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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Date	Sunday, March 30, 2008 10:30 AM	Sunday, April 6, 2008 10:30 AM
Sermon	"Wisdom of the Divine Feminine" Rev. Laura Cavicchio, Guest Minister	"Accidental Intersections" BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY Rev. Tim Kutzmark
Children	Pre-k and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Loring House for Principles in Action 1. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall. Coming of Age 10:30 – 11:45 Loring House. Grade 7 Our Whole Lives 6:30 – 9:00 Loring House. SHYP 6:30 – 8:30 Loring House.	Pre-K and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Loring House for Principles in Action 2. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall. Grade 7 Our Whole Lives 6:30 – 9:00 Loring House SHYP 6:30 – 8:30 Loring House.
Ushers	Jane Jolkovski and Ed Barbagallo	Needed
Altar Flowers	Ellen and Bill Childress	Needed
Coffee Hour	Molly Bicking, Kitty Craig-Comin, and Blair Woodman	Laurie Thibault
Welcome Table	Linda Deveau and Marcia Dresser	Linda Deveau and Judy Riley
Greeters	Kris Abbott and Lynne Marochneck	Eileen Cummings and Marcia Dresser
RE Greeter	David Oakes	Martha Oesch

### Sunday, March 30, 2008 - 10:30 AM

**Laura Cavicchio, Guest Minister**

**"Wisdom of the Divine Feminine"**

"She is the Tree of Life to those who embrace Her, and those who unite with Her find happiness." This service will lift up and celebrate ancient archetypes of the divine feminine from the Wisdom literature of the Bible. What do we, as seekers of wisdom and the ways of right living have to learn from Her?

Laura, along with her husband Ron, has been a member of UUCR for 25 years. Laura served UUCR for 7 years as Director of Religious Education, ending in 2000. Following completion of her seminary studies at Andover Newton Theological School, Laura was ordained by this congregation -- her beloved 'home' church -- in May, 2005. She is currently serving as the minister at First Parish in Lexington Unitarian Universalist.

**Sunday, April 6, 2008**  
**“Accidental Intersections”**  
**BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY**  
**Rev. Tim Kutzmark**

There are people who touch our lives for but a moment. There are moments when someone appears, and their presence, fleeting as it may be, makes an impact. Kate Braestrup captures these moments of grace quite beautifully in her touching memoir, *Here If You Need Me*, which has been selected the Fellowship Committee for this year's all church read. Today's service will kick off the all church read, and explore the spiritual wisdom of presence when lives intersect for a brief but necessary moment of time. Whether you intend to read the book or not, you'll find a message in the service to soothe the soul. We'll also celebrate the Baby Dedication of Natalie Violet Ortins. NOTE: *Today is BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY, the perfect opportunity to invite a friend to join you in church and share the warmth and vitality of our church community. Today's service will be a perfect introduction to our Unitarian Universalist faith.*

## WORSHIP

### **BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY IS APRIL 6 – DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that 85% of the people who ever visit a Unitarian Universalist Congregation do so because someone invited them to visit? Don't keep the warm and welcoming community here at the UU Church of Reading a secret. Why not share our Unitarian Universalist faith with someone you know? SUNDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> is "BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY." Rev. Tim and the Worship Arts Ministry are creating a service perfect for first time visitors. Please extend an invitation to someone you know.

### **TEA AND TOUR PLANNED FOR APRIL 13**

Join Rev. Tim and Laraine Turner, Member Services Coordinator, after the service on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for a casual, comfortable chance to talk, ask questions, have a tour of the church campus, and learn a little bit more about Unitarian Universalism. We'll have snacks for adults and kids. Nothing fancy. Just friendly. We hope to see you. (We'll meet at Tim's office after the service)

### **REV. TIM'S SERMONS AVAILABLE**

Copies of all Rev. Tim's most current sermons are now available in the Atrium of Fellowship Hall, including "Comfort Food For the Soul" and "Who Really Killed Jesus." Sermons are also available on our website at [uureading.org](http://uureading.org)

### **QUIET SPACE**

As part of the Sanctuary construction our narthex sound system has been restored. We now have a quiet area that restless people and their children may sit in and listen to the service without feeling they are disturbing others. Sit on the comfortable chairs or crawl on the carpet, we are just happy to have you with us.

