." Aoife and Robbie are cousins. Come join the family harmony!

**Ellis Paul on April 14, 2012 at 8:00 PM** - "A singer songwriter is only as good as the times he reflects. In times like these, when so many nuts are running the show, it's comforting to know that Ellis Paul is actually holding our sanity on his own stage! Wise, tender, brilliant and biting, Ellis is one of our best human compasses, marking in melodies and poems where we've been and where we might go if we so choose to. Personally Ellis, I'm goin' where you're goin'! --Nora Guthrie (Woody Guthrie's daughter)

Contact us at [ivychoord@uureading.org](mailto:ivychoord@uureading.org) or Beth Murray, Ivy Chord Coffee House Coordinator at 781-229-9394. Purchase tickets online at <http://uureading.org/ivychoord.htm>

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### ***CREATIVE HANDS AND CARING HEARTS GROUP (CHACH)***

The **CHACH** (Creative Hands And Caring Hearts) We meet once a month on the first Wednesday of each month. Our starting time is still 7:30 and we end around 9:30. We meet at the home of Sharyn Taitz at 1443 Main St. in Reading. We are an open and welcoming multi-generational group of women who love to create with our hands. Any craft, art or skill that can be toted to a meeting is welcomed. If you are interested in joining us, please contact facilitator Sharyn Taitz or simply drop in to any scheduled meeting. Please contact Sharyn Taitz for more information at [SharT8z@gmail.com](mailto:SharT8z@gmail.com) or 781-942-7011. Yours in creativity, Sharyn Taitz, CHACH Facilitator.

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### ***UNICEF HALLOWEEN DRIVE***

Katie Wheeler is organizing a Halloween drive for Unicef. She will be distributing Unicef boxes to UUCR children so that as they are celebrating Halloween--whether by trick or treating, hosting a party, or raising awareness in school—they can help solicit money for this worthy cause. Unicef works internationally for the rights, survival, education, health, and protection of children. This is a great way to promote social activism in our youth and remind our kids that many children around the world lack basic necessities like food, shelter, health, and education. Boxes will be available at the UUCR Halloween party on Saturday, October 22 and at the church services on Sunday, October 23 and Sunday, October 30. Or you can get them directly through Katie. Help yourself to extra boxes if you know other kids who might want to participate. Money will be collected in church on Sunday November 6 and Sunday November 13. You can also drop boxes off at Katie's house, if needed. Contact Katie for boxes, directions, or questions at: [kawheeler@verizon.net](mailto:kawheeler@verizon.net) or 781.942.3809.

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### ***UUCR RENTER: READING SOCIETY OF CRAFTSMEN EXHIBIT ON OCTOBER 29***

The Reading Society of Craftsmen, renter at the UUCR, will have a Craft Exhibit and Sale on Saturday, October 29 from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Unique handcrafted items for sale such as jewelry, decorative painting, quilts, dolls, purses, scarves, holiday decorations and more. Admission and door prizes.

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### ***TRAVEL TO THE AMAZON RAINFOREST***

Through a Second Offering a year ago our church raised about \$1000 for school supplies and clean drinking water for villages in the Peruvian Amazon. Would you like to see our contributions in action? Martha Moore is organizing an ecotourism adventure to the rainforest for June 2012. The trip is open to adults, families, and

high school students. Highlights include a canopy walkway, lots of wildlife and birds, a visit to a village (perhaps the one we sent our school supplies or water treatment equipment to), and a visit with orphaned monkeys. If you are interested, contact Martha Moore. Follow the links below for more information.

<http://travel2learn.com/2012reading.htm>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8tptgxH2Bw>