

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



MLK Events

There will be many local events to commemorate Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year. Besides the Martin Luther King Jr. Coffeehouse event held at IUU, there will also be events held at DCPL, OHS, KWC, and the Community Program that will be hosted at 10th St. Baptist.

The MLK Coffeehouse at IUU is a skit show of liberal humor promoting justice and common sense. It is written by our own Charlot Mar-

tin. The doors open at 7 p.m., on Saturday, January 19. Admission is \$3 and includes popcorn. Concessions will also be sold and the proceeds will be going to the HL Neblett Community Center.

Daviess County Public Library will be hosting a presentation by Non-Violent Owensboro and The Poor People's Campaign titled, *Conversations on Race: 50 Years after MLK Jr., Where Are We Now*, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14. Sunday, January 20 at 5 p.m.

will be the MLK Community program at 10th St. Baptist Church. The MLK March will start at Owensboro High School Monday, January 21 at 9a.m., to be followed by a guest speaker at KWC at 10 a.m.

FUN CLUB JANUARY MEET-UP

Owensboro Museum of Fine Art
Sunday, January 13, 1pm

Meditation Moment/UUA

Now, I Love You. Now, I Witness.

by Theresa I. Soto

I know sometimes you get cranky,
And sometimes your tea gets cold
Before you can drink it. Some-
times
The news is too much. The re-
sistance
Seems too little. That's real. But
we are
Here. Imperfect and together and
reaching.
You can hold my hand if you want.
I washed

It with soap. It's OK. In this kind
of time,
Now is better than later. Now, I
love you.
Now, I am sorry it hurts. Now, I
witness
Your struggle, and mine. Some-
times
One answer is to be a yes in the
face of
Every no. I am a yes for you.
Now and again
Later, if you need me.

JANUARY EVENTS

02 WED	Home Office 2-4pm Board Meeting 5:30pm
03 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6pm
05 SAT	Reiki by Appt 8:30am
06 SUN	Bag Lunch Board Working Retreat 1-4pm
07 MON	NonViolent Owensboro 6:30pm
10 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6pm
13 SUN	Bag Lunch Fun Club @Art Museum 1pm (Y)
17 THU	NonVlt O'boro Steering 5pm Yoga & Meditation 6pm
19 SAT	MLK Coffeehouse 7-9pm
20 SUN	LUNCH OUT MLK Community Program @10th St. Baptist, 5pm
21 MON	MLK March @OHS 9am MLK Speaker @KWC 10am
22 TUE	Women Clergy 12:30- 2pm
24 THU	ODCMA @OHRH 9 am Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
27 SUN	Potluck
31 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm

Interfaith Moment

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an eight day celebration of mindful prayer, reflecting on the desire of Christ that all may be one. Its current form, observed since 1966, is jointly organized by the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Each year has a theme, and the theme of 2019 is "Justice, and Only Justice You Shall Pursue."

This year's theme was chosen and prepared by Christians of Indonesia. This is a country that has seen economic growth fueled by capitalism come into conflict with the traditional value of collaboration. Accompanying this issue is corruption, inequality, intolerance, and environmental damage. From *Vatican.va*, here is the schedule of daily topics:

Day 1: Let justice roll down like water (Amos 5: 24)
Day 2: Let your word be 'Yes, Yes,' or 'No, No' (Matthew 5:37)
Day 3: The Lord is gracious and merciful to all (Psalm 145: 8)
Day 4: Be content with what you have (Hebrews 13:5)
Day 5: To bring good news to the poor (Luke 4: 18)
Day 6: The Lord of hosts is his name (Jeremiah 10:16)
Day 7: Woman, great is your faith! (Matthew 15:28)
Day 8: The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27: 1)

It is only through unity that the churches of Indonesia can address the ills of their society and seek to promote justice. This holds true in our country as well, and can be seen in The Poor People's Campaign.

Here is an excellent link that fully explains this year's theme, and gives more background on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/weeks-prayer-doc/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_20180621_week-prayer-2019_en.html.

LOOKING BACK AND COMING UP:

What We Accomplished Last Year

It's true that 2018 was a long, troublesome year, but at IUU we have a lot to be proud of and thankful for. We trained a Pastoral Care Team. We re-established the Committee on Ministry. We witnessed Travis, Janice, Jordan, and Rachel all sign the membership book. We welcomed two new lives (and future members) into the

world. After many years of struggling, we raised enough money to water proof our basement.

Faith Fest 2018 saw new contributors. Members of our congregation participated in the KY Poor People's Campaign "40 Days of Action," Kentucky 120 Strong teacher walk-out, and Families

Belong Together rallies. Once again, Rev. Claudia was the top local fundraiser for Crop Walk.

Take some time to think about everything you managed to get done last year. Despite all the struggles and pain, work was done and there was still time for some happy memories to be made.

What's Next?

We have plenty of good projects to keep us busy in the new year. There is a children's room to renovate. There is a church yard to landscape, and some interesting materials to utilize. A cookbook is being written, so be waiting to hear the call

for recipes. Finally, we are still working toward a basement remodel so we can found an Interfaith Center, so the fundraising has just begun. If you were afraid IUU life in 2019 would be quiet and boring, don't worry. We have it covered.

LAST MONTH'S CORNER



River Lily Myers, making a last minute entrance



Peggy inspiring the younger generation