### **WHERE IS THE SUNDAY NEWS?**

The office in concert with the Green Sanctuary Committee is now placing our weekly Sunday News in baskets or tables as you enter for worship. Effective Sunday, March 30 the Sunday News will not be inserted in every order of service. We are asking families to please help themselves to a copy of the Sunday News as they enter worship. This small change will result in a paper reduction.

### **UUCR WORSHIP SERVICES ON LOCAL ACCESS CABLE TV!**

Our Sunday worship services are broadcast in the following towns:

READING CABLE TV RCTV: Channel 9 on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Check the RCTV schedule for changes.

BURLINGTON CABLE ACCESS TV (BCAT): Public access channel Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Provider Channel, Comcast 9, RCN 3

Verizon 39 Check the BCAT schedule for changes <http://bcattv.org>

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

A few weeks ago, a friend, and a wonderful and devoted Unitarian Universalist, named Butch Redding died unexpectedly after suffering a stroke. He was young, only fifty-six years old, with so much living left to do. I first met Butch eighteen years ago when we were both members at Arlington Street Church in Boston. Butch was a true creative soul, an artist, and a wizard with fabrics. He had an astute eye for making everything, and everyone, more beautiful. As a member at Arlington Street Church, Butch designed and sewed the celebratory banners for my ordination. Butch designed the flowers and decorations when Jim and I had our wedding at Arlington Street Church. Butch was a talented architect, and he designed aspects of many of his friend's homes. But Butch chose to work for most of his adult life for as an Administrator at Unitarian Universalist churches. Butch once told a friend that he wanted to work directly in Unitarian Universalist churches because he wanted to be a part of this living and transforming faith that he loved, and that loved him back.

In 2006, Butch printed this following poem by Lynn Ungar in his church newsletter:

*The cottonwoods are  
Flinging themselves outward,  
Filling the air with spiraling flurries,  
Covering lawns in deepening drifts.  
You could not call this generosity.  
Like any being, they  
Let loose what they have in order to survive.  
In order that their lives might continue  
In a new year's growth.  
The more seeds they send out  
On their lofted journeys  
The greater the chance  
For their kind to flourish*

Then Butch added a postscript of his own:

*May we let loose and fling ourselves into generous acts of abundant  
creation.*

May it be so!

See you on the path,  
Tim

## AMONG OURSELVES

The Taitz family wishes to report happily that Sharyn's scheduled knee replacement surgery has gone very well with no complications. They wish to thank everyone "for their thoughts, prayers, and energy." Cards and notes can be sent to 1443 Main Street, Reading MA 01867.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ian West who broke his jaw in a skiing accident and has undergone surgery to repair this injury. His family is "grateful the injury wasn't worse and appreciates the outpouring of concern." Notes and cards can be sent to 14 Covey Hill Road, Reading, MA 01867,

## MUSICAL NOTES

### THERE'S MUSIC IN THE AIR!

The Music Committee, with guidance from Mark Bennett and Tim Kutzmark, is working to bring lots of music to UUCR, and not always when you expect it. Have you noticed a change? The mission of the Music Committee is to nurture and promote a variety of musical opportunities, in an environment that fosters the inherent, musical worth and dignity of every person. We're hoping you've seen some musical changes over the last year.

- We already have our ever-strong, ever-wonderful choir, under the direction of Mark Bennett; but we are changing dates that the choir sings so that a non-choir Sunday does not always line up with guest speakers, or a worship arts Sunday.
- We now offer instrumental introits twice a month -- once by our talented organist George White, and the other time by a UUCR instrumentalist.
- We have organized a jUUnior choir (offered twice a month after church) to children in grades 1-4.
- How about that fabulous pot-luck dinner and sing-along organized by the Fellowship Committee on Feb. 23?
- The IVY CHORD Coffee House brings a few evening events to the church!

A little of this, a little of that adds up to LOTS of music at UUCR! The Music Committee is charged with serving as musical advocates for the entire congregation. How can we better meet your needs? We'd love to hear from you.

