

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION of OWENSBORO



JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

TOM HICKS, PRESIDENT  
REV. DR. CLAUDIA A. RAMISCH, MINISTER

## JULY ACTIVITIES

02 SAT	Reiki by Appointment, 8:30 am
05 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6:00 pm
06 WED	Home Office, 12-3:00 pm Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
07 THU	Tai Chi, 6:00 pm Meditation, 6:30 pm
08 FRI	Yard Sale, 7 am-2 pm
09 SAT	Yard Sale, 7 am-2 pm Committee on Ministry, 10:00 am
12 TUE	Home Office, 12-3:00 pm Yoga Meditation, 6:00 pm
14 THU	Tai Chi, 6:00 pm Meditation, 6:30 pm
16 SAT	Talent Show & Man Cake Auction, 6:30 pm
19 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6:00 pm
21 THU	Tai Chi, 6:00 pm Meditation, 6:30 pm
22 FRI	Drum Circle, 6:30 pm
26 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6:00 pm
28 THU	Tai Chi, 6:00 pm Meditation, 6:30 pm
31 SUN	5th Sunday Potluck, after service

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DONATIONS FOR YARD SALE

Are being accepted in the church basement now.  
Contact Rebecca for pick-up: 270-570-3617

### SIGN-UP FOR THE TALENT SHOW & MAN-CAKE\* AUCTION

(\*cakes baked by persons identifying as men)  
in the Sanctuary.  
Invite a friend; it's a wildly fun evening!

## AN AMERICAN PRAYER

### Show Me The Suffering By Cesar Chavez

Show me the suffering  
of the most miserable;  
So I will know my people's plight.  
Free me to pray for others;  
For you are present  
in every person.  
Help me take responsibility  
for my own life;  
So that I can feel free at last.  
Grant me courage to serve others;  
For in service there is true life.  
Give me honesty and patience;  
So that I can work  
with other workers.  
Bring forth song and celebration;  
So that the Spirit will be  
alive among us.  
Let the Spirit flourish and grow;  
So that we will never tire  
of the struggle.  
Let us remember those  
who have died for justice;  
For they have given us life.  
Help us love even those  
who hate us;  
So we can change the world.

## INTERFAITH MOMENT: Martyrdom of the Bab

For Baha'is, this major holy day is celebrated on 9 July at noon and commemorates the events surrounding the death of the Bab (the precursor of Baha'ullah) in 1850.

The Bab (a title meaning 'the Gate') had many followers but his beliefs did not meet with approval from the leaders of the state religion in Persia because he believed that revelation continued after Muhammad. The authorities decided he should be taken from prison and put to death.

One of his young followers begged to share his fate, and this wish was granted. An Armenian firing squad lined up and shot at the Bab and his follower, but when the smoke cleared, the young follower remained there unharmed and the Bab had gone.

The Bab was found back in his cell, and the soldiers were so shaken by the 'miracle' that they refused to try to kill him again so a new regiment had to be called for.

This time, when the squad opened fire the Bab and the follower died, and their bodies were thrown into a moat outside the town. The Bab's followers rescued the bodies, and years later, the remains were buried on Mount Carmel in Israel, in a shrine that is now a place of pilgrimage for Baha'is worldwide.

To commemorate this day, Baha'is read special prayers at noon, which is the time the execution was scheduled for. This is also a day of rest, when Baha'is should not work.

*Adapted from [bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/bahai/history](http://bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/bahai/history)*

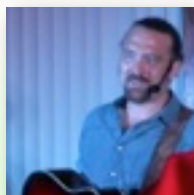
Rev. Ramisch will be on vacation 7/18-7/30.  
Tom will handle all questions regarding business and Linda will field questions regarding programming. Rev. Lori Keller-Schroeder will cover pastoral emergencies. She can be reached @ 630-430-5678. Thank you all, Claudia



Calligraphy of God's Name  
Baha'i Center of Louisville



Heath Eric, *The Dreamer, One Man Show*  
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## DENOUNCE TORTURE 2016

Sr. Rebecca White, guest preacher Litany of Countries  
Prayer Vigil, 19 June 2016

