



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, November 13, 2011 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM	Sunday, November 20, 2011 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM
Sermon	“Earth Cries” Rev. Tim Kutzmark	“Thanksgiving Service: The Bread of Our Lives” 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 Green Sanctuary Team 11:00 AM Green Sanctuary Team	9:15 AM S. Frechette, P. Catalano 11:00 AM Needed
Welcome Table	Needed for Both Services	Needed for Both Services
Coffeemakers	Needed for Both Services	Needed for Both Services
Altar Flowers	Green Sanctuary Team	Needed

**Sunday, November 13, 2011 – 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM**  
**“Earth Cries”**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark**

Have you heard about the idea of “Gaia”—that the earth is one living organism, of which human beings are just one small part? What does it mean if human beings are not the center of their universe, but just one part of a larger living and breathing organism? Today we launch our Green Sanctuary Team 2.0, our new group of folks committed to promoting sustainable living in our church and in our homes. 9:15 AM Special music with Jim Sopchak, vocals.

**Sunday, November 20, 2011 – 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM**  
**“Thanksgiving Service: The Bread Of Our Lives”**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark**


We invite you to bake and bring a loaf of bread to church for our special Thanksgiving Communion. We’ll share the bread in a special communion during the service, and also enjoy it during social hour. Bake and bring bread that has meaning to you—either because it connects you to your family heritage, or because it just tastes good. We will have gluten/nut free bread available, as well. In the spirit of thanks and giving, we ask that each person bring a non-perishable food item to support the Reading Food Pantry. Please choose an item from this most needed list: canned fruit: peaches, pears, apricots, fruit cocktail, applesauce, juice, juice boxes, microwave popping corn, raisins, canned pasta: Spaghetti O’s, Beefaroni, ravioli, rice brown & white, instant potatoes (mashed, scalloped), canned white potatoes, yams, creamed corn, mixed vegetables, spinach, carrots, beets, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, dish and laundry detergent, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes. Please check expiration dates on all items. The UUCR Adult Choir will sing at both services.


### 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** - For those of you who have questions, thoughts or suggestions on – or beyond – what’s covered in your Sabbatical Support Team handbook, the Sabbatical Support Team is hosting an informal, “come as you are” Q & A session in Loring 101 on Sunday November 12th at 12:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served. 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:

Last February, I approached our Governing Board and asked if I could take a four-month sabbatical this church year. Their (and your) graciousness will permit me to step away from the church from January 9 to May 7 to pursue spiritual development, personal renewal, and learning and adventure in Afghanistan and South Africa. I am grateful for your gift of the sabbatical.

The reactions to my impending sabbatical have been varied. Some folks have approached me, worried that I will use my time away to seek a job at a larger church (no, I will not be using that time for job searching). A few folks have worried that I simply will not return (yes, I will). Some folks have expressed a bit of anger, honestly asking why I get a four-month sabbatical, when they, who work very hard in their own jobs, do not. One person shared honestly that they were very glad I was going away for four months because they didn't feel any affinity to my ministry or my preaching, and they were looking forward to Meg Soens and guest ministers bringing a depth and substance that I could not provide. Some people have shared that they really could not care less about my departure—the church is their friends and its programs, and the minister is simply secondary to it all.

All this is to say that my impending sabbatical is bringing a wide range of reactions and emotions.

Whatever you feel about the impending four-month sabbatical, please know that I honor and respect it. Please feel free to express it, either to me or to our Sabbatical Support Team. Sometimes, prior to a minister's sabbatical, an anxiousness settles into the hearts and minds of the congregation. "How will we function without our minister?" some may ask. Oh, you'll function just fine. We have a strong Governing Board President in Tracy Sopchak, and a mature and grounded Acting Minister in Meg Soens. The lay leadership is strong, and we have a staff that is skilled and dedicated. With Rosemary in the office to coordinate everything, the church will be in good hands.

That said, I want to honor whatever you might be feeling about my impending sabbatical. Please feel free to share your feelings, thoughts, or questions with me ([revtim@uureading.org](mailto:revtim@uureading.org)) or with the Sabbatical Support Team ([shart8z@gmail.com](mailto:shart8z@gmail.com)). You can also attend the Sabbatical Support Team question and answer sessions after both services on Sunday, November 13 at 12:30 PM in Loring House.

We have two full months before my Sabbatical begins. That's a lot of time to be together. I look forward to seeing you in church and on the campus.

