

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



FAITH FEST TIME!

This month is the 7th annual Faith Fest. Presented by the Owensboro Daviess County Ministerial Association, this weeks long celebration brings an opportunity to learn about the different faith communities of Owensboro and surrounding areas. Many different types of events are available, so read through the following to find something that interests you and check out our neighbors.

The list of this year's events include open houses, demonstrations, lectures, a book discussion, and even a concert. Many faith communities are also inviting people to watch them

worship. The festivities start Friday November 3rd with Jumma (Friday prayers) at the Islamic Center of Owensboro. Daviess County Public Library will be having a Sacred Text exhibit on Saturday the 18th of November.

Faith Fest's website can be found at: www.uuowensboro.org/faith-fest-2017.html. See page 3 for more information on the Tour of Faith Homes and the activities we will be hosting, and page 4 for a full list and calendar of Faith Fest events. In today's atmosphere of fear and hate, it is important to build bonds of friendship and trust.



Sacred text exhibit, Daviess County Public Library, Faith Fest 2015



Tom Sawyer Hicks enjoying a fine autumn day .

Meditation Moment/UUA

Excerpt from "Brick by Brick," by Meg Barnhouse:

Brick by brick, story by story, we build a church, seeing the patterns, the symmetry, the plain joy of setting one story on the other, sustained by the strong and beautiful structures they make, We will never be finished.

It's okay.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

(SEE PG. 4 FOR FAITH FEST CALENDAR)

01 WED	Soup reservations due Board Meeting 5:30 pm
04 SAT	Reiki by appt. 8:30 am Soup pickup 1:30 pm
06 MON	NonViolent O'boro Book Discussion 6 pm
07 TUE	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm Home office hours 1-3 pm
14 TUE	Yoga & Meditation 6:00 pm
21 TUE	Clergy Women 12:30 pm Home office hours 2-4 pm Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
27 MON	Interfaith Potluck @tbd 6 pm
28 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm

NEED GIFT IDEAS?

The season of gift giving is approaching. Consider the following great gifts:

Soup Reservations

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, or Chocolate

Products by UUCO Artists

SOUP RESERVATIONS DUE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

This month's soup is 15 Bean! The price is \$8/qt. Place reservations by calling Linda @270-570-0323. Pick up will be Saturday Nov. 4th from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.



Interfaith Moment

National Day of Mourning: A Different Perspective on Thanksgiving

Many world traditions have a harvest time celebration. In this country, when we think of this, we think of Thanksgiving and Pilgrims and American Indians sitting down to feast together so many centuries ago. Unfortunately, this tale leaves out the truth of a sad and violent history. This is why many Native Americans choose to hold a National Day of Mourning on the Federal holiday called Thanksgiving.

In 1970, the United American Indians of New England (UAIINE) organized the first National Day of Mourning in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Every year since they have held a similar demonstration. Taken from their website: "The first official "Day of Thanksgiving" was proclaimed in 1637 by Governor Winthrop. He did so to celebrate the safe return of men from the Massachusetts Bay Colony who had gone to Mystic, Connecticut to participate in the massacre of over 700 Pequot women, children, and men. "

This National Day of Mourning has been written about many times, and one of the best articles came from The Huffington Post in 2015, titled [Why Thanksgiving Is A 'National Day Of Mourning' For Some Americans](#). In it Mahtowin Munro, a co-leader of United American Indians of New England is quoted as saying, "There's nothing wrong with having a meal with friends and family...the real underlying issue is the mythology; there's a view that we're this big melting pot country, or there's a view that the Natives and the Pilgrims lived happily ever after ."

It should be noted that the term American Indians includes many tribes with members of many faith traditions. They are not one homogenous group. However, this year as we sit down to our Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service in our journey to be inclusive, it is important to remember what Thanksgiving means for so many Americans. For more information, go to:

www.uaine.org.

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

Large Representation of Local Faith Community in Faith Fest this Year

This year's Faith Fest includes seventeen local faith communities. We have an opportunity to observe different worship services and interact through open houses, demonstrations, and discussions.

The Tour of Faith Homes is a set of open houses put on by participating faith communities. This year features, the Tri-State Hindu Temple, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Islamic Center of Owensboro, the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints, Asbury United Methodist Church, and Century Christian. IUU will also play

host to an open house for several participating faith communities that do not have a permanent structure of their own. More on this in the following article.

In addition to the Tour of Faith Homes, there are opportunities to observe services. On November 3rd, there is Friday prayers at the Islamic Center. Taize Service at Faith Lutheran is on November 14th. Some of the open houses in the Tour of Faith Homes also include a demonstration of worship as well.

