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Dear Friend,

Peace and All Good!

I am delighted to invite you to participate in our **twelfth** annual **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on **Sunday, 24 November 2019 at 2:30 pm** at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Owensboro. It will be followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

As an interfaith congregation we consider it an honor to host this service for our religious neighbors! Because we believe Thanksgiving is an attitude that unites all people of faith, it's easy for us to invite you to gather with us around this intention. The structure of the service is very simple:

- We share opening and closing words
- Leaders from each represented community provides a reflection on gratitude from his or her Tradition and I offer a brief reflection to conclude this sharing
- We bless the children in the community
- We take up a collection of canned goods for the HELP Office

Would you please join us and bring a prayer or teaching from your Tradition?

We would ask you to use whatever source and style of prayer is most comfortable or traditional for you. For example, a Scripture reading and teaching, a heart prayer, an excerpt from your denomination's founder or spiritual master, or your own personal insights on thanksgiving would all be appropriate. Please pray with us as you would in your own assembly but know that not all of those who are present will be familiar with your style or sources. We ask that each representative or minister take no more than 5 minutes for his or her reflection.

This year's service will be the conclusion of Owensboro's Ninth Faith Fest, a series of events celebrating the religious diversity of our area beginning on 8 November. But it is the **twelfth** Thanksgiving we've shared together. If you are unable to assist in this service, would you designate someone to represent your Tradition?

Please **RSVP by noon on 21 November** if you or a representative will be able to participate so that we might list you on the program. (Speakers are asked to arrive 15 minutes early.) Also, if your community has special dietary needs for food or drink, please let us know so we can be sure to have something appropriate for you. We are grateful for your ministry to the religious community of Owensboro and your presence with us is always an honor.

Thank you,
Claudia

Rev. Dr. Claudia A Ramisch, Minister

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