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

## SOCIAL ACTION

### **JOIN UUCR VOLUNTEERS AT THE GREATER BOSTON FOOD BANK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

Several UUCR members plan to volunteer at the Greater Boston Food Bank on Saturday, November 19, 9:30 to noon. Would you like to join them? 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. This is a great chance to jump into the UUCR's new social action outreach on food and food justice. 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).

### **SHARE WITH READING RESIDENTS IN NEED: THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

For our Thanksgiving services on Sunday, November 20, we will be collecting urgently needed items for the Reading Food Pantry. In the spirit of thanks and giving, we ask that each person bring an item from the list that follows. The Food Pantry has specified these items as being most in need: canned fruit (peaches, pears, apricots, fruit cocktail), applesauce, juice, juice boxes, microwave popping corn, raisins, canned pasta (Spaghetti O's, Beefaroni, ravioli), rice (brown & white), instant potatoes (mashed, scalloped), canned white potatoes, yams, creamed corn, mixed vegetables, spinach, carrots, beets, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, dish and laundry detergent, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes. Please check expiration dates on all items.

### **UU SERVICE COMMITTEE: GUEST AT YOUR TABLE AT THE UUCR**

In 1940, a rescue mission of the new Unitarian Service Committee saved 29 children and 10 adults from Nazi persecution and brought them to the US.

Today, the UU Service Committee continues on that life-affirming path. Through advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, the UUSC (1) protects the rights of marginalized people in humanitarian crises, (2) works toward economic justice and defends workers' rights, (3) advances environmental justice (defending the human right to water), and (4) defends civil liberties.

Each year at this time, our congregation participates in **Guest at Your Table**—a UU tradition. By bringing home a GAYT box, we learn about how the UUSC puts our shared principles in to action the US and around the world. We'll receive our boxes at the Thanksgiving services (November 20) and return them in January.

With each box comes a copy of *Stories of Hope*, which tells more about how UUSC works to change our world for the better. The stories introduce human-rights champions like Carolina Lara, a youth leader of a movement in Ecuador that successfully lobbied to have the human right to water included in the country's new constitution. Some individuals and families make it a mealtime ritual to read one of the stories and think about how we can help. When we share our blessings with our "guests," we ensure that UUSC and people like Carolina can continue their important work. Some like to put coins and bills in their box throughout the holiday season; others prefer to write a check and put it in the box.

Thanks to the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y., gifts of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched, dollar for dollar, doubling our contributions.

If you miss getting your GAYT box on November 20, you can pick one up at the community table near the parking lot door or contact Anne Mark ([amark@mit.edu](mailto:amark@mit.edu), 781-944-8769). (Thanks to [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org) for some of these words.)

### **LOCAL UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST'S MESSAGE TO SENATOR JOHN KERRY:**

On Wednesday, October 26, a group of UUs met with Sen. John Kerry's staff to ask the senator to stand with us in love to protect the most vulnerable from budget cuts by the Super Committee. They then reported to other UUs, including members of our congregation, who gathered outside the office building to listen and to raise voices in song. This is what the UUs told Sen. Kerry's staff:

- Jessica from First Parish Cambridge and Tuesday Meals said, "We have three young children and have experienced our own overwhelming stress. We were denied disability insurance and relied on unemployment benefits until they expired. We have not, however, ever had to fear that we would not be able to feed ourselves or our children. That is a fear that nobody, across the globe, should ever have to experience. There are enough resources for all and basic needs of people should never be anywhere but at the top of our government's priorities."

- Alex from Renewal House, a ministry of UU Urban Ministry in Roxbury, said, "We get calls every day from women who are in unsafe homes. However, we cannot take them in because we do not have enough space at Renewal House. The reason is that our current residents have to stay beyond the normal three-month period because they cannot find housing and we will not let them become homeless. We need more housing assistance, not less."
- Becky from the UU Church of Greater Lynn and Promise the Children said, "I am really concerned about cuts to healthcare for children. The federal government funds programs that support the basic medical needs of children and families. If these are cut, our emergency rooms will be even more overflowing than they already are. These programs need to be protected."
- Lorn, an 8-year-old from First Unitarian Church of Salem, said, "My class has 30 students in it. We have kids who barely speak English and a kid who is always misbehaving and distracting us. The class is just too big for our teacher and it is hard for all of us to learn. I feel really bad for the kids who cannot speak English because they are really not getting enough help."

