

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



## Faith Fest 2019!

Presented by the Owensboro Daviess County Ministerial Association, this month is the 9th annual Faith Fest. This festival is a three-week celebration of the different faith communities of Owensboro and the surrounding areas, and the strength our diversity brings us. There are many different types of events and opportunities to learn about the different faiths of this area.

The list of this year's events include open houses, demonstrations, lectures, films,

and study opportunities. There will be a sacred text exhibit at the Daviess County Public Library, a stained glass tour, and a panel discussion on forgiveness at Owensboro Community and Technical College, facilitated by Dr. Court Lewis. Check the calendar for more events, or pick up a brochure at IUU.

Faith Fest opens Friday, November 8th with Jumma (Friday prayers) at the Islamic Center of Owensboro. The festi-

ties close Sunday, November 24th with a Thanksgiving Community Meal at Blessed Sacrament, followed by an Interfaith Prayer Service at IUU. Faith Fest's website can be found at: [www.uowensboro.org/faith-fest-2018.html](http://www.uowensboro.org/faith-fest-2018.html). Considering recent current events, it is important to build bonds of friendship and trust.

### FUN CLUB NOVEMBER MEET-UP

Due to all the fun events during Faith Fest, the Fun Club will not officially meet up in November, and will resume in December.

### Meditation Moment/UUA

Give All to Love  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Give all to love;  
Obey thy heart;  
Friends, kindred, days,  
Estate, good-fame,  
Plans, credit and the Muse,—  
Nothing refuse.

It will reward,—  
They shall return  
More than they were,  
And ever ascending.

'T is a brave master;  
Let it have scope:  
Follow it utterly,  
Hope beyond hope.  
It was never for the mean;  
It requireth courage stout.  
Souls above doubt,  
Valor unbending,

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

01 FRI	SPARKodc @ Audubon HQ, 12pm
02 SAT	Reiki by appt 8:30am Teen Summit @ Neblett Ctr 5pm Gamers 5-10 pm
03 SUN	Bag Lunch Leadership Council after lunch Peace Meditation 6:30pm
04 MON	NonViolent O'boro 6:30pm
05 TUE	Crochet for a Cause 5-6:30pm
07 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6pm
08 FRI	FF Jummah @ Mosque 1:30pm
09 SAT	FF Keynote Workshop @ Unity Fellowship 10:30am AIDS WALK @ KWC 2 pm
10 SUN	Board Mtg 9am Bag Lunch FF Faith Home Tour 1:30-4pm FF Peace Meditation 6:30pm
11 MON	FF Interfaith Panel @ OCTC 11am
13 WED	FF Parish Mssn@St. Stphn 6:30pm
14 THU	FF Hindu Temple Visit Leave IUU @ 5pm Yoga & Meditation 6pm
15 FRI	FF Torah Study @ Syng 6:30pm
16 SAT	FF Sacred Text Ebt @ DCPL 12pm
17 SUN	Lunch Out FF Stained Glass Tour 1:30- 4pm FF Peace Meditation 6:30pm
18 MON	FF NVO Film @ IUU 12-1pm
19 TUE	FF NVO Film @ IUU 12-2 pm Crochet for a Cause 5-6:30 pm
20 WED	FF Drum Circle @ IUU 6:30pm
21 THU	ODCMA @ Health Park 9 am FF Labyrinth @ Brescia 11 am-3pm Fairness Cltn @ Moore Ctr 6pm Yoga & Meditation 6pm
22 FRI	FF Baha'i Presentation IUU 6:30 pm
24 SUN	FF Thnksvg Meal @ Blessed Sac 12pm Thanksgiving Service @ 2:30 pm FF Peace Meditation 6:30 pm
26 TUE	Clergy Women 12:30-2pm

## Interfaith Moment

Reprinted, with revisions

### National Day of Mourning.: A Different Perspective on Thanksgiving

Many world traditions have a harvest time celebration. In this country, when we think of this, we think of Thanksgiving and Pilgrims and American Indians sitting down to feast together so many centuries ago. Unfortunately, this tale leaves out the truth of a sad and violent history. This is why many Native Americans choose to hold a National Day of Mourning on the Federal holiday called Thanksgiving.

In 1970, the United American Indians of New England (UAIINE) organized the first National Day of Mourning in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Every year since they have held a similar demonstration. Taken from their website:

The first official "Day of Thanksgiving" was proclaimed in 1637 by Governor Winthrop. He did so to celebrate the safe return of men from the Massachusetts Bay Colony who had gone to Mystic, Connecticut to participate in the massacre of over 700 Pequot women, children, and men.

This National Day of Mourning has been written about many times, and one of the best articles came from The Huffington Post in 2015, titled "Why Thanksgiving Is A 'National Day Of Mourning' For Some Americans." In it Mahtowin Munro, a co-leader of United American Indians of New England, is quoted as saying,:

There's nothing wrong with having a meal with friends and family...the real underlying issue is the mythology; there's a view that we're this big melting pot country, or there's a view that the Natives and the Pilgrims lived happily ever after.

It should be noted that the term American Indians includes many tribes with members of many faith traditions. They are not one homogenous group. However, this year as we sit down to our Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service in our journey to be inclusive, it is important to remember what Thanksgiving means for so many Americans. For more information, go to: [www.uaine.org](http://www.uaine.org).

## COMING UP THIS MONTH:

### Events at IUU

We will be hosting several special events at IUU this Faith Fest. Please come check them out and also consider volunteering your time to help make sure they run smoothly.

On November 18th and 19th NonViolent Owensboro will be sponsoring a mini film festival. Monday the 18th they will be showing *The Imam and the Pastor*, and Tues-

day the 19th will be *Divided We Fall*. These events are free of charge, and start at 12 noon each day.

Thursday, November 20th there will be a drum circle on at IUU, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own drum, if you have one. No musical talent required.

November 22nd we will be hosting the Baha'i community

for a demonstration of their faith tradition.

Finally, we will have the honor of closing Faith Fest with an Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service. This will be held Sunday, November 24th, at 2:30 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the HELP office.

### New! Crochet for a Cause - Contributed by Rachel Smith

"Crochet for a cause" beginning on Tuesday, 5 Nov, from 5-6:30 pm.

We will gather every on the first and third Tuesdays of the month to create warm items for the local community that are in need. We will start with hats and scarves and go from there. Not only would I like to see these items go to Oasis, the Patino shelter, and the HELP Office, but also directly to cold people on the street. Once a month we will vote on an

agreeable day towards the end of each month, and distribute that month's finished projects directly into the hands of those who need them.

Other projects of interest could be hats for NICU babies, and warm items to take to public schools and ask the teachers to help distribute them to the right students. Blankets and shawls for elderly etc. Really - all ideas are welcome and this will evolve

as more input is received from those interested. Accepting donations of yarn, hats, scarves, socks, and toiletries.

If you don't know how to crochet, I can teach you, Rachel

### LAST MONTH'S CORNER

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UUA Discussion



Coming Out Day 2019