# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

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# **4th Annual Faith Fest Owensboro**

It is Faith Fest time again in Owensboro! The event runs from Nov. 7 through 23. There are several new events and expanded tours of faith homes.

# **Events New to Faith Fest This Year**

- Children's Poems & Prayers at the Public Library
- Young Adult Speed Dialog at Brescia and Zion UCC
- Women's Cultural Event, bring your favorite tea, music & dance from your culture and we'll share at St. Stephens Cathedral (women only)

# **Tour of Faith Homes**

### 9 Nov Sunday 1:30-4:00

- Islamic Center of Owensboro
- St. Stephen Cathedral
- Zion United Church of Christ

### 16 Nov Sunday 1:30-4:00

- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Mt. St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel
- Zion United Church of Christ

## Other- See Calendar at Right

- Third Baptist (7-22)
- Tri-State Hindu Temple (12 Wed)

# **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

Ministers will present a Thanksgiving Prayer from their tradition. The service is at UUCO, Sunday, 23 Nov, at 2 pm.



Additional Faith Fest Events with full details available at UUCO and at <a href="https://www.faithfest.org">www.faithfest.org</a>

Planning Headquarters UUCO c/o Rev. Dr. Claudia A. Ramisch 270-683-1462

Time Change- Sun Nov 2nd 2am

Faith Fest Events		
07 Nov	SABBATH SERVICE @	
Friday	Temple Adath Israel Corner of 5th & Daviess St.	
6:30	Comor di din a Bavicas Ci,	
7-22 Nov	YOUTH ART EXHIBIT @	
Anytime church is	Third Baptist Church	
open	Corner of 5th & Allen FEATURING:STUDENTS OF OHS	
10 Nov	CHILDREN'S EVENT	
Monday	Writing Poems & Prayers of Faith Daviess Co. Public Library	
6:00	Daviess Co. Fublic Library	
10 Nov	ECUMENICAL WORKSHOP	
	Catholic Diocese of Owensboro	
Monday	Catholic Pastoral Center/ 600 Locust St.	
5:30-8:00	INTRO TO LUNDINGM & AARTI @	
12 Nov	INTRO TO HINDUISM & AARTI @ Tri-State Hindu Temple	
Wednesday	6044 Vann Rd, Newburgh, IN	
6:30		
13 Nov	SPEED DIALOGUE	
Thursday	Brescia University, Student Center 717 Frederica St.	
11:30am		
14 Nov	FRIDAY PRAYERS @	
Friday	Islamic Center of Owensboro 3131 Alvey Park Dr. W.	
1:30	OTOT / WOOD T CARE DIT. WY.	
15 Nov	WOMEN'S CULTURAL EVENT	
Saturday	For Women Only St. Stephen's Undercroft/ 610 Locust St.	
10:30am	ot. Otephen a Graderarow one Locast ot.	
	SPEED DIALOGUE	
18 Nov	Zion United Church of Christ	
Tuesday	Corner of 7th & Allen/ Facing Allen St.	
11:30am	EVENING PRAYER @	
19 Nov	Trinity Episcopal Church	
Wednesday	720 Ford Ave./ In the Chapel	
5:15 pm		
21 Nov	DRUM CIRCLE @ Unitarian Universalist Congregation	
Friday	Corner of Cedar & Parrish	
6:30 pm		
22 Nov	LECTURE: REV. DR. CLAUDIA A. RAMISCH	
Saturday	CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF RELIGION Woodlawn United Methodist Church	
10:30 am	1120 Woodlawn Ave.	
20.00 0		

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# **Altar of Faith Rededication**

The Altar of Faith in our sanctuary (on the east wall) was dedicated in November, 2011. It is intended to be a visual representation of the many spiritualities in our congregation.

We will be refreshing the displays beginning with Faith Fest 2014. Members are invited to choose a significant item that signifies their root tradition or current spiritual practice and display it in the church. Items will be on display until a member chooses to change it. (We hope you will include a written description of the significance of the item that can be shown with it.)

They can go up anytime, but we plan to feature one a week during the "Gathering" portion of the service. So it will be an ongoing project getting to know something about each other's style of spirituality!