According to Jesse Jaeger, Executive Director of UU Mass Action Network, "Sen. Kerry's staffer assured us that Sen. Kerry is with us in wanting to protect these programs and told us what we could do to help him is to continue to organize." A visit with Sen. Scott Brown's staff is in the works. For actions that you can take, visit [www.uumassaction.org](http://www.uumassaction.org) and click on "Let's Organize for a Faithful Budget" in the blog section.

### UNICEF BOX COLLECTION

Hope all of you kids had a fun with Halloween! Thanks to all of you who took a Unicef box with you when you went trick or treating. Whatever you collected will be gratefully received. I will be collecting the Unicef boxes and the money on Sunday November 6 and November 13. Look for me before the service and as children walk out of the sanctuary to attend class, and as a back up, during coffee hour. Thank you for sharing your Halloween with children less fortunate than you. Your thoughtfulness and generosity in caring for children around the world is appreciated. Your money will not only provide food, but also hope. Any questions? Email: [katiwheeler1960@gmail.com](mailto:katiwheeler1960@gmail.com)

**GATHERING CHANGE INC.** would like to thank the generous and big-hearted congregation of UUCR for most recently donating \$1,479.05 during the October 16 second offering. Wow! We were happily surprised with this figure; you are all amazing! And also thank you to Rosemary and Tim for counting all the money. GCI raises money within communities and then donates it back to neighborhood food pantries. In this case, since the UUCR congregation is comprised of people of many towns, the amount will be split among four communities represented within our congregation: Reading, Stoneham, Wilmington and Woburn. GCI has donated either food or funds to over 40 food pantries in Massachusetts and this donation allows us to expand to two towns we have not previously had the opportunity to serve: Wilmington and Woburn. Thank you for reaching out to your neighbors in this very important way, it is most appreciated. Gratefully, Judy Bousquin & Dorothy Goodwin for Gathering Change, Inc. [www.gatheringchangeinc.org](http://www.gatheringchangeinc.org)

### MEMBER SERVICES REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

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)

## A MESSAGE FROM MEG SOENS, INTERN MINISTER

What a snowstorm we had this past weekend! It was so odd -- the trees were still covered with green and red and yellow leaves. Like wide nets draped across the branches, all those leaves caught and held the inches and inches of heavy wet snow. When the nor'easter's high winds barreled through, they tossed those weighted nets around in the sky, and with the extra weight on them, many trees snapped in half, were uprooted, or lost large and sundry limbs. It was just too soon for all that snow.

Sometimes life happens like that. It's too soon for the cold snap, too soon for the baby, too soon for the diagnosis and the debilitating dementia. The tomatoes aren't ripe yet, the baby isn't ready to breathe on its own, the in-law apartment isn't half finished.

What happens to us then, when it's too soon? How do we get through?

I think the answer is faith, or trust. Trust in something bigger than ourselves. In the basic goodness of the universe, or perhaps in the companionship of the intimate ultimate. Do you feel part of the flow of Life, or of humanity, in a way that sustains you when the unexpected and painful happens? Or does the weight of the unexpected snap you in half, like those overburdened trees? Or could you lose a limb and wait, wait for the sunlight and eventual warmth of spring, knowing there will be more to the story?

In some ways, this is the core of the spiritual journey, the search for what it is we really trust in, and perhaps trust with our lives. This is what we mean by faith. If you don't yet have faith in what is bigger than the purely observable, how you will become a finder of faith, and not stay always a seeker? So many questions!

Well, here's a statement: you can't become a finder all by yourself, we were born for relationship. May your plans involve committed participation in a faith community. It will nurture your spirit, and that of others. It will prepare you, as much as anything can, for the snowstorms that come in the fall. *Meg Soens*

## CONTINUED OBSERVATIONS FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT

In my role as your Interim Director of Faith Development, I would like to check in about the interim goals that have been articulated for the 2011-2012 year. Through the listening and leadership by the Governing Board, and then on to the Faith Development Committee to further articulate what is meant for our young people, these goals reflect broad and specific congregational needs, hopes, and vision. While we can agree on

the goal of nurturing a community that offers a place of connection, belonging, and sharing, each of us brings uniqueness and passion for what that means in our week to week experiences.

On behalf of the incredible work of the Faith Development Committee, I share what is happening in the life of our children and youth:

The Faith Development Committee has eight members, two of whom are co-chairs. In an effort to strengthen the connection between the “work” of the committee and the experience of the children, each member serves as a liaison to a group/task. Through direct communication with teachers and parents and staff, the FDC Liaisons are not only being supportive to their defined, dedicated community but they are deeply invested in each experience being one of meaning and enjoyment for all.

