



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

June 4, 2012

## Worship Services

Sunday, June 10, 2012

**9:15 AM and 11:00 AM**

**"Report From Afghanistan"**

***New Member Sunday***

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark**

Rev. Tim recently traveled to Afghanistan as part of a delegation assessing the state of Women's Rights in the country, and relations between the U.S. and Afghanistan. Tim was deeply moved and transformed by the people he met, and situations he faced. Today, Tim will share some of his experiences in this war-torn and hope-filled land. We will also celebrate New Member Sunday, and welcome the newest members of our church community. Music: 9:15-Jim Sopchak; 11:00 AM-The UUCR Choir

<b>Time</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>
09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	(click here to sign up)
09:15 AM	Busy Boxes	(click here to sign up)
09:15 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	Membership Team (click here to cancel)
09:15 AM	Usher	(click here to sign up)
09:15 AM	Usher	(click here to sign up)
09:15 AM	Welcome Table	(click here to sign up)
11:00 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	(click here to sign up)
11:00 AM	Usher	(click here to sign up)
11:00 AM	Usher	(click here to sign up)
11:00 AM	Welcome Table	(click here to sign up)

Sunday, June 17, 2012

**9:15 AM and 11:00 AM**

**“Flower Communion Service”**

**Rev. Tim Kutzmark**

Join Rev. Tim, Anne Principe, Meg Soens, and the UUCR Adult Choir for our Annual Flower Communion. Each adult and child attending the service is asked to bring a flower blossom (from garden or shop) to the service. If this is your first Flower Communion, you’ll experience a truly inclusive religious ritual rich in tradition and alive with new meaning for this day and age. At this service we’ll also bid a loving farewell to Meg Soens (our Intern Minister, who has completed her two year internship with us) and Alex Gordon (who is leaving as our accompanist)

*NOTE: This is the final service of our regular church year. (A full program of Summer Services will begin on June 24th at 10:00 AM). This will be Rev. Tim’s final service with us before his usual summer vacation and study leave.*

PLANNING AHEAD—Water Communion Service on September 9th

— Save some water from any place you visit this summer (far or near or backyard or kitchen sink) for our Annual Water Communion and Mingling of the Waters on September 9. A few drops in a bottle or vial will allow you to participate in this meaningful and ongoing ritual of connection and community.

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09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	Becky, Callie and Kate O'Neill In memory of Kevin O'Neill <a href="#">(click here to cancel)</a>
09:15 AM	Busy Boxes	<a href="#">(click here to sign up)</a>
09:15 AM	Coffee Maker(s)	<a href="#">(click here to sign up)</a>
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11:00 AM	Usher	<a href="#">(click here to sign up)</a>
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## 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](#). Please consider volunteering to help out at a worship service on our [Volunteer Signup page](#).

## Featured News

### Join Us This Friday Night for "Safari Night"

#### **Bring A Pal Pizza and Pasta Safari Night**

We are getting together on this Friday, June 8th at 5 PM in our Fellowship Hall and we would love to see you! RSVP through our website at [uureading.org](http://uureading.org) or email us at [safari@uureading.org](mailto:safari@uureading.org) The pizza and pasta are provided with a suggested donation of \$ 5 per person. Friends dine for free! Gluten and dairy free options will be available. This fantastic night will feature a brief presentation from Rev. Tim about his trip to Africa. Kids are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal. Fun safari-themed activities also!

### Help Out at the Greater Boston Food Bank: Saturday, June 9

For a fun, informative, and satisfying morning of work, you're invited to join with other UUCR volunteers at the Greater Boston Food Bank, Saturday, June 9, 9:30 am 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 alleviate the increasing food insecurity and hunger in Massachusetts. The last time UUCR members volunteered, on November 19, 2011, each volunteer sorted 172 pounds of food, on average, and made 133 meals possible.

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.

We welcome you to join in! For information or to sign up, contact Jen McAneny ([Contact Form](#)) or Anne Mark ([Contact Form](#)).

## Worship Notes

### Meg Soens' Ordination - Directions

We're co-ordaining Meg Soens! June 10, 4 pm at First Parish UU in Lexington. Please join in this important UU ceremony.

Directions to the Ordination of Meg Soens into Unitarian Universalist ministry can be found [HERE](#).



Text of the Directions:

North or South: 1. Take Exit 31 A, "Lexington, Rtes. 4 & 225" 2. Turn right onto Bedford St. 3. Follow Bedford street through five traffic lights (the last a blinking light at the fire station), about 1.4 mi. 4. Turn right onto Harrington Rd. 5. Church is at just before end of street on the right. It is a white church with tall steeple. 6.

