



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO



MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER



MOTHER'S DAY: 14 MAY
ANNUAL STANDING WOMEN OBSERVANCE
In The Side Yard After Service
WE WILL STAND IN SILENCE FOR 5 MIN
FOR THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE

Life is too transient to be cruel with one another;
It is too short for thoughtlessness,
Too brief for hurting.
Life is long enough for caring,
It is lasting enough for sharing,
Precious enough for love.
Be gentle with one another.

Rev. Dr. Richard Gilbert

Starting Again after Annual Meeting

We elected our new Board:

- President- Tom Hicks
- Vice-President- Claud Porter
- Secretary- Rebecca Hopkins
- Members-at-Large- Rachael Kassinger
& Richard Simon

Be sure to thank them for their willingness to serve!
They will begin their work on Wednesday, 3 May at the new meeting time of 5:30 pm.

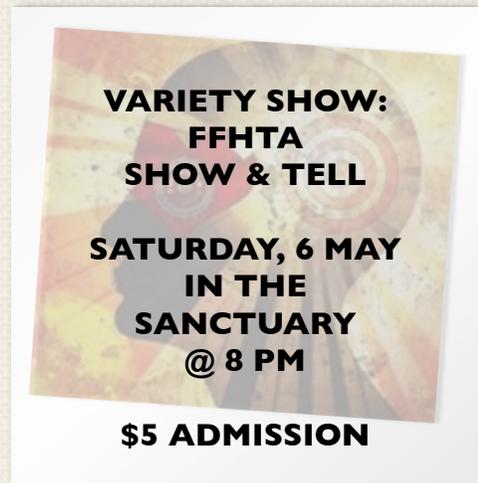
We affirmed that we will give the This Little Light Grant to Working Hands on Sunday, 7 May at the Service. Working Hands will use the funds to have 2 major grant applications professionally written in hopes of obtaining a truck and beginning new family programs.

We voted to give Rev. Jeanne Pupke our 2 delegate votes for UUA President.

We were fortunate enough to receive a challenge grant of \$5000 toward basement work. The challenge is to match it with another \$5000 in the next 2 months. (If the match isn't made, the funds will go toward the Chalice Center loan.) After an extended conversation regarding

waterproofing and renovation, we decided to explore engaging a professional fundraiser and investigating a mortgage. This gift is the cap on a year of extreme generosity!

Thank you to all UUCO members! Our many events and partnerships would not be possible without your gracious and dedicated work. I am proud of the work we've done together and look forward to a year of new adventures,
Claudia



FOUNDATION FOR HEALING THROUGH THE ARTS
Last year's This Little Light Grant Recipient

INTERFAITH MOMENT: SHAVU'OT

From www.reformjudaism.org

Shavuot, known as the Festival of the Giving of the Torah, is reflected in the Bible, which recounts how, after the Exodus from Egypt, the Children of Israel proceeded to Mount Sinai in the desert. Moses ascended the mountain to meet God, who gave him the Ten Commandments, which were written on two tablets to be delivered to the Children of Israel.

According to the Torah, it took precisely 49 days, or seven weeks, for the ancient Israelites to travel from Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai. The Torah commands: "And you shall proclaim that day (the 50th day) to be a holy convocation!" (Leviticus 23:21). The name Shavuot, "Weeks," symbolizes the completion of this seven-week

journey. The rabbis tightened this connection by associating Shavuot with Moses' receiving the Torah from God atop Mount Sinai.

Shavuot also is a harvest holiday. In the time of the Temple, the ancient Israelites brought their first fruits to the Temple to offer to God at Shavuot. Along with Sukkot and Passover, it is one of the *Shalosh Regalim* (Three Pilgrimage Festivals), during which people gathered in Jerusalem with their agricultural offerings.

Shavuot is known by several names: *Chag Hashavuot* (the Festival of Weeks), *Chag Habikkurim* (the Feast of the First Fruits), and *Chag Hakatzir* (the Festival of Reaping). Ashkenazi Jews may pronounce and write the name of the holiday as Shavuos.

MAY ACTIVITIES	
01, MON	NonViolent Owensboro, 7 pm
02, TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
03, WED	Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
06, SAT	Reiki by Appointment, 8:30 am Soup Club, 11:30 am FFHTA Show & Tell, 8 pm
07, SUN	This Little Light Presentation
09, TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
14, SUN	Standing Women Observance
15, MON	Book Discussion on Race @ DCPL, 6:30 pm
16, TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
21, SUN	AIDS International Candlelight Memorial @ Zion UCC, 6 pm
22, MON	Interfaith Potluck, 6 pm, TBD
23, TUE	Women Clergy, 12:30 pm Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
25, THU	ODCMA @ OHRH, 9 am



MONTHLY SOUP CLUB CONTINUES

NEXT
SOUP SATURDAY
1 JUNE, 11:30-1 PM
CHUCKWAGON, \$8
Make reservations
by noon on
Wed, 28 May

FUNDS GO TO THE
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

SIGN UP FOR
THE REST OF THE YEAR
& SAVE \$0.50/QUART



I will be visiting my Mom, 15-20 May.
Rev. Jane Rothman will be covering
calls; call Tom or Peggy to get
connected. Thanks, Claudia

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