While it is most common for cooperative religious education programs for children/youth to have an implicit/explicit expectation for parental teaching, such an approach challenges the notion that people lead best from a place of passion, right timing, and even “call.” From this place of trust come true relationships with children and youth as well as their spiritual experiences. We are all seeing this manifest in data and story! It is hoped that you have been a part of a mutually supportive conversation about how all UUCR members can nourish themselves as well as find meaningful ways to give to their faith community. In that giving, we create who we are.

Last June, the Faith Development Committee dedicated many hours to a methodical process of reviewing the age, size, content, and goals for each class/program. This resulted in some questions, tweaks, and shifts in the ways of programming. Every opportunity is being taken to convert limitations to possibilities while measuring change according to what will result in engagement and sustainability.

The two words “Safe Congregation” are potent in our church life. They reflect very intentional if not formal process to ensure that institutional responsibility is considered, articulated, and implemented by way of documented policies, procedures, and actions. In church life, it also means that sometimes there is a sense of loss that church may sometimes feel like a “bureaucracy.” This congregation possess a crucial commitment and vision to interpreting the interplay between being a responsible, just institution and our collective common sense/good intentions. This is our covenant.

Sometimes intergenerational culture is simply natural and sometimes it is by design. You know this when you learn something new from the words of a (less than 4 foot tall) prophet during a Time for All Ages; you feel this when the energy of nearly two dozen COA teens in the Sanctuary is palpable; you experience this on the occasions and traditions when all ages come together for common purpose. With eyes wide open and an ever-expanding peripheral vision, this congregation is continually living into its identity as a place where people grow and grow up, together.

The many emerging layers and interconnections of the social justice ministries at UUCR is a potent force in the life, identity and growth of this congregation. With the recent launch of “food” as a two-year focus theme, The Food Project has been duly welcomed as the Helping Hands partner for 2011-12. This is an opportunity that offers us the chance to learn about what we assume is basic in ways that will be life-giving and inspirational, if not life changing!

These goals point to details, tasks, and programs that are essential for the functioning of a faith institution the size of UUCR. When an organization has a robust mission of welcoming, inclusion and justice, it is vital to formally map out the systems that tell the story of who we are. Within that story is our embodied experience of meaning and mission. I am deeply honored to help in bringing to life that sacred story.

In faith, Anne

- Our next newsletter deadline is Thursday, November 17, at 2:00 PM.
- Order of service information deadline is every Tuesday 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 Tuesday morning.

## GET INVOLVED WITH THE UUCR COMMUNITY!

### FABULOUS TEAMS IN NEED OF FABULOUS PEOPLE

There are so many wonderful ways to get involved with the UUCR community! The work of the teams and programs is a big part of what makes the church so great! If you are looking for a way to get involved, please contact me (Amy Burton – Member Services and Volunteer Coordinator) at 781- 944-0494 ext. 103 or email [msc@uureading.org](mailto:msc@uureading.org).

There are a few teams in need of time and help right now. If one of these groups seems like a good place for your time and skills, please follow-up with me or the contact listed below:

### GREEN SANCTUARY:

Contact: Jen Hayes at [jennifer\\_harders@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifer_harders@hotmail.com)

We (the GST): (1) aspire to reduce the environmental footprint of our church (2) aspire to instill into our church community a consciousness that always considers our environmental footprint, and makes environmentally sustainable decisions, and (3) that we do so while educating the church community.

We are a small group with lots of ideas and enthusiasm and need some folks to join our team. We would love to find people who have a genuine interest in environmental stewardship, some time available (beyond attending our monthly meetings), and enthusiasm to offer to the group. If you find attending the actual meetings are difficult but would like to brainstorm or give us the gift of your time, we would be happy to put you on an email list for brainstorming and signing up for helping on a project-by-project basis. There are lots of great projects coming up including the Harvest Dinner- Saturday, November 5th, Winter Film Series, Water bottle reduction campaign and many more!

Our meetings are the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30-9:00 PM in Loring House. The November meeting will be held off-site due to the Kris Kringle fair.

### HELPING HANDS:

Contact: Laura Hackel at 781 820 1654 or [laurahackel@gmail.com](mailto:laurahackel@gmail.com)

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. An anonymous donor makes a yearly gift of \$10,000 for the purpose of involving our kids and teens in social justice work and to allow them to experience the joy of sharing money and time with the world around us.

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 have 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 partner meeting to see if you can add depth and breadth to our partnership for the year. If each of us spearheads one event, it will make light work for us all. If this sounds like you or people have told you that it sounds like you, please contact Laura Hackel.

