



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

June 18, 2012

Worship Services

Sunday, June 24, 2012

“Where is our Holy Church?”

Tony Fisher

Sunday, June 24, 2011

Special Summer Service Time - 10:00 AM Only

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10:00 AM	Altar Flowers	(click here to sign up)
10:00 AM	Lemonade	Robbie and Brian Kohn
10:00 AM	Usher	(click here to sign up)
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10:00 AM	Welcome Table	(click here to sign up)

Sunday, July 1, 2012

“Summer Reading Service”

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Join us this Sunday as congregants bring readings to share on a summer or Independence Day theme.

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Schedule of Worship Services

Sundays through the Summer

10:00 AM

There are no childcare services or Faith Development Classes during the Summer worship months of June 24th through September 2nd. These offerings will resume on Sunday, September 9, 2012.

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](#).

All Things Summer

SPECIAL SUMMER SERVICE TIME OF 10:00 AM STARTS ON JUNE 24

Please note your calendars that starting on Sunday, June 24, 2012 worship services will be at one time only, 10:00 AM, every Sunday through Labor Day. During our summer service months we recess after worship for fellowship and enjoy cold delightful lemonade and conversation. Please join us Sundays in the summer. Details for each of our summer worship services will be communicated shortly.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR SUMMER STUDENT PREACHER JOE CLEVELAND

We welcome our summer Student Preacher, Joe Cleveland, who will preach on Sunday, July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 19. A recent graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, Joe at the UU church in Bedford, MA. Before preparing for the ministry, Joe was a teacher of English literature and academic writing courses having done his graduate work in literature and literary theory at Syracuse University. In addition to performing in regional coffeehouses in New York state, Joe co-founded and served as the Artistic Director for a non-profit group sponsoring folk and acoustic music concerts and workshops in Syracuse, NY. Also a lover of poetry, Joe sings and plays both guitar and old-time banjo.

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.

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 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 Ruth Goldberg 781-640-7387

Caring and Sharing Coordinator

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



Website News - Summer Newsletter

The church newsletter will be published monthly through the summer, on June 18, July 16, and August 13. (Weekly publication of Weekend Update will continue through the summer.) In addition, we will be publishing Summer Updates as needed.

Regular publication of the church newsletter will resume in early September.

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/>

Choir

UUCR Pianist/Organist 2012 Job Posting

Part-Time Pianist/Organist: Diverse, liberal/progressive religious church (Unitarian Universalist) seeks versatile accompanist/pianist/organist to work Thursday evening rehearsals, Sunday morning rehearsals and two Sunday morning worship services for a vibrant, mid-sized Boston North congregation. Job requires proficiency at both piano and organ and at accompanying both choir and vocal or instrumental soloists. Salary will be commensurate with education, experience and skill.

Hours: 14 hrs/week, with Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings a requirement.

Work year: 40-week work year, September – June.

Please see detailed job description [HERE](#).

Cover letters and resumes may be submitted to orgsearch@uureading.org.

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 \(PDF file\)](#)

Social Action

Volunteer at Bread and Roses June 28--A Rewarding, Enjoyable Evening Out (and It's Free)

Jamie Maughan reports that Bread and Roses soup kitchen in Lowell is an exceptional place to volunteer. He'll be away when his June 28 shift comes around and is looking for a substitute. To volunteer, please contact Jamie. He writes, "I have had a really incredible experience at Bread and Roses 'soup kitchen' in Lowell. We have been serving 140 to 160 people per night and actually ran out of food (not all food, we still had peanut butter and jelly and some of the main dish) last night. The meal last night was supplied and largely staffed by the Episcopal Church in Andover." The work does require some stamina: on his last shift, Jamie was setting tables, serving food, washing dishes, and cleaning up from about 4:00 to 7:45. But "the hard work makes it so much more rewarding!"

Social Action



UUCR Volunteers at the Greater Boston Food Bank

How to measure a volunteer shift at the Greater Boston Food Bank? Saturday, June 9. 9:30 to 12:00. 52 volunteers (8 from the UUCR). 14,000 pounds of flash-frozen meat sorted. Of those, 11,200 salvageable pounds boxed, weighed, and labeled. 8,615 meals made possible for hungry people in our state--165 meals per volunteer.

But numbers are just part of it. Given a goal—keep the good frozen meat, throw away the bad; sort by type of meat—but not told how to achieve it, the whole group of 52 urban and suburban volunteers worked out a system on the fly and quickly became an energetic, focused team, saving food to be sent to soup kitchens and meal sites. Our group—older and younger, long-term and new UUCR members—felt it was a satisfying day, filled with community spirit.

More News

Important Events on Campus and Dates To Save

Special Summer Service Time of 10:00 AM starts next Sunday, June 24 and continues through Labor Day – Join us every Sunday in the summer at 10 AM for worship. Coffee service is suspended for the summer and instead we enjoy ice cold lemonade and fellowship after each Summer Sunday Worship. Please plan to join us.

Plan Ahead For Our Water Communion Service on Sunday, September 9 and save some water from any place your visit this summer.

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."