If you are interested in study and lectures, here are a few events that may interest you. Temple Adath Israel will be conducting Torah study on Friday November 10th at 6:30 pm. IUU will be hosting a book discussion for Non-Violent Owensboro November 6th at 6 pm. The Keynote speaker of this year's Faith Fest is Rev Dr. Tammy Gieselman, who will be giving a lecture titled, "The Power of an Idea," at Woodlawn United Methodist Church November 4th at 10:30 am.

IUU Will Host Several Events this Faith Fest

IUU will be hosting several events this Faith Fest. Please come check them out and volunteer to help make sure they run smoothly.

Heath and Molly are putting on a concert at our church on Saturday, November 11th at 7pm. See Linda for tickets. They are \$12 in advance, and \$15 at the door.

Non-Violent Owensboro will be putting on a book discussion covering *The Spiritual Power of Nonviolence: Interfaith Understanding for a Future without War*. This will be held at IUU on November 6th at 6pm.

During the Tour of Faith Homes, we play host to several faith communities as they hold an open house at our

church. This year the list includes the Rieyuki Buddhists, Earth Based traditions, the Bahai community, and the Owensboro Humanists. This open house will feature a demonstration of Falun Dafa by Lauren Market, and presentation on Baha'u'llah, the Founder of Baha'i.

LAST MONTH'S CORNER...



Vigil for Las Vegas



Coming Out Day 2017 table



Jo's Birthday 2017

2017 SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT
3 Nov Friday 1:30 pm	FRIDAY PRAYERS @ Islamic Center of Owensboro 3131 Alvey Park Dr. W.
4 Nov Saturday 10:30 am	KEYNOTE LECTURE Rev. Dr. Tammy Gieselman "The Power of an Idea"@ Woodlawn UMC, 1120 Woodlawn Ave.
6 Nov Monday 6:00 pm	BOOK DISCUSSION By Non-Violent Owensboro @ 1UU, Corner of Cedar & Parrish
9 Nov Thursday 7:30 pm	MOVIE @ THE MALCO Walk With Me: Thich Nhat Hanh Tickets must be reserved in advance
10 Nov Friday 6:30 pm	TORAH STUDY @ Temple Adath Israel Corner of 5th & Daviess St
11 Nov Saturday 7 pm	HEATH & MOLLY CONCERT @ 1UU, Corner of Cedar & Parrish \$12 in advance/ \$15 @ door
14 Nov Tuesday 7pm	TAIZE SERVICE @ Faith Lutheran Church 2830 Frederica St.
15 Nov Wednesday 6:00 pm	INTRO TO HINDUISM & AARTI @ Tri-State Hindu Temple 6044 Vann Rd, Newburgh, IN
16 Nov Thursday 5:30 pm	VESPERS & OPEN HOUSE @ St. Stephen's Cathedral 610 Locust St. Docents will be available for tours
18 Nov Saturday 10:00 am	SACRED TEXT EXHIBIT Daviess Co. Public Library First floor exhibit area
19 Nov Sunday 12 pm	THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL @ Blessed Sacrament Chapel RESERVATION REQUIRED by 5 Nov
19 Nov Sunday 3:00pm	INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE @ Tapscott Chapel @ KWC

FAITH FEST 2017

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www.FaithFest.org

TOURS OF FAITH HOMES

**SUNDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1:30-4:00 PM
OPEN HOUSE**



**RIEYUKI BUDDHISTS
EARTH-BASED TRADITIONS
BAHAI COMMUNITY
OWENSBORO HUMANISTS**

Hosted by 1UU
Corner of Cedar & Parrish



SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION, 2-3 PM
FALUN DAFA by Laura Market



SPECIAL PRESENTATION, 3:30 PM
BAHA'U'LLAH, Founder of Baha'i

**WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 6-8 pm
OPEN HOUSE & AARTI**



TRI-STATE HINDU TEMPLE
6044 Vann Rd/ Newburgh, IN
Introduction to Hinduism & Aarti

**THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 5:30 pm
VESPERS & OPEN HOUSE**



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL
610 Locust St.
Evening Prayer with Special Music
Docents will be available
for tours after Prayers

**SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1:30-4:00 PM
OPEN HOUSES**

ISLAMIC CENTER OF OWENSBORO
3131 Alvey Park Dr. W



**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATER DAY SAINTS**
3290 Highway 60 E

**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
2711 Cravens Ave.



CENTURY CHRISTIAN
1301 Tamarack Rd.
Presentation on Autism Ministry