



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Date	Sunday, July 26, 2009 10:00 AM	Sunday, August 2, 2009 10:00 AM
Sermon	“Spirituality of the Blues” Andrew Tripp, Ministerial Intern	“Housing and Debtor Nations” Andrew Tripp, Ministerial Intern
Children	Religious Education and child care services will resume on Sunday, September 13, 2009.	Religious Education and child care services will resume on Sunday, September 13, 2009.
Ushers	Diane Chapin and Steve Oston	Ken Flanders
Lemonade	Needed	Needed
Altar Flowers	Needed	Needed
Welcome Table	Diane Chapin and Steve Oston	Ken Flanders
Greeters	Diane Chapin and Steve Oston	Ken Flanders

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“Spirituality of the Blues”

Andrew Tripp, Ministerial Intern

"When you are down and out and you feel real hurt, come on over to the place where I work and all your loneliness I'll try to soothe I'll play the blues for you" - Albert King, I'll Play the Blues for you . The summer is a hot, hot time. The hazy days make us drip with sweat and the images of road houses and honky tonk blasting hot blues fit so well. Blues is a personal passion of mine, and it has been a joy to learn that our Governing Board President, Clyde Hardin, shares the love of Blind Boy Fuller, Lonnie Johnson and Albert King. The blues is a simple style of music, but one which speaks to our souls in guitar riffs and turn arounds. Blues musicians sing the songs of our souls and touch our hearts at the depths of emotion in such songs as Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven." For those interested in music theory, the blues rises from the minor pentatonic scale, the scale which brings us spirituals like "Amazing Grace." There is something in the spirit of Blues which lets us know we are not alone, that things aren't so bad, but if they are then someone will sing the blues for us. As an additional added attraction, this service features the amazing music of UUCR's own Rose McAuley

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“Housing and Debtor Nations”

Andrew Tripp, Ministerial Intern

Once upon a time there was a nation with deep economic hardship. People were robbed of their land and homes due to oppressive economic conditions, and the powers that be received huge governmental bail outs while the people struggled. Once upon a time a voice rose up telling people that their dignity was based on something more than their economic situation. Sounds like a contemporary story, but it has biblical roots. Judea in the first century had people robbed of their property from exploitive governmental taxation while huge building projects were awarded by Herod and the Romans. This spring, I went on a tour of Dorchester to see the foreclosed homes with members of the Massachusetts legislature, area clergy, and witnessed another people robbed of their homes. Will a faithful voice will rise up again to expose the absurdity of debtor nations and the shame of robbing people of their homes?

WORSHIP NOTES

PLANNING AHEAD

—*Save some water* from any place you visit this summer (far or near or back yard or kitchen sink) for our Annual Water Communion and Mingling of the Waters on September 13th. A few drops in a bottle or vial will allow you to participate in this meaningful ongoing ritual of connection and community.

LOOKING AHEAD AT THE REMAINDER OF THE SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:

August 9, 2009

Tony Fisher

Sermon topic and description to be announced

August 16, 2009

“Things I’ve Learned from Reading to my Child” - Maria Kempner

Join us for a look at the lessons learned from Children's Literature.

August 23, 2009

Bill Grace

“Let There Be Light”

An exploration of "creation" through poetry and music as it relates to our UU principles.

August 30, 2009

“Coming of Age Service Trip” - Coming of Age (COA)

Our Coming of Age group shares their reflections on the service trip to Buffalo. Working in a rustbelt city that has a lot of poverty opens up a perspective on life, and our Unitarian Universalist values. Come see what these wonderful youth have to share based on their experience.

September 6, 2009

Rev. Tim Kutzmark - “Labor Day is More than Just a Day Off”

Rev. Tim returns to the pulpit today for this special Labor Day themed service that will celebrate the impact that organized Labor has made in this country. We'll specifically feature the life and incalculable legacy of Walter Reuther, a key labor leader and the late brother of UUCR member Chris Richey. His life story will inspire us and guide our way on. Please note that this is our final summer service at 10:00 AM.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT NEWS

It has been a busy time! First, Religious Education has a new name here at UUCR. It is now Faith Development. We believe this better reflects what we are helping our children to do – develop their faith - by being a part of the UUCR community. A big thank you to all the parents/guardians who responded to the online survey about your preferences for the time and type of programming you'd like for your children starting in the fall. We had over 90% of families respond! We appreciate you taking the time to answer and to share your comments with the Faith Development Committee.

Based on the responses received, here is the schedule for Faith Development programming starting in the fall:

- 9:00 a.m. – traditional program, pre-k through grade 6, Tapestry of Faith, Coming of Age 1 class
- 11:00 a.m. – multiage multicultural program, pre-k through grade 6
- 12:15 p.m. - Coming of Age 2 class

We are excited by these changes and the opportunities for growth! For the traditional program, we will be moving to a team teaching model. This will allow for more flexibility in how parent-teachers plan and work together over the course of the year. We are planning some great training for teachers in the fall to kick off the new Tapestry of Faith Curriculum. Stay tuned for more details!

The Multiage MultiCultural Celebration Program will be led by Aileen Dashurova and Samantha Poland. This fun and experiential program will include: dancing ,music, food, cooking and crafts! You name it and we will probably be doing it! It is designed to support a wide range of learning styles and ages. There will also be parent helpers each week to assist with the activities. We will work closely with parents of preschoolers and kindergartners to ensure that activities and teacher assistance are designed to support the learning needs of our youngest children in the multiage program.

