



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

Worship Services

Sunday, February 5, 2012

"The Compassion Challenge"

Rev. Nathan Detering, Guest Minister

9:15 and 11:00 AM

Our faith challenges us to have compassion for the least, the lost, and the left-behind. But how do we do that? What does compassion in action look like? Drawing on Karen Armstrong's Ware Lecture at last year's General Assembly on the theme of compassion, we explore together the ways we confront the challenge of compassion in our everyday lives.

Rev. Nathan W. Detering serves as the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Area Church at First Parish in Sherborn. Prior to entering the ministry, Nathan served for two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Grenada, West Indies, providing training and continuing education for elementary school teachers and their students. A graduate of Boston University School of Theology in 2001, Nathan lives with his wife and two young children in Holliston, MA. Music: 9:15 AM Sharyn Taitz, 11:00 AM UUCR Choir

Coffeemakers:

9:15 AM Needed

11:00 AM Sally Carroll and Kitty Craig-Comin

Welcome Table:

9:15 AM Kristine Blum

11:00 AM Needed

Ushers:

9:15 AM Robyn Matzke

11:00 AM Lisa Wright

Altar Flowers:

Dodie Marshall

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Sunday

Meg Soens, Acting Minister

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

On this Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Sunday, our acting minister Meg Soens and the youth of Coming of Age One will explore the story of Ethelred Brown, the first black Unitarian minister in the U.S., and how his story illuminates the seven principles of our faith, and the importance of our living tradition. Music: 9:15 and 11:00 AM The Clogston-West family.

Ushers:

9:15 AM David Oakes

11:00 AM Needed

Altar Flowers:

Nancy Bond and Family

Welcome Table:

9:15 AM Needed

11:00 AM Needed

Coffeemakers:

9:15 AM The Mom's Group, Deb Vince, Rebecca Higgins

11:00 AM Needed

Schedule of Worship Services

Sundays

9:15 and 11:00 AM

Children's Classes at 9:15 AM only; infant and toddler child care at both services.

Our full service schedule can be found on our [Upcoming Services page](#).

Featured News

Planting Seeds: Focus On Food

Last year, we did something new – we decided to focus as a whole church (through an extensive discussion and voting) on one social justice theme for two years. We decided to focus on Food. To make it simpler for all of us to get

involved, our new Planting Seeds Coordinating Group (the successor to the Community Engagement Task Force) will be sending out a weekly newsletter column completely devoted to sharing information about the many opportunities for being part of this exciting work. Be ready to look on the UUCR website soon for the page where we will make sure the information about all the programs and initiatives being offered by various committees is gathered in one place.

Like many of you, I want to be part of this social justice initiative. I have good intentions about improving my diet, teaching my kids how to eat better, and participating in a more just distribution of food and other natural resources. The idea of focusing on food as a church community is very exciting to me. But I still need help converting that excitement into honest-to-goodness engagement. I had to ask myself, how do I get from my excitement and good intentions to learning and doing with my community? How do we get from excitement to engagement?

As it turns out, already there is much happening as well as great opportunities in the coming months at UUCR. Join the movement!

- February 12, 2012 (12:30-2:30): Food for Thought - View and discuss the film Food, Inc. (Adult Enrichment)
- February 19, 2012 (9:15): Helping Hands multi-age activity (Faith Development)
- March 4, 2012 (12:30-1:30): CSAs: Getting Your Share - Learn about community supported agriculture. (Adult Enrichment)
- March 18, 2012 (12:30-1:30): What's for Dinner? - Discuss Michael Pollen's book The Omnivore's Dilemma. (Adult Enrichment)
- April 12-May 17, 2012 (Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 PM): Hungry for Change - A 6-session course challenging participants to examine their roles as consumers of food and creators of food, of systems, and of the world we all live in. () (Adult Enrichment)
- April 15, 2012 (9:15): Helping Hands multi-age activity (Faith Development)
- May 25-28, 2012: COA1 Food Mission Trip (Faith Development)
- June 9, 2012: Visit to Boston Food Bank (Social Action Committee)

As we move forward with our Focus on Food, I would love to talk with more of you about how your own engagement with this topic is affecting how you eat or think about food. If there is something you'd like to share, please write to me at iris.hardin@verizon.net.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Iris Hardin

Planting Seeds Coordinating Group (successor to the Community Engagement Task Force)

Starlight Soiree This Saturday!

The Starlight Soiree, UUCR's annual auction, will be held this Saturday, February 4. This is our major winter fundraiser to help fund the church budget. It is a wonderful event, an evening of laughs, good conversation, and excitement. Think of it as coffee hour with wine!