### MARKETING TEAM:

Contact: Amy Burton at (781) 944-0494 ext. 103 or email [msc@uureading.org](mailto:msc@uureading.org)

UUCR needs your marketing and technology skills!! Are you a marketing professional, or have you done marketing in the past? If so, we'd like to talk to you. The Governing Board has made outreach and visibility a priority, so we want to spread the word about our vibrant church community. A new Marketing Team is being developed in order to explore and address this goal. If you have an affinity or interest in marketing or social media marketing, please come be a part of this effort!

## **MEMBERSHIP TEAM:**

Contact: Kitty Craig-Comin at [kcraigcomin@comcast.net](mailto:kcraigcomin@comcast.net) and Marcia Dresser at [mn.dresser@verizon.net](mailto:mn.dresser@verizon.net)  
The Membership Team welcomes and supports all newcomers, prospective members, and current members who wish to engage in our UUCR community. We assist our congregation in building and maintaining a welcoming, inclusive and dynamic community.

Many activities bring us together in community and we believe our church offers something for everyone through worship services, social outreach, shared ministry, faith development, enrichment and opportunities to socialize. Our team is happy to assist anyone who would like to learn more about these opportunities to make connections. We strive to welcome and educate visitors and potential new members, providing support to those seeking a spiritual home; facilitate the inclusion of newcomers into active participation in the congregation; assist with education classes for newcomers; celebrate new members; and check in with all to see if their experiences are meeting their expectations.

The Membership Team is a group of volunteers who work closely with the Minister and the Coordinator of Member Service & Volunteers. We meet on the second Wednesday evening of every month in Loring House. Our team is always open to new members so please consider joining!

## **PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

**Barbara Arsnow** - I grew up in Melrose, where my parents still live, and I loved the Congregational Church there. As an adult, I moved to Wakefield for a time. I met my husband Ed thirty five years ago (!) when we worked together at Western Electric. We moved to Lynnfield shortly after we were married, and attended both Catholic and Congregational churches. We have three wonderful, grown children. I am fortunate to work as a special education teacher in the Thomas Carroll Elementary School in Peabody, where I get to laugh with the kids practically every day.

**Michael Carpenter** - My wife, Elizabeth Mansfield, and I have lived in Reading for 32 years. We have a daughter, Holly, who lives with her family in Westford. I was raised in Wakefield, received a BA in Economics from Boston College and have enjoyed a career in the Information Technology field for several Boston financial services companies. I've volunteered as a Big Brother with the Big Brother Association for the past 25 years and have been matched with three Little Brothers, who are still a big part of our lives. I enjoy time with our granddaughter, one year old Madeleine (!!!), family and friends, as well as sailing, hiking, and travel with my wife. This fall I attended several UUCR courses and programs - UU Basics, UU History and Spirituality Workshop, Brief History of Islam, and a tour of the Islamic Center of Boston. These programs, the welcoming UUCR people I have met, as well as the UU principles of acceptance, responsibility and spiritual growth, are why I am happy to be a member of the UUCR community.

**Melissa and Gary Gresh** - Gary and Melissa moved to Reading in March 2001. They attended the UUCR in 2002 until summer 2003 when their first child was born. They returned to the UUCR in fall 2008. Gary grew up in Philadelphia and moved to the Boston area in 1989. After many years as a foundation fundraiser at MIT and the Appalachian Mountain Club, he currently works as a sustainability manager in Woburn. Melissa grew up in Swampscott and lived for several years in Cambridge and Watertown before settling in Reading. She has worked at MIT in the Alumni Association for close to 21 years. Gary and Melissa have two children, Sally age 8 and Henry age 6. They are so glad to be part of the incredibly welcoming and wonderful community of the UUCR. The Greshes enjoy traveling, hiking, camping, yoga, cheetahs, dinosaurs, art projects, singing, and dancing.

**Jenny Jefferson** - A longtime UU, Jenny grew up in Chelmsford, MA. She earned a BA in English from Hamilton College in Clinton, NY, and she started her first post-college job here in Reading, working in editorial for Addison-Wesley. She later returned to school, earning an MA in English (Composition and Rhetoric) from Northeastern University. For the past six years, Jenny has directed the Writing Center and taught English at Endicott College in Beverly, MA. This summer, she accepted a position at the University of

New Hampshire at Manchester, where she now directs the Center for Academic Enrichment and teaches English. When not busy helping students or doing freelance editing, Jenny enjoys exploring area restaurants, museums, and cross-country ski trails with friends and family. And she always has her nose in a good book (or two!). She started attending UUCR after moving to Stoneham a few years ago and has enjoyed the community she has found here.