Scott Payne constructed the Altar boxes and directed their installation. They are made of oak planks that Scott brought from their family farm. They have lighting in their base and mirrors at the back to allow us to see items from all sides.

Charlot Martin completed the Altar with the beautiful copper chalice at its center. We are grateful for their artistry and skill!

## Thank You All!

- Members and Friends for pledges & donations
- Marilyn for New UU Class
- Linda and the CLC for hosting Terra Madre Potluck & lecture by Jim Embry, and the Biz Baz happening;
- Artisans that shared their gifts
- Volunteers that helped at all events
- Members and friends that attended and supported our events

Regular UUCO November Event		
See the Monthly Bulletin Calendar		
for Claudia's Work Schedule		
Sat 01	Congregational Life 12n	
	270-570-0323 (Linda)	
Wed 05	Board, 6 pm	
Thu 06	Tai Chi, 6pm	
	Meditation, 6:30	
Tue 11	Interfaith Study	
	12n	
Thu 13	VOAD @ Logsdon2:30 pm	
	Tai Chi/Meditation, 6 pm	
Sun 16	Leadership Council	
	4:30	
Thu 20	ODCMA @ OHRH 9-10:30 am	
	Tai Chi/Meditation, 6 pm	
Fri 21	Drum Circle	
	6:30pm	
Sat 22	Claudia Lecture @ Woodlawn UMC	
	10:30 am	
Sun 23	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @	



UUCO 2 pm







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#### **INTERFAITH MOMENT:**

### **THE DAY OF COVENANT: November 26**

'Abdu'l-Bahá was born on May 23, 1844, the very day that the Báb declared His mission. Although a number of Bahá'ís wished to celebrate the Master's birthday, He wouldn't permit it. That day, He insisted, belonged to the Báb. In the face of repeated requests, however, He established the Day of the Covenant as a day Bahá'ís could celebrate in His honor if they wished.

While the Day of the Covenant is in a sense a celebration of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's life, it is in a larger sense a celebration of the establishment of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh. The Master and the Covenant cannot be separated; any celebration of one is automatically a celebration of the other.

(Excerpted from http://www.planetbahai.org/cgi bin/articles.pl?article=9)

"So powerful is the light of unity," Bahá'u'lláh declared, "that it can illuminate the whole earth." "We, verily," He further stated, "have come to unite and weld together all that dwell on earth." Bahá'u'lláh made the oneness of humankind the central principle and goal of His Faith, an emphasis that implies the organic and spiritual unity of the whole body of nations and signalizes the "coming of age of the entire human race."

Humanity's evolution has been marked by such progressive stages of social organization as family, tribe, city-state and nation. Bahá'u'lláh's express purpose was to usher in the next and ultimate stage, namely, world unity -- the harbinger of the Great Peace foretold in the world's religions. As the Word of God as revealed by Bahá'u'lláh is the source and impetus of the oneness of humankind, so the

Covenant He has established is the organizing principle for its realization.

The Bahá'í community is currently traversing the first stage in the flowering of the divine authority which Bahá'u'lláh planted in human affairs through the establishment of His Covenant and His appointment of `Abdu'l-Bahá as its Center. This authority, which is an expression of the love of God, has the power, at the individual level, to captivate hearts and transform character. It provides us with a code of conduct that leads towards social progress. At the community level, the loving authority at the heart of the Faith moulds our social relationships. It guides us to manifest a quality of love and to maintain unity in our dealings with each other. At an institutional level, the Covenant gives us administrative channels through which love flows, and it defines our relationship with those institutions. The transformative power of the Covenant expresses the essential feature of Bahá'u'lláh's World Order, cherished by Him above anything else: "The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice."

As humanity comes of age, the peoples of the world are awakening to the fact of their oneness and to the vision of the earth as a single homeland. The spiritual authority of Bahá'u'lláh's Covenant provides us with a framework for healing past differences, whether of race, class or creed, and establishes a new kind of relationship between us and our Creator. The moral empowerment that comes to us through this divine bestowal will enable us, for the first time in human history, to build a unified global society.

(Excerpted from http://info.bahai.org/covenant-of-bahaullah.html)

