

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

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Welcome
New Members-
Awesome group!



New Member Retreat, 27 August 2017



SOUP SATURDAY
BEEF STEW, \$8/qt
Reservations due now
to Linda @270-570-0323
Pick-up on 2 Sept
11:30 am-1:00 pm



THINKING AHEAD TO SEASONAL GIFTS?
CONSIDER THESE:
Soup Reservations
Products Designed or Handmade by UUCO Artists
Fair Trade Coffees, Teas, & Chocolates

BUDGET TIME AGAIN

In April 2018, at our next Annual Meeting, we will celebrate 30 years as a Congregation. We are grateful for your generosity in funding the ministry of the Congregation and showing up to make it live! Thank you!

We have been dreaming and planning this summer. About 10 of us participated in the Sunday morning discernment sessions in June and July and the Board has been meeting twice a month since June. The energy is really good! Perhaps the best thing is that we are really open to good ideas from many fronts.

So we are excited about our prospects! Our new plan will be revealed over the first couple of weeks of September at Sunday worship. As you would expect, the participation of all members remains essential to our continued life and our new direction. As usual, Pledge Packets will also be distributed in the next couple of weeks. For now, our budget is hardly changed (on page 2.) But our Wish List has had to be updated (on page 3) because we did a lot of grunt work on the property this year! Most recently, Jo, Ra, and Josh reinstalled a high shelf in the Chalice Center kitchen (Thank you!); be sure to check it out.

If you need to be reminded of what you've helped to do, re-read our Annual Reports or check out the scrapbooks in the Sanctuary; we have done some pretty amazing things in our first three decades, both for ourselves and for the larger community. Let's make the next three decades even better! Claudia



Excerpt of *The Autumn*
by Elizabeth Barrett Browning
Go, sit upon the lofty hill,
And turn your eyes around,
Where waving woods and waters wild
Do hymn an autumn sound.
The summer sun is faint on them --
The summer flowers depart --
Sit still -- as all transform'd to stone,
Except your musing heart.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

02, SAT	Reiki by appt, 8:30 am Soup Pick-up, 11:30 am Board Meeting, 12 n
04, MON	NonViolent O'boro, 7 pm
05, TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
06, WED	Home Office Hours, 1-4 pm Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
11, MON	Home Office Hours, 1-4 pm Peace Vigil, 6:30 pm
12, TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
17, SUN	CROP Walk @ GRADD, 2 pm
19, TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
20, WED	NVO Steering Comm, 5 pm
21, THU	Peace Event @ Smothers Pk
25, MON	Interfaith Potluck @ Legion Pk (Open Door), 6 pm
26, TUE	Clergy Women, 12:30 pm Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
28, THU	ODCMA @ OHRH, 9 am Claudia leaves after class



SHARAD NAVARATRI
@ Tri-state Hindu Temple, 2015



INTERFAITH MOMENT: NAVARATRI, 21-29 September

Navaratri (or Navratri), meaning nine nights, is a nine day long festival to celebrate the nine forms of Goddess Durga. People in India worship Durga for her 'Shakti' or power that made her conquer the buffalo demon Mahishasura that gave her the name 'the Annihilator of Mahishasura.' This festival represents victory of good over evil and through all its rituals and traditional celebrations, symbolizes the essence of conquering one's evils with the goodness of one's soul.

Navaratri is celebrated 4 times a year but each region has a special love for one of the seasons. Sharad (Autumn) Navratri is observed for nine nights starting on the first day of the bright half of Ashwin month (September/October) especially in Gujarat. On the 10th day, Dussehra is celebrated by burning an effigy of demon king Ravana who was killed by Durga's ardent devotee, Lord Rama. It is believed that Rama had worshipped Goddess Durga before heading towards Lanka, the kingdom of Ravana. Thus, the followers of Lord Rama, too, worship Durga during Navaratri.

Navraatri Fast and Rituals: Most devotees observe the Navaratri fast for all 9 days, having only a single meal during the day. That single meal is a traditional, specific diet of sago, potato and other such things. Instead of common salt, they make navratri food with rock salt. Some devotees don't even have food other than milk and fruits during these 9 days. Even those who do not fast abstain from non-vegetarian food, alcohol etc.

