

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

August 2013

REV. DR. CLAUDIA A. RAMISCH
Minister

TOM HICKS
President



CAREGIVER'S LUNCH
Tuesday, 6 August @ 12 n
Chalice Center

Please RSVP by 12 n on
Monday

A UU SOURCE OF INSPIRATION:

Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

See uua.org for more...

Sunday Service @ 10:30 am

Thursday Tai Chi @ 6:00 pm/ Meditation @ 6:30 pm

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3rd Wednesday Coffeehouse THE Place To Be

What a whirlwind month July was! Our first 3rd Wednesday Coffee House was ROCK'N with Peace, Love and Music, as Heath and Molly would say. They weaved vivid tales of their adventures in the Czech Republic and moved us with their music and songs. We hope to have a fund-raising concert for them this winter. They have a goal of raising money to purchase musical instruments for one of the Czech orphanages. We sold out of Congo coffee, our fundraiser for this month's coffeehouse; proceeds from sale of Congo coffee goes to sexual assault victims in the Congo. Karen took the lead on this one! Nice going, Karen!



Heath & Molly Opened Our Coffeehouse Series 7/17

Vivian's Tutelage
Paid Off 7/20



In the evening we held the **Annual Man Cake Auction/ Talent Show** MC'd by Peggy! A fun time was had by all!

Sat, 20 Jul, we had a whopper of a day: **Be Cool! Go Green!** at the Farmer's Market till noon featuring good conversations with the public!



Elvis Entered the Building 7/20

August's 3rd Wednesday Coffeehouse will feature the music of Arnie and Eleanor...and the beat goes on, with justice, peace and love music from bygone days. Mark your calendar for Wed, 21 Aug @ 6:30 pm. The charity for the event will be the Bags of Love project. We are collecting personal care items for children, stuffed animals, coloring books, kids' journals, pens, pencils and crayons. Please bring an item to the Coffeehouse or throughout the month on Sundays.

We thank all who have volunteered and made our events a success. "The difference between try and triumph is a little umph." (Author Unknown) 'UMPH' WE'VE GOT! THANKS ALL! Linda Craig and the Congregational Life Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Multicultural Fest will be Sat, 17 Aug from 11 am-6 pm at First Presbyterian Church on Griffith Ave. We will be selling Fair Trade/Organic coffees and teas. Be sure to sign up to assist. Rebecca will be taking the lead on this one.



THANK YOU
TO OUR
NEW COFFEE
MANAGER:
Karen Porter



Interfaith Moment ISLAM: Eid al-Fitr (8/8)

During Ramadan, Muslims observe a strict fast and participate in pious activities such as charitable giving and peace-making. It is a time of intense spiritual renewal for those who observe it. At the end of Ramadan, Muslims throughout the world observe a joyous three-day celebration called Eid al-Fitr (the Festival of Fast-Breaking).

Eid al-Fitr falls on the first day of Shawwal, the month which follows Ramadan in the Islamic calendar. It is a time to give in charity to those in need, and celebrate with family and friends the completion of a month of blessings and joy.

Before the day of Eid, during the last few days of Ramadan, each Muslim family gives a determined amount as a donation to the poor. This donation is of actual food -- rice, barley, dates, rice, etc. -- to ensure that the needy can have a holiday meal and participate in the celebration. This donation is known as sadagah al-fitr (charity of fast-breaking).

On the day of Eid, Muslims gather early in the morning in outdoor locations or mosques to perform the Eid prayer. This consists of a sermon followed by a short congregational prayer. After the Eid prayer, Muslims usually scatter to visit various family and friends, give gifts (especially to children), and make phone calls to distant relatives to give well-wishes for the holiday. These activities traditionally continue for three days. In most Muslim countries, the entire 3-day period is an official government/school holiday.

By Huda from About.com

New Member Orientation Mark Your Calendar

Article 2 of the Bylaws passed at our Annual Meeting in April include a requirement for New Members to attend an orientation program specific to UUCO. At the direction of the Board, that program is being prepared and will be offered in September.

Are you interested in being a member of UUCO? Interested in meeting new members? Wanting to help others get acclimated to Unitarian Universalism? The New Member Orientation is an opportunity to meet and greet, to ask and answer, to begin or refresh membership.

Goals for the program are: To equip participants to make a decision about membership in the congregation, provide information related to Unitarian Universalist life, build relationships, and provide resources for participants to explore topics independently. Each session will include time for personal storytelling with current members and spiritual mentors, discussion, and prayer. Each session will also have a specific focus for input:

- Session 1: Spiritual Journey
- Session 2: UU & UUCO History
- Session 3: Congregational Polity
- Session 4: Membership & UUCO Policy

The program will be offered on Mondays: 9, 16, 23, and 30 September from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Come join us! A sign-up sheet is posted at Sign-Up Central or contact Claudia, hermitstuff@bellsouth.net.

BLESSING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Adapted from a Christian
Brothers Prayer

MAY YOU:
Have a willingness
to learn...
Take pride in
your efforts...
Develop knowledge,
skill, ability and
character...
Seek truth...
Pursue excellence...
Let your light shine!

**MAY PARENTS,
TEACHERS, AND
ADMINISTRATORS:**
Have wisdom...
Be patient and kind...
Communicate clearly...
Maintain an
environment conducive
to learning...
Be enthusiastic...
Let your light shine!

**Q: Why did the Unitarian Universalist
cross the road?**

**A: To support the chicken
in its search for its own path**

AUGUST EVENTS	
04 AUG	Twisters, 1:30 pm
06 AUG	Caregiver's Lunch, 12n
07 AUG	Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
08 AUG	Tai Chi, 6 pm/ Meditation, 6:30 pm
13 AUG	Interfaith Study, 12 n
15 AUG	Tai Chi, 6 pm/ Meditation, 6:30 pm HUUMA Cluster, Springfield KY
17 AUG	Multicultural Fest, 11 am-6 pm First Presbyterian Church
21 AUG	3rd Wednesday Coffeehouse, 6:30 pm
22 AUG	Ministerial Association, 9 am (OHRH)
29 AUG	Tai Chi, 6 pm/ Meditation, 6:30 pm