**Robyn Matzke** - While I was born in Massachusetts, I grew up in Cincinnati, OH. After graduating from high school, I went on to the University of Cincinnati and gained a degree in Anthropology. While studying, I was active in a group that hosted films for the students and worked in two different anthro labs: a physical anthro and an archaeology lab. After I graduated, I worked for an archaeology firm and spent some time in the field and the lab, only to realize that life in the field was hard! However, as I traveled around the United States, I knew I wanted to move back to Massachusetts, which I had visited every summer while growing up. A personal event led me to take the leap and in 1995 I moved up to Massachusetts for good. I spent the next year and a half learning the publishing business and getting my life going up here and then something wonderful happened: I met my husband, Mark, at a tango dance! We moved in together a year later and married a year after that. We settled into our lives together and then another blessing came in our daughter, Madeleine. We moved to Wilmington when she was 6 months old, in 2003. In 2007, our other daughter Amelia made her grand entrance, and with that our family was complete. These days, I am a full-time wife, mother, and publishing professional. I volunteer at work and within the Wilmington elementary schools, gather the neighborhood ladies for nights-out, and have become the official street seamstress! While my life is full, I am so happy to have found a church that is a welcoming community of support and learning that my daughters and I have come to embrace. We look forward to integrating more into the church community.

## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – OUR JOB IS TO LISTEN TO YOU!

The Committee on Ministry (COM) consists of up to five members of the Church who meet monthly with the Minister. Our role is to serve as a resource for all members of the congregation, the Minister, Governing Board and leadership on issues and matters pertaining to the overall ministry of the Church. The Committee is responsible for conducting a comprehensive Congregational Self-Assessment Survey (the next one will be conducted in 2013), aiding the Minister and the Governing Board with the Minister's annual assessment and goals, and, most importantly, serving an overall role to assist in facilitating a healthy and supportive culture in the Church. The members of the COM encourage all members of the Church who have a concern or interest to share their thoughts and suggestions with any member of the Committee. Simply put, our job is to listen to you!

Please call any of the members of the COM at any time if you have any questions about the work of the committee, or wish to offer input, ideas, feedback or voice a concern or issue. Thank you! Geoff Beckwith (chair) (781-944-5030), Lorraine Dennis (781-944-2249), Beverly Everett (978-683-5654), Ann McClorey Fisher (781-942-1634), Steve Rose (781-324-3104).

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

### Chalice Circles

Our Chalice circles have begun, and there is always an Open Chair for someone new! Chalice Circles are small (8-10 participants) groups, led by trained facilitators, that meet twice monthly for 1 ½ hours. The format of the group consists of a brief reading, a check in among the members, a longer reading, and a discussion of members' reactions/reflections/thoughts about the readings. Topics over the years have ranged from world religions to more personal topics such as friendship, community, nature, etc. The Chalice Circle is a more intimate place to get to know one another at the same time as providing the opportunity to explore meaningful topics with other members of our community. The Circles will start in November and go to the end of the Church year in June. We are offering the following times this year:

- Sunday 7 – 8:30 PM
- Tuesday 4:30 – 6:00 PM

- Wednesday 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Thursday 3:30 – 4:30 PM (phone Chalice Circle for those unable to attend a meeting)
- Saturday 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

You can register online or by calling (781-779-1382) or e-mailing [sullivanhanson@verizon.net](mailto:sullivanhanson@verizon.net)

Thank you, *Jean Hanson*.

### **Unitarian Universalist Basics: An Introduction to Our Faith**

#### **One-day Saturday Class (special condensed class)**

**January 7, 2012- Saturday, 8:45 AM-12:30 PM in Loring House Room 103**

#### **Rev. Tim Kutzmark and Guest Facilitators**

Are you new to the church? Would you like to meet other folks who are new as well? 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? Then UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST BASICS is just the thing for you. Join Rev. Tim and members of the Teaching Team for this engaging introduction to our faith. Registration is required, please call or email the church office (781-944-0494; [uucr@uureading.org](mailto:uucr@uureading.org)) or sign up on this sheet right now!. Note: This condensed one-day Saturday class will include kid-friendly breakfast, bagels and coffee for adults, and CHILD CARE to make it easier for parents with young children to attend the UU Basics class. This condensed class is also perfect for those who cannot make four evening classes but would like a basic introduction to our faith and this church.

