

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

Tom Hicks, President

Rev. Dr. Claudia A. Ramisch, Minister

CAREGIVER'S LUNCH

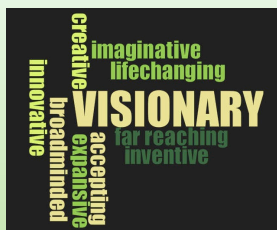
Tues, 3 Sept @ 12 noon
Chalice Center

RSVP to Claudia by Mon, 2 Sept
hermitstuff@bellsouth.net



NEW MEMBER CLASS

4 Mondays @ 6:30 pm
Beginning 9 Sept



7th ANNUAL PEACE VIGIL

Wed, 11 Sept @ 6:30 pm
Sanctuary



A prayer is shared about every 10 minutes followed by silence
SIGN-UP @ SIGN-UP CENTRAL:
To share a peace prayer from your root tradition or current spiritual practice

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ANNUAL CANVASS BEGINS

LETTER EXCERPT FROM THE PLEDGE PACKET THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED 09/01/13
(BUDGET ON PG.2)

Dear Friend,

We are writing to you with an annual update on the state of our Congregation. This past year our covenant has been expressed in these ways:

- Weekly Sunday service, Thursday Tai Chi & Meditation
- Continuing a monthly charity collection
- Complete revision of our Bylaws & review of our Policies
- Beginning the 3rd Wednesday Coffeehouse
- Organizing 2nd Faith Fest Owensboro
- Talent Show & Man Cake Auction
- 10th Martin Luther King Commemorative Coffeehouse
- 9th Annual Denounce Torture Programs
- 8th Annual Peace Vigil
- Hosting Owensboro's Interfaith Study Group
- Distributing our 4th THIS LITTLE LIGHT community grant to Bags of Love
- Hosting Owensboro's 5th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- Participation in Heartland District Assembly & UUA General Assembly
- Participation in community events: Multicultural Festival, Be Cool Go Green, OHRH Chapel Dedication and more

And we have dreams for more!

THANK YOU for your contributions to all these expressions of life in our congregation! We are grateful for your regular participation, financial support, many contributed services and goods, energy and commitment. We would not be able to function without your involvement. You have blessed us greatly!

This year's budget is modest with small increases only on our utilities and basic services. **Please note that** local disbursement of our This Little Light Mini-Grant is based on our certified membership but is not part of our budget. It is a **goodwill commitment of 5¢ per day or \$18.25 per member** per year. Please think about making your contribution to this early—and mark it clearly so it's easy to track.



As a congregation we have committed ourselves "to each other as well as the larger community." The continued life of our congregation depends on this annual appeal and your generous involvement in our ministries. The UUA encourages a "tithe" of 5% of one's income, but what we really need is an honest pledge. You will receive a complete letter and packet with our Approved Budget and Pledge Page with Wish List. We are available for conversation if you have any questions about it. Please give this careful consideration and return the Pledge Page by 1 October 2013. Our Stewardship Celebration/ Blessing Circle will be part of our Sunday Service on 13 October.

C. Tom Hicks, Congregational President

**3RD WEDNESDAY
COFFEEHOUSE**
18 Sept, 6:30-8:30 pm
Writers & Poets
Free Admission

Bring a T-Shirt
For This Month's Charity:
OMS Resource Center
Coffee & Tea \$2/cup
(includes refill)

Snacks \$0.50-1.50
Free Popcorn

CROP HUNGER WALK

Sun, 22 Sept @ 2 pm
Smothers Park
See Claudia for a Pledge Envelope
or to Make a Pledge



Meet at the shell near El Toribio's
Walk on Sidewalk:
Down Frederica to Brescia
Left on 7th to Zion UCC
Left on Allen to RiverPark
Left on RiverPark to Start
Just under 2 miles

ANNUAL CANVASS CONT.

