

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

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APRIL EVENTS

02 THU

6 PM Tai Chi/ Qi Gong
6:30 PM Meditation

04 SAT

8:30 AM Reiki by Appointment

05 SUN

9:30 AM **Egg Hunt**
10:30 AM **Flower Communion**

07 TUE

3-5 PM Home Office

09 THU

6 PM Tai Chi/ Qi Gong
6:30 PM Meditation

13 TUE

9-11 AM Home Office
12 N Interfaith Study
1-2:30 PM Women Clergy

15 WED

1-4 PM Home Office
6 PM Board Meeting

16 THU

10 AM-1PM Home Office
6 PM Tai Chi/Qi Gong
6:30 PM Meditation

18 SAT ISLAMIC CENTER

10 AM-12 N **Interfaith Event**
1:30-3:30 PM **Leadership Event**

19 SUN GUEST PREACHER

10:30 AM **Dr. Lucinda Mosher**

23 THU

9 AM Ministerial Assoc.
6 PM Tai Chi/ Qi Gong
6:30 PM Meditation

24 FRI

6:30 PM Drum Circle

26 SUN

After service Annual Meeting

30 THU

6 PM Tai Chi/ Qi Gong
6:30 PM Meditation

Dr. Lucinda Mosher Returns to Owensboro



Dr. Lucinda Mosher, premier Episcopalian scholar of Christian-Muslim relations, Faculty Associate for Interfaith Studies, and Director of the Multifaith Chaplaincy Program of Hartford Seminary will be in Owensboro on Saturday, 18 April, to offer a workshop entitled "Faith in the Neighborhood." She will invite us to take the next step from polite diversity to engaged pluralism.

The workshop will be offered in two segments. The first, from 10 am-12 noon, is free and for the general public. The second, from 1:30-3:30 pm is intended for community leaders representing their communities and interested in establishing a public forum on religion in Owensboro. It is also free. Both events will be held at the Islamic Center of Owensboro at 3131 Alvey Park Dr. West. The event is co-sponsored by UUCO, the Islamic Center, and the Owensboro Davies County Ministerial Association with funding from our grant from the Louisville Institute. The UUCO curriculum "Theology as a Second Language" will be launched at the morning event.

As a special treat, Dr. Mosher will be at UUCO for worship and offer the message on Sunday, 19 April. Mark your calendars now for all the events and invite a friend to join us!

You can learn more about Dr. Mosher @ <http://lucindamosher.com> Many of her books are available at amazon.com (and some are in Claudia's library.)



FLOWER COMMUNION:: 5 APRIL: EASTER SUNDAY please bring a flower to share



INTERFAITH MOMENT: 4 April

- ◆ Beginning of Passover
- ◆ Holy Saturday
- ◆ Theravada New Year

Every once in awhile, powerful religious holidays or festivals meet each other on a calendar day. This year the Festival of Pesach, or Passover, starts on 4 April (observance beginning the evening before, of course.) Liturgical Christians celebrate the climax of the Triduum with the Holy Saturday Vigil beginning at sundown on 4 April. And Buddhists in Theravada countries (e.g. Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and others) will celebrate a three-day festival of the New Year coinciding with the full moon (7:07 am, 4 April here in Owensboro.)

Each of these festivals has religious and cultural elements. Whether you observe the play or the prayer is purely a matter of your devotion and your community's preference. Their concurrence is a reminder of they way our lives weave in and out of each others'. April holds many other feasts and festivals as well. You can learn more about the cycle of religious celebrations at: projectinterfaith.org/page/interfaith-calendars



CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

UUCO will have its annual meeting on Sunday, 26 April, immediately following service. The meeting includes elections, affirmation of the 'This Little Light Grant' awardee, and review of the year's work.

The 'This Little Light Grant' will be given on Sunday, 3 May at service. This grant is funded from our moral commitment of \$18.25 per member/year. Thank you for your support of this effort! If you haven't yet made your contribution, please get it to Elaine quickly. Also, please be sure it is clearly marked GRANT.

REFLECTIONS ON VITALITY

The book "Born of Water, Born of Spirit" explores the theme of the 'priesthood of all believers' as the source of vitality in small congregations. Authors Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook and Fredrica Harris Thompsett have studied small churches all over the United States as part of the Pastoral Excellence Project for the Episcopal Divinity School.

The 'priesthood of all believers' is a radical concept from our Reformation roots. In the last century, James Luther Adams added the concept of the 'prophethood of all believers.' The key to both concepts is not that all people are the same, but that all of us are responsible, all of shape the vision, and all of us share the work—according to our personal gifts and abilities.

Kujawa-Holbrook and Thompsett challenge us to live into our dreams by: 1) Building on health, 2) Knowing our histories and listen to our stories, 3) Inviting the sharing of gifts, 4) Committing to learning in community, 5) Sharing a rich symbolic life, 6) Developing wider community relationships, 7) Implementing ongoing discernment/ evaluation, and 8) Cultivating prayer and spiritual stamina.

out of the earth
rises light,
rises life,
rises spring.
may we join with the miracle
that is springtime,
and enter into life
with lightness and joy.
out of the spirit
rises faith,
rises hope,
rises love.
may we join with the miracle
that is Easter time,
and enter into life
with hope and love.



REV. DR. ELIZABETH STRONG