

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



## December Events

This month we have several events for the holiday season. On Sunday, December 08, we will be holding our annual Tree Decorating service. December 14 is the Bizarre Bazaar, see last page. Our annual Soup and Stuff event will be held December 22. During one of the Sundays prior, you will be given a card with an ingredient to bring to Soup and Stuff. Please bring only what is on your card. Sunday, December 24, we are holding our Candlelight Christmas Service at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to these celebrations, we are also holding two Christmas collections. We are collecting socks, gloves, and hats of all sizes and genders for the Salvation Army. This collection is due by Sunday, December 15. We are also collecting men's socks, gloves, and hats for St. Benedict's Shelter. This collection is due by Sunday, December 22. If you have items to donate for either of these collections, just bring them with you to church.

### 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 SUN	Bag Lunch
02 MON	NonVlt O'boro 6:30pm
03 TUE	Crochet for a Cause 5pm
05 THU	ODCMA Dinner @OHRH5:30 pm Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
07 SAT	Reiki by appt 8:30 am Tree Set-Up 2 pm
08 SUN	Board Mtg 9am Tree Decorating Service Bag Lunch
12 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6pm
15 SUN	Lunch Out
17 TUE	Crochet for a Cause 5pm
19 THU	Fairness Coal. @Moore Ctr 6pm Yoga & Meditation 6pm
22 SUN	Soup & Stuff after service
24 TUE	Christmas Eve Candlelight Srv 7pm
29 SUN	Bag Lunch

### Claudia's Travel Plans:

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

## Interfaith Moment

Chanukah, December 23-30

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 2019 to 2020. 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.

**COMING UP THIS MONTH:**

## Bizarre Bazaar

Saturday, December 14, we will be having our annual BizBaz, from 9 am to 3 pm. This is a holiday art fair, open to local artisans. Come support local craftspeople and artists and get your holiday shopping done.

If you would like a booth (\$35), please see Linda Craig. If you would like to help set up, be at the sanctuary at 8:30 am.

**Last Month's Corner:**



**Festival of Faith**



**Walking the Labyrinth**



**FaithFest Drum Circle 2019**