



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

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REV. DR. CLAUDIA A. RAMISCH, MINISTER

September 2014 Newsletter

September Activities

03, WED	Caregiver's Lunch 12 n Board Meeting 6 pm
04, THURS	Meditation 6 pm
06, SAT	Habitat Can Collection Reiki Appts 8 am+
07, SUN	Pledge Packet Distribution
09, TUES	Interfaith Study 12 n
11, THU	VOAD @Logsdon 2:30 Peace Vigil 6:30-8 pm
14, SUN	Crop Walk 2 pm
17, WED	Leadership Council 6 pm
18, THU	Meditation 6:30 pm
24, WED	Fairness Coalition 6 pm
25, THU	Meditation 6:30 pm
26, FRI	Drum Circle 6:30



Events

- 9/07 Guest Speaker Dr. Court Lewis OCTC Philosophy Professor
- 9/11 Peace Vigil 6:30 (Peggy Officiating) features prayers, readings, poems, reflections, etc. on peace from various faith traditions presented by those in attendance with moments of reflection and silence between each reading.
- 9/14 Crop Walk 2pm at Hampton Inn downtown. This is the 10th year that Owensboro has held the Hunger walk—and we were instrumental in starting it! This year the local beneficiary of the walk is the HELP Office.
- 9/28 Guest Speaker Rev. Peter Connolly
- 10/1 Pledge Packets are due back
- 10/12 Stewardship Celebration / Blessing Circle, This Little Light Mini-Grant is presented (2nd of two awarded this year), and Claudia returns from part one of her sabbatical!



Guest Speaker Jude Sutharshan

On August 19 Jude Sutharshan gave an inspiring talk on the topic “Peace in Our Violent Times: An Interfaith dialogue” at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Owensboro.

His work has been in developing interfaith dialog & understanding in his war torn country of Sri Lanka. His father was Hindu, his mother Catholic, and they lived next door to a Norwegian Pentecostal orphanage. In his mid-teens he was taken by the Tamil rebels to become a soldier. Fortunately, the director of the orphanage was able to get him back. Jude wanted to help and became a Red Cross volunteer on the front lines. There he saw the pain of war and how it only increases the violence.

He deeply wanted to help heal his country and community and becoming a minister was the best way that he could help make positive changes. Liberation theology as practiced in South America was an inspiration to him. He has focused his ministry on human rights, peace building, and conflict resolution with a long-term commitment.

Although he acknowledges the assistance of international groups, he has come to realize that only grassroots activity can effectively address their problems. He has worked to draw together various ethnic and religious local leaders and helped them to make a long-term commitment, build right relations, and work for reconciliation. His country has seen 30 years of war and Jude expects it will take at least 30 years of work to bring real peace to the people.

Jude is developing a comprehensive program for rebuilding peace at the grassroots level in his country. The ability to foster interfaith dialog is an essential component of that plan.

New Member Class Forming

If you are interested in becoming a member at UUCO a new class is forming, please contact Marilyn Duncan for details.

“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.](#))



Our minister, Rev. Dr. Claudia A. Ramisch is on Sabbatical from July 1 to October 11. In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Tom @270-684-1548 or Peggy @270-685-0924. For general information please contact Tom @ 270-684-1584 and leave a message.