



# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF

<p><b>DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME <b>ON SUNDAY, 9 MAR</b></p>	<p><b>Yvette Norris Memorial Lecture: Domestic Violence in Later Life</b> <b>By Marilyn Duncan</b> <b>12 March 2014, 6:30 pm</b> <small>More on Page 2</small></p>	<p><b>Veggie Feast @ Trinity Episcopal</b> <b>Friday, 21 March 5:30-7:30 pm</b> <b>\$8.50 adults/ \$4 children 10 &amp; under</b> <b>Contact Linda for tickets or to volunteer:</b> <b><a href="mailto:lilyangelrose@aol.com">lilyangelrose@aol.com</a></b></p>
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Background picture: Kentucky Fairness Rally, Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort KY, 20 Feb 2014. Thank you, Linda, for Standing on the Side of Love!

## WELCOMING CONGREGATION WORK CONTINUES

"Welcoming Congregation" is an official UUA certification accorded congregations that have engaged Education, Congregational Life, and Community Outreach around LGBTQ issues. A congregation preparing an application for this certification generally spends 18-24 months working on a variety of practical things (e.g. reviewing the language of bylaws and publications) as well as spiritual reflection on the issues that our LGBTQ members and neighbors face everyday in a heterosexist society.

UUCO has been expanding its awareness of issues and working on the Welcoming Congregation Action Steps for some time. This work has included revising our bylaws, hosting the LGBTQ Spiritual Support Group for public prayer services for 6 months last year, having an annual Coming Out Day event, offering the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial with TSA, and presently being the Owensboro site for the Fairness Campaign. At the February Board meeting, the UUCO Board of Trustees approved the final phase of work for our Welcoming Congregation application, an Adult Education series running on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am from 16 February-20 April. This series began with an Introduction to the Issues and will continue with these topics:

- 02 MAR- Values & Attitudes
- 09 MAR- Diversity & Inclusion
- 16 MAR- Relationships & Commitment
- 30 MAR- Community & Commitment
- 06 APR- Spirituality & Sexuality
- 13 APR- Language & Ongoing Development
- 20 APR- New Life, Whole Life

Watch the bulletin board and bulletin table for printed materials about the topics in the series as it progresses. (You may also be able to get a set of handouts for any sessions you miss.)

At the completion of this series, the Board will bring an official proposal to make the application to the UUA before the Congregation at our Annual Meeting on 27 April. Please make time to be informed about the issues, the process, and the meaning of being a Welcoming Congregation.



### HOW MANY UU'S DOES IT TAKE TO FIX A LIGHT FIXTURE...?

**Thank you Jason, Reggie,  
Scott, & Tom for getting this  
light back up MLK night!**



**IF WE HAD NO WINTER, THE SPRING WOULD NOT BE SO PLEASANT... ANNE BRADSTREET**

**INTERFAITH MOMENT: Lent**

Christians begin a season of repentance and conversion on Ash Wednesday, 5 March. The season lasts until the beginning of Easter (on Maundy or Holy Thursday.) In the ancient Church, it was an extended retreat for Christians that were preparing to be baptized at Easter. Mature Christians were supposed to support catechumens (learners) in making themselves ready for the arduous life of Christianity.

For traditions that have a worship service on Ash Wednesday, the palm branches from last Palm Sunday are burned to make black ashes. The ashes are used to make a sign of the cross on the forehead of service participants. The ashes are a reminder of the cycle of life coming from dust and returning to dust. In other words, don't get too overconfident! And the cross is a reminder that the Christian is supposed to live the Gospel teachings of Jesus even to the point of accepting persecution for faithfulness.

