

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Burning Bowl Sunday @ UUCO on 3 January 2016, 10:30 am

We bid you welcome
on this first Sunday of the new year.

Like Janus we gather
with part of us looking backward
and part of us looking forward.

We gather on the edge of the new year
saddened by our losses,
cherishing our joys,
aware of our failures,
mindful of days gone by.

We gather on the cusp of this new year
eager to begin anew,
hopeful for what lies ahead,
promising to make changes,
anticipating tomorrows and tomorrows.

We invite you to join
our celebration of life,
knowing that life includes good and bad,
endings and beginnings.
We bid you welcome!

REV. SYLVIA L. HOWE



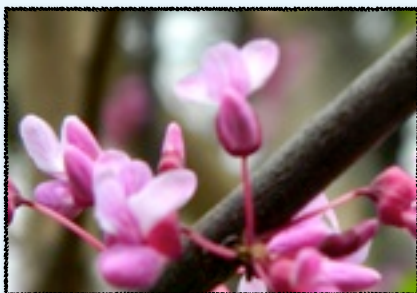
A few of the Charlot Martin Players working hard in 2015...

Martin Luther King Commemorative Coffeehouse 2016

The 13th Annual MLK Coffeehouse is just around the corner! This year's theme is **THOUGHTFUL ACTION**. The events of the past year have highlighted our need to take race relations seriously and to recognize the relationships between race, class, and opportunity. The Coffeehouse is a Congregational favorite because it's fun, intellectual, and challenging all at once; it takes social issues very seriously and recharges our commitments.

This year's show will be on Saturday, 16 January. Doors will open at 7 pm and the show begins at 7:15 pm. (We conclude at 9 pm.) Admission is \$3. Concessions will be sold to benefit the HL Nebblett Center, but popcorn is still free.

To participate as a Charlot Martin Player or to volunteer, sign-up in the sanctuary or contact Linda: 270-570-0323 or lilyangelrose@aol.com. Come explore what **THOUGHTFUL ACTION** might be needed right now in the US.



LIFE IS SACRAMENTAL IV: ORDINARY THINGS, EXTRAORDINARY SPIRIT

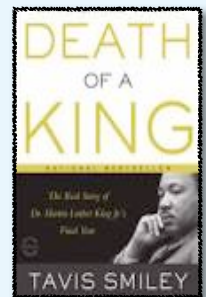
**SATURDAY
23 JAN 2016
9 am- 12:30 pm**

Sometimes it's synchronicity, sometimes it's a standout that grabs your attention, but the Everyday is often a portal to grace. What quickens your spirit? What might you be overlooking? Where is the Spirit breathing in your life?

Register by 01/20/16
\$5 for Members & Friends
\$50 for Guests

**BOOK DISCUSSION:
MONDAY,
18 JAN 2016
6:30-8:00 pm
In the Sanctuary**

Death of a King:
The Real Story of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s
Final Year



By Tavis Smiley
Little, Brown and Company
ISBN: 0316332763 or 9780316332763
\$5 for Guests

JANUARY EVENTS

SAT 02
Reiki by Appointment

SUN 03
Breakfast Potluck 9:30am
Burning Bowl Service 10:30am

WED 06
Home Office 9am-12n
Board Meeting 6:30pm

THU 07
Tai Chi/Qi Gong 6pm
Meditation 6:30pm

TUE 12
Home Office 1-4pm
Interfaith Study 7pm

THU 14
Tai Chi/Qi Gong 6pm
Meditation 6:30pm

SAT 16
MLK Coffeehouse 7-9pm

MON 18
Book Discussion 6:30-8pm

TUE 19
Women Clergy 11:30am-1:30pm

THU 21
Tai Chi/Qi Gong 6pm
Meditation 6:30pm

FRI 22
Drum Circle 6:30pm

SAT 23
Life Is Sacramental #4
9am-12:30pm

THU 28
Tai Chi/Qi Gong 6pm
Meditation 6:30pm

SUN 31
5th Sunday Potluck

FYI

Claudia will be teaching
@ OCTC on T & TH
from 9:30-10:45 am
beginning 12 Jan.

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT" COMMUNITY MINI-GRANT

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT" GRANT COMMITTEE

It's time to form the Grant Committee and solicit applications for our This Little Light community mini-grant. The committee is to be composed of three voting members, President-Elect, and Minister. The three members are drawn by lot from names submitted at Worship on the First Sunday of January. This year's drawing will be on 3 January.

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT" GRANT VISION

The Grant Application Packet is available through our website. Projects should address one of these issues in a new way: Domestic Violence, Hunger, Homelessness, or Literacy. Preference will be given to projects that enhance the self-sufficiency of those served or that have an extended reach into the community. Preference will also be given to projects with sustainable or repeatable plans. Grants will not be given to "keep the lights on" for already established work.

The grant process was designed as part of a series with UUCO's Adult RE. Member and friends give **5 cents** a day or **\$18.25** a year to fund a \$500 grant to a project meeting our Grant Vision. [The Elvis bank by the sanctuary door is for donations to this effort. Checks for the entire amount should be clearly marked GRANT on the memo line.]

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT" COMMITTEE DUTIES

- To serve only until projects are chosen for presentation at the Annual Meeting (roughly two months from mid-February through mid-April.)
- To meet as a Committee between 16 Feb and 15 Mar to evaluate all applications.
- To choose up to 5 applicants who meet all criteria and invite them to an interview with the Committee between 16 Mar and 15 Apr.
- To submit its choice to the Congregation for Affirmation at the Annual Meeting in April.



THANK YOU

21 pairs of gloves

61 pairs of socks

8 hats

1 each: Scarf,
Belt, & T-Shirt

Donated by
UUCO to

Salvation Army's
Angel Tree &
St. Benedict's Shelter

INTERFAITH MOMENT: TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY

In the western Christian tradition, Jan. 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. It goes by other names in various church traditions. (E.g. Three Kings' Day) Because of differences in church calendars, mainly between the Eastern Orthodox and the western Catholic and Protestant traditions, both Christmas and Epiphany have been observed at different times in the past. Some Greek Orthodox Churches and related traditions still follow the older calendar and celebrate Epiphany as the Theophany on Jan. 19.

Epiphany is the climax of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Today the Twelve Days are usually counted from the evening of Dec. 25 until the morning of Jan. 6, which is the Twelfth Day. In following the older custom of counting the days beginning at sundown, the evening of Jan. 5th is the Twelfth Night.

In traditional Christian churches Christmas is celebrated as a period of time, a season, rather than just a day. For many Protestant church traditions, the season of Epiphany extends from Jan. 6 until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter. Other traditions, especially the Roman Catholic tradition, observe Epiphany as a single day in the Christmas Season, with the Sunday following Epiphany named the Baptism of the Lord as the conclusion of the Season.

The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child and "revealing" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. In some churches the day is celebrated with feasting including the baking of a special King's Cake.

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