

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

MARCH 2013

EASTER ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY: 31 MARCH

PLANTING A BUTTERFLY GARDEN @ 9:30 AM

SERVICE @ 10:30 AM

POTLUCK @ 11:45 AM



CHRISTIAN EASTER SERVICE
WITH FOOTWASHING & COMMUNION
SATURDAY: 30 MARCH @ 2 PM
RSVP For Christian Service to
hermitstuff@bellsouth.net

CAREGIVER'S LUNCH
TUESDAY, 5 MARCH @ 12 N
CHALICE CENTER
RSVP BY 4 MAR @ 12 N TO:
HERMITSTUFF@BELLSOUTH.NET

UUCO WELCOMES BURMESE REFUGEES

Recently, First Christian Church invited a number of ministry partners to a meeting to brainstorm ways to help Burmese refugees being settled in Owensboro to integrate socially and to practice their conversational English. First Christian has helped with many practical settlement issues, but knew they needed more of us in on the service.

Many of these neighbors find it particularly hard to socialize because of transportation limitations, working second shift at Tyson, budget

restraints, and their language concerns. We have always had fun with simple activities so we invited them over for a Game Night. And they accepted!

On Saturday, 23 March, the International Center will bring some of Owensboro's newest residents to UUCO literally for fun and games. We'll pop popcorn and make lemonade; you bring the board games for team play (no Trivia, please!) and plan to spend a couple hours having a good time. You'll get to learn some Burmese culture and they'll get to practice their English in a relaxed setting. (Check the calendar for time.)

AD HOC UPDATE

The Ad Hoc Committee continues to work on UUCO bylaws and policies. Sunday morning Religious Education sessions in April will be devoted to sharing the proposals with the Congregation. This will be a time to ask questions and talk in depth about the proposals before the Annual Meeting and election. Mark your calendar now for these dates:

- April 7 @ 9:30 am:
Proposed Bylaws & Policies
- April 21 @ 9:30 am:
5-Year Plan
- April 28, Immediately after service:
Annual Meeting & Election

**UUCO WELCOMES THE
LGBTQ
SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP**

**AS IT PRESENTS THE
2ND PRAYER SERVICE IN A SERIES**

**SUNDAY, 10 MARCH
3 PM IN THE SANCTUARY**

THEME:
**Praying for Our Relationships:
Friends, Community,
Family, Partners**

EASTER By Rev. Charles F. Flagg

We seek life's meaning
in the wonder of morning
In the freshness of springtime,
And in each others hearts and minds.
Yet still we hope for something more,
A break in the ordinary,
An infusion of the unexpected,
An explosion of glory,
A miracle,
Revealing more
than we hope to understand.



Carving by Charlot Martin



**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO:**
**A Visionary Church
That Builds
Healthy Relationships And
Advocates A Just Society
Through Spiritual Growth,
Ethical Action,
And Community Service.**

Excerpt From: Immigration as a Moral Issue (Draft Statement of Conscience)

This document will be on the agenda for General Assembly in Louisville in June.

¶6: Nations have assumed the right and obligation to protect the well-being of their citizens by enacting and enforcing immigration laws. Moral immigration laws that are just and humane contribute to the public good, define the parameters of legal immigration, and restrict harmful influences such as criminal intent, epidemics, and contraband. Unfortunately, not all immigration laws are moral; some use racism, classism, religion, or ethnicity to dictate who belongs and who does not. Our challenge as religious people is to distinguish the moral from the immoral, supporting the former and opposing the latter.

¶15: Our Unitarian Universalist (UU) principles and sources compel us to affirm that all immigrants regardless of legal status should be treated justly and humanely.

At a minimum, a moral immigration policy would include the following elements:

- A path to citizenship or legal permanent residency for those already in a country legally or illegally, as well as for those wanting to enter a country;
- Work visas that allow employment and that
 - * Require the same worker protections applicable to citizens including fair wages, safe and healthful environments, and receipt of benefits;
 - * Do not depend on a single employer;
 - * Allow multiple entries;
 - * Permit entry into the path for citizenship; and
 - * Provide parity between the number of visas and the work available in the receiving nation.
- Access to the same medical care and education available to citizens;
- Evaluation of human and environmental costs of proposed barriers to immigration or other changes in immigration policy;
- Due process under the law including representation, rights of appeal, and the right to initiate suits;
- Non-deportation of parents with dependent children or partners of documented residents;
- Provision of asylum for refugees and others in fear of violence or retribution; and
- Collaboration with source countries to address underlying causes contributing to immigration.

Read the entire document and action suggestions at:

<http://www.uua.org/immigration/re/moral/152647.shtml>

**VEGGIE FEAST
FRIDAY
15 MARCH
SERVING:
5:30-7:30 PM
TRINITY
EPISCOPAL
720 Ford Ave.
Reservations:
570-0323 or
683-1462**

ENTREES
RICE & BEANS... VEGGIE LASAGNA...
ENCHILADA PIE
POTATOES MASALA... MAC & CHEESE

PLUS:
BREAD... SALAD... COOKIES
LEMONADE OR COFFEE

**\$8.50 ADULTS
\$4 CHILDREN (10 & UNDER)**

\$25 CARRYOUT MEAL=
1 SERVING EACH ENTREE +
4 SLICES BREAD + 4 SERVINGS OF SALAD
+ 4 DESSERT SERVINGS

Interfaith Moments & Foods



BREADS!

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST: 19 MARCH
Excerpt of Catholic Litany

Holy Joseph, pray for us.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Lover of poverty, pray for us.
Model of working men, pray for us.
Ornament of the domestic life, pray for us.
Consoler of the miserable, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.

OSTARA: 20 MARCH
Excerpt of Blessing by Tricia Danby

May Ostara bring joy
and easiness into your lives,
may her fertility be passed over to you.
May your dreams, ideas, wishes, and plans
ripen and bear new fruits.
Full of strength and new energy walk into the
brightness of the awakening spring.
Leave the darkness of the past time behind.
Let go of all former burdens.
Get rid of the ballast still hindering you.
Free and with new strength
your feet shall carry you towards dawn.
May Ostara bless you all!



EGGS!



NUTS!

NAW RUZ: 21 MARCH
Excerpt of Baha'i Prayer

Praised be Thou, O my God, that Thou hast ordained Naw-Rúz as a festival unto those who have observed the Fast for love of Thee and abstained from all that is abhorrent unto Thee. Grant, O my Lord, that the fire of Thy love and the heat produced by the Fast enjoined by Thee may inflame them in Thy Cause, and make them to be occupied with Thy praise and with remembrance of Thee.