

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

JUNE 2013

A visionary church that builds healthy relationships and advocates a just society through spiritual growth, ethical action, and community service.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS

19-23 JUNE
LOUISVILLE, KY

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WATCH IT:

<http://www.livestream.com/uuaga>

From the Chair of the Congregational Life Committee

Our first meeting was a wonderful spark of new ideas and an exciting review of our past work. I wish to welcome Karen, Rebecca, Helen, and Claud on the journey. Claud, Karen, Rebecca, Helen, Ed, and I attended our first meeting on May 15.

**Our next meeting will be
June 5, 2013 at 5:30 pm.**

We look forward to each month having at least one event, social and/or fundraising. We want to bring awareness of our mission to the area in which we live.

It's never too late to join the Congregational Life Committee. Remember to participate by reviewing the sign-up sheets at Sign-Up Central in the sanctuary and donate time and talent to our events.

May we raise awareness and grow our congregation with love and commitment to our covenant and mission.

-Blessings, Linda Craig

On behalf of the
Congregational Life Committee of UUCO



RSVP
BY 3 JUN @ 12n
For Caregiver's Lunch
hermitstuff@bellsouth.net

LUNCH
Tue, 4 Jun @ 12n

WHY IS JUNE GAY PRIDE MONTH?

SHORT VERSION: Because the Stonewall riots occurred 27-29 June 1969 in Greenwich Village.

In his second inaugural address, Pres. Obama connected Seneca Falls, Selma, and Stonewall as three examples of America following the truth "we are created equal" to full civil rights. Tandi Rogers, UUA growth consultant, told the Heartland District Assembly that this speech should remind us that our theology is now at the center of American life. We may be a religious minority, but our theology is no longer on the margins! She encouraged us to step into our role as change agents and religious sanctuaries for those on the front lines of struggle.

The GLBTQ Spiritual Support Group will be having a prayer service for Pride Month in our Sanctuary on 9 June @ 3pm. If you haven't had a chance to attend any of the services in this series, this is the time! It is an opportunity to support GLBTQ neighbors as religious allies and literally offer the sanctuary of our church.

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**ART
EXHIBIT
ON LOAN
FROM
ZION UCC,
HENDERSON
FOR JUNE:
WOMEN
OF THE BIBLE
CARVED BY
CHARLOT MARTIN**

POTLUCK COOKOUT SUN, 2 JUNE AFTER SERVICE



HOTDOGS & LEMONADE PROVIDED

FOLLOWED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WATER PROJECT

WE WILL BE FILLING 1440 WATER VIALS
FOR THE PUBLIC WITNESS EVENT IN
LOUISVILLE! COME JOIN THE FUN!



NINTH ANNUAL DENOUNCE TORTURE EVENTS

**LECTURE:
WED, 26 JUNE @ 6:30 PM**

**PRAYER VIGIL:
THU, 27 JUNE @ 6:30 PM**

BOTH EVENTS IN THE SANCTUARY



RECEPTION
TO MEET
THE ARTIST
AND LEARN
ABOUT THE
CARVING
PROCESS:
SATURDAY,
8 JUNE,
2-4 PM

General Assembly Louisville

General Assembly 2013 will include a very full plenary schedule. Delegates will be voting on several Board and Commission offices that are uncontested—including President of the Association. They will also be voting on a new Moderator (Chief Governance Officer of the Association) who will serve a single 6-year term. You can learn more about the two candidates for this office at this link:

<http://www.uua.org/uugovernance/elections/>

Delegates will also be debating and voting on the Statement of Conscience: Immigration as a Moral Issue. (Excerpts of this document were presented in this newsletter in March.) You can read the entire document and action suggestions at:

<http://www.uua.org/immigration/re/moral/152647.shtml>

This year's public witness will focus on energy issues especially as they are affecting the Appalachian states. Wendell Berry and Tim DeChristopher will be featured speakers. The event will also include many Kentucky justice partners and is being called: *Energy for Change: A March and Rally for Clean Energy & Healthy Communities* It will begin in the Convention Center and march through downtown to the riverfront at the Belvedere at 6:00 pm on Thursday, 20 June.

The public witness will also include a ceremony at the riverfront. Many congregations celebrate water communion at the end of the summer by asking members to bring in water from the places they've visited... This ceremony will offer participants a small vial of Ohio River water to take home for that water communion. It will be a reminder of our national gathering, our common commitment to environmental issues, and the nature of our covenant that flows between us as a life-sustaining river.

FUN FACT: The Belvedere features an inlay of the Ohio River in the plaza bricks. Be sure to check out the Owensboro "stop" when you visit!

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Rev. Kirk D. Loadman-Copeland

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice...

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father...

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support...

Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children...

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives...

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing...

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their stepchildren's love and respect...

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart...

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own...

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides...

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children...

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

JUNE EVENTS

1	Habitat Can Collection
2	Potluck Cookout: After Service
4	Caregiver's Lunch: 12 n (CC)
4	Comm. on Ministry: 4:30 pm (CC)
5	Congregational Life: 5:30 pm (CC)
6	Tai Chi/Meditation: 6/6:30 pm (S)
8	Meet the Artist: Charlot Martin 2-4pm
8	REIKI Share: 6-10 pm (S)
9	GLBTQ Prayer Service: 3 pm (S)
10	Drum Circle: 6:30 pm (S)
13	Tai Chi/Meditation: 6/6:30 pm (S)
15	REIKI Appointments: 8:30 am-?
20	Tai Chi/Meditation: 6/6:30 pm (S)
23	Drum Circle: 6:30 pm (S)
26	Denounce Torture Lecture: 6:30 pm (S)
27	Denounce Torture Prayer: 6:30 pm (S)

TAI CHI

An art embracing the mind, body and spirit

By: Dr Paul Lam © Tai Chi Productions 2007.

"Originating in ancient China, tai chi is one of the most effective exercises for health of mind and body. Although an art with great depth of knowledge and skill, it

can be easy to learn and soon delivers its health benefits. For many, it continues as a lifetime journey."



VIVIAN PARTRIDGE IS TEACHING DR. LAM'S METHOD ON THURSDAYS @ 6 PM



INTERFAITH MOMENT
Litha, Summer Sostice

A Prayer to the Sun by Patti Wigington

The sun is high above us
shining down upon the land and sea,
making things grow and bloom.

Great and powerful sun,
we honor you this day
and thank you for your gifts.
Ra, Helios, Sol Invictus, Aten, Svarog,
you are known by many names.

You are the light over the crops,
the heat that warms the earth,
the hope that springs eternal,
the bringer of life.
We welcome you,
and we honor you this day,
celebrating your light,
as we begin our journey once more
into the darkness.