We will begin at 6:00 pm with the preprandial and silent auction, with the live auction beginning at 7:00. The suggested donation is \$ 10. There will be sumptuous appetizers, delectable desserts, fine wine, and musical entertainment, along with the silent and live auctions. What a perfect way to spend an evening while supporting the church.

Look for a link to the auction booklet coming soon to the UUCR website. You can browse the wonderful items and start thinking about bidding on dinners or vacations. In addition, there will be lots of tantalizing silent auction items, with bidding starting at 6:00.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Dru Wood-Beckwith at woodbeckwith@comcast.net or 781-944-5030.

Worship Notes

Rev. Tim Currently on Sabbatical through May 6, 2012

Rev. Tim is currently on his sabbatical through May 6, 2012. He will return to the office on May 7, 2012. During this time Meg Soens is our Acting Minister and can be reached at 781.944.0494, extension 101 for non-emergencies. Meg's emergency pastoral phone line is 781.850.3307.

Caring and Sharing Coordinator

February 2012

Caring and Sharing Coordinator for Month



The Caring and Sharing coordinator for January is Samantha. Samantha can be reached by [email](#)

Acting Minister's Messages - January 30, 2012



Have you felt it? There is so much good energy at church!

The annual auction is coming up, and I was so happy when one of our newest members came up to me and asked how she could get involved. As I walked her over to the Auction's table in the atrium to find out more, it felt so good to see the energy of connection happening. I hope to see many of you there this coming Saturday!

I certainly felt that energy in our "Filling the Well in Winter Retreat" on Saturday. We were so lucky to have Mandy Neff, a director of religious education at another Unitarian Universalist church, as co-leader of the day, and planner and initiator of the idea. Your fellow church members, the participants, seemed to have really been able to find some of the places that replenish them in that time, which was our hope and desire as we planned it.

One more thing: the group-formerly-known-as-the-community-engagement-task-force has begun a weekly newsletter column designed to draw into one place all the information needed for anyone to figure out how he or she can get engaged in our whole church Food Initiative. It's a really exciting initiative, and one that will have a wonderful, and quite significant, impact.

Remember to look at the member to member section, and the caring and sharing section, too, on our new website. I have found there's so much to explore there, as I slowly come in to the second decade of this century, and learn how to make

the best use of our rich rich website!
Blessings to all,

Meg Soens
Acting Minister

Adult Enrichment

Food for Thought - February 12, 2012

Join us as we view the film Food, Inc. and discuss the questions raised by the film.

In Food, Inc., filmmaker Robert Kenner lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing the highly mechanized underbelly that has been hidden from the American consumer with the consent of our government's regulatory agencies, USDA and FDA.

Featuring interviews with such experts as Eric Schlosser (Fast Food Nation), Michael Pollan (The Omnivore's Dilemma, In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto) along with forward thinking social entrepreneurs like Stonyfield's Gary Hirshberg and Polyface Farms' Joel Salatin, Food, Inc. reveals surprising—and often shocking truths—about what we eat, how it's produced, who we have become as a nation and where we are going from here.

Date: Sunday, February 12th - 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Facilitator: Kristine Blum

Nurturing Our Relationships - Feb. 15, 29 - Mar. 14, 28

A four-part workshop for couples in committed relationships.

Overview

We all know the statistics about marriage and divorce. Is it possible to sustain a committed relationship over the long haul? In this program of fun, interactive workshops, we will focus on what couples can do to keep their relationships strong. How do our UU identity and faith community provide a nurturing environment for interpersonal relationships? How do our UU principles inform

our partnerships? We will look at the stages of a couple's life together and explore personality styles, skillful conversations, managing difference, maintaining passion and rituals of caring.

This program is for couples of all sexual orientations who have made vows or pledged to spend their lives together. This workshop series does not provide couples therapy; couples with serious relationship issues should speak to their minister or another counseling professional.

Length: Four sessions

Dates:

Wednesday evenings

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

February 15th and 29th, March 14th and 28th

Capacity: A minimum of four couples is necessary to hold the class, and a maximum of ten couples can participate.

Facilitators: Ann and Tony Fisher

Ann and Tony have been married for thirty years and been active UUs even longer. Ann is a clinical social worker with experience leading couples' workshops. Tony is a ministerial candidate at Andover-Newton Theological School.

For information or to sign up, email [Ann](#) or [Tony](#), or call 781-942-1634.

Review All Our New Adult Enrichments!