Kris Abbott	Judy Riley
Ron Cavicchio	John Surette
Rose McAuley	Sharyn Taitz
Beth Murray, co-chair	Ruth White
Don Pearson, co-chair	

### COME SING WITH US!

The jUUnior choir of UUCR would like to invite you to sing with us at church on Sunday morning, April 13. The children involved with jUUnior choir have learned a round called "This Pretty Planet." We're going to sing it on April 13, and we'd love others to join us. Don't worry -- the round is short, easy, and beautiful. The jUUnior choir kids will teach it to you. They already know it! Join us for this wonderful, intergenerational, musical experience! This piece is for everyone -- young and old, teens, too! All non- jUUnior choir children (young children) must bring a singing adult. If you wish to sing with us, We will have two rehearsals that you must attend:

- Sunday, March 30, 12:00 - 12:30, down in the Old Community Hall
- Sunday, April 13, before church, in the sanctuary

Contact Beth Murray at [bethpiano@rcn.com](mailto:bethpiano@rcn.com) if you require further information.

## STAFF

### CONTACTING OUR FACILITY MANAGER MARC EVANS

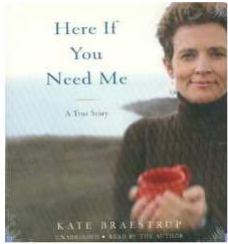
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Slips are available today on atrium table and in our copy room and by email request to [facilitymanager@uureading.org](mailto:facilitymanager@uureading.org)

## FELLOWSHIP

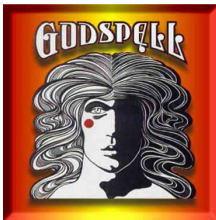


### **April: UUCR Reads is Back by Popular Demand! Last date to order book is March 26**

The book has been selected, Here if You Need Me, by Kate Braestrup, a Unitarian Universalist minister, who is the chaplain for the Maine State Warden Service.

Tim has been working on the kick-off sermon for April 6. If you did not have an opportunity to If you would like to order your own copy at a 1/3 off price, you must contact Beth Brauer , [mebrauer@comcast.net](mailto:mebrauer@comcast.net) or 978-664-5046 no later than March 26 to order. Cost for the hardcover (no paperback out yet) \$16.50 compared to \$23.99 in bookstores.

Audio copies are \$20.00 compared to book store price of \$29.98. There will be a Book Discussion (with Refreshments) on Sunday Evening April 27, at 7:00 p.m.



### **May: Theater Outing to See Godspell**

We are trying something new this year. With so many people involve in Tim's Bible Discussion Groups, we thought there would be interest in an outing to see Godspell put on by the Burlington Players. We have reserved a block of tickets for the Sunday, May 4th matinee at 2:00 p.m. for the Group Rate of \$13.00 per ticket. Contact Beth Brauer [mebrauer@comcast.net](mailto:mebrauer@comcast.net) or 978-664-5046 if you are interested in attending. Suitable for children ages 10 and up. Sign up soon if you have interest.

## PARTNER CHURCH NEWS

A beautiful e-card arrived last week from Csilla Pataki, with best wishes to our congregation for a peaceful and happy Easter from her, her family, and our partner congregation in Transylvania (Romania). Csilla is the daughter of Alsójára congregation member Ilona Bross and is currently studying in Hungary.

Thank you to all who bought chocolate and coffee from the Partner Church Committee to benefit our church's two "partner seminarians," Marton Csecs and Julia Fülöp, who are studying for the Unitarian ministry in Transylvania. Your enthusiastic support raised \$320.50 toward the stipends that the UUCR sends each year to Marton and Julia. (If you missed buying fair-trade coffee and chocolate in February, or would like more, not to worry! We'll have more on May 4.)

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

### **RACE: CONTINUING THE EXPLORATION**

A number of people expressed interest in following up on lively, thought-provoking conversations that took place in the recent UUCR Adult Enrichment course, "Race: Exploring a Powerful Illusion."

Whether you participated in the course or not, please join us on Wednesday, April 2 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we continue to share experiences of the impact of racial dividing lines in our lives and our community and explore what we can do individually and together to address bias and discrimination. We will also consider when and how often we might want to gather in the future. Facilitator: Jim Vetter.

This event is co-sponsored by our Adult Enrichment and Social Action Committees, along with the Reading Human Relations Advisory Committee and the Peace and Justice Committee of St. Agnes Catholic Church.

Register on the sign up sheet in the atrium or call the office at 781-944-0494 or email Rosemary [uucr@uureading.org](mailto:uucr@uureading.org). For questions, contact Jim Vetter at [jbvetter@comcast.net](mailto:jbvetter@comcast.net) or 617-947-6434.