### **Filling the Well in Winter - Saturday Retreat**

**January 28, 2012**

**9:00 AM – 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**

#### **Facilitators: Mandy Neff and Meg Soens**

Are you feeling sapped after the holiday rush? Join us for a rejuvenating retreat at UUCR. Join us to take time out to nurture our bodies and souls. In the morning, we will bake bread, and later share it in worship. We will spend time also in reflective practices, including guided meditation and creating an image of the Holy, or That Which Sustains You. Please dress comfortably and bring a vegetarian potluck item for lunch.

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

We warmly invite you to attend the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading's annual Kris Kringle Fair! Please come, browse, buy, enjoy the wonderful music and food, check out children's Toys and activities in Sawyer and Loring, visit with friends and meet new people in a festive atmosphere, and bid on a Silent Auction offering or buy tickets for a Raffle item or two. It's not too late to volunteer! Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated; contact a Fair co-chair listed below.

### **PARKING ON FAIR DAY**

Please park at nearby Parker Middle School, 45 Temple Street. A shuttle will take you from the school parking lots to the Fair site at UUCR. It's also an easy walk. For fairgoers, shuttle service begins at 9 AM and runs until 3 PM. Fair workers may use the shuttle service from 8 AM to 4 PM

### **SNACK BAR: Two positions still available!**

**One sous-chef** to help our soup makers chop, dice, slice, and otherwise prep soups. This is perfect for a person who likes to get that Fair commitment over early. You would arrive at the Fellowship Hall kitchen on Fair Day at 7 AM and be done by 9:30 to shop around and enjoy the festivities!

**One counter/kitchen cleaner** 2 to 3 PM—just one hour! 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 either position, please contact Denise Conry at [denisedconry@gmail.com](mailto:denisedconry@gmail.com), and she will answer any questions you may have. These jobs are demanding because the Snack Bar environment is fast paced and you will be standing up the entire time.

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

As you prepare your delicious 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, consult the Kris Kringle Fair “Worker & Volunteer Info” webpage or pick up an info sheet at the Fair table in the Atrium.

### **KRIS KRINGLE FAIR WEBPAGES**

If you don't see Santa in the upper right of the UUCR homepage, refresh your browser, and Kris Kringle should pop up right on top of On-Line Giving. You can find drop-off hours, drop-off locations, and other useful information, as well as preview a selection of the many Silent Auction and Raffle items that will be offered.

### **FAIR WEEK DROP-OFF HOURS AND LOCATIONS**

- Monday and Tuesday (November 7 and 8) from 9 AM to 6 PM
- Wednesday through Friday (November 9–11) from 9 AM to 9 PM

We encourage you to drop off items as early in the week as you can—except for perishable foods (Snack Bar, Country Store, Baked Goods), which you should deliver Friday or early Saturday morning. It will make table and service chairs incredibly happy if you group your donations according to where they belong. When you drop off your contributions (thank you!), please watch for “Donations Accepted Here” signs at each location.

### **ATTIC TREASURES**

Downstairs in Community Hall; not in the Atrium, please. Donations accepted all week. For large items, please consult with the Attic Treasures co-chairs to find out where they'd like your items to go.

### **BAKED GOODS**

Fellowship Hall. Donations accepted Friday and early Saturday only.

### **BOOKS**

Adult and teen books: Rear of the Sanctuary and Narthex. The Woburn Street door will not be open. Donations accepted all week, but please don't bring armloads of books late on Friday. Children's books go upstairs to Loring for the Toys and Kids' Books table.

### **BOUTIQUE**

Sanctuary, in Austin Transept. Donations accepted all week. Be sure to fill out a donor form that you'll find in the Boutique area so the co-chairs will know who left the items.

### **COUNTRY STORE**

Non-perishables to Fellowship Hall all week. Perishables to Fellowship Hall on Friday and early Saturday.

### **DECK THE HALLS**

Loring House kitchen, room 102. Donations accepted all week.

### **JEWELRY**

Loring House, room 103. Donations accepted all week, but please keep in mind that late donations will most likely be saved for next year, due to the time and care involved in cleaning, sorting, carding, and pricing.

### **KIDS-ONLY STORE**

Place donations in the collection bin in the church Atrium Monday through Thursday. We'd love your used or new gift bags, as well as your kids' gift items. Donations accepted in Sawyer House, downstairs, front room, Friday only.

### **POTPOURRI**

Loring House, room 101. Donations accepted all week.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Sanctuary Chancel. Donations accepted all week.