Sharad Navratri Puja has a set pattern for every day which is almost similar to Chaitra (Spring) Navaratri. On the 1st day, a ghat (metal/earthen pot) is established, meaning it is filled with water, flowers, mango leaves, rice, and coconut in red cloth tied with the red sacred thread. This is believed to invoke Goddess Durga. A clay pot, filled with soil and barley seeds sown into it, is also kept at the place of worship along with a representation of Durga. The seeds are watered each day while worshipping the Goddess. On the 9th day, a few barley sprouts are offered to the Goddesses and the rest are placed under a 'Peepal' tree. Each day fresh flowers and fruits are offered to the Goddess Parvati and Durga while aarti and bhajans are recited.

From aboutfestivalsfindia.com

2017-18 OPERATING BUDGET ANNUAL TOTALS

MINISTER	
Salary & Housing	21240
Disability/ Life Insurance	480
GA/ HUUMA	360
Subtotal	22080
FACILITY	
Utilities	3900
AT&T	1080
Cleaning	1590
Insurance/ Workers' Comp	3600
Pest Control	360
Maintenance	300
Subtotal	10830
PROGRAMMING	
Background checks	180
Subtotal	180
UU MEMBERSHIP	
UUA	108
Mid-America Region	108
Subtotal	216
TOTAL	33306
MONTHLY NEED	2776

CLAUDIA'S TRAVEL PLANS

I will be gone
28 SEPT (after class) until
4 OCT (back for Board Meeting.)
Please contact Tom or Peggy
first for pastoral issues.
Rev. Jane Rothman
will be covering calls for me.

**OTHER NEEDS FOR 2017-2018
TIME AND TALENT (Read: Work!)**

Help with Intergenerational Sundays (2x/yr)
 Prepare & clean-up coffee on Sunday (1x/mo)
 Member of Joys & Concerns Team
 Distribute fliers for special events
 Do laundry of towels (2x/mo)
 Set-up church for events
 Trim bushes
 Share mowing (Apr-Oct)
 Load/unload dishwasher (2x/mo)

Provide childcare during special events
 Offer a weeknight program
 Serve on Rummage Sale Team
 Manage recycling
 Help with Faith Fest (Nov)
 Clean-up church after special events
 Weed gardens
 Clear sidewalk of grass or snow before events
 Habitat for Humanity can drop-off (1x/mo)

The Wish List is comprised of things or jobs that would be our next investments, if we had the money...

WISH LIST

25 copies: Lifting our Voices (@\$375)
 UU Brochure refills
 Gravel for back lot
 New small-duty copier & toner refill
 2nd HVAC (basement=separate zone)
 Overhead lighting in back stairwell
 Chainlink fence repair
 Install handrails/treads on back steps
 Install light in basement bathroom
 Mounted baby changing station
 Repaint Chalice Center
 Retaining wall for Parrish hill

Commercial Bunn 2-pot system
 New door for downstairs exit
 Clean carpet in sanctuary & stairs
 Screens for Chalice Center
 Repair Chalice Center clock
 New answering machine
 Load of mulch for gardens & walks
 Repaint shed
 Take up basement floor
 Cabinets for Chalice Center:
 (2x) 24" unfinished/4' countertop
 Repair Sanctuary sink cabinet

SUPPLY NEEDS

Furnace filters (2 of each)
 For special events:
 Fair Trade Coffee/Tea
 Creamer, sweeteners
 Snacks/ popcorn
 Brand soft drinks (fridge)
 Cleaning supplies
 Bathroom supplies
 Brochure paper
 8.5x14" pastel bulletin paper
 Garbage bags (13 & 39 gal)
 Cascade Powder, detergents



Please join the effort!
13TH ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP WALK TO END HUNGER
 Beginning at the GRADD BUILDING @ 2 PM
SUNDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

Walk with us, pray or meditate for us, make a pledge to Claudia or at
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/owensboroky/claudia>
 25% goes to CrossWalk Women's Shelter



**Want to get a jump on
 Faith Fest?**
 NonViolent Owensboro
 is sponsoring
 a book discussion using
*The Spiritual Power of
 Nonviolence: Interfaith
 Understanding
 for a Future Without War*
 by George W. Wolfe.
**Start reading now
 for November...**



**11th ANNUAL
 PEACE VIGIL
 Meditation Service**

**Monday
 11 September 2017
 6:30-8:00 pm**

**In the sanctuary @
 1221 Cedar St.
 Corner of Cedar & Parrish
 Owensboro KY**

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 Co-sponsored by NonViolent Owensboro**