It's "second semester" Adult Enrichment time! Take a long look at all our engaging Adult Enrichment Offerings for the seasons of winter and early spring here at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading.

New offerings include "Nurturing Our Relationships" in February and March and a review of the film "Food Inc." on February 12th.

Please look at all our offerings today and grow with UUCR this winter and early spring.

<http://uureading.org/learn/other/adult-enrichment-news>

CSAs: Getting Your Share - March 4, 2012

Heard about CSAs (community supported agriculture) but not sure of what they are? Looking to join a CSA but not sure which to sign up for? Matthew Himmel of local food cooperative World PEAS will talk about CSAs and how they benefit local residents, communities, and farmers.

Date: Sunday, March 4th, 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Speaker: Matthew Himmel

Facilitator: Ann Fisher

Unitarian Universalist Basics: An Introduction to Our Faith - March 10, 2012

Overview

Are you new to the church? Would you like to meet other folks who are new as well? Would you 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 our acting minister Meg Soens for this engaging introduction to our faith. Registration is required, please call or [email the church office](mailto:office@uucr.org) (781-944-0494) or sign up on Sunday at coffee hour.

Facilitator: Meg Soens

Dates: Saturday, March 10 – 8:30 AM-12:45 PM

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 class will be led by Meg Soens, our acting minister.

What's for Dinner? - March 18, 2012

Join us as we discuss the book *The Omnivore's Dilemma* and learn how our eating choices affect not only our health, but the health of the environment that sustains life on earth.

In this groundbreaking book, author Michael Pollan turns his own omnivorous mind to the seemingly straightforward question of what we should have for dinner. The surprising answers Pollan offers to the simple question posed by this book have profound political, economic, psychological, and even moral implications for all of us. The Omnivore's Dilemma promises to change the way we think about the politics and pleasure of eating. For anyone who reads it, dinner will never again look, or taste, quite the same.

Date: Sunday, March 18th, 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Facilitator: Kristine Blum

Hungry for Change - April 12-May 17, 2012

Overview

Hungry for Change explores the true meaning of the phrase "you are what you eat." This 6-week discussion course challenges participants to examine their roles, not only as consumers of food, but also as creators -- of food, of systems, and of the world we all live in. Each session includes readings, short assignments and accompanying discussion questions that address the impact of individual food choices on a range of issues, including ecosystem health, the treatment of factory and farm workers, and the global economy. Hungry for Change helps participants commit to lasting change by developing and sharing personal Action Plans with each session.

Purpose:

- To explore the interconnected nature of food systems and our relationships to them.
- To examine the impact our food choices have on our health, the health of others and the health of our planet.
- To consider the ethical and political implications of our current food system and our personal food choices.

Length: Six sessions

Dates:

Thursday evenings

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

April 12 - May 17

Capacity: Space is limited to 12 participants.

Fees: \$ 21.00 fee for the course covers the discussion book.

Facilitator: Tricia Schwartz

Unitarian Universalist Basics: An Introduction to Our Faith - May 19, 2012

Overview

Are you new to the church? Would you like to meet other folks who are new as well? Would you 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 our minister Rev. Tim for this engaging introduction to our faith. Registration is required, please call or [email the church office](#) (781-944-0494) or sign up on Sunday at coffee hour.

Facilitator: Rev. Tim Kutzmark

Date: Saturday, May 19 – 8:30 AM-12:45 PM

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 class will be led by Rev. Tim Kutzmark, our minister.

Get Involved News

Chalice Circles

Chalice Circles - Open Chair

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 have started and will go to the end of the Church year in June.

There are lots of openings in the following Chalice Circles:

- Tuesday 4:30 – 6:00 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 contacting [Jean Hanson](#).

Creative Hands and Caring Hearts Group (CHACH)

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The **CHACH** (Creative **H**ands **A**nd **C**aring **H**earts) 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 will continue to 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.

Yours in creativity, Sharyn Taitz, CHACH Facilitator.

Contact Form

Ivy Chord Coffee House

Aoife Clancy and Robbie O'Connell Perform February 25, 2012

Brighten up your winter with Celtic singers Aoife Clancy & Robbie O'Connell, performing at our very own Ivy Chord Coffee House on Saturday, Feb. 25. Their music will warm your heart! Doors open at 7:15 pm. The concert starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at UUCR's website, or email [Beth](#) or call her at 781-229-9394.

Let Beth know if you are able to bake and/or if you can put up a flyer.

