


**August Soup:
Summer
Vegetable Medley**
\$8/ quart
RESERVATION DUE 2 AUG
PICK-UP 5 AUG @
CHALICE CENTER
11:30-1:00 PM



**TALENT SHOW
& CAKE AUCTION**
Saturday, 5 Aug
6:30-8 pm

**19th Annual
MULTICULTURAL
FESTIVAL**
@ 1ST PRESBYTERIAN
SATURDAY, 19 AUG
10 AM-5 PM
SIGN-UP IN THE
SANCTUARY TO HELP
WITH FAIR TRADE COFFEE



**Continuing
Conversation
On Race
@ DCPL**
Monday, 21 Aug
6:30-8 pm
Movie: *Get In the Way:
The Journey of John Lewis*

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO



TOM HICKS, PRESIDENT

REV. DR. CLAUDIA A. RAMISCH, MINISTER


Race, NonViolence, Multiculturalism...

Things are really hopping, and the good news is, we're part of it!

...Right now, many cooperative efforts are beginning to bear fruit in Owensboro. The AAUW, NAACP, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro-Daviess County Ministerial Association, Black Expo, and UUCO have been co-sponsoring ongoing conversations and workshops on race matters at the Library every month for a year now. In August, NonViolent Owensboro will join the coalition by sponsoring the film *Get in the Way: The Journey of John Lewis* (details above, right corner). This is a PBS production that follows the life of John Lewis, "the conscience of Congress." As always, conversation will follow the film.

...We are delighted to host NonViolent Owensboro in our Sanctuary! This organization was birthed after Mary Danhauer offered a presentation about Campaign NonViolence during Faith Fest last year. I am especially pleased that they are trying to work to coordinate the efforts of all the justice organizations in town—so we can be more efficient with our resources and more supportive of each other. They meet the first Monday of each month at 7 pm and are always looking for new members. They will offer a book discussion evening during Faith Fest this year. (If you want to get a headstart, the book is *The Spiritual Power of Nonviolence* by George W. Wolfe.)

...Add to these, the 19th celebration of the Multicultural Festival at First Presbyterian and you have some very exciting work happening in Owensboro! Be sure to join the efforts to engage and celebrate diversity, Claudia



We come together in the stubborn belief that community is possible and that peace is more than a dream.
We commit together to affirm in our actions as well as our words,
the inherent worth and dignity of every human being.
We come together in awareness of our interdependence with all humanity,
and with the wider web of existence, for that too is part of what is meant by "we."
In this free church, we come together without creed,
believing that the way we live in the world bears testament to the value of our beliefs.
Excerpt from Rev. Marjorie Killoran

Interfaith Moment: Lammas, 1-2 Aug.

From www.thoughtco.com by Patti Wigington

At Lammas, also called Lughnasadh, the hot days of August are upon us, much of earth is dry and parched, but we still know that the bright reds and yellows of the harvest are just around the corner. Apples are beginning to ripen, our summer vegetables have been picked, corn is tall and green waiting to be gathered. Now is the time to begin reaping what we've sown, and gathering up the first harvests of grain, wheat, oats, and more. This holiday can be celebrated either as a way to honor the god Lugh, the Celtic craftsman god, or as a celebration of the harvest.

Celebrating Grain in Ancient Cultures: Grain has held a place of importance in civilization back nearly to the beginning of time. Grain became associated with the cycle of death and rebirth and was told in the legend of many cultures, including Sumeria and Greece.

A Feast of Bread: In early Ireland, it was a bad idea to harvest your grain any time before Lammas -- it meant that the previous year's harvest had run out early, and that was a serious failing in agricultural communities. However, on August 1, the first sheaves of grain were cut by the farmer, and by nightfall his wife had made the first loaves of bread of the season.

The word *Lammas* derives from the Old English phrase *hlaf-maesse*, which translates to loaf mass. In early Christian times, the first loaves of the season were blessed by the Church.

Honoring Lugh, the Skillful God: In some Wiccan and modern Pagan traditions, Lammas is also a day of honoring Lugh. He is a god of many skills, honored in various aspects by societies both in the British Isles and in Europe. Lughnasadh (pronounced Loo-NAS-ah) is still celebrated in many parts of the world today. Lugh's influence appears in the names of several European towns.

Honoring the Past: In our modern world, it's easy to forget the trials and tribulations our ancestors endured. If we need bread, we simply drive to the local grocery and buy a few bags of prepackaged bread. For hundreds and thousands of years, our ancestors harvested and processed grain themselves. If crops were left in fields too long, or bread not baked in time, families could starve. Taking care of one's crops meant the difference between life and death. By celebrating Lammas as a harvest holiday, we honor our ancestors and the hard work they had to do in order to survive. It's a good time to give thanks for the abundance in our lives and to be grateful for the food on our tables.

DISCERNMENT PROCESS

On Wednesday, 2 August, the Board will meet to prepare and approve the budget for 2017-18 and consolidate the materials from our discernment conversations and thought experiments. They will bring a new Mission statement and 5-year plan back to the Congregation with the Pledge Packet on Sunday, 3 September.

Thank you, everyone, for your participation! Thank you Richard, Rebecca, Peggy, Rachael for helping lead the Sunday morning sessions! Thank you, Board, for all your extra work and meetings!



AUGUST ACTIVITIES	
TUE, 1	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
WED, 2	Soup Reservations Due Home Office, 1-4pm Board Meeting, 5:30pm
SAT, 5	Reiki by Appointment Soup Day, 11:30am Talent Show & Cake Auction 6:30pm
MON, 7	NonViolent O'boro, 7pm
TUE, 8	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
TUE, 15	Home Office, 1-4pm Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
WED, 16	NonViolent O'boro Steering Comm., 5pm Board Meeting, 5:30pm
SAT, 19	Multicultural Festival @ 1st Presbyterian, 10am-5pm
MON, 21	Race Conversation @ DCPL, 6:30pm
TUE, 22	Clergy Women, 12:30pm Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
THU, 24	ODCMA @ OHRH, 9am
TUE, 29	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
WED, 30	Soup Reservations Due

Claudia will be teaching @ OCTC
on Tue & Thur, 9-11 am
from 15 Aug-6 Dec.



SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES
USING "Live Boldly"
BY Mary Anne Radmacher