



**Thank You
Faith Fest 2012
Volunteers &
Participants**

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Owensboro

Rev. Dr. Claudia A. Ramiach, Minister

December 2012

Claud Porter, Legal Counsel

ANNUAL WINTER COLLECTIONS



For Salvation Army:

- Socks
- Mittens or Gloves
- Hats & Scarves

For children & adults
Due to UUCO by 12 Dec

For St. Benedict's Shelter:

- Socks (Dress & Heavy)
- Gloves
- Hats & Caps

For men
Due to UUCO by 19 Dec



CAREGIVER'S GROUP:

TUE, 4 DEC @ 12N

RSVP BY MON, 3 DEC TO:

HERMITSTUFF@BELLSOUTH.NET

AD HOC RETREAT ON UUCO MISSION

WED, 5 DEC @ 5:30PM

'KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH'

VISIT @ SERVICE

SUN, 9 DEC @ 10:30AM

INTERFAITH STUDY GROUP

TUE, 11 DEC @ 12N

SOUP-N-STUFF WED, 19 DEC @ 6PM

Watch for Details

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

MON, 24 DEC @ 7PM

"A Royal Birth"

Interfaith Moment: Yule

~From Akasha Ap Emrys

The pagan feast, Yule, is also known as winter solstice in the northern hemisphere and summer solstice in the southern hemisphere due to seasonal differences. The date varies from Dec. 20-23. This year it is Dec. 21st.

Yule is when the dark half of the year relinquishes to the light half. Starting the next morning at sunrise, the sun climbs just a little higher and stays a little longer in the sky each day. Known as Solstice Night, or the longest night of the year, the sun's "rebirth" was celebrated with much joy. On this night, our ancestors celebrated the rebirth of the Oak King, the Sun King, the Giver of Life that warmed the frozen Earth.



Bonfires were lit in the fields. Crops and trees were "wassailed" with toasts of spiced cider. Children were escorted from house to house with gifts of clove-spiked apples and oranges laid in baskets of evergreen boughs and wheat stalks dusted with flour. The apples and oranges represented the sun. The boughs were symbolic of immortality. The wheat stalks portrayed the harvest, and the flour was the triumph of light and life. Holly and ivy decorated the outside and the inside of homes, in hopes that Nature Sprites would come and join the celebration. A sprig of Holly was kept near the door all year long as a constant invitation for good fortune to visit. Mistletoe was



hung as a decoration to represent the seed of the Divine.



The ceremonial Yule log was the highlight of the Solstice festival. Tradition said the log must either be harvested from the householder's land, or given as a gift... it must never be bought. Once dragged into the house and placed in the fireplace it was decorated in seasonal greenery, doused with cider or ale, and dusted with flour before set ablaze by a piece of last year's log. The log would burn throughout the night, then smolder for 12 days before being ceremonially put out. Ash is the traditional wood of the Yule log.

Bizarre Bazaar

(n.) annual fun event with unique and one-of-a-kind gifts (& goodies)

**SATURDAY: 1 Dec, World AIDS Day
10am- 4 pm @ UUCO**

**FESTIVITIES OPEN WITH:
Music by the Stud Buzzards**
Singing "Concrete Trees" and More...

VISITING ARTISTS LINDA CRAIG

Introductory Reiki Sessions

CHARLOT MARTIN

Copper Jewelry, Oil Painting

Wood Carving

CLAUDIA RAMISCH

Cards & Stationery

JEFF RUDNIK

Pottery Sale & Demonstrations

KATIE & KAT THAYER

Crochet

KIM UPTON

Mixed Media With Nature Energy/Healing

DANIELLE WEEMS-BROWN

Mixed Media Painting

FAIR TRADE COFFEE & TEA

This Event's Tithes Will Go To The
TRI-STATE HOLIDAY PROJECT

Excerpted from *Solstice Prayer* by Rev. Annie Foerster

Come we now out of the darkness of our unknowing & the dusk of our dreaming; **Come** we now from far places. **Come** we now into the twilight of our awakening and the reflection of our gathering. **Come** we now all together. **May** the sparks of our joining kindle our resolve, brighten our spirits, reflect our love, and unshadow our days. **Come** we now; enter the dawning.