

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Holiday Cards for the Incarcerated

The Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) serves as an online congregation for UU's that do not have a brick and mortar faith home of their own. An important facet of this mission is being a church for those that are incarcerated. They have nearly 900 incarcerated members. Every year, CLF collects holiday cards from UU churches to send to these members that could use some cheer to make it through the season.

This year, they are asking UU churches to send them packets by Dec. 7 containing filled out holiday cards, which they will distribute to

their incarcerated members. There are some strict guidelines to follow, so that the cards will be allowed to be received by these members. Please review these guide lines found at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yS_19-H7R-yw61jytubogAQ_jjhZl6Z1D58FyBvehZY/edit.

For more information on things you can do to brighten the holidays for those serving a period of incarceration, see <https://worthynow.org/3ways-to-give/>.

FUN CLUB DECEMBER MEET-UP
To allow members to spend time with their families during the holidays, Fun Club will resume in January.

Meditation Moment/UUA
Excerpt from: "Each New Day"
by Peter Friedrichs

Birds do not worry the morning
or fret the rising sun.
They wait, expectant,
until its rays kiss their downy necks.
Then, stretching,
they turn to face the day,
And sing.

DECEMBER EVENTS

01 SAT	Reiki by Appt 8:30am
02 SUN	Bag Lunch BizBaz 2-5pm
03 MON	NonVlt O'boro 6:30pm
05 WED	Home Office 2-4pm Board Meeting 5:30pm
06 THU	Last Yoga & Meditation 6pm
08 SAT	Seasonal Set-up 10am
09 SUN	Tree Decorating @ Service Bag Lunch
11 THU	Children's Room Assessment 10am
15 SAT	Quiet Hour 10am
16 SUN	Lunch Out
19 WED	NonVlt O'boro Strng Comm. 5pm
21 FRI	Solstice Ritual @ 6pm Soup & Stuff 6:30pm
23 SUN	Bag Lunch
24 MON	Wendell Foster Service 2:30pm Candlelight Service 7pm
30 SUN	Potluck

Claudia's Travel Plans:

Claudia will be going home to visit family 25 Dec to 1 Jan.

Interfaith Moment

Chanukah, December 03-10

Chanukah is a Jewish festival of rededication, also known as the Festival of Light. Moving out from under a time of persecution and suppression, a rededication of the Temple was necessary, but there was a shortage of the oil needed to keep the temple lit every night. From *Judaism 101*:

According to tradition as recorded in the Talmud, at the time of the rededication, there was very little oil left that had not been defiled by the Greeks. Oil was needed for the menorah (candelabrum) in the Temple, which was supposed to burn throughout the night every night. There was only enough oil to burn for one day, yet miraculously, it burned for eight days, the time needed to prepare a fresh supply of oil for the menorah. An eight day festival was declared to commemorate this miracle.

Rededication, faith, and hope are ideas we need to hold onto as we move from 2018 to 2019. They can shine a light for us when the troubles of the times seem to dim our world. See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/hanukkah.shtml> for more information.

The Quirky Vegetarian

December Menu:

Postponed until January