

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Owensboro



EXCERPT FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

“Every year on National Coming Out Day, we celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) or as an ally. On Oct. 11, 2016, we will mark the 28th anniversary of National Coming Out Day. [This day is] a reminder that one of our most basic tools is the power of coming out.

“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.” [<http://www.hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day>]

Our local celebration is on Sunday, 9 October, beginning at noon. Come join us for a fun afternoon! A sign-up for the events is in the Sanctuary. We are seeking potluck foods, assistance in serving our guests, and helpers for the service.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES	
SAT 01	Reiki by appt
TUE 04	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
WED 05	Board Meeting, 6:30pm
THU 06	Home Office, 12:30pm
SUN 09	Coming Out Day: Picnic 12n/Prayer 2pm
TUE 11	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
THU 13	Home Office, 12:30pm Interfaith Study, 7pm
SAT 15	Human Library @ DCPL
MON 17	Interfaith Potluck, 6pm
TUE 18	Women Clergy, 12:30pm Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
THU 20	KCC Awards in Bardstown
SAT 22	AIDS Walk @ KWC, 12n
SUN 23	B-day Party for Jody, 12n
MON 24	AAUW Community Read @ DCPL, 6pm
TUE 25	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
THU 27	ODCMA @ OHRH, 9am
SUN 30	5th Sunday Potluck



Fall Coloring Page

<http://www.uua.org/worship/words/image/harvest-basket-chalice-coloring-page>



Excerpt of
COMMUNION WITH
EARTH & SKY
by Stephen M. Shick

Before the harvest moon rises and we wait again, images of still distant summer days awaken thoughts of a time when all is done that can be done.
Then the harvest.
Then the transformation.
Then the baking.

Then the bread.
All we know and love is in this cycle.
All that has been or will be is in this loaf.
Take it.
Break it.
Give thanks and pass it on.

INTERFAITH MOMENT:

4 OCTOBER, FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

Francis of Assisi was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone in Assisi in 1182 and died there 3 Oct 1226. Although thoroughly Catholic in his practice he is admired and honored by the Church of England, the Episcopal Church, Old Catholic Churches, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as others.

Our local Episcopal Church offers a Blessing of the Animals every year to celebrate Francis' Feast Day. (This year it's on Sunday, 2 October @ 4 pm. Please bring animals on leash, tether, or in a carrier.) This particular devotion arises from popular stories of Francis' concern for animals and love of nature. One of his most famous poems is the Canticle of the Sun which extols the web of life and lessons offered to us by the natural world.

However, Francis' greater work was for peace and care of the poor. Francis journeyed into the camp of the Sultan, Malik al-Kamil, in 1219 in hopes of ending the Crusades and turned his local society upside down by making the refusal of arms a vow for Franciscans. Francis also engaged the brothers of his order in living with the poor and caring for the lepers rejected by society. It is this dedication to the poor and to peace that inspired Jorge Mario Bergoglio to take Francis' name when he was elected Pope in 2013.

After Francis' visit to the Sultan, he realized that he and his followers needed to learn more about Islam—and other faiths—in order to truly advance peace. This is still a pertinent insight that Unitarian Universalists can embrace.

ANNUAL CANVASS UPDATE

Thank you to all who have already turned in your pledge papers for 2016-17. We are getting closer to our budget goal! Thank you, also, for all the pledges of materials and assistance; we are truly blessed by your generosity!

Our annual Stewardship Celebration and Blessing Circle will be during the service on Sunday, 9 October 2016. Please turn in your documents before that date.



CROP WALK TEAM 2016



Thank you walkers, pledgers, and supporters. Team UUCO raised \$700! (We don't know the Walk total as yet.) This year's local grant recipient is A Simple Path—the reverse soup kitchen attached to Adrienne's House. On a beastly hot day, we were the cool team! (Can't you tell?)

FAITH FEST 2016 ON THE HORIZON

- ◆ Faith Fest begins on Friday, 4 November with Jummaah at the Islamic Center @ 1:30 pm. The same day there will be an Interfaith Prayer Service at Smothers Park, under the clamshell @ 5:30 pm.
- ◆ This year Faith Fest features two concerts! Mark your calendars now for these uplifting evenings of music:
 - ❖ The first will be **Heath & Molly** here at UUCO on Saturday, 12 Nov @ 7 pm
 - ❖ The second will be **HuDost** at Zion UCC on Saturday, 19 Nov @ 7 pm
 - ❖ Ticket price is \$12 each in advance or \$15 each at the door. Watch for details to buy them early.



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