

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER



PRIDE PICNIC

June is Pride month, and Sunday, June 2 is the 5th annual Tri-State Alliance hosted Owensboro Pride Picnic. The picnic will be held at English Park and runs from noon until 8 pm. English Park is located at 2 Waterford Ave, off of 2nd street, in Owensboro.

The TSA Owensboro Pride Picnic is a family affair, complete with a kid-friendly drag show. There will be food trucks present.. IUU will be grilling hotdogs on-site, donations appreciated.

We will be one of the many organizations to have an information table at the picnic. We will be leaving to set up the table after church, and will take it down around 5 pm. Please consider helping to set up our table or taking a turn in staffing it.

The Tri-State Alliance also hosts the Evansville Pride Picnic, which is on Sunday, June 9 this year, at Burdette Park. In addition to organizing Pride events, TSA also hosts many LGBTQ+ events, educates, advocates, and provides support services. An

example of these are the LGBTQ+ Youth groups, the Transgender Support group, and the AIDS Holiday Project. If you are interested in learning more or donating time or money, visit their site at: <http://tsagl.org/about.html>

Meditation Moment/UUA Prayer of Hope and Healing by Chrystal Hogan

To the God of our own understanding, the spirit with whom we commune this morning – we ask that our minds be open, our hearts welcoming, our arms embracing. We lift up those whose lives are touched by sadness, by illness, by worry, or by loneliness. May they find comfort, hope, and healing strength in this communi-

ty and the larger community. We celebrate those whose lives are whole and well. May they share their strength with those in need and find warmth and love in the sharing of their spirit. And let us take a moment to silently reflect in the spirit of prayer.

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JUNE EVENTS

01 SAT	Reiki 8:30 am
02 SUN	Pride Picnic @English Park 12-8 pm
03 MON	NonVlt O'boro 6:30 pm
06 THU	Dinner for Randy@Cheddar's 6pm Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
07 FRI	SPARKodc Follow up 12pm
08 SAT	NVO Trip to Russellville: meet @ mall 9 am (\$20 for 2 tours) Gamers 6-10 pm
09 SUN	Board Mtg 9 am Bag lunch
13 THU	NonVlt O'boro Steering 4:30 pm Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
16 SUN	Lunch Out
20 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
22 SAT	Juneteenth@Kendall Perkins Park 4-10 pm
23 SUN	Bag lunch Denounce Torture Lecture 1 pm
25 TUE	Women Clergy 12:30 pm
26 WED	Denounce Torture Vigil 6:30 pm
27 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
30 SUN	Potluck

Interfaith Moment

Pentecost, June 9

According to *BBC Religions*, the Pentecost is regarded as the birth of the Christian church. This holy day is a celebration of when Christians first received the gift of the Holy Spirit. From *BBC Religions*, the story of the first Pentecost:

Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot.

The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them.

It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire.

The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit.

No matter what faith or world view we profess, it is important to be open to the inspiration and wisdom of what is greater than us. For more information on the Pentecost, see <https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/pentecost.shtml>.

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

DENOUNCE TORTURE OBSERVANCE

We will be hosting a free public lecture as part of our 15th annual Denounce Torture Observances. This year's lecture will be presented by Hon. Charles Boteler, who is a retired Circuit Judge that has been an interfaith observer in Israel and Palestine. The lecture will be held at IUU, on Sunday, June 23 at 1 pm.

Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30 pm, the Denounce Torture Prayer Vigil will be held here at IUU. We will gather to pray for the end of torture in all its forms. The featured preacher will be Susan Montalvo-Gesser, JD, the Director of Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro.

JUNETEENTH

On Saturday, June 22, the Owensboro Black Expo will be holding their 2nd annual Juneteenth celebration at Kendall Perkins Park from 4 to 10 pm. The event is free and open to the public. It will feature musical performances by area musicians, food trucks, and more.

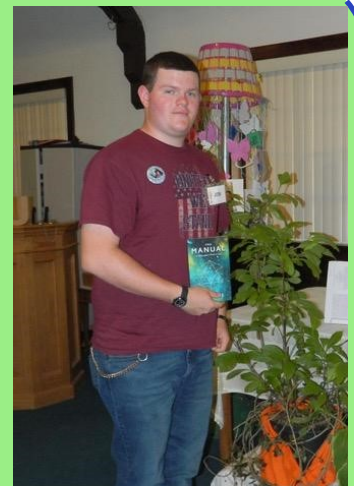
Juneteenth (June 19th) is

Freedom and Emancipation Day. It celebrates the announcement of the abolition of slavery delivered in Texas on June 19, 1865. It also celebrates the emancipation of all slaves in the United States.

The Owensboro Black Expo is a local nonprofit that promotes Black history and culture. Founded in the

1970's, they not only host events but provide scholarship opportunities for local teens. For more information on them, see their Facebook page.

LAST MONTH'S CORNER...



Through All That is Our Life