



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

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August 2014 Newsletter

August Activities

02, SAT	Habitat Can Collection Reiki Appts 8am+
06, WED	Caregiver's Lunch 12 n Congregational Life 6 pm Board Meeting 6 pm
07, THU	Tai Chi, 6 pm (currently on hold) Meditation, 6:30 pm
12, TUES	Interfaith Study 12n
14, THU	VOAD @ Logsdon 2:30 pm Tai Chi 6 pm Meditation 6:30 pm
16, SAT	Multicultural Fest @ 1 st Presbyterian from 11am-4pm
20, WED	Leadership Council 6pm
21, THU	Tai Chi 6 pm (currently on hold) Meditation 6:30 pm
22, FRI	Drum Circle 6:30
27, WED	Fairness Coalition 6 pm
28, THU	Tai Chi 6 pm (currently on hold) Meditation 6:30 pm
31, SUN	Potluck after Service

Some of the events we were involved in from the past few weeks:



We participated in the Pride Picnic on June 29.

July 19 we were at the Be Cool Go Green event at the farmer's market.



July 26 we held the annual Talent Show and Man Cake auction on the 26th. This was MC'd by Peggy Wilson and a fun time was had by all. We found that there is an abundance of talent in our midst! (The Man Cakes were made by any human who wanted to help.) Some beautiful and delicious creations were donated.

Rev. Ramisch is on Sabbatical from July 1 to October 11. In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Deanna @270-684-3942 or Peggy @270-685-0924. For general information please contact Tom @ 270-684-1584 and leave a message.



Interfaith Moment: Krishna Janmashtami

This year Janmashtami is celebrated starting Aug 17. Krishna Janmashtami, is the celebration of the birth or descent of Krishna, the god worshipped by millions of Hindus around the world. Krishna appeared on this earth, at midnight, approximately 5,000 years ago in Mathura, located in Northern India, 91 miles south of New Delhi.

Krishna had many roles: child, friend, servant, romantic lover,

cowherd boy and killer of demons.

Hundreds of millions of people will perform severe fasts, engage in extended rituals and worship, recite extensively his activities and also the verses of the *Bhagavad Gita* for the purpose of remembering him and his activities on this day and throughout the year.

Krishna is the speaker of the *Bhagavad Gita* "the song of God", which is considered by many Hindus as the most prominent, referenced and commented-on scriptural text in all of India. The Gita serves as the guidebook for many Hindus and non-Hindus on how to live a life of devotion to God, while also cultivating a healthy detachment from the things of this world. In the past and even in the present, plaintiffs and defendants have sworn on the Gita in the courts of law in India.

It is thought that it is not possible for us, with our limited and inaccurate sense perception and logic, to comprehend the nature, quality and personhood of Krishna. Hindu scriptures and sages explain that one needs to qualify oneself to understand God. Purifying one's senses, mind, consciousness and soul is the prerequisite for gaining access to this knowledge.

Qualities of pride, envy, greed, anger and selfish desire must be purged as they cloud the ego.

Simultaneously, humility, nonviolence, forgiveness and tolerance need to be implemented into our character as they bring clarity into our lives. Without an endeavor to fulfill these prerequisites, God will only remain a theoretical concept.

(From http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gadadhara-pandit-dasa/the-birth-of-krishna-when_b_930370.html)



"We are committed to being together and to being together in ways that respect our Principles. Our worship and our work exist in finding practical and nurturing ways to govern ourselves and our congregations by living out our commitment to openness, democratic process, human equality, social justice, and personal exploration."

—Melissa Harris-Perry, MSNBC host (Read more from Melissa in [The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide](#).)



(From <http://www.uua.org/>)