



The Week Ahead

NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

Worship Services

Sunday, January 15, 2012



"Forgotten Unitarian Universalist hero: Viola Liuzzo and the March on Montgomery"

Meg Soens, Acting Minister

9:15 and 11:00 AM

Years ago, on March 25, 1965, the Black civil rights movement celebrated one of its greatest triumphs when 25,000 peaceful protesters finally succeeded in marching into Montgomery, Alabama from the nearby city of Selma. One of these protesters, a white Unitarian Universalist woman named Viola Liuzzo, was murdered later that evening by Ku Klux Klansmen as she ferried marchers back to Selma. As Unitarian Universalists, we have a proud tradition of responding to the imperatives of love and justice to work with those of us who are marginalized and oppressed in society and the world. Come learn about Viola Liuzzo's story, and consider what that can tell us about ourselves and others as we continue to respond to these twin imperatives.

Children

Child care and playschool for infants through 1st grade.

Ushers

9:15 AM - Sunday Evening Chalice Circle

11:00 AM - Sunday Evening Chalice Circle

Welcome Table

9:15 AM - Needed

11:00 AM - Needed

Coffee Makers

9:15 AM - Sunday Evening Chalice Circle

11:00 AM - Sunday Evening Chalice Circle

Altar Flowers

Needed

Featured News

Town of Reading Martin Luther King Day Celebration

Please plan to attend the town of Reading Martin Luther King Day Celebration on Monday, January 16, 2012. This important event will take place at the Reading Memorial High School. A 9:00 breakfast will be served and programming will commence at 10:00 AM. The celebration will feature music, drama, and inspiring words. Our own Acting Minister, Meg Soens will be participating.

Filling the Well in Winter - Saturday Retreat

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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...

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Worship Notes

Join Us at Our Tidbits and Tour!

Tidbits and Tour planned for this Sunday January 15, 2011

Are you new to the church? Join Meg Soens, Acting Minister, 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 Meg and Amy and ask any

questions you might have. No registration necessary. We meet at the front of the church after each service.

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.

January 9, 2012 - Christmas Eve Collection Thank You

Christmas Eve Collections

A hearty thank you to one and all for the donations received at our Christmast Eve Services. Because of this outpouring of generosity, sixty percent of the donations collected, \$ 1,493.60 will be sent to the UUCR Helping Hands partner, the Food Project, for the specific use of funding scholarships that will assist needy families with purchasing fresh and fruits and vegetables at the Lynn Community Supported Agriculture (CAS) Center. The remaining forty percent, or \$ 995.74, has been deposited to the UUCR "We Care" account for the specific disbursement to members and friends of the UUCR who are in need, the mission being to help our church family with the occasional gift of a food card, a retail store card, or a gas card.

Minister's Messages - January 9, 2012



Dear Friends ,

I was deeply moved by the beautiful sabbatical send-off yesterday. There were so many good wishes, so much love, and more hugs than I've ever received before. Our Sabbatical Support Team threw a wonderful post-service party, complete with some amazing food from Afghanistan and South Africa, two of the places I'll travel to during my time away. Thank you to the members of the...

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Acting Minister's Messages - January 9, 2012 - Come, Come Whoever You Are...



*"Come, come, whoever you are...
ours is no caravan of despair.
come yet again come.
Though you've broken your vow a hundred times,
come yet again, come."*

The song is so fitting for our church and our faith: Unitarian Universalism is a "non-creedal" faith, we are not bound by specific shared set of beliefs. We are, rather, a covenantal faith, gathered around promises -- a vow -- of how we will walk...

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Director of Faith Development's Messages - January 9, 2012 - Meet me in the center!

Continued observations from the Interim Director of Faith Development:



*Relation is the essence of everything that exists.
-Meister Eckhart*

Modern science is arriving at the wisdom that many great mystics have felt for hundreds of years – that there is no thing in and of itself, separately defined. The insides of an atom and all it's moving pieces only function in...

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President's Messages - January 9, 2012 - Auction



The Starlight Soiree, UUCR's Annual Auction, is fast approaching! Don't miss this very fun evening and unique UUCR event. The Auction will be held on Saturday, February 4th in Fellowship Hall starting at 7:00 pm. For those of you who are newer to our community, the Auction is our second biggest fundraising event of the year. It is a social evening with wine and desserts and great...

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Website News - Special Website Needs - Late-January/Early-February

Please be sure to contact the webmasters by Sunday, January 15 if you will have any special website needs between now and the end of January. The webmasters will be unavailable to make any substantial additions or changes to the website, or help with entering of any complex content, during that time. Rosemary will remain available to help with the entering of regular news content during that...

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Archives Committee - **100 Years Ago at the UUCR** If you walked through the doors of our church in Reading Square on a...

Buddhist Meditation Group - **Buddhist Meditation Group will meet this Monday January 9th** The previously cancelled Meditation sitting on Monday January 9th is...

Liberal Ladies - **Liberal Ladies Next Meeting on January 11th** On Wednesday, January 11th from 10:30 AM until noon, the Liberal Ladies...

Mom's Group - **Please Join Us at Our Next Mom's Group Book Discussion on February 3** The UUCR Mom's Book Group will sponsor their next meeting on Friday,...

Partner Church - **UU Heritage Trip to Transylvania in April** From John Dale of the UU Partner Church Council Travel Service: "If you...

Partner Church - **Thank you for supporting the UUCR's international partnerships** Many thanks to all who recently bought fair-trade chocolate and coffee...

Social Action - **UU Urban Ministry Seeks Volunteer Cooks** From Kate Wilkinson, Volunteer Coordinator at the UU Urban Ministry in...

Starlight Soiree and Auction - **Save the Date - February 4 - UUCR's Awesome Annual Auction** UUCR's Major Winter Fundraiser to Fund our Church Budget The Starlight...

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