### **LEADERSHIP/DEVELOPMENT/VOLUNTEERISM WORKSHOP SUNDAY APRIL 6 AT THE UUCR AFTER WORSHIP**

How can we encourage a congregational culture at the UUCR which continually attends to the development of its leaders, both personally and institutionally? This workshop will help us develop the truly spiritual discipline of passing on our leadership.

Terasa Cooley, will lead this dynamic and important workshop on finding and equipping lay leaders to help bring our mission into being on Sunday April 6th after church. The workshop will be available to all UUCR members and friends. There is a fee of \$10 to cover the cost of Lunch. Please sign up today on the registration sheet in the atrium. Or call Rosemary at 781-944-0494 or email her at [uucr@uureading.org](mailto:uucr@uureading.org)

### **NEW ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERING CREATE A BEAUTIFUL BOOK OF PASSAGES FROM WORLD SCRIPTURES**

Saturday April 19 – 9:00 am to 12 Noon in Loring, Sign-up deadline: April 6, Facilitator: Mandy Neff

This contemplative class grows out of two monastic traditions: illumination and lectio divina. The first part of the morning will be spent in the practice of lectio divina, or divine reading. This is a practice of reading scriptures aloud, slowly, and giving oneself silent time to reflect or pray on the words, and then responding. We will select scriptures to focus on, and then take time to reflect on our chosen words. Resources from different modern and ancient traditions will be available, including Buddhist sutras, the Bible, the Koran, the Rig Veda, the Enuma Elish creation epic, and the Unitarian Universalist hymnal. To respond, we will use illumination as a springboard. Illumination is an elaborate art form decorated with gold, silver, brilliant colors and miniature pictures. But don't feel intimidated! We will use easy-to-master modern stamping and collage techniques to illustrate our scriptures, so your piece can be as simple or elaborate as you desire. Each participant will take home a 5x7 book of art. Materials fee: \$10. Mandy Neff is a former Director of Religious Education who has been leading workshops linking art and spirituality for over 10 years. She is now a scrapbooking consultant and full-time mother of three. Sign up on the registration sheet in the atrium. Or call Rosemary at 781-944-0494 or email her at [uucr@uureading.org](mailto:uucr@uureading.org)

## THE MOVIES: "MANUFACTURED LANDSCAPES"

If you are interested in any of the following: art, the future of our planet, photography, economics, film, China's industrial revolution, the environment, beauty, recycling... In short, if you're interested in our world, Please Join Us to see the documentary "Manufactured Landscapes" at 7pm on Friday April 11, Loring 103. John Sullivan will present the movie and invite discussion afterwards.

## SOCIAL ACTION

### **HELP NEEDED FOR SOCIAL ACTION COMMUNITY ORGANIZING WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY APRIL 5**

The UUCR is hosting a district-wide social action workshop on April 5 (details below), and the Social Action Committee could use some help. If you can

- help folks park appropriately on and around our church campus (about 8:15 to 9:15)
- help serve coffee and pastries (about 8:15 to 9:15)
- help serve lunch (about 12:15 to 1:15)
- donate doughnuts, bagels, coffee cake, or a lunch item (such as sandwiches, casserole, salad)

We would be so grateful! Contact Anne Mark (amark@mit.edu, 718-944-8769).

### **CONGREGATIONALLY BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING WORKSHOP AT UUCR APRIL 5**

All are invited to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 5, from 9 to 1, for the workshop “How to Increase the Capacity of Your Congregation to Organize for Social Justice with Oppressed Communities,” presented by the Mass Bay District, UU Service Committee, UU Urban Ministry, William Ellery Channing School Partnership Program, and UU Mass Action. The workshop will offer:

- presentations on the underlying philosophy of grassroots community organizing and social justice principles and how our congregation can become more effective and involved,
- opportunities for UU activists to share success stories and successful strategies,
- a chance to learn more about UU organizations working on justice issues and how our congregation can join in.

The workshop is FREE for our congregation. Coffee and pastries will be served at 9, and a networking lunch will start at 1. Sign up in the UUCR atrium or contact Andrew Taylor (ataylor@mbduua.org, 646-812-6581). Pick up a workshop agenda and overview in the atrium, or contact Anne Mark (781-944-8769, amark@mit.edu).

