

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Faith Fest 2018!

Presented by the Owensboro Daviess County Ministerial Association, this month is the 8th annual Faith Fest. This festival is a three-week celebration of the different faith communities of Owensboro and the surrounding areas, and the strength our diversity brings us. There are many different types of events and opportunities to learn about the different faiths of this area.

The list of this year's events include open houses, demonstrations, lectures, and

study opportunities. There will be a sacred text exhibit at the Daviess County Public Library, a concert at Woodlawn Methodist by Maestro Francisc de Paula Soler, and even a special presentation from the Kentucky Poor People's Campaign at IUU.

Faith Fest opens Friday, November 2nd with Jumma (Friday prayers) at the Islamic Center of Owensboro. The festivities close Sunday, November 18 with a Thanksgiving Community

Meal at Blessed Sacrament, followed by an Interfaith Prayer Service at IUU. Faith Fest's website can be found at: www.uuowensboro.org/faith-fest-2018.html. In today's atmosphere of fear and hate, it is important to build bonds of friendship and trust.

FUN CLUB NOVEMBER MEET-UP

Due to all the fun events during Faith Fest, the Fun Club will not officially meet up in November, and will resume in December.

Meditation Moment/UUA

Hope is the Thing with Feathers
Emily Dickinson

"Hope" is the thing with feathers—
That perches in the soul—
And sings the tune without the words—
And never stops—at all—

And sweetest—in the Gale—is heard—
And sore must be the storm—
That -could abash the -little Bird
That kept so many warm—

I've heard it in the chilliest land—
And on the strangest Sea—
Yet—never—in Extremity,
It asked a crumb—of me.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

01 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
02 FRI	Jummah@Mosque 1:30pm
03 SAT	Reiki by Appt 8:30am FF Keynote@Woodlawn 10:30am
04 SUN	10th Anv. of Ordination Lunch FF Tour of Faith Homes@1st Pres, Islamic Ctr, Sts. Joe & Paul 1:30- 4pm
05 MON	FF NonViolent O'boro: Spkr from KY Poor People's Camp. 6:30pm
06 TUE	FF Forgiveness Panel@OCTC Hum. Bldg 11am
07 WED	Home Office 2-4pm Board Meeting 5:30pm
08 THU	FF Hindu Temple Visit, leave from IUU 5pm Yoga & Meditation 6pm
09 FRI	FF Concert@Woodlawn UMC, \$10 6:30 pm
11 SUN	FF Tour of Faith Homes@Unity Fellowship, LDS, Bahai & Pagans & Humanists (@IUU) 1:30-4 pm
12 MON	FF Drum Circle @ IUU (S) 7pm
14 WED	FF Dialog on Dealing w/ Violence@3rd Baptist 6pm
15 THU	FF Sikh Temple, leave IUU 5pm FF Evening Prayer@Cathedral 5:30pm, Yoga & Meditation 6pm
16 FRI	FF Torah Study@Synagogue 6:30 pm
17 SAT	FF Sacred Text Exhibit@DCPL 10am
18 SUN	LUNCH OUT@Bless. Sac. 12pm Y Interfaith TY @ IUU @ 2:30 pm
19 MON	Quuirky Vegetarian 6pm
21 WED	NonVlt O'boro Strng Comm. 5pm
25 SUN	Leftover Potluck
27 TUE	Women Clergy 12:30-2pm
29 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6pm

Interfaith Moment

Diwali, November 07

Diwali, known as the Festival of Lights, is a festival shared by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains. There are many legends associated with Diwali, and the holy day has a special significance for each faith. From *BBC Religions*:

Concerning the Hindu celebration: *The lamps are lit to help the goddess Lakshmi find her way into people's homes. They also celebrate one of the Diwali legends, which tells of the return of Rama and Sita to Rama's kingdom after fourteen years of exile.*

Concerning the Sikh celebration: *For Sikhs, Diwali is particularly important because it celebrates the release from prison of the sixth guru, Guru Hargobind, and 52 other princes with him, in 1619.*

Concerning the Jain celebration: *In Jainism it has special significance, as on this day in 527 BCE (according to Svetambara tradition) that Mahavira gave his last teachings and attained ultimate liberation.*

No matter which faith you view Diwali from, or which legend you read that explains Diwali, it comes down to triumph and renewed hope. Taken in context with the tragedies suffered by faith communities in our country and across the world, a holy day of hope and triumph that is shared by many faiths (in essence, interfaith) is the perfect one to examine during Faith Fest.

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

Events at IUU

We will be hosting several events at IUU this Faith Fest. From open houses and prayer services, to performances and presentations, we will be quite busy. Please come check them all out and consider volunteering your time to help make sure they run smoothly.

November 5th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., we will be hosting a special presentation by a speaker from the Kentucky Poor People's Campaign. This event is cospon-

sored by Nonviolent Owensboro. For an overview on the Poor People's Campaign: National Call for Moral Revival, see <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>.

November 11th we will be hosting an open house for ourselves and local faith communities that do not have a permanent structure. These would be the Bahai, Earth-Based traditions, and Owensboro Humanists. The open house runs from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

There will be a drum circle on November 12th, at 7 p.m. Bring your own drum, if you have one. No musical talent required.

Finally, we will have the honor of closing Faith Fest with an Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service. This will be held Sunday, November 18, at 2:30 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the HELP office.

New Participating Communities

We welcome three new faith communities to the Faith Fest Tour of Faith Homes this year. Sunday, November 4th, the Tour opens, with First Presbyterian Church and Saints Joseph and Paul participating for the first time. On November 15th, at 6 p.m., the Sikh community of

Evansville will be hosting prayer and an open house at their newly-dedicated temple, the Tri-State Guru Nanak Sikh Temple. If you can't visit all the faith homes this year, show some love to our first-timers.

The Quirky Vegetarian

November Menu:

Butternut Squash Soup, Roasted Root Veggies, Dressing, and Sweet Potato Pie Bites

\$11.66

LAST YEAR'S CORNER



Sacred Texts Exhibit, Faith Fest 2017



TriState Hindu Temple, Faith Fest 2017