

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER



NEW: FUN CLUB

Starting this month, IUU will have a monthly meet-up to have fun with each other out in the community. After much deliberation, this event has been named the Fun Club. Thanks to Katie and Linda for creating, organizing, and spearheading what will be a wonderful new tradition.

We hope the Fun Club will be an integral part of building our future. To maintain the bonds of church and family, it is as important to play

together as it is to work together. The same holds true for our relationship with the larger community. While we do participate in charity events and community actions, to build stronger bonds, broaden our network, and grow our membership, we need to venture out for fun and relaxation as well.

This month's meet-up will be April 21, at The Spot Coffee and Finery for their Bring You Own Vinyl night. Any genre of record welcome, it runs

5-8pm. The Spot is located at 217 Williamsburg Square, Owensboro.

In future months, the date and location of the Fun Club's meet-ups will be found on page 2 of the monthly newsletter, below the calendar.

Meditation Moment/UUA

Excerpt From: "It is That Time and Place"

By Qiyamah Rahman

Have you not seen the greatness and power of the Creative Energy in the Universe called God that moves and has its being through human agency?

Have you not seen God in your neighbors' faces? In the homeless? In the battered woman? The trafficked child? The undocumented worker?

The dispossessed? It is that time and that place to know that it is our turn, that we must leave a legacy for our children. And all the children.

It is that time and that place. We are the ones we've been waiting for! For that, let us be eternally grateful. Amen and Blessed Be.

APRIL EVENTS

01 SUN	Egg Hunt 9:45 am Flower Communion 10:30 Potluck after service
02 MON	NonVlt O'boro 7 pm
07 SAT	Reiki 8:30 am
10 TUE	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
11 WED	Home Office 2-4 pm Board Meeting 5:30 pm
12 THU	Race Conversation @ DCPL 6:30 pm
14 SAT	NAACP Voter Reg. Canvass Gamers 6-10 pm
15 SUN	Spiritual Mentoring 9:30 am
17 TUE	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
21 SAT	Past Life Workshop 9 am-1 pm
22 SUN	Spiritual Mentoring 9:30 am
24 TUE	Women Clergy 12:30-2 pm Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
25 WED	NonVlt O'boro Steering 5 pm
26 THU	ODCMA @ OHRH 9 am
29 SUN	Annual Meeting 11:45 am Wendell Foster Service 3:30 pm

FUN CLUB APRIL MEET-UP

Bring Your Own Vinyl, at The Spot Coffee and Finery.

April 21, 5-8 pm.

217 Williamsburg Square, Owensboro

Interfaith Moment

Vaisakhi, April 14

For Sikhs around the world, the middle of April brings with it the celebration of Vaisakhi. Originally a spring harvest festival of the Punjab region, in 1699 Guru Gobind Singh (the tenth and final human Guru) chose this festival for the founding of the Khalsa order. After a time of upheaval and persecution, Guru Gobind Singh transformed the Sikh community with the idea of saint-soldiers, dedicated to confronting oppression. Possessing courage and embodying sacrifice, they were charged to preserve the faith, and to defend not only their community and religion, but any facing persecution. Being baptized into the Khalsa is a goal for all Sikhs regardless of gender or background, as Sikhism considers everyone equal. The following is an excerpt from <http://www.sikhismguide.org/vaisakhi.php>:

Guru Gobind Singh then lifted his sword and asked that anyone prepared to give his life for his faith to come forward. There was a big silence, but the Guru went on repeating his demand. One Sikh finally came forward and followed the Guru into a tent. Shortly after, the Guru reappeared alone with his sword covered in blood, and asked for a second volunteer. Another Sikh stepped forward and again the Guru took him into the tent, and re-appeared alone with his sword covered with blood. This was repeated until five Sikhs had offered their heads for the Guru. Finally, the Guru emerged from the tent with all five men dressed piously in blue. Guru Gobind Singh called the five Sikhs the Panj Pyare, the Five Beloved Ones. The Panj Pyare were then baptized in a unique ceremony called pahul...The Guru then knelt before the five and asked them to baptize him as well. The Guru proclaimed that the Panj Pyare would be the embodiment of the Guru himself: "Where there are Panj Pyare, there am I. When the Five meet, they are the holiest of the holy." The Panj Pyare were the first members of the new Sikh community called the Khalsa.

For more information on Vaisakhi or Sikhism, visit the following links: <http://www.sikhismguide.org/default.php>, <http://www.sikhpa.com/campaigns/sikhvaisakhi/>, and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/sikhism/>.

CONSCIENTIOUS SHOPPER?

Consider the following great gifts:

Soup Reservations

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, or Chocolate

Products by UUCO Artists

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENTS

Monday April 9, there will be a book reading and signing at The Spot Coffee and Finery, with the night's profit going to benefit New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services. EE Martin will be presenting her works, *As We Break* and *As We Burn* from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1188956857874553/>.

The Grant G. Talbot Memorial 5K Road Race is a fundraiser held in memory of Grant Talbot, a longtime counselor at Owensboro Community and Technical College. This race raises money for scholarships and needy students at

OCTC. Visit https://owensboro.kctcs.edu/giving/grant_g_talbot_memorial_5k_road_race/.

For a charity event that is a fun night on the town, consider Bark in Style, held at O.Z. Tyler Distillery, on April 14. Bark in Style is a silent auction, fashion show, and dinner to benefit Saving Paws Animal Rescue of Kentucky. SparKy is a non-profit organization that rescues animals through a network of foster homes. For more information on the event, view it here on Owensboro's calendar, <https://visitowensboro.com/event/bark>

[-in-style-silent-auction-fashion-show-dinner/?instance_id=112299](#). To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.sparkyrescue.com>.

March for Babies will be held April 28, at Smothers Park. This event is a 2-mile walk to benefit March of Dimes. For more information, visit <https://www.marchforbabies.org/EventInfo/?si=&PersonId=&EventID=19107&change=undefined>.

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

Parents looking for inexpensive activities to do with their children over spring break, that don't require preregistration, are in luck. The Owensboro Museum of Science and History is having a host of special activities Tuesday, April 3 through Friday, April 6. From live animals, to crafts, to

cooking with your child, there is something for everyone. If you would like more information, visit <http://www.owensboromuseum.org/calendar>. Look for events labeled Spring Break 2018 Activity.

LAST MONTH'S CORNER...



Travis, Sacred Geography



Imagining the future



Earth Hour by candlelight