Operating Budget Approved by the Board 2013-2014		
	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
MINISTER		
Salary & Housing	*1569	18828
Health Insurance [6420=UUO 5124 + CAR 1296]	427	5124
Disability/ Life Insurance	37	444
GA/ HUUMA	92	1100
Back Pay	75	900
SUBTOTAL	631	26396
FACILITY		
OMU	193	2310
Atmos	99	1188
AT&T	70	840
Cleaning	133	1590
Insurance	145	1742
Pest Control	30	360
Maintenance	25	300
Mowing	Graciously donated	
SUBTOTAL	695	8330
PROGRAMMING		
Congregational Life	20	240
Worship	10	120
Religious Education & Library	10	120
Pastoral Care	15	180
SUBTOTAL	55	660
UU MEMBERSHIP		
UUA	35	420
Mid-America District	13	161
SUBTOTAL	49	581
OFFICE		
Copier	13	150
Postage	5	60
Supplies	10	120
SUBTOTAL	28	330
*Health insurance withholding from this is \$108/mo	3027	36297

ANNUAL WISH LIST

In addition to or instead of a pledge

Special needs:

- Overhead lighting in back stairwell
- Insurance approved baby bed
- Mounted baby changing station
- Speaker system for projector
- 108" media screen
- Cables & mounting kit for Media
- 2nd HVAC (basement=separate zone)
- Chainlink fence repair
- Install handrails & treads on back steps
- UU brochures for visitor rack
- Retaining wall for Parrish hill
- Paint Chalice Center bathroom
- Commercial Bunn 2-pot system
- Alarm system
- Gravel for back lot
- File cabinet
- Screens for Chalice Center
- Totes for toys & supplies
- New answering machine
- Load of mulch for gardens & walks
- Install backsplash in kitchen
- Open wall-cabinet for coffee cups
- Chalice Center Cabinets: (2x) 24" unfinished/4' countertop
- Lockable AV cart
- Post & paint for Handicap Parking
- New door for downstairs exit

Ongoing needs:

- Fair Trade Coffee/ Tea for UUOCO events
- Furnace filters (2 @ 3x/yr)
- Copier toner (\$150)
- Bathroom supplies *
- Cleaning supplies*
- 33 gal & 13 gal garbage bags *
- Soft drinks *
- Snacks for special events*
- Kitchen detergents*
- Creamer, sweeteners *



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
TUE, SEP 03	Caregiver's Lunch, 12 n
WED, SEP 04	Congregational Life, 6pm/ Board, 6:30 pm
THU, SEP 05/12/19/26	Tai Chi, 6 pm/ Meditation, 6:30 pm
SAT, SEP 07	Reiki Apointments, 8:30 am-?/ Habitat Can Collection
SUN, SEP 08	Twister's, 1:30 pm
MON, SEP 09/16/23/30	New Member Class, 6:30 pm
TUE, SEP 10	Interfaith Study, 12 n
WED, SEP 11	Peace Vigil, 6:30 pm
THU, SEP 12	VOAD @ Logsdon Center, 2 pm
SAT, SEP 14	Reiki Appointments, 8:30 am/Reiki Share, 6pm
WED, SEP 18	Literary Coffeehouse, 6:30 pm
SUN, SEP 22	CROP Walk @ Smothers Park, 2 pm
TUE, SEP 24	HUUMA Cluster @ BGUU, 9 am
WED, SEP 25	Congregational Life, 6pm
THU, SEP 26	ODCMA @ OHRH, 9 am
SAT, SEP 28	Food Day @ Farmer's Market, 7 am

Interfaith Moment by Ariela Pelaia

Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) is one of two Jewish High Holy Days. The first is Rosh Hashanah (New Year). Yom Kippur falls ten days after Rosh Hashanah, the 10th of Tishrei. The purpose of Yom Kippur is to bring about reconciliation between people and between individuals and God. According to Jewish tradition, it is also the day when God decides the fate of each human being.

Although Yom Kippur is an intense holiday it is viewed as a happy day because if one has observes it properly, they will have made peace with others and with God. There are three essential components of Yom Kippur: Teshuvah (Repentance,) Prayer, and Fasting.

