UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

Rev. Dr. Claudia A. Ramisch, Minister

Tom Hicks, President

DECEMBER 2014- (r-1.0)

Holiday Celebrations

Take a look at the calendar to the right and you will see that all of the UUCO holiday traditions are back again this year, and a few items have been added. Take a break from the work-a-day world and enjoy the holidays together.

Trimming the Tree

Bring an ornament that represents a story of Ordinary Wonder and tell us the story of the ornament as we decorate the tree during the service.

Christmas Eve Vigil

Service and Fellowship: This year's theme is "Lighten Up" and will include some foolishness. Special features include: Vivian, dancer & Rohnn, soloist

ANNUAL DECEMBER CHARITY COLLECTIONS

COLORING BOOKS

For recently settled Burmese refugee families. We are seeking 30 coloring books (we already have 11) for children ages 5-9. Please return them to UUCO by 7 December.

SOCKS AND GLOVES

For the Salvation Army's Angel Tree. We will accept all sizes—especially children's. (These items fill important holes in the gift bags since most folks prefer to buy the bigger, splashier items for kids.) Please return them to UUCO by 14 December.

SOCKS AND GLOVES

For St. Benedict Joseph Shelter. We will accept both dress and work socks for men. The guys often need a good pair for job interviews. Please return them to UUCO by 14 December.

Holiday Celebrations

14 Dec	TRIMMING THE TREE
Sun	(See article)
10:30 am	
21 Dec	SOLSTICE SERVICE
Sun	Rev. Eleanor Gray-Coe, presiding
10:30 am	
12:00	SOUP AND STUFF MEAL
2:00 pm	SOLSTICE RITUAL
	Amy Lou, presiding
24 Dec	CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
Wed	Rev. Dr. Claudia A. Ramisch
	(See article)
7:00 pm	
25 Dec	GOSPEL READINGS & CAROLS
Thr	Wendell Foster Center, Young Bldg.
2:30	
04 Jan	NEW YEAR'S FESTIVITIES
Sun	
09:30 am	BREAKFAST POTLUCK
10:30 am	SERVICE: BURNING BOWL

Thank You All!

Faith Fest was a great success this year as new events were added and new groups participated. Thanks to everyone for participating and helping. Thanks especially to Claudia for beginning and organizing this event!



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INTERFAITH MOMENT

Faith Fest 2014 concluded with Owensboro's seventh annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service hosted by UUCO on Sunday, 23 November.

We were honored that nine different traditions sent representatives to offer a prayer: Rev. Randy Jones (Woodlawn UMC,) Dr. Bashar Mourad (Islamic Center of Owensboro,) Rita Prajapati (Tri-State Hindu Temple,) Bro. Joe Fedor (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,) Rev. Linda Craig (Reiki Master,) Larry Courtney (Trinity Episcopal Church,) Sr. Suzanne Sims (St. Stephen's Cathedral,) Harakh Maru (Tri-State Jain Community,) Rev. Lori Keller Schroeder (Zion United Church of Christ.)

A collection for the HELP Office netted a large box of canned goods and \$78. Just over fifty people attended the service and socialized over snacks when it was over.

It is an uncommon joy to be able to hear so many different views on life, prayer, and Thanksgiving. I am delighted when people can express contrasting outlooks with civility.

Thank you, UUCO for creating a safe place for such an event! Thank you, too, for setting up and cleaning up, printing bulletins, serving our guests, and providing yummy snacks and drinks. -Claudia

Regular UUCO Meetings/Events

See the Monthly Bulletin Calendar	
for Claudia's Work Schedule	
Thu 04	Tai Chi, 6pm
	Meditation, 6:30
Tue 09	Interfaith Study
	12n
Wed 10	Board Mtg.
	6pm
Thu 11	Tai Chi/Meditation,
	6 pm
Fri 12	Drum Circle
	6:30 pm
Sun 14	Tree Decoration Service
	10:30 am
Thu 18	Tai Chi/Meditation,
	6 pm
Sun 21	Soup N Stuff, 12 noon
	Solstice Ritual, 2 pm
Wed 24	Christmas Eve Vigil
	7 pm
Thur 25	Service at Wendell Foster
	2:30 pm