Parking is in rear of church accessed by the driveway to the left of the building. Additional parking behind St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church, just up Harrington Rd., on the same side of the street as FPC.

### Meg Soens' Ordination - Call for Volunteers

Dear members, friends and family of UUCR,

It is with great joy that UUCR joins with the First Parish Lexington Unitarian Universalist Church in the ordination of Meg Soens. The ordination will be held Sunday, June 10th at 4PM at the Lexington church located at 7 Harrington Road, Lexington.

One of the responsibilities we share is to provide refreshments after the ordination for all those attending. Given the nature of this event, it is expected to be well-attended, and hopefully you will be amongst those attending! Listed below are the types of refreshments that we need for the reception. If you can help out by providing something, please email me directly and indicate what you could provide. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to help out with refreshments, please let me know and we can arrange to pick up your goodies at the church before heading over to the ordination.

- finger sandwiches
- fruit/cheese/cracker trays
- fruit skewers or sliced fruit
- cookies and/or finger desserts
- veggie and dip trays

On behalf of the Intern Committee, I would like to encourage you to attend as this is both a privilege and an honor. And it will be a wonderful way to show our gratitude to Meg for all she has given us these past two years.

With thanks,

Liz Lovell

[Contact Form](#)

## All Things Summer

### **PLANNING AHEAD – WATER COMMUNION SERVICE ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9**

Save some water from any place you visit this summer (far or near or backyard or kitchen sink) for our Annual Water Communion and Mingling of the Waters on September 9. A few drops in a bottle or vial will allow you to participate in this meaningful and ongoing ritual of connection and community.

### **OUR SUMMER WORSHIP**

Our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, June 24th. From June 24th through September 2, please join us every Sunday at 10:00 AM. During the summer we have one summer worship service time of 10:00 AM.

### **REV. TIM'S SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Rev. Tim will begin his summer vacation on July 1st. (four weeks), followed by four weeks of study leave (intensive reading, preparation for the new church year). Rev Tim will return to the office Monday, August 27. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to Rev. Tim before the summer break, please contact Tim now at [revtim@uureading.org](mailto:revtim@uureading.org) so something can be set up before July 1st.

### **PASTORAL COVERAGE OVER THE SUMMER**

In case of a pastoral emergency this summer, Rev. Tim can be reached by contacting a member of our Shared Ministry Team. The Shared Ministry Team Representative will know how to reach Rev. Tim if necessary. From July 1st through July 31st: Call Iris Hardin at 781-608-5416 and from August 1-26: Call Sharyn Taitz at 781-439-5836.

## Caring and Sharing Coordinator

The caring and sharing coordinator is Ann Mottl. Ann can be reached [HERE](#)



## Director of Faith Development's Messages - A Colorful, Loud and Delicious Vision of Mission

What does cooking, jackhammering, and diving into ocean waves fully clothed have to do with living out a vision of mission work? There is no quick answer that would properly capture the experience that some of our teens had over the Memorial Weekend.

Two months ago, ten youth in next year's coming of age program articulated an inspiring vision of what a mission experience might include before even knowing their destination. They wanted to become a closer group by "having each others' back," doing hard work, and having "serious fun." They wanted to change their environment and to explore. They wanted to have a new experience and learn something new about themselves and the world while meeting new people. They wanted to be useful, to help others, and to do something meaningful. They wanted to discover what they take for granted and be a 'little' uncomfortable and inspire each others' lives.

A lofty list? You bet! How many of these goals did they meet? 100%.

The group set off on a journey of a mere 11 miles from our church campus to our neighboring city, Lynn, Massachusetts. Through the hospitality of folks whose lives and vocation are indistinguishable from each other and from the people around them, our youth had the opportunity literally walk the paces of typical smaller city life, with all of it's stories of challenge and stunning hope.

A local deli restaurateur shared life lessons, a trip to Chelsea to pick up food supplies, and a chance to cook their own meal right on the large grill. An international non-denominational Christian Church provided space for meeting and sleeping on the floor of their teen room and warmly invited us into their worship life. A few local gardeners –from homelands all over the world -- us welcomed our helping hands to work into their international peace garden that has been evolving in the alleyways of an elementary school yard.

The Unitarian Universalist Coming of Age experience is unique for using all available and compelling means for youth to live into the timeless questions, who am I? who's on my team? how will I live out my faith in the world? Mission

experiences that interrupt the pace and expectations of day to day life become one of the most effective ways for youth to discover more about themselves while they are immersed into a landscape that is off their beaten track. To be sure, this can happen anywhere – near and far.

