

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

UPCOMING:

PLEASE NOTE: NO Caregiver's Lunch this month

**MEMORIAL for Charly Wood, 10 July
Bereavement Meal & Visitation: 5 pm
Service: 6:30 pm**

AD HOC COMMITTEE Meetings: 11 & 25 July
6:30- 8 pm

THANK YOU VISITING MINISTERS FOR PREACHING OUR JULY SERVICES!

8 JULY	15 JULY	22 JULY	29 JULY
Rev. Cynthia Cain UU of Lexington	Rev. Dawn Cooley First Unitarian/ Louisville	Rev. Esther Hurlburt Community Minister/Lexington	Rev. Elwood Sturtevant Thomas Jefferson Unitarian/ Louisville

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

- The **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** given by Rev. Peter Morales included an imaginary reflection on Unitarian Universalism "going viral" in the next five years. He encouraged Unitarian Universalists to focus on partnerships to make this happen-- partnerships across denominational lines, generational tendencies, and social categories. "We are not just an association of a thousand independent congregations," he said. "We are a religious movement of people and of congregations that are interdependent." Morales asserted that our power will be multiplied by collaborating with more than UU's and by keeping up a presence in public witness.
- The **WARE LECTURE** was given by Maria Hinojosa, award-winning journalist from NPR, CNN, and PBS. Hinojosa told stories of the new "two Americas"--the native-born and the immigrant worlds. She observed, "There are two different legal systems in our country. If you are a criminal, one set of laws apply to you. If you are an immigrant another set of laws apply to you. In fact, if you are a criminal you have more rights afforded to you by law than if you are an immigrant." She explained that this is astounding given that immigration violations are civil not criminal offenses. She asserted that most native-born Americans do not realize the impact of immigration law on themselves and people who are here legally--as well as those who have crossed into the States illegally. She challenged us to listen to or see the stories of detention, deportation, and commerce at the expense of immigrants then "get out of our comfort zones, embrace difference, and see only our common humanity" so that we might change our society for the benefit of everyone.
- **JUSTICE GA** also included Public Witness at the Maricopa County Tent City jail for immigration detainees, a vote of support for the Indigenous Rights movement, the choice of "Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling" as our next Congregational Study-Action Issue, a Moderator Candidate's Forum (this can be viewed online,) passage of Article XV amendments to the UUA bylaw procedure, a change in the definition of congregation--and a kajillion workshops, service opportunities, and worship of every kind! Much more is available for you to read and view at: <http://blogs.uuworld.org/ga/>

**EXCERPT OF A
SUMMER MEDITATION
BY REV. SAMUEL TRUMBORE**

Each moment of wakefulness
has so many gifts that offer
energy and delight.

Yet, too often
they seem unavailable
as the weight of our troubles
press down on us.

Even in moments
of great danger,
the direction of attention
is a choice.

Fear can dominate the mind
binding it like a straitjacket.

Or love can unbind it
and open it to resource
and opportunity.

Great possibilities await us
even if all we can see
is the cliff before us.

Holding reality
and possibility together
is the holy hope filled work
of humanity

If ... we choose it,
again and again,
in love.



**FLAMING CHALICE MOBILE
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF
WEST HARTFORD, CT**

The First Independent Universalist Society of the City of Hartford was founded in 1821 after a visit from Hosea Ballou. The founding members of the church rejected Calvinism and embraced a theology of God's universal love. Their first meetinghouse was completed in 1824. The present location is the church's fourth; the present name is its third! The church was called "Church of the Redeemer" for 90+ years. (1870-1960's)

Linda and Claudia were pleased to worship at the Universalist Church of West Hartford while attending the Religious Diversity Leadership Workshop at Hartford Seminary. More pictures from UCWH and the trip are posted on the bulletin board in the sanctuary.

PICTURE: BUSHNELL PARK PATH, HARTFORD, CT