### **BRAINSTORMING THE UUCR – JERICHO ROAD LAWRENCE CONNECTION SUNDAY MARCH 30**

All are invited to meet with the Social Action Committee and Joan Kulash, executive director of Jericho Road Lawrence, at noon on Sunday, March 30, in Loring House, to shape the developing partnership between the UUCR and JRL. JRL matches volunteers who have professional skills with nonprofit organizations in Lawrence for specific short-term projects (e.g., working out a fundraising strategy, teaching the nonprofit’s staff how to write grants, advising the staff on board development). For more information, contact Denise Giangregorio (snoopy21dag@comcast.net, 617-846-9044) or Anne Mark (amark@mit.edu, 781-944-8769).

### **SECOND ANNUAL UU LOBBY DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE: THURSDAY APRIL 3**

From UU Mass Action: “Please join UU Mass Action at The State House in Boston for the Second Annual UU Lobby Day on Thursday, April 3, 10:30 to 3:00. We’ll learn how to make a difference on UUs’ two top issues this year - Global Warming and Hunger and Poverty. (At last year’s Lobby Day, we made a crucial difference in the victory of Marriage Equality!) We’ll hear great speakers, including UUA President Rev. Bill Sinkford and UUSC President Charlie Clements; we’ll be trained on key issues and legislation, and then go in groups to visit our legislators.”

RSVP and reserve lunch at uumassactionnetwork@verizon.net. (You must prepay for lunch.)

### **SECOND OFFERING TO BENEFIT UUCR-MELROSE UU CHURCH VILLAGE BANK IN HAITI SUNDAY APRIL 13**

With a loan as small as \$50 –\$200, a person with an entrepreneurial spirit who’s living in poverty in a developing country can start or grow a small business—putting food on the family table, making it possible for children to go to school, eventually maybe even employing others in the community. “Microfinance” like this is challenging global poverty.

On Sunday, April 13, our congregation will have a Second Offering to found—with our partners, the Melrose UU Church—a village bank in Haiti. The bank, set up by FINCA (Foundation for International Community Assistance), will be run by and for about 20–30 entrepreneurs (probably women) in this desperately poor country. The goal is for each church to raise \$2500 of the \$5000 cost to found a bank. (Thanks to donations made at the Hunger Banquet, we have a start on this amount.) Once the bank is established, FINCA will send information and news about it. Come on April 13 to hear Rev. Dorothy May Emerson speak about the transformative power of microlending, truly a way of helping people to help themselves, and then please donate to the village bank as you are willing and able.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT UU URBAN MINISTRY AT ANNUAL MEETING: THURSDAY MAY 15

Would you like to be a delegate from the UUCR to this year's annual meeting of the UU Urban Ministry on Thursday, May 15? (The UUUM is a social justice ministry; its programs include the Roxbury Youth Programs, a domestic violence shelter, an Asian food pantry, and a re-entry and support program for men transitioning back into the community after prison.)

From the UUUM: "We are especially excited about this year's meeting as we have a great deal to share with you. Over the past year, and with the extensive participation of our member congregations, we have made significant strides in our ongoing social justice efforts on behalf of the families and youth we serve. We are particularly excited about our Roxbury Youth Programs, which is participating in a Boston model program uniting schools, parents and after-school programs in a combined effort to address academic proficiency and character development. The program is based on a curriculum developed by urban education expert Dr. Jeff Howard, whom we are pleased to announce as this year's Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker."

The UUCR is eligible to send 3 delegates to the meeting. Typically the meeting runs a couple of hours around lunchtime, at First Church in Roxbury (John Eliot Square, 10 Putnam St.). If you'd like to go, contact Anne Mark (amark@mit.edu, 781-944-8769).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOURTH QUARTER CALENDAR