Teshuvah (Repentance)

Yom Kippur is a day of reconciliation. The ten days leading up to it are known as the Ten Days of Repentance. During this period Jews are encouraged to seek out anyone they may have offended and to sincerely request forgiveness so that the New Year can begin with a clean slate.

This process of repentance is called teshuvah and it is a crucial part of Yom Kippur. Although many people think that transgressions from the previous year are forgiven through prayer, fasting and participation in Yom Kippur services, Jewish tradition teaches that only offenses committed against God can be forgiven on Yom Kippur. Hence it is important that people make an effort to reconcile with others before participating in Yom Kippur services.

Prayer

Yom Kippur is the longest synagogue service in the Jewish year. It begins on the evening before with a haunting song called Kol Nidre (All Vows). The words ask God to forgive any vows people have made to God and not kept.

The service on the day of Yom Kippur lasts from morning until nightfall. Many prayers are said but one is repeated at intervals throughout the service. It is called Al Khet and asks for forgiveness for a variety of sins that may have been committed during the year, this includes the kind of everyday offenses like hurting those we love, lying to ourselves or using foul language. When Al Khet is recited people gently beat their fists against their chests as each sin is mentioned. Sins are mentioned in plural form because even if someone hasn't committed a particular sin, Jewish tradition teaches that every Jew bears a measure of responsibility for the actions of other Jews.

During the afternoon portion of the Yom Kippur service the Book of Jonah is read to remind people of God's willingness to forgive those who are sincerely sorry. The last part of the service is called Ne'ilah (Shutting). The name comes from the imagery of Ne'ilah prayers, which talk about gates being shut against us. People pray intensely during this time, hoping to be admitted to God's presence before the gates have been shut.

Fasting

Yom Kippur is also marked by 25 hours of fasting. This is the only fast day the Torah specifically commands us to observe. Lev. 23:27 describes it as "afflicting your souls" and during this time no food or liquid may be consumed. The fast starts an hour before Yom Kippur begins and ends after nightfall on the day of Yom Kippur. In addition to food, Jews are also forbidden from engaging in sexual relations, bathing or wearing leather shoes. The prohibition against wearing leather comes from a reluctance to wear the skin of a slaughtered animal while asking God for mercy.

Many people end the fast with a feeling of deep serenity, which comes from having made peace with others and with God.

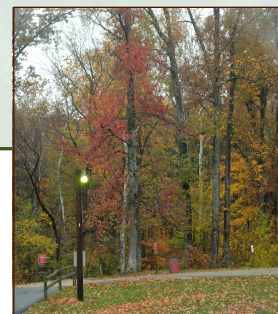
Saturday Program: Faith, Stories & Fun

A family Religious Education Program will begin once a month in October.

It will be based on sacred stories from around the world & include:

Study, crafts, music, service outreach, and tons of fun.

Watch for details!



Autumn begins Sun,
22 Sept @ 10:29 pm

Autumn Prayer

Rev. Christine Robinson

God of the Autumn, help us to live
with the grace of falling leaves
the enthusiasm of the flaming Aspens
with the serenity of the old trees,
whose roots reach deep into the earth.

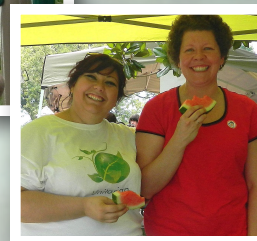
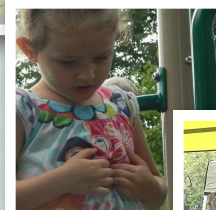
God of the Autumn, help us to know
that living and dying are one
that life is precious, and beautiful, and limited.
that nothing good is ever lost.

God of the Autumn, help us to see
in the ways of nature a way for ourselves.
Amen

Mabon Balance Prayer

Equal hours of light and darkness,
we celebrate the balance of Mabon
and ask the gods and goddesses to bless us.

For all that is bad, there is good.
For that which is despair, there is hope.
For the moments of pain, there are moments of love.
For all that falls, there is the chance to rise again.
May we find balance in our lives
as we find it in our hearts.



2013 Multicultural Memories
Thank You Team!