Last Tuesday of the Month Book Club

[January 31, 2012 - Major Pedigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson](#)

The book selection for the month of January is *Major Pedigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. We will meet at the home of Ruth Goldberg on Tuesday, January 31 at 1:30 p.m. New people are welcome. If you are a regular member and can't make it, please notify Ruth at 781.944.6386.

Liberal Ladies

[Join The Liberal Ladies on February 8, 2012](#)

Liberal Ladies will be having their monthly meeting Wednesday, February 8th at 10:30 AM in Loring House . Roald Wilson will be there to demonstrate several of his very unusual instruments that he has collected over the years. He not only collects them, but also learns to play them, and it will be very entertaining to hear his presentation. All are welcome.

Mom's Group

[Please Join Us at Our Next Mom's Group Book Discussion on February 24](#)

The UUCR Mom's Book Group will sponsor their next meeting on Friday, February 24, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM in Loring House. The book choice is "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave.

All women are welcome. Please join us for refreshments and a lively discussion! Many copies of the book from the library are available through Alison Friedmann.

Mom's Group

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The UUCR Mom's Group will have three different offerings this year for mothers of the church to get to know one another.

Mom's Circle (registration in September is required).

The Moms Circle is a group of women in a mothering role who meet on a regular basis in an atmosphere of safety and support for the purpose of engaging in facilitated discussions exploring issues of interest to the group and providing an avenue for personal growth, spiritual development, and community

connections. Meetings are twice a month on Sunday evenings in the home of one of the members. Meetings are facilitated by members of the UUCR church community and meetings run similarly to Chalice Circle Meetings.

Social Events (open to all)

Throughout the year we will be organizing social events for all mothers to attend. Dates will be announced in advance.

Mother's Book Club (open to all)

Throughout the year we will be having at least three different book discussions. You are not required to attend all meetings. Books will be announced in advance.

If any of these offerings interest you, please contact Sara Ortins for more information (781-944-2740)

Coordinator: Sara Ortins

Sundays Twice a month, 7:30-9:00 PM

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

Social Action

Thanks for Supporting UU Service Committee through Guest at Your Table

Again this year, the UUCR community has generously supported the work of the UU Service Committee through the Guest at Your Table program. Thank you! Together, members and friends donated \$ 1014.32, which will translate into real-world efforts toward human rights and social justice in the US and around the world, especially environmental and economic justice, civil rights, and the rights of marginalized individuals in humanitarian disasters.

Social Action

UUCR Hosting Immigrant Rights Workshop: Can You Help?

On Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., our church will host a UU Mass Action - UUA Mass Bay District workshop called **Immigrant Rights: From Massachusetts to Arizona**. As hosts, we'll be providing beverages and light food for workshop attendees and helping them with any needs or questions that come up throughout the day.

If you can donate a food item (e.g., sandwich fixings, crackers, bagels, veggies, fruit), juice, or soda, or if you can act as a host/hostess for part or all of the event, please [contact Anne Mark](#).

Immigrant rights will be the focus of this year's UUA General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona. To get ready for GA and to start a statewide immigrant rights campaign, UU Mass Action is holding workshops across the state (http://uumassaction.org/Immigrant_Right). For details, and to sign up to attend the workshop at our church, check upcoming newsletters.

Starlight Soiree and Auction

2012 Starlight Soiree Auction Booklet

 [2012 Auction Booklet \(pdf\)](#)

Starlight Soiree and Auction

It Can't Be a Party Without the Food

Just one week until the Starlight Soiree - our annual UUCR auction that generates a significant contribution to our church coffers. It's a fun evening of delicious food, great company, and enticing auction items. You can help by contributing

some of that delicious food - either an appetizer or dessert - to share with other attendees. Your contribution can be an old-time standby or a cutting-edge delicacy - just be sure it requires no more than a fork or spoon to eat (nothing that requires knives). Please let one of the food coordinators know if you can help out: [click to contact Fran Sansalone](#), [click to contact Ann Fisher](#), or [click to contact Ruth Urell](#).

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Here's a sampling of the items which will be offered. We have the ever-popular sign-ups, including the Big Fat Greek Cocktail Party, UUCR Hike of the Month, Girls' Night...In, Take a Walk in the Woods, A Biogeographic Adventure and Artistry or a Soap-making Class. Some of the goods or services are yoga instruction, an awesome decorated cake, a rain barrel, handmade jewelry, Ivy Chord tickets, a sermon by Rev. Tim, or a case of wine from around the world. We have delicious dinners, such as the amazing Hanson Thai dinner or two new offerings, a poolside dinner at the Sopchaks and a dinner of Afghan specialties at the Wood-Beckwiths. If you want to get away, you can bid on a weekend stay at North Pond, ME, or on the Kittery waterfront. Jasmine Hatzopolous is again offering a stay of up to 15 days at her condo in Athens, Greece. More items are coming in every day.



