

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

Tom Hicks, President

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SOUP CLUB

April Feature:

Cream of Parisian, \$8/qt

Order by 29 March @
270-570-0323

Pick up Sat, 1 Apr, 11:30-1 pm @
Chalice Center



CALL TO MEETING

ARTICLE 4.1 OF OUR BYLAWS STATES: "The Congregation's members shall hold their Annual Meeting on the last Sunday of April each year. A quorum shall consist of the Voting members present at the meeting. Any issue will be decided by a simple majority of the Voting members present."

ANNUAL MEETING 2017 will be held on Sunday, 30 April @ 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary. As it is a 5th Sunday, lunch that day will be a Potluck in the sanctuary immediately after service.

Annual Meeting will include: Election of the Board for the coming year; annual reports on activities, finances and proceedings; a special presentation on the candidates running for UUA President and a poll on which candidate will get our two votes; and time for questions and conversation. Non-voting friends are encouraged to attend.



EASTER SUNDAY, 16 APRIL
EGG HUNT @ 10:00 AM
FLOWER COMMUNION @ SERVICE @ 10:30 AM
Please bring a flower to share.

SPECIAL TRAINING IN OWENSBORO

UUCO will be co-sponsoring a special training offered by Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ), a national organization for racial allies. The training is entitled: Bystander Intervention and De-Escalation. **It will be on Sunday, 23 April from 2-4 pm at the Public Library.** Trainers will be coming in from Louisville to teach that day. The workshop will cover some of the strategies we learned in our Welcoming Congregation formation, teach us even more, and give us the chance to practice with allies from other organizations.

It's very exciting that a broad coalition has formed regarding race relations in Owensboro and several organizations have agreed to co-sponsor this workshop with us: NAACP, AAUW, ODCMA, NonViolent Owensboro, Human Relations Commission, Black Expo, and the Library. Pre-registration is required through the library due to limited physical space (only 100 can attend,) but there is no charge so don't be shy about signing up!





**INTERFAITH MOMENT:
LAILAT AL MIRAJ, 23 APR**

From huffingtonpost.com

Lailat al Miraj is a Muslim holiday. The story of Lailat al Miraj consists of two major parts. The first part of the story begins with the Prophet Muhammad at the Kabaa in Mecca. He is visited by two archangels who provide him with a mythical winged steed called Buraq. Buraq carries the Prophet to the 'Farthest Mosque,' believed by Muslims to be the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, where Muhammad joins past prophets in prayer.

The Prophet then ascends to heaven where he is told by God of the duty for Muslims to pray five times daily (Salat). This second part of the journey is commonly referred to as the Miraj, an Arabic word meaning "ladder."

The events of Lailat al Miraj are described briefly in chapter 17 of the Quran, which is named "Sura Al-Isra" after the Prophet's ascension to heaven. Many of the details of the story are filled in by hadith, supplemental writings about the life of the Prophet Muhammad.

Today Lailat al Miraj is observed by Muslims as one of the most important events in the history of Islam. Muslims may attend special prayer services at a mosque, or they may commemorate the holiday privately at home by telling the story to children or reciting special nighttime prayers.

FARMERS' MARKET RE-OPENS

The Owensboro Regional Farmers' Market will resume business on Saturday, 22 April to celebrate Earth Day. The Market is going to include Be Cool Go Green in the weekend festivities! In fact, many specially themed events are planned for this season.

The Market is located at the corner of Triplett and Parrish. It is open 8 am- 1 pm on Saturdays from April-October. It is also open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from June-August. The Market accepts cash, credit cards, and EBT benefits. It is in the process of raising funds to build a permanent structure to allow year-round, weather protected healthy shopping.

For several years, the Market hosted the event called "Be Cool Go Green" later in the summer to feature city organizations concerned with environmental, ecological, and fair trade issues. As such, we participated by selling Equal Exchange coffee. **And we have been invited back to sell coffee on 22 April from 8 am- 12 noon!**

Sign-up materials are at Sign-Up Central. Although it will make for a busy weekend, we are grateful to be included and expect it to be as fun as always! We always get to talk with a lot of interesting people.

OUR SOULS SPEAK SPRING
Evin Carvill Ziemer

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

We gather to nurture our faith
in our own growing
Our own courage to push through
Our own blossoming in beauty
Our own small part
in the spring of this world

Come, let us worship together

APRIL ACTIVITIES	
01, SAT	Reiki by Appt, 8:30am Soup Club, 11:30am
02, SUN	No Pepper Potluck & Peggy's Party Games, after service
04, TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
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15, SAT	Quiet Hour, 10am
16, SUN	Easter Egg Hunt, 10am Flower Communion @ Service
17, MON	NonViolent Owensboro, 7pm
18, TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
22, SAT	Be Cool Go Green @ Farmers' Mkt 8am
23, SUN	De-Escalation Training, 2pm
24, MON	Interfaith Potluck, 6pm Book Discussion @DCPL, 6:30pm
25, TUE	Women Clergy, 12:30pm Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
27, THU	ODCMA @ OHRH, 9am
30, SUN	5th Sunday Potluck, after service Annual Meeting, 12:15pm