The term 'Lent' has a Germanic root and means 'spring.' It's Latin name simply means the 40 days. The 40 days are patterned on the Gospel account of Jesus fasting in the desert to discern his ministry. The traditional practices of Lent are:

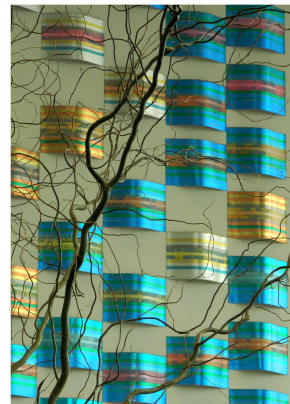
- Prayer- for conversion to the spirit of the Gospel
- Fasting- to feel solidarity with the poor and to make space within for compassion
- Almsgiving- of goods, money, or service to assure that the poor are cared for and justice is begun

**YVETTE NORRIS MEMORIAL LECTURE**

The annual Yvette Norris Memorial Lecture will be held at UUCO on **Wednesday, 12 March at 6:30 pm**. This year's offering is entitled: Domestic Violence in Later Life. Marilyn Duncan will be the lecturer. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Yvette Norris, an Owensboro native, was murdered by the man with whom she lived. We have an endowment in her name which enables us to present an educational program each year on some aspect of domestic violence and/or child abuse. As a Congregation, we believe that violence against women and children is a serious breach of justice and that knowledge of that violence is a beginning to ending it. Thus we have held an annual event to expose the complexity of the issues and healthy ways to address it. In previous years, we have been honored by the presence of Ms. Norris' family.

Her belief, that changing men's behavior is the only lasting way to end violence against women, led her to train in the Duluth method of delivering Batterers' Intervention Programs and she co-facilitated a program for court-mandated offenders until 2005. Returning to work one more time, Marilyn served as a victim advocate in the Daviess County, County Attorney's office, working with domestic violence victims, but she retired for the—she says—final time, in 2012. Since then, she spends much of her time writing and will soon publish **Three Millennia and Counting**, her reflections on her experiences and how she sees the movement today.



**THE ENDOWMENT**

The endowment for this lecture was begun by Claud Porter, Daviess County Attorney and member. Donations are welcome at any time. Contact Elaine Winstead if you would like to contribute.

**OUR OWN MARILYN DUNCAN AS LECTURER**

Marilyn Duncan first became interested in the battered women's movement in 1983 and spent twenty-one of the next thirty years working in that field. She directed a residence program, which included a battered women's shelter, for the YWCA in Evansville, IN; did community organizing around domestic violence issues in rural counties in Southern Indiana; and served as Sexual Offense Services Coordinator at Crisis Connection, Inc., a domestic and sexual violence victims' advocacy agency in Southern Indiana, from which she retired in 1999.

**MARCH ACTIVITIES**

Sat, 01	Reiki Appointments, 8:30 am--
Tue, 04	Committee on Ministry, 4:30 pm
Wed, 05	Congregational Life, 6 pm Board, 6:30 pm
Thu, 06	Caregiver's Lunch, 12 n ServPro Assessment, 3 pm Tai Chi, 6 pm/Meditation, 6:30 pm
Tue, 11	Interfaith Study, 12 n Fairness Call-In Party, 5 pm
Wed, 12	Yvette Norris Memorial Lecture, 6:30 pm
Thu, 13	VOAD @ Logsdon, 2 pm Tai Chi, 6 pm/Meditation, 6:30 pm
Sat, 15	Family RE, 9 am
Thu, 20	HUUMA Cluster @ Rough River, 9 am-2 pm Tai Chi, 6 pm/ Meditation, 6:30 pm
Fri, 21	Veggie Feast @ Trinity Episcopal, 5:30-7:30 pm
Wed, 26	Fairness Coalition, 6 pm
Thu, 27	ODCMA @ OHRH, 9 am Tai Chi, 6 pm/Meditation, 6:30 pm
Fri, 28	Drum Circle, 6:30-8:30 pm
Sun, 30	Fifth Sunday Potluck, after service

**VEGGIE FEAST  
2014 MENU**  
Veggie Lasagna  
Mac & Cheese  
Beans & Rice  
Veggie Stir-Fry & Rice  
Potatoes Masala  
Green Salad  
Cookies & Bread  
Lemonade & Coffee  
**\$8.50 adults**  
**\$4 children 10 & under**