

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Blessing Circle Sunday and Coming Out Day

Sunday, October 14 will be a busy day at IUU. The day will start with our annual Blessing Circle Service, which is held at the usual time. During this service will also be the book-signing for our new members.

Following this will be the Coming Out Day Picnic at 12:30 pm. This is open to members of the congregation and the wider community. If you can donate food, or would like to volunteer to cook or clean up, please check the sign-up board.

We will conclude the festivities with the Coming Out Day Service, held in the sanctuary at 2 pm.

From *Human Rights Campaign*:

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...In honor of National Coming Out Day, HRC honors all who have come out as

LGBTQ or as a straight ally for equality – that takes bravery, and we commend you...Every person who speaks up changes more hearts and minds, and creates new advocates for equality.

For more information on Coming Out Day, see <https://www.hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day>.

Meditation Moment/UUA

Autumn Chant

by Edna St. Vincent Milay

Now the autumn shudders
In the rose's root,
Far and wide the ladders
Lean among the fruit.

Brighter than the blossom
On the rose's bough
Sits the wizened orange,
Bitter berry now;

Now the autumn clambers
Up the trellised frame
And the rose remembers
The dust from which it came.

Beauty never slumbers;
All is in her name;
But the rose remembers
The dust from which it came.

FUN CLUB OCTOBER MEET-UP

St. Ann's Visiting Writer Series
@Brescia University Moore's Center Atrium
Thursday, October 11, 7-9 p,

OCTOBER EVENTS

01 MON	NonVlt O'boro 7 pm
04 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
07 SUN	Bag Lunch Comm. on Ministry <u>before</u> lunch <i>Delores</i> (movie) by HRC 5-7 pm
08 MON	New Member Class 12:30-2 pm
10 WED	Home Office 2-4 pm Board Meeting 5:30 pm
11 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm Fun Club: Visiting Writer Series @Brescia Moore's Cntr Atrium 7-9 pm (Y)
14 SUN	Blessing Circle Sunday Coming Out Day Picnic 12:30 pm Coming Out Day Prayer 2 pm
15 MON	Quuirky Vegetarian 6 pm
17 WED	NonVlt O'boro Steering 5 pm
18 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
21 SUN	Lunch Out (Y)
23 TUE	Clergy Women 12:30 pm
25 THU	ODCMA @OHRH 9 am Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
28 SUN	Potluck

Claudia's Away:
27 Sept. -3 Oct.

Interfaith Moment

Samhain, Pagan Faiths, October 31-November 01

From *BBC Religions*:

Samhain has been celebrated in Britain for centuries and has its origin in Pagan Celtic traditions. It was the time of year when the veils between this world and the Otherworld were believed to be at their thinnest: when the spirits of the dead could most readily mingle with the living once again... To most modern Pagans, while death is still the central theme of the festival this does not mean it is a morbid event. For Pagans, death is not a thing to be feared. Old age is valued for its wisdom and dying is accepted as a part of life as necessary and welcome as birth... Loved ones who have recently died are remembered and their spirits often invited to join the living in the celebratory feast.

Samhain is a holiday about which there is much mystery. Historians point out that much of what is recorded about Samhain was written centuries after it had started to decline, and was written by Christians. Much of what is said about Samhain is educated guess. Here are two good blogs from *Patheos* on Samhain: <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/thewitchesnextdoor/2016/10/13-questions-about-samhain/>, and <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/panmankey/2014/10/samhain/>.

Regardless of what Samhain originally meant, it was revived over a century ago and carries deep meaning to those that observe it. It has taken on new life. Perhaps this October 31 and November 01, we can reflect on two of the lessons Samhain has to teach. The first is taking time to reflect on life, death, and remembrance of those that have passed. The second is that faiths and traditions are not stagnant; they are ever-evolving. What is important is the human quest to search for insight and to make meaning in our lives.

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

The Quirky Vegetarian, Part Deux

We need people to help get the word out about our latest fundraiser. Please inform the vegetarians in your lives that you love them enough to let them in on the secret, ultra-exclusive pop-up restaurant, The Quirky Vegetarian. It's hard for vegetarians to find a good meal on a night out. Many establishments treat them as an afterthought, but not The Quirky Vegetarian. Every month, we plan to put out a responsibly sourced, quality meal designed for vegetarians. In fact, we

have set a goal of having at least half of our events be vegan.

Tell your vegetarian and vegan friends that there will finally be a place that wants to take care of them. If they don't feel like eating on site, maybe they have a romantic picnic planned, they just need to inform us when they make reservations. We are happy to prepare a take-out order. However, in our mission to be environmentally responsible, we ask them to bring their own utensils and

containers to be filled. That's right, there are no plastic or Styrofoam to-go boxes with The Quirky Vegetarian; it's strictly B.Y.O.C. (Bring Your Own Container).

Besides advertising our pop-up, you can also support this endeavor by helping with food preparation, service, or cleaning. Please speak with Rev. Claudia, Linda, or Ray if you can help us not only serve the vegetarians of our area, but keep the lights on and feed and clothe our minister.

Basement Waterproofing

After years of fundraising, planning, praying, and the help of generous members, we have finally been able to secure a contractor to waterproof our basement. The work starts this week. It is projected to last 7 to 10 days. This is a reminder that

we will not have the use of our ramp during at least one Sunday. Please be alert and be careful.

The Quirky Vegetarian

October Menu:

Fried Potatoes, Turnips, and Onions
Apple, Brussels Sprouts, and Kale salad
Garlic Toast
Brûléed Pears
\$11.66

LAST YEAR'S CORNER



Coming Out Day 2017, grilling in the rain



Why we need our basement waterproofed