

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO



INTERFAITH POTLUCK AT UUCO

In response to our Spring interfaith leadership event at the Islamic Center, Owensboro's first Interfaith Potluck was held at Owensboro Health in August. Somehow, three different people felt that lasagna was an appropriate choice for their premier dish to share! But there was enough other food to make a grand meal. At the event, we decided to move the meal to a different facility each month and to ask the host to teach us something about their tradition.

So on Monday, 28 September, UUCO will host the second event of the series. We will be providing coffee, lemonade, and water for the meal--and offering a brief introduction to Unitarian Universalism to our guests.

We will set up for dinner in the sanctuary at 5:30 pm and welcome guests at 6. Please join us and introduce yourself to our interfaith neighbors and maybe answer some of their questions! Also, please be sure to include a complete ingredient list (include seasonings) with the dish you bring to share. This way our guests will be able to meet their dietary needs. It will be a fun evening!



11TH ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK

In ten years, we have raised over \$30K to address hunger. A quarter of those funds have served people right here in Owensboro; the other funds have supported disaster relief (e.g. after Katrina and Rita) and self-help programs for farmers around the world. I am proud of our efforts in helping begin this walk and continuing to support it. Solomon and I will be walking only part of the route this year, but our commitment is complete. Please consider walking or making a pledge through me. Thank you, Claudia

The local beneficiary this year is our 2015 mini-grant recipient: **Working Hands**

SUN, 4 OCT @ 2pm
AT THE RIVERFRONT
Pledge through Claudia

Responsive Reading for National Coming Out Day from the *Institute for Judaism and Sexual Orientation*

We are grateful for the gift of our lives and the gift of other people in our lives.

Each of us is created with dignity and worth.

We are called to love one another and to do nothing to others that we would find hateful to ourselves.

We honor the many ways that people live and love.

Our common life is enriched when lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender teens can live and learn without fear in their schools, homes, and communities.

True justice flourishes when all people can live with authenticity and integrity.



OCTOBER EVENTS

THU, 01 6 & 6:30 pm	Tai Chi/Qi Gong Meditation
SAT, 03 8:30 am-?	Reiki by Appointment
SUN, 04 2 pm	CROP Walk @ The Riverfront
THU, 08 6 & 6:30 pm	Tai Chi/Qi Gong Meditation
SUN, 11 12 n /2 pm	Coming Out Day Picnic & Prayer
TUE, 13 1:30-5 pm	Home Office Hours
WED, 14 1-5 pm	Home Office Hours
WED, 14 6 pm	Board Meeting
THU, 15 5 pm	Tai Chi/Qi Gong Meditation
THU, 22 6 & 6:30 pm	Tai Chi/Qi Gong Meditation
FRI, 23 6:30 pm	Drum Circle
SAT, 24 9-12:30 pm	Life Is Sacramental Workshop III
MON, 26 6 pm	Interfaith Potluck @ 3rd Baptist
THU, 29 5 pm	Ministerial Assoc. @ OHRH
THU, 29 6 & 6:30 pm	Tai Chi/Qi Gong Meditation



**Claudia will be
out of town
representing UUCO @**

**HUUMA Meeting
@ Pokagon, IN (4-7)
& KY Council of Churches
@ Bardstown, KY (22-23)**

**And visiting family
@ Maumee, OH (7-9)**



WHAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN SAYS ABOUT COMING OUT DAY:

Every year on National Coming Out Day, we celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) or as an ally. On 11 Oct 2015, we'll mark the 27th anniversary of Coming Out Day.

27 years ago, on the anniversary of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, we first observed National Coming Out Day as a reminder that one of our most basic tools is the power of coming out. One out of every two Americans has someone close to them who is gay or lesbian. For transgender people, that number is only one in 10.

Coming out- whether it is as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or allied - STILL MATTERS. When people know someone who is LGBTQ, they are far more likely to support equality under the law. Beyond that, our stories can be powerful to each other.

THIS YEAR'S UUCO CELEBRATION

On 11 Oct, our Sunday Service will include our Blessing Circle to celebrate the conclusion of the Annual Canvass. And then we will have our first Coming Out Day event since our recognition as a Welcoming Congregation. It will be a very full and exciting day for our Congregation.

- Service will be followed by a community potluck picnic at 12 n. Rohnn and Shannon Sanderson are hosts for the picnic. Several foodstuffs have already been donated and a sign-up sheet for the potluck will be in the Sanctuary.
- A Prayer Service will be in the Sanctuary at 2 pm. Rev. Dr. Claudia Ramisch and Rev. Lori- Keller-Schroeder will be co-presiders.
- We have invited Zion UCC to join us for the afternoon. And we will have a large banner on the fence inviting the community. Please invite friends and neighbors! Please reach out to the college campuses, as well!



SAMHAIN By Patti Wigington

Samhain is known by most folks as Halloween, but for many modern Pagans it's considered a Sabbat to honor the ancestors who came before us and mark the dark time of the year. It's a good time to contact the spirit world because it's the time when the veil between this world and the next is at its thinnest.

Religious scholars agree that the word Samhain (pronounced "sow-en") comes from the Gaelic "Samhuin," but they're divided on whether it means the end or beginning of summer. After all, when summer is ending here on earth, it's just beginning in the Underworld. Samhain actually refers to the daylight portion of the holiday, on Nov. 1st.

Depending on your individual spiritual path, there are many different ways you can celebrate Samhain, but typically the focus is on either honoring our ancestors, or the cycle of death and rebirth. This is the time of year when the gardens and fields are brown and dead. The nights are getting longer, there's a chill in the air, and winter is looming. We may choose to honor our ancestors, celebrating those who have died, and even try to communicate with them.

