

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

**If we lived in another climate
Our souls might speak other languages
We might speak oasis or permafrost, dry season or monsoon
But our souls speak spring
Our souls speak green shoots pushing through last year's leaves
Our souls speak flower buds stretching to sun
Our souls speak mud puddle and nest building,
damp earth and worm castings,
tiny green leaves and frog choruses
We speak spring because spring sings in us**

Evin Carvill Ziemer

Thank UU for special Easter help: Helen Bea, Linda Craig, Deanna Estes, Tom Hicks, Richard Simon

Call to Meeting

According to Congregational Bylaws, our Annual Meeting (i.e. Business Meeting) is to be held on the last Sunday in April. This year's meeting will be on 24 April in the Sanctuary immediately following service. The meeting will include election of officers, reports of the year's activities, affirmation of the This Little Light Committee's work, and general business. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Please make any nominations to Tom Hicks in the first week of April. We are also seeking a new Treasurer.

The *This Little Light* Grant will be disbursed on Sunday, 1 May at the service. The grant is funded through donations of \$18.25 per person. That number is a commitment of a nickel a day per member. At the time of this writing, we have collected about \$265 or 53%. If you haven't made your donation, please get it to Elaine as quickly as possible. Thank you for making this program work for our neighbors!



| APRIL ACTIVITIES | |
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| 02 SAT | Life Is Sacramental Workshop VI 9am-12:30p |
| 05 TUE | Yoga/Meditation 6pm |
| 06 WED | Home Office 9am-12n Board Meeting 6:30pm |
| 07 THU | Tai Chi 6pm Meditation 6:30pm |
| 09 SAT | Reiki by Appointment |
| 12 TUE | Yoga/Meditation 6pm |
| 14 THU | Tai Chi 6pm Meditation 6:30pm |
| 17 SUN | Earth Day Flower Planting 9:30am |
| 19 TUE | Women Clergy 11:30am Yoga/Meditation 6pm |
| 20 WED | Home Office 9am-12n |
| 21 THU | Tai Chi 6pm Meditation 6:30pm |
| 22 FRI | Drum Circle 6:30pm |
| 24 SUN | Annual Meeting 11:45am |
| 25 MON | Interfaith Potluck 6pm Site TBD |
| 26 TUE | Yoga/Meditation 6pm |
| 28 THU | ODCMA @ OHRH 5pm Tai Chi 6pm Meditation 6:30 pm |
| 30 SAT | Clean-Up Day 9am-12n |

INTERFAITH MOMENT: PASSOVER
22-30 APRIL 2016

15-22 Nisan/Aviv (@ the full-moon of 1st mo of Jewish liturgical year)

Passover is the Jewish celebration known as the festival of redemption. It is commonly understood as commemorating the night the Angel of Death passed over Hebrew households and killed all first-born Egyptian offspring, an event that preceded the Exodus. In the Jewish Diaspora, Passover is kept for eight days, while in Israel, it is only seven days long. This is so that any doubt about the proper beginning of the festival (based on the full moon) is covered.

A Seder is celebrated on at least the first night of Passover and possibly on the second in the Diaspora. Seder means the “order or arrangement,” of ritual and meal elements. It is an elaborate meal with family and friends. The script for the Seder is called the Haggadah. (Haggadah means “the telling.”) A Haggadah can be very traditional in its use of the Scripture, or it can be a very modern interpretation of the texts. Many scripts exist in many styles! Every celebration involves asking ritual questions beginning with, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” It also includes singing a song called *Dayenu*, which means, “It would have been enough.” Dayenu is the response to a litany of God’s deeds on behalf of the people.

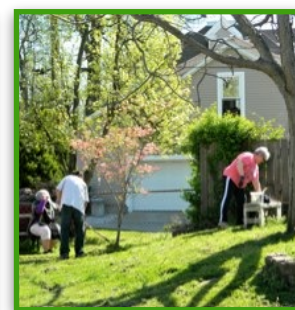
The historical time period for the Exodus events is either the reign of Amenhotep (1514- 1493 BCE) or of Seti I/Ramses II (1305-1224 BCE). The actual events are explained according to the method of Scripture interpretation in use in the celebrating community. The range includes:

- The plagues/exodus are moral fables OR they are scientifically explainable/related events
- The exodus was a silent, sneaky operation OR the exodus was brought about by Pharaoh’s directive
- The biblical account is historically based, but deliberately constructed to theologically undermine Pharaoh and affirm YHWH

Unitarian Universalists for Jewish Awareness and the Society for Humanistic Jews celebrate Passover with a Seder that uses non-theistic and cultural expressions of Jewish identity. Their focus is on history, culture, literature, music, values/ethics, and reflecting on the work that still needs to be done to bring about a world free of slavery and modern ‘plagues.’

Earth Day Planting a Little Early This Year

Earth Day is on Friday, 22 April. Normally we plant the flowers from Easter on the Sunday closest to the 22nd. However, this year, our Annual Meeting falls on that Sunday—and we were trying to keep the day from becoming excessively long! So we will be planting our flowers, our variegated dogwood, and some seeds on **Sunday, 17 April @ 9:30 am**. Come in your play clothes and celebrate the theme, *Trees for the Earth*. Watch the newspaper and bulletin board for information on other Earth Day events in town.



Earth Day Work 2015