It is important to lift up the content that this experience for youth came out of -- and that is the church-wide initiative to focus on food issues and the Helping Hands partnership with The Food Project of Lynn, Massachusetts. By walking in the path of the congregational vision, learning with our Helping Hands partner -- Teen Interns of The Food Project, and discovering new opportunities and partners to convert the vision into a reality, one weekend became a pot of gold.

In faith,            Anne

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## Website News - Member to Member

Member to Member is a service that allows members and friends of the church to keep in touch with each other regarding non-church matters. Members and friends can now email their messages to [membertomember@uureading.org](mailto:membertomember@uureading.org) or [toamonguus@uureading.org](mailto:toamonguus@uureading.org) and those messages will be distributed by email to subscribers of this new mailing list. These messages will be processed during off-hours and at least 3 times per week to ensure that they don't interfere with other regularly scheduled bulk email distributions.

If you would like to receive Member to Member email, go to the online newsletter, find the box on the right labeled Mailing List Subscription, be sure that Member to Member is checked, enter your Name and E-mail address, and then click Subscribe. To get to the online newsletter so that you can subscribe to Member to Member, click [HERE](#).

If you are just joining Member to Member, or for any other reason wish to review older distributions, you can do so by clicking the Member to Member link in the Mailing List Subscription box. If you would like to view older distributions now, click [HERE](#).

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## Church Administrator News - Walk With Us This Saturday - Boston Pride

### **UUCR walks Boston Pride: We Need Walkers And Revelers!**



Our marching contingent could use an increase in its ranks. Can you march with us this Saturday June 9? The Boston Gay/Lesbian/Transgendered/Bisexual Pride parade is on this Saturday, June 9 at 12 Noon. Join us in our place in line by 12 Noon. The parade will start in the area where Clarendon Street and Boylston Streets meet. The route of the parade takes its marchers from Boston's Back Bay through the South End, up to the Boston Common, continues past the State House and will finish at City Hall Plaza where the festival will be held. The Boston Pride Parade is a march to celebrate and promote equal rights for the region's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities and is the staple event of Pride Week. As one of the most popular and scenic gay pride marches in the country, organizations and individuals from around New England will walk together to advocate for inclusivity, equality and respect. The theme of the Boston Pride Parade this year is "Celebrating 30 Years of Worldwide Pride Movement" in honor of the annual InterPride conference, which will be held this year in Boston in October.

New this year for UUCR: when the parade ends and we recess into City Hall Plaza, our UUCR will be represented with a literature table complete with free face painting! We also hope to sticker the crowd with UUCR Pride! Come join in on the fun. For questions or to sign up call the office at 781 944 0494 or [HERE](#)

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## Church Administrator News - Last Call: Fresh Veggies Roll Into UUCR - First Delivery Next Tuesday June 12



Bring a box of locally grown produce home every week to your family's table with the purchase of a Community Sponsored Agriculture subscription! Everyone will want to rush home Tuesday night to feast on the freshness of Massachusetts farming!

The UUCR is pleased to be a local host for the group People Enhancing Agricultural Sustainability, Community Sponsored Agriculture. The UUCR is a host site for delivery. You can sign up for a subscription to receive 18 weekly box deliveries of organic sustainable vegetables from Lowell based farms. Tufts University sponsors and manages this program.

Your box of fresh vegetables and fruits will be dropped off at the UUCR Loring house porch every Tuesday for 18 Tuesdays starting June 12. You will have until 7 PM on Tuesday to stop by your UUCR and pick up your box of food. Your family will enjoy over 70 locally grown vegetables, berries, melons, tree fruit and more!

~A large share costs \$ 710.00 for 18 deliveries.

~A small share costs \$ 470.00 for 18 deliveries.

Subscription is done online at [www.nesfp.org](http://www.nesfp.org) -- the New England Sustainable Farming Project Website.

The first boxes will roll in next Tuesday, June 12. There is still time to purchase a subscription. Sign up today!

## Get Involved News

### Buddhist Meditation Group

#### Half Day Meditation Retreat

The Buddhist Meditation Group @ UUCR invites you to a half day meditation retreat on

Saturday June 30th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The retreat will consist of a combination of chanting, silent meditation and walking meditation. It is recommended you wear loose comfortable clothing. Please bring a meditation cushion if you prefer one over a chair.

The retreat will be followed by a pot luck vegetarian lunch.

Registration is required and free here: <http://bmgjuneretreat.eventbrite.com/>

### Fellowship

#### Bring a Pal Pizza & Pasta Safari Night

Please join us June 8th from 5:00-6:30 pm for Bring a Pal Pizza and Pasta Safari Night. This is the perfect opportunity to bring a friend to our campus for a great night. Rev. Tim will present a slide-show of his trip to Africa. We will have animal themed activities and everyone is encouraged to bring a stuffed animal. There is a suggested donation of for members and any friends you bring eat for free. Please RSVP so we have enough food for everyone.

