

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



COMING OUT DAY 2017

From the Human Rights Campaign:

Every year on National Coming Out Day, we celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) or as an ally. On Oct. 11, 2017, we will mark the 29th anniversary of National Coming Out Day.

29 years ago, on the anniversary of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, we first observed National Coming Out Day as a reminder that one of our most basic tools is the power of coming out. One out of every two Americans has someone close to them who is gay or lesbian. For transgender people, that number is only one in 10.

Coming out - whether it is as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or allied - STILL MATTERS. When people know someone who is LGBTQ, they are far more likely to support equality under the law. Beyond that, our stories can be powerful to each other.



Blessing Circle Service, Coming Out Day 2016

Here at UUCO, we will be celebrating Coming Out Day on Sunday, October 8th. That Sunday will be our annual Blessing Circle. Following the service, join us at our Coming Out Day picnic for the community at 12:30 pm, and a special Prayer Service at 2 pm. Please check the sign up sheet in the sanctuary if you are willing to donate your time (or cooking skill) in helping us host this event.

Excerpt From "BEYOND BORDERS" by Rick Hoyt



Orange slice smiles from Pizza Picnic, September 2016

Carry with you the love and laughter of this place
And let it light your way
Carry with you the wisdom you learned
and the good memories
May they give you strength for your journey

OCTOBER EVENTS

02 MON	NonViolent O'boro, 7 pm
03 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
04 WED	Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
07 SAT	Reiki by appt, 8:30 am Soup pick up, 11:30 am
08 SUN	Circle Blessing <u>Coming Out Day:</u> Cookout, 12:30 pm Prayer, 2 pm
10 TUE	Home Office Hours, 1-4 pm Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
14 SAT	Gamers Club, 6 pm
17 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
23 MON	Interfaith Potluck @TBD, 6 pm
24 TUE	Clergy Women, 12:30 pm Home Office Hours, 2-4 pm Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm
26 THU	ODCMA @ OHRH, 9 am
29 SUN	Potluck
31 TUE	Yoga & Meditation, 6 pm

CLAUDIA'S TRAVEL PLANS

Claudia will be gone until October 4th. Please contact Tom or Peggy first for pastoral issues. Rev. Jane Rothman will be covering calls for her.

Interfaith Moment

SUKKOT, FEAST OF THE TABERNACLE OCT 5-11

From www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions :

"Sukkot commemorates the years that the Jews spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land, and celebrates the way in which God protected them under difficult desert conditions.

Sukkot is also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, or the Feast of Booths. The word sukkot means huts (some translations of the bible use the word booths), and building a hut is the most obvious way in which Jews celebrate the festival.

Every Jewish family will build an open air structure in which to live during the holiday. The essential thing about the hut is that it should have a roof of branches and leaves, through which those inside can see the sky, and that it should be a temporary and flimsy thing.

The Sukkot ritual is to take four types of plant material: an etrog (a citron fruit), a palm branch, a myrtle branch, and a willow branch, and rejoice with them. (Leviticus 23: 39-40.) People rejoice with them by waving them or shaking them about."

Sukkot reminds the Jewish people that even in the most dire of circumstances, they dwell with God. Living in a hut for six days and contemplating a time when a nation of people had to survive this way while wandering the desert for years makes a person grateful for what they have. It also helps a person to realize how little of the possessions they feel they cannot go without are truly needed for survival. This grants a perspective each and every one of us needs, especially in a time when so many are displaced by hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires.

SOUP RESERVATIONS DUE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH

This month's soup is BUTTERNUT SQUASH! The price is \$8/qt. Place reservations by calling Linda @270-570-0323. Pick up will be Saturday Oct. 7th from 11:30 am to 1 pm.



COMING UP THIS MONTH:

Owensboro AIDS Walk



AIDS Walk 2015

Through the AIDS Holiday Project, Tri-State Alliance helps to meet the needs of close to 400 low-income tri-state families that are affected by HIV and AIDS.

For more information on the AIDS Holiday Project or Tri-State Alliance, check the following

sites:

<http://www.aidsholidayproject.org/>

<http://www.tsagl.org/>

Tri-State Alliance will be hosting its 9th annual Owensboro AIDS Walk this November 4th 2 pm, at a place to be announced. The proceeds for this charity walk go to support the AIDS Holiday Project. We will post the location as soon as it is announced.

Want Something New This Faith Fest?

Faith Fest is fast approaching. Every year, this month-long festival brings with it open houses from the various faith communities, concerts, and seminars, all with the purpose of fostering communication and understanding. This year, we have the chance to

bring to the community something new, thanks to Theatrical on Demand® at the Malco.

Walk With Me is a 2017 documentary on Thach Nhat Hanh and the Zen Buddhist monastic community of Plum Village. Narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch, this film delves into their practice of mindfulness. To bring this film to Owensboro, we need 56 more reservations. If you would like to see this film shown at our local Malco Cinema, please go to <http://gathr.us/screening/20711>.

LAST MONTH'S CORNER...

NEED GIFT IDEAS?

The season of gift giving is approaching. Consider the following great gifts:

Soup Reservations

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, or Chocolate

Products by UUCO Artists

CROP WALK 2017



For this year's Crop Walk UUCO raised \$690. Thanks to all that participated. The local share benefits CrossRoads emergency shelter. Anyone who wishes to donate can still do so until the end of the year. To donate, go to Reverend Claudia's donation page: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/owensboroky/>