### **SNACK BAR**

Place donations on Fellowship Hall window counter; please do not enter Fellowship Hall kitchen Friday afternoon after it has been sanitized. Deliver soup pots by Friday night only; Saturday will be too late. Non-perishable items accepted all week. Desserts and other perishables accepted Friday or early Saturday only.

### **TOYS & KIDS' BOOKS**

Loring House upstairs, room 205. Donations accepted all week. Fire escape stairway from parking lot in back of Loring is quickest way to Toys. We'll try to keep it unlocked during drop-off hours. Adult puzzles will go to Books in the Sanctuary.

### **FAIR CO-CHAIRS**

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

- 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)

## **BITS AND PIECES**

### ***UUCR CONTACT LIST***

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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/>

Inter-church Buddhist Meditation Sitting November 7th - The Buddhist Meditation Group @ UUCR and the Sacred Pause Meditation Group of the Unitarian Universalist Church at Wakefield will be holding a joint meditation session on Monday November 7th at 8:15. The sitting will be held at the Wakefield Church, 326 Main Street, Wakefield. All are invited. No meditation experience is required. For more information on the Buddhist Meditation Group Contact Andy Furst at [anfurst@gmail.com](mailto:anfurst@gmail.com) or go to our web site <http://readingsangha.wordpress.com/>

### **MOM'S GROUP – MOM'S CHALICE CIRCLE**

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The Mom's chalice circle has openings and is welcoming new members. We are a group of women with children of all ages, meeting twice monthly on Sunday evenings in a member's home. We also host several social events and book groups throughout the year. Come check us out! For more information, please contact Alison Friedmann ([afriedmann@partners.org](mailto:afriedmann@partners.org)), Rebecca Higgins ([reb0118@verizon.net](mailto:reb0118@verizon.net)), or Sara Ortins ([sortins1@verizon.net](mailto:sortins1@verizon.net)).

Here is the Mom's Group Schedule for the remainder of this Church Year. All meetings are 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM unless noted. Please contact Sara Ortins or Alison Friedman for the meeting location.

- 11/13: Book group, 101 Loring House, *"The Sibling Effect"*
- 11/20 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting
- 12/2: Holiday party, home of Debbie Vince, Friday Evening
- 12/11 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting
- 1/8 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting
- 1/22 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting
- 2/3: Book group, 101 Loring House, Friday Evening
- 2/12 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting
- 3/4 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting
- 3/18 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting
- 4/1 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting
- 4/29 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting

- 5/6: Book group, 101 Loring House
- 5/20 Chalice Circle Mom's Group Meeting
- 6/9: Family BBQ, home of Rebecca Higgins, Time to be determined

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

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The next Liberal Ladies meeting will be on November 16th at 10:30 AM in Loring House. We are happy to have Anne Mark give us a history of the UUCR Archives. All are welcome.

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### ***IVY CHORD CONCERTS***

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**Patty Larkin on November 19, 2011 AT 8:00 PM** - Patty Larkin will be performing at UUCR's IVY CHORD Coffee House on Nov. 19, at 8:00 pm. Tickets are available online <http://uureading.org/ivychoord.htm> or from Beth Murray. Beth will be selling tickets at both coffee hours on Sunday, November 13. 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). For questions please contact Beth Murray, Ivy Chord, at [bethpiano@rcn.com](mailto:bethpiano@rcn.com) or 781-229-9394

**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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### ***LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH BOOK CLUB***

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**Last Tuesday of the Month Book Club** will have its November meeting at the home of Janet Bringola, 9 Marla Lane, Wakefield, on November 29th at 1:30 PM. The book to be discussed is "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand.

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

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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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### ***TREE OF LIGHTS CEREMONY AT WINCHESTER HOSPITAL***

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Once again, some members of the UUCR choir will be singing at the "Tree of Lights Ceremony" at Winchester Hospital on December 4th at 4 PM. Anyone wishing to join the informal singing is welcome to take part. The ceremony is followed by a reception, For more information, contact George or Ruth White.

***INVITATION TO KIDSING! PERFORMANCE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18 UUCR SANCTUARY***

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Longtime members and new renters Al and Beth Mosier would like to invite members of our congregation come enjoy the KidSing! performance of Broadway Beat on Friday, November 18th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. The performance is free and we'd love to share the high-spirited singing and dancing of these talented kids with you. Broadway Beat celebrates musical theater with hits from Hairspray, The Music Man, Wicked, Grease and other sensational favorites. You'll see lots of familiar local faces in the talented cast.