

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO



Tom Hicks, President

Rev. Dr. Claudia A. Ramisch, Minister



No, it's not a Halloween mask! Richard & Scott joined the work crew to tear out the library's wet carpet. THANK YOU everyone!

THANKSGIVING PRAYER
by Rev. Gary Kowalski

Loving Spirit,
Be our guest,
Dine with us,
Share our bread,
That our table
Might be blessed
And our souls be fed.

UPDATE ON BOARD WORK

At the October meeting, the Board decided to give special attention to the physical plant and our financial situation for the next 6 months. They began by scheduling a clean-up day to remove the wet carpet from the basement and making a list of "must-do" items for the near future. Another inside **Clean-up** is scheduled for

Saturday, 19 November, 10 am-12 n, to spruce up the place before our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. A once-a-month thematic Quiet Hour will be added to our schedule during this half-year. This will be a time for us to rest together in the midst of work—and holidays! November's theme is Grace & Gratitude; the **Quiet Hour** will be **Thursday, 10 November @ 6:30 pm**.

FAITH FEST RETURNS Schedule on pg 2

Faith Fest begins again on Friday, 4 November at 1:30 pm at Friday Prayers at the Islamic Center of Owensboro. It will continue that evening with a new event—an Interfaith Prayer Service @ Smothers Park @ 5:30 pm. Happily, there are TWO celebration concerts—priced at just \$12 for advance tickets!—TWO lectures, lots of Open Houses and several prayer or study opportunities. Faith Fest will conclude with the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in our sanctuary on Sunday, 20 November @ 2 pm. Tom has built a beautiful webpage to make it easy to see the details for all events: www.faithfest.org

I hope you will mark your calendar to attend many events—but especially for the ones that will be right here! (Your presence will help us welcome guests.) I won't kid you, we also need patrons for the concerts since we are paying the artists. But I know you'll enjoy both evenings; the styles are very different, but very uplifting! Come join us~ Claudia

And The BIZbaz Is Back!

The Bizarre Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, 3 December from 10 am-2 pm** in our sanctuary. What is the Bizarre Bazaar?

- An event featuring unusual and one-of-a-kind items designed and executed by local artists...
- A blast of a day filled with good creative energy...
- A great place for holiday shopping...

This year we will also have a Soup & Salad carryout lunch as a church fundraiser. We need YOU to show your wares; to make soup, cookies or salad; to help serve lunch or staff the day. Marke your calendar now and watch for details or contact Linda soon!



FAITH FEST 2016

COMPLETE DETAILS @ www.faithfest.org

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: SOUP KITCHEN Every Saturday @ Woodlawn UMC
Volunteers needed 4:30–6:30 pm. Call in advance if you can help: 270–683–9863.



FRI 04

JUMMA @ Islamic Center, 1:30 pm
INTERFAITH SERVICE @ Smothers Park, 5:30 pm

SAT 05

SUN 06	MON 07	TUE 08	WED 09	THU 10	FRI 11	SAT 12
OPEN HOUSE 2–4 pm Islamic Center Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints UUCO: Reiyuki Buddhists & Earth-Based Traditions		INTERFAITH BOOK STUDY @ UUCO, 7 pm (Interfaith Leadership by Patel, chapters 2 & 3)	OPEN HOUSE & AARTI @ Tri-State Hindu Temple (Newburgh), 6–8 pm Leave UUCO @ 5:15		TORAH STUDY @ Temple Adath Israel, 6:30 pm	SACRED TEXTS @ DCPL 10:30–12:30 pm LECTURE: PHILOSOPHY OF FORGIVENESS @ DCPL 12:30 pm CONCERT @ UUCO Heath & Molly, 7 pm