- **March 30** – Pre-k and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Loring House for Principles in Action 1. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall. Coming of Age 10:30 – 11:45 Loring House. Grade 7 Our Whole Lives 6:30 – 9:00 Loring House. SHYP 6:30 – 8:30 Loring House.
- **April 6** – Pre-K and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Loring House for Principles in Action 2. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall. Grade 7 Our Whole Lives 6:30 – 9:00 Loring House SHYP 6:30 – 8:30 Loring House.
- **Friday April 11 – Saturday April 12** – Grade 7 Our Whole Lives Sleepover Session
- **Saturday April 12** from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Dinner Fellowship Hall.
- **April 13** – Pre-K and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Loring House for Principles in Action 3. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall Coming of Age time TBD. Youth Adult Committee meeting 5 – 6:30 Loring House. Grade 7 Our Whole Lives Celebration 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. SHYP 6:30 – 8:30 Loring House.
- **Friday April 18** 4:00 p.m. SHYP leaves for New Orleans
- **April 20** – Pre-K and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Loring House for Principles in Action 4. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall. No SHYP
- **Friday April 25** appx. 8:00 p.m. SHYP returns from New Orleans
- **April 27** – Pre-K and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Loring House for Principles in Action 5. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall Coming of Age 10:30 – 11:45
- **May 4** – Pre-K and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Loring House for Principles in Action 6. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall Youth Adult Committee sponsored ALL YOUTH (grades 6 – 12) Field Day and BBQ 12 – 3 p.m. Coming of Age trip to Walden Pond with Mentors.
- **Saturday May 10** – Coming of Age Ropes Course with Mentors. TBD
- **May 11** – (Mother's Day) Pre-K and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Loring House for Principles in Action 7 Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall. SHYP 6:30 – 8:30 Loring House

- **Saturday May 17** – Sunday May 18 SHYP Sleepover Loring House
- **May 18** – Bridging Service Intergenerational Service Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall No SHYP.
- **May 25** – Closing Sundaes; Pre-K and up begin in Sanctuary and dismiss into Community Hall for Ice Cream Sundaes. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall SHYP 6:30 – 8:30 Loring House.
- **June 1** – Fun Field Day Coming of Age 10:30 – 11:45 help at Field Day. Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall SHYP 6:30 – 8:30 Loring House
- **June 8**- Ferry Beach Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall NO SHYP
- **June 15** – Celebration Sunday Flower Communion Intergenerational Playschool with Jenn and Karyn in Community Hall

#### **FOURTH QUARTER- PRINCIPLES IN ACTION**

For Grades Pre-k through Grade 5 Sundays Begin in the Sanctuary and dismiss to Loring House until 11:45 a.m.

#### **HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS**

- **MARCH 30, 2008--** Principle # 7: We believe in caring for our Planet Earth. RE and Green Sanctuary Collaboration for Athletic Shoe Collection and Recycling. Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program collects old athletic shoes and turns them into sport surfaces to create play spaces in communities nationwide.
- **APRIL 6, 2008—**Principle #4: We believe that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life. Pennies for Peace. We will be creating collection containers for pennies. Pennies raised will be used to promote and support community-based education, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- **APRIL 13, 2008—** Principle # 5: We believe that everyone should have a vote about things that concern them. Mountaineering Game- teamwork game similar to Oregon Trail.
- **APRIL 20, 2008—** Principle # 2: We believe that all people should be treated fairly. Learning about Adaptive Physical Education. Healthy bodies can be different for different people.
- **APRIL 27, 2008—**Principle # 6: We believe in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world. SHYP will share stories from their social justice trip to New Orleans.
- **MAY 4, 2008—**Principle #3: We believe that our churches are places where all people are accepted and where we keep on learning together. Ruth Goldberg will present a show and tell about the history of the UUCR.
- **MAY 11, 2008—**Principle # 1: We believe that each and every person is important. Rev. Laurie Thibault will talk about Buddhism and lead the children in Qi Gong exercises and making wrist mala bracelets.
- **MAY 18, 2008—**Senior Bridging Service—Intergenerational Service in the sanctuary.
- **MAY 25, 2008—**Sundaes Sunday—Children start in the sanctuary and then move to Community Hall for Ice Cream Sundaes to celebrate the end of the Church School Year.
- **JUNE 1, 2008—**RE Fun Field Day

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER!**

Attention all fabulous wonderful volunteers: class teachers, class coordinators, mentors, O.W.L. facilitators, Coming of Age facilitators and anyone who has supported our Religious Education Program this year – Our annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner will be Saturday, April 12 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please join us and enjoy a lovely dinner cooked and served by the church school students! The evening is always filled with great smells, warm company great laughs and an overwhelming feeling of gratitude for our beautiful church community. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **THANK YOU RE COMMITTEE SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM DAVID OAKES AND NANCY LITTLEHALE**

For the fun Easter Egg Hunts on Easter Sunday. Thank you for the hundreds of filled eggs hidden throughout the Loring Yard!

