

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER



Multicultural Festival

The 21st annual Multicultural Festival will be held at First Presbyterian, this month on the 17th. The Multicultural Festival is an annual event full of fun, food, and information; dedicated to celebrating and promoting the diversity of our community. We will have a booth set up to share information about our congregation, and to sell fair trade coffee and chocolate. Don't miss this chance to get to know the many cultures in our community. Building bridges is especially important in the current atmosphere.

Started by First Presbyterian in 1999, the event has grown to hold over 30 booths, a food court, and two performance stages. The cultural booths educate visitors about a number of countries, cultures found in the community, and local organizations. The variety of international dance acts, musical performances, and demonstrations draws in thousands. In fact, In 2013 the festival was chosen as one of the top 10 summer festivals in Kentucky by Kentucky Tourism Commission.

If you would like to take a turn manning our booth, we will be there from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 17. First Presbyterian is located at 1368 Griffith Avenue. For more information on the event check out the following websites: <https://visitowensboro.com/event/20th-annual-owensboro-multicultural-festival/>, and <https://www.firstpresbyterianowensboro.com/view/multicultural-festival-of-owensboro>.

Meditation Moment/UUA

Drops of God

by Tess Baumberger

God, God is water sleeping
in high-piled clouds.
She is gentle drink of rain,
pooling lake, rounding pond,
angry flooding river.
She is frothy horse-maned geyser.
She is glacier on mountains and
polar ice cap,
and breath-taking crystalline

ideas of snowflakes.
She is frost-dance on trees.
And we, we are drops of God,
her tears of joy or sorrow,
ice crystals
and raindrops
in the ocean of her.

AUGUST EVENTS

01 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
03 SAT	Reiki by Appt. 8:30 am Gamers 5:30 pm
04 SUN	Bag Lunch
05 MON	NonVlt O'boro 6:30 pm
07 WED	SPARKodc Follow-up 10 am @ AAS
08 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
09 FRI	Emotional Creature Show 8 pm \$10/\$5 student
10 SAT	Emotional Creature Show 8 pm \$10/\$5 student
11 SUN	Board Mtg 9 am Bag Lunch Emotional Creature 4 pm
15 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
17 SAT	Multicultural Fest @ 1st Pres. 10 am—4 pm
18 SUN	Lunch Out
22 THU	ODCMA@Health Pk Chapel 9am Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
24 SAT	Talent Show & Cake Auction 6:30 pm
25 SUN	Potluck
27 TUE	Women Clergy 12:30 pm
29 THU	NonVlt O'boro Strng 4:30 pm Yoga & Meditation 6 pm

**Claudia's Vacation:
Until August 4**

Interfaith Moment

International Day of the World's Indigenous People, Aug. 9

When we celebrate the diversity of the world's many religions, it's important to remember the countless belief systems of the world's indigenous peoples. Too often, the belief systems of indigenous peoples are stereotyped and presented as singular and monolithic, which fails to take into account the diversity of belief found not only between tribe/Nation, but within as well. This mindset also refuses to recognize that indigenous belief systems are evolving; they adapt and change as much as any living religion.

Indigenous peoples face many grave issues due to being stereotyped, fetishized, and basically being seen as a one-dimensional caricature that is considered less or other than fully human. They face marginalization, poverty, discrimination, loss of territory, erasure, and even genocide. According to the UN, "they make up less than 5 per cent of the world's population, but account for 15 per cent of the poorest." To help raise awareness and combat these issues, in 1994 the UN instituted the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

From [ww.un.org](http://www.un.org):

The large majority of the languages in danger are spoken by indigenous peoples. It is estimated that, every 2 weeks, an indigenous language disappears, placing at risk the respective indigenous cultures and knowledge systems. That is why, on this International Day, the goal is to draw attention to the critical loss of indigenous languages and the urgent need to preserve, revitalize and promote them at both national and international levels.

To learn more about International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, please visit the UN's website at <http://www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/index.shtml>. There will be a UN Special Event Friday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To watch the live webcast at that time, visit <http://webtv.un.org/>.

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

Talent Show

Every summer there is a Talent Show and Mancake Auction at IUU, put together and hosted by the amazing (and impeccably dressed) Peggy Wilson. It's a night of fun for the whole family, featuring talent acts, party games, and cakes for auction.

The term "Mancake Auction" comes from the origins of the tradition, where the men of the church would laugh in the face of gender roles and show off their baking skills. Now, the Mancake Auc-

tion is open to people that identify with any (or no) gender. Cake also has a rather open definition, as past auctions have featured everything from cakes to pastries to fruit trays.

The Talent portion of the evening is loaded with party games, so that the entire audience can participate, regardless of whether they have a skill to showcase. Some games you may recognize, and some were created by our illustrious host, Peggy Wilson.

If you are looking for a fun night spent with truly interesting people, come to the Talent Show and Mancake Auction. If you have a talent you would like to showcase, contact Peggy Wilson at (270) 685-0924. If you have a baking talent, or access to a bakery that does, bring a cake to auction off. All the money raised helps keep a roof over our heads. This year's event takes place on Saturday the 24th, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Foundation for Healing Through the Arts Presents:

I Am an Emotional Creature is a play discussing the lives of young girls and the issues they face. It will be presented by The Foundation for Healing Through the Arts at IUU on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 of this month, starting at 8 p.m. A final performance will be Sunday 11 of August at 4 p.m. Admission is \$10, \$5 for students.

The Foundation for Healing Through the Arts was founded in 2016

and its mission statement on its Facebook page states: healing its members and community of sexual violence and oppression by offering outlets of creative expression that promote awareness and charity. For more information on them, see their Facebook page.



NVO Language Workshop



Charlot and Gracie at the Drum Circle