We know that the move to two services will be a big change for families, and to help make that transition smoother we have a fall programming schedule that we hope will allow families an opportunity to ease into new routines. Thus, the first Sunday of Faith Development programming will not be until October 4.

We are asking parents and children to register for one of the two times. For teacher planning purposes and consistency for our children, we request that parents and children commit to one time period. We are going hi-tech this year and have online registration! We will be sending out an email blast soon with the link for registration.

We appreciate the support and interest of families in making next year a great one for all our children!

The Faith Development Committee will be in contact throughout the summer and then again in the fall to keep you informed of programming. If you have any questions during the summer, please contact: Martha Oesch, chair, Faith Development Committee , Moesch4@comcast.net or 781-438-5593

AMONG OURSELVES

Louise Ward is resting comfortably at home after scheduled surgery. Notes and cards can be sent to: 39 Hampshire Road, Reading MA 01867.

Fran Sansalone is awaiting upcoming additional surgery. Cards and notes can be sent to Fran's home address of 72 Winthrop Avenue, Reading, MA 01867.

ALL THOSE DEADLINES

Sunday news deadline is 2 PM every Wednesday without interruption during the entire Summer. Mail your Sunday News contributions to uucr@uureading.org

Order of service deadline is 4 PM every Wednesday. Mail your contributions to uucr@uureading.org

Spoken announcement request deadline is 4 PM every Wednesday. Spoken announcement requests should be sent during the summer months to Rosemary at uucr@uureading.org

Newsletter deadline will continue throughout the entire summer to be at 2 PM every other Thursday.

Here is a list of our upcoming newsletter deadlines

- Thursday July 30 2:00 PM deadline
- Thursday August 13 2:00 PM deadline

KRIS KRINGLE FAIR SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Our annual Kris Kringle Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th, 2009. Please save this date!

At this time we are looking for a few volunteers to complete the Steering Committee. This is an excellent opportunity for old and new Church members alike to take a leadership role in the UUCR's very important revenue-producing event. Please volunteer; please help the Church. We need you. In return, you will make new friendships and gain valuable insight into how our Church works. This is a finite commitment ending in November, and one you will find personally rewarding. If interested or just curious, please contact Diane Chapin at 781 944-8152 or dichapin@comcast.net.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2009

What an experience! The word that comes to mind for us is INSPIRING. GA this year was Linda's first and Eileen's second experience and it was well worth the travel and cost. To see all the banners entering the hall at the start (especially our own!) was just awesome. To be surrounded by so many UUs for days on end makes you realize the potential of our faith. We stand on the right side of so many issues and, despite flaws at times, we are really true to our principles. So many things happened that we will just list a few of the highlights for us: hearing President Sinkford in person, meeting wonderful folks from many places around the country and the world, listening to the great comic Kate Clinton, the building being struck by lightning (read the story on the UUA website – no one was hurt), getting a hug from Doris Hunter, listening to passionate people discuss access for all, standing behind our own Rev Tim while he spoke at plenary V, and hearing Rev Mary Harrington's truly amazing sermon. All or most of this is available to you on the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2009/> However, you should make it a priority to attend one of the next GAs to see and feel all of this for yourself. Linda Deveau and Eileen Cummings, Denominational Affairs

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- Governing Board President, Clyde Hardin
- Caring and Sharing – For assistance in an emergency such as meals, rides, or other help. July 1 through July 24 contact Beverly Everett at bevwever@comcast.net From July 25 through July 31 contact Ann Mottl at ahmottl@verizon.net For the month of August contact Jane Jolkovski at Jolkovski@verizon.net

CARING AND SHARING COORDINATOR

From now through July 24 Beverly Everett is the coordinator. Contact Beverly at bevwever@comcast.net

From July 25 through July 31 Ann Mottl is the coordinator. Contact Ann at ahmottl@verizon.net

For the month of August Jane Jolkovski is the coordinator. Contact Jane at Jolkovski@verizon.net

LOCALLY GROWN FOOD

Locally grown food! Buy fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods and flowers at the Reading Farm Stand. Every Tuesday from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM July through October at the Train Depot (High Street side).

TRANSPORTATION HELP NEEDED FOR AN IRAQI FAMILY

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The Merrimack Valley People for Peace are looking for some help with transportation for an Iraqi family in Lowell. This organization is working with this family in their role as a care coordinator for children with special health care needs at the Department of Public Health. Two of the three children in this family, M and A have a severe form of a horrible disease, one aspect of which causes the skin to shed, leaving them very vulnerable to infections. The 12-year-old boy, M, has been in ICU on a ventilator at Children's Hospital for almost 3 weeks now, with pneumonia and H1N1 virus (swine flu). His Dad has been going in to see him every afternoon for about 4 hours, but his mom and 2 sisters have only been in there to see him once. So far, Children's Hospital has been paying for Dad's transportation, but they have limited funds. It would be wonderful if this organization could find a volunteer to bring the family in to see M. Your vehicle would have to accommodate a small child's wheelchair for transportation of a sibling. If you're able to help in any way, please contact Merrimack Valley People for Peace worker, Mary Todd at 978-687-7864. She has offered to coordinate rides.