Once again, we'll be offering a Raffle with a Twist! Premiered last year to great success, the tickets are each and are good for any item at the auction. Anything! A dinner, a service, a vacation home. You may buy as many chances as you like. The drawing will be held just before the live auction begins at 7:00.



To make the auction a huge success, we need both your donations and your help. If you like to cook, [click here to contact Fran Sansalone](#) to make an appetizer or dessert. We can also use assistance for both set-up and clean-up. For donations or to volunteer, please [click here to contact Dru Wood-Beckwith](#).

The most important ingredient for a successful event is YOU! It is a fun evening for a great cause. We look forward to seeing you on February 4.

More News

[January 17, 2012](#)

Time to Register at Sawyer Nursery School!

January is the time when families of preschoolers begin making plans for nursery school in the fall. If you or someone you know (friend, neighbor, relative, acquaintance) has a child who will be 3 years old by August 31, 2012, do urge them to consider UUCR's own Sawyer Nursery School (link to website: sawyernurseryschool.com). Sawyer is a flourishing little operation that celebrated its 50th anniversary last March. It offers a Tuesday/Thursday morning program for 3 year olds, a Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning program for 4 and 5 year olds, and the option of a weekly 'Lunch Bunch' extended day for all. It is a happy place for children, led by experienced, well-trained and loving staff members. To

schedule a tour, contact school Director Deb Harvey at 781-944-9581
orsawyer_nursery_school@verizon.net.

Our Larger Community

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program - Classes at the UUCR



Please welcome our newest renter to the UUCR, Cindy Gittleman.

Cindy is the owner of a program promulgating The Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction program (MBSR), originally developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn. Cindy begins instruction here at the UUCR in our Community Hall on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

Cindy tells us that this will be a highly engaging and supportive program including guided instruction in mindfulness meditation practices, gentle stretching, group dialogue, daily home assignments, and home practice materials, including guided mindfulness practice CDs. MBSR is backed by research and well-respected within the medical community as a complement to traditional treatment approaches for people experiencing general life stress, chronic illness, cardiovascular disease, cancer, depression and anxiety, among other challenges. The program is led by Cindy Gittleman MA, CAGS, founder of Sunrise Mindfulness, LLC. Cindy was trained at the Center for Mindfulness at UMass Medical School in Worcester. She completed the Stress Reduction Program, the Practicum in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, and the Teacher Development Intensive, an advanced training for experienced MBSR teachers. Tuition: 0 if registration completed by January 23rd, 5 after January 23rd. To learn more or to contact Cindy, please visit www.sunrisemindfulness.com.

Ivy Chord Concerts

Aoife Clancy & Robbie O'Connell on February 25, 2012 at 8:00 PM



Aoife Clancy & Robbie O'Connell

Luscious Celtic music & harmonies!

Saturday, February 25, 2012

8:00 pm

Tickets:

\$ 20 general admission

\$ 17 students/seniors

[Buy tickets for this concert online.](#)

Read what the press has to say about Aoife Clancy and Robbie O'Connell:

"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

"'There is Hope' by cousin Robbie O'Connell with soft violin guitar and flute are perfect for the gentleness of Aoife's clear delivery." —Sing Out!

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."*

The Springfield Union-News declares *"...he made it quite clear...that there is more to being Irish than filing stereotypes. And through his music, he's bringing an inspired vision and a new voice of Ireland to American audiences."*

[Ellis Paul on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 8:00PM](#)



Ellis Paul

Charismatic performances, approachable style and beautifully rendered story-songs

Saturday, April 14, 2012

8:00 pm

Tickets:

\$ 25 general admission

\$ 23 students/seniors

[Buy tickets for this concert online.](#)

Read what the press has to say about Ellis Paul:

"There are artists who are good at their craft. There are artists who have developed and maximized their talent to a high degree. Then there are those fewer artists who

seem simply to have been blessed with skills that outshine most others. Ellis Paul is one of those." —John Ziegler, Duluth News Tribune

"He's one of those few artists who can connect to the audience, making everyone in the crowd feel like he or she is actually being performed to. The sound was spot-on and the set list included some new songs from a forthcoming children's album some of which showcased subtle political lyrics. However, even Paul's songs about dragonflies still managed to sound beautiful and utterly heartbreaking." —Adam Arrigo, Northeast Performer

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