SUN 13	MON 14	TUE 15	WED 16	THU 17	FRI 18	SAT 19
OPEN HOUSE 2–4 pm Trinity Episcopal Temple Adath Israel Zion UCC: Zion, Baha'i Community, Journey Fellowship, Humanists	PRESENTATION: TO BE A NON-VIOLENT CITY , Mary Danhauer @ UUCO, 6:30 pm	UCC CLERGY MEETING @ Zion UCC, 9:30–12 n TAIZE SERVICE @ Faith Lutheran Church, 6:30 pm				CONCERT @ Zion HuDOST, 7 pm

SUN 20		<p>DIWALI CELEBRATION @ Daviess Co. High School, Sun, 06 Nov Check-in & snacks 2–3:30 pm. Program @ 3:30 pm. Dinner after 7 pm. Tickets in advance: \$35 by 4 Nov. Purchase @ http://www.tristatecsi.org/diwali16</p> <p>CONCERT TICKETS are \$12 in advance & \$15 at the door Heath & Molly- checks to UUCO/ HuDOST- checks to ODCMA</p>			
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ 2 pm UUCO					



Excerpt from UU World: UUA Board of Trustees commits \$5.3 million to Black Lives of UU

ARTICLE BY ELAINE MCARDLE, 10/17/2016

“In a historic moment for Unitarian Universalism, the Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Trustees has agreed to provide \$300,000 immediately to Black Lives of UU and committed to guaranteeing BLUU another \$5 million in long-term funding for its efforts to support black UUs and expand the role and visibility of black UUs within the faith.

The board’s decision, on Friday, October 14, came during its three-day October meeting, at the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, New York, in response to a presentation and funding request by BLUU. UU World will report on other aspects of the October 14–16 meeting in a second article next week.

The board did not take a vote on the decision to fund BLUU, but set aside Robert’s Rules of Order for the trustees’ conversation about BLUU’s request for \$5.3 million. It took this unusual step, trustees said, in recognition of the frustration many UUs, especially people of color and young people, expressed about an emphasis on process over content and meaning during the successful but contentious debate and vote on an Action of Immediate Witness to support Black Lives Matter at the 2015 General Assembly. In recognition of the frustration and the need for new approaches to decision-making, the board framed the BLUU funding decision as a “religious act, not as a piece of corporate business,” said trustee the Rev. Patrick McLaughlin.

Two founding members of the BLUU organizing collective, Leslie Mac and the Rev. Carlton Elliott Smith, came to New York to give a presentation about BLUU’s efforts and to request funding for its ongoing work. In its first fourteen months, Mac and Smith told trustees, BLUU composed a “Seven Principles of Black Lives” that links its work directly to the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism; created a Facebook group for black UUs that has 250 members; created and presented a BLUU program track at the 2016 General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio; developed and led GA’s closing worship service with the Rev. Sekou and the Holy Ghost, a racial justice-oriented band that fuses gospel, blues, funk, and soul; and provided immediate support around the country for UU congregations in emergency situations related to the killing of black people by police.

“The fund will allow us to create real change in our faith and to fully realize the potential of organizing all UUs for justice in the world,” added Smith, a UUA employee on the Southern Region’s Congregational Life staff.”

Complete article @ http://www.uuworld.org/articles/board-commits-5-million-bluu?utm_source=uuworld&utm_medium=front&utm_campaign=picks



UUCO NOVEMBER EVENTS	
01 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
02 WED	Board Meeting, 6:30pm
03 THU	Home Office, 12:30–3:30pm
04 FRI	Interfaith Service @ Smothers Park, 5:30pm
06 SUN	TIME CHANGE
08 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm Interfaith Study, 7pm
10 THU	Quiet Hour, 6:30pm
12 SAT	Concert: Heath & Molly, 7pm
14 MON	Nonviolent City Presentation, 6:30pm
15 TUE	Women Clergy Meeting, 12:30pm Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
17 THU	ODCMA @ OHRH, 9am
19 SAT	Thanksgiving Clean-up, 10am
20 SUN	Thanksgiving Service, 2pm
22 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm
28 MON	Interfaith Potluck @ Zion UCC, 6pm
29 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6pm