## **STORYTELLING EVENT**

Lani Peterson, a local storyteller and psychologist from Andover, will be coming to the UUCR on Saturday, April 12th to present interactive stories for all ages. The whole UUCR community is invited to join us from 6:30-7:30 for dessert and storytelling. The more, the merrier! Lani's CD "Stories from Within" won Storytelling Magazine's honor for best new story of 2004. For more information about Lani and video clips of some of her stories, please check out her website [lanipeterson.com](http://lanipeterson.com). We hope to see you on April 12th.

## **BITS AND PIECES**

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- Office Assistant - Sharon Nichols, 781-944-0494, extension 100
- Infant Care Provider – Jennifer DeSantis, 781-944-0494, extension 108
- Playschool Teacher - Karyn Carmichael, 781-944-0494, extension 108
- Governing Board President, [Lorraine Dennis, 781-944-2249](#)
- Caring and Sharing - [Nancy Ortiz](#), 781-942-1847, or Beverly Everett, 978-683-5654, call for assistance in an emergency (meals, rides or other assistance)

### ***UUCR SINGLE FRIENDS GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS***

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#### **Saturday, March 29th 7-10 p.m.**

Game Night at UUCR @ Loring House (gray Victorian next door on Summer Ave.) Please join us on the 1st floor--Room 103 . Please bring a snack or drink along with a game. Please call Janet @ 781-944-4215 if you plan to attend.

#### **Sunday Brunch/Lunch Anyone?**

Janet would like to start having a standard Sunday Brunch for SF members after Sunday service in Reading (Aroma Café or Christopher's) or nearby. We could alternate locale once activity in progress. Give Janet a call to let her know if you would be interested at 781-944-4215. Or chat with me at Coffee Hour and we can go out from there.

### ***NEWSLETTER DEADLINES***

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Sunday, April 6, 2008

Sunday, April 20, 2008

## ***SPRING GROUNDS CLEANUP***

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Come join us Saturday, April 12, at 9:00 AM. Our rain date is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrow if you own one, tarps, energy! For questions please call Bill or Carolyn Grace at 781-944-9353

## ***MANY HEARTY THANKS***

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Special thanks to Rich Emmel for welding the new banner frame that is currently on the front lawn of the church.

## ***SAWYER EVENT***

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Sawyer House will be hosting a book fair open to the church community and beyond on Sunday March 30 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm and Monday March 31 and Tuesday April 1 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. This book fair will take place in the UUCR Fellowship Hall. Representatives from the Nursery School will be selling books supplied by the company "Book Ends" with selections suitable for readers from pre-school to adult. Come browse the offerings and assist the Sawyer Enrichment program for its students!

## ***BOSTON LODGING: ELIOT AND PICKETT HOUSES***

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Boston bed and breakfast lodging with Unitarian Universalist charm! The Eliot and Pickett Houses are open only to members of Unitarian Universalist Congregations. Located at the top of historic Beacon Hill the two houses encompass 20 guest rooms modern and well appointed. Rates are \$85 per night for single occupancy and \$110 per night double occupancy. Phone 617-948-4679 or email [e&p@uua.org](mailto:e&p@uua.org) for more information

## ***INTERNATIONAL CONVOCATION OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSAIST WOMEN: HOUSTON TEXAS***

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The ICUUW will convene in Texas from February 26 to March 1, 2009. This will be the first international meeting of UU women and the first time that UU women have met nationally in fifteen years! The purpose of the Convocation is to engage UU women in programs that seek to explore the major challenges that lie before ALL women. You can help by raising money to support the Convocation Scholarship Fund which will leverage financial support and ensure participation of a diverse group of women. Please see the donation form available online at [www.icuuw.com](http://www.icuuw.com)

## ***SKINNER HOUSE BOOKS 2008 CATALOG***

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To request your free copy of the Skinner House Books 2008 catalog go to [www.uua.org/bookstore](http://www.uua.org/bookstore) and click on the request button for current catalog. Also available by phone by calling 1-800-215-9076.

## ***"INTO THE WOODS" SPRING MUSICAL NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL***

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North Reading High School is performing "Into the Woods" for their spring musical. Show times are Thursday March 27 at 7 pm, Friday March 28 and Saturday March 29 at 8 pm and Sunday March 30 at 2 pm. This wonderful show for all ages combines many well known fairytales with a few added twists! Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in the North Reading High School Lobby weekdays from 10 am to 5 pm or by calling 978-664-7800. \$12 adults, \$10 students. \$6 ticket price for students on Thursday and Sunday.