**When:** Friday, June 8, 5:00 pm

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**RSVP:** [Click here](#)

Gluten and dairy-free options available.

Suggested \$ 5.00 donation per person. Friends you bring dine for free!

## Helping Hands



### Join UUCR volunteers at Food Project Farm 6/16

Want to make a difference for those who lack healthy affordable food in the Greater Boston area?

Come participate in educational games and discussion about the food system; cultivate and maintain the land; plant, tend, or harvest fresh vegetables; have fun outside; all while making a difference!

The Food Project  
Saturday, June 16th  
9:30am to 12:30am

At their site in Lynn

Call or email Laura Hackel to obtain more information and to reserve your spot now.

781 820 1654 or [click to email](#)

# Membership

## The Membership Team Cordially Invites You! June 23, 2012

Please join us for a casual breakfast, socializing, and a brief highlight of our activities for next year. This event, open to all, will be held on Saturday, June 23 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at UUCR.

The Membership Team wholeheartedly supports visitors, friends and members through a variety of activities, many needing only a small time commitment. If any one of our activities sounds interesting to you, then please join us to find out more! Your level of participation is dictated by your availability.

Our goal is to gather a team of people to represent the uniqueness of UUCR to help in any of the following areas:

- Welcome others by occasionally staffing the welcome table (less than once per month).
- Celebrate New Members by assisting with induction and refreshments on New Member Sundays.
- Greet participants and arrange refreshments at the start of UU Basics classes.
- Help us create an Ambassador Program to continue building & maintaining a welcoming, inclusive and dynamic community.
- Help determine congregant engagement in and satisfaction with our UUCR community.
- Organize a few fellowship activities, possibly a brown bag lunch, a potluck, a book reading, etc. (in coordination with other teams).

RSVP: Amy Burton, Member Services & Volunteer Coordinator, [by email \(Contact Form\)](#), or Michele Catalano, Membership Team Chairperson, [by email \(Contact Form\)](#).

[Invitation \(PDF file\)](#)

## Ivy Chord Concerts

Lori McKenna: October 6, 2012



***"Poignant and profound poetry. She has an uncanny ability to paint stories of the human condition in a way that reminds us all that we are not alone." ~ Keith Urban***

Saturday, October 6, 2012  
8:00 pm

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

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

Lori is the winner of **2011 Boston Music Awards Folk Artist of the Year.**

From Good Day LA:

*Lori McKenna is one of the most respected songwriters in country music. Her songs have been recorded by other artists including Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, and Mandy Moore.*

John Gorka on Saturday, January 26, 2013



***Energetic, acoustic folk***

***"Listening to him sing, one can get goose bumps all over. There are many reasons—fresh lyrics, a stunning emotional baritone, his twisted humor ..."*** *New York Times*

Saturday, January 26, 2013  
8:00 pm

Tickets:  
\$ 25 general admission  
\$ 23 students/seniors

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

From Ben Wakeman, Take Me To the Bridge:

*There are few contemporary songwriters that come anywhere close to the talent of John Gorka. His songs have a way of working on you long after you thought you had it all figured out. I will listen to a song that I know all the words to and can sing along with and then one day sitting at a traffic light I realize that there was a whole other layer of meaning that I had missed.*

*In 1984 John Gorka won the prestigious Kerrville New Folk competition. He has over ten albums to his credit. John is a songwriter's songwriter and his songs are*

championed by an amazing circle of artists including Nanci Griffith, Mary Chapin Carpenter, David Wilcox and many more.

### Matt & Shannon Heaton on Saturday, April 13, 2013



***"Their playing is masterful and inventive, their arrangements city-smart and spacious. Still, they never forget that Irish music is, at its heart, a neighborly form meant for sharing, not showing off." — Scott Alarik, Boston Globe***

Saturday, April 13, 2013  
8:00 pm

Tickets:  
\$ 16 general admission  
\$ 14 students/seniors

### Buy tickets for this concert online.

Musically speaking, the Heaton's play the heck out of their instruments (Irish wood flute/accordion, guitar/bouzouki). After years of study in Chicago, and many nights of music in Clare, Galway, and their adopted home of Boston, Irish Music Magazine's John O'Regan wrote, "their duet playing is tight, sweet, and tasteful, lacking nothing on either technical expertise or instrumental virtuosity."

As for their singing, when Matt and Shannon perform centuries-old songs, it feels current, conversational. They make traditional music relevant to American audiences. O'Regan wrote "songwise [there are] hints an older domestic sound, the familiar down home harmonies of The Carter Family and Tim and Mollie O'Brien."