

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



FELLOWSHIP AND LEARNING

This month has quite a few opportunities for fellowship with our Christian neighbors. The Owensboro Daviess County Ministerial Association has put together a Community Lenten Series that will take place on Wednesdays during Lent. This series runs from February 14 to March 21. Century Christian Church is hosting a Worship and Learning Series on Sunday evenings during February, starting the 4th.

The Community Lenten Series is titled, "The Way of Resistance." It features guest preachers at rotating locations. Each service is preceded by a meal. While there is no cost, a donation of \$5 is suggested. Money raised will be donated to Working Hands. If you are interested in attending one or all of these services, see the Announcement Board for the flyer.

Century Christian Church's Worship and Learning Series is titled,

"Discover the Disciples." Each night is organized into worship, followed by fellowship, and ending with the Learning Series portion of the evening. The worship service features different guest musicians each Sunday. For more information, see the Announcement Board for their flyer.

Meditation Moment/UUA

Excerpt from "Meditation on Broken Hearts"

By Thomas Rhodes

None of us has an unblemished heart, not one.
For such perfection can be found only in death,
and we who are alive still have much to heal.

So let us give thanks for the broken places in our hearts,
and in our lives.
For it is only through such brokenness that we may truly

touch one another
and only through touching
one another that the world
may be healed.

Let us give then thanks for
the brokenness that we
share.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

01 THU	VOAD@Heritage Bapt 6 pm
03 SAT	Kiwanis Chili Supper @ Boys/ Girls Club 6-8 pm (Benefitting NonViolent O'boro)
04 SUN	Worship and Learning Series @ Century Christian Church 5 pm
06 TUE	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
07 WED	Board Meeting 5:30 pm
08 THU	Vagina Monologues 8 pm
09 FRI	Vagina Monologues 8 pm
10 SAT	Reiki 8:30 am Vagina Monologues 8 pm
11 SUN	Worship and Learning Series @ Century Christian Church 5 pm
13 TUE	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
14 WED	Community Lenten Series @ Settle Memorial Noon @ First Presbyterian 5:30 pm
17 SAT	Past Lives Wkshp by Reservation
18 SUN	MLK Coffeeshop 3-5 pm Worship and Learning Series @ Century Christian Church 5 pm
20 TUE	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
21 WED	NonVlt. O'boro Steering 5 pm Community Lenten Series @ Third Baptist 5:30 pm
22 THU	ODCMA @ OHRH 9 am
25 SUN	Potluck after service Worship and Learning Series @ Century Christian Church 5 pm
27 TUE	Women Clergy 12:30-2 pm Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
28 WED	Community Lenten Series @ Century Christian 5:30 pm

Interfaith Moment

Lent

Lent is a Christian observance that lasts 40 days preceding Easter, Sundays not included in this count. It is a time of reflection that marks the withdrawal of Jesus into the wilderness. The Western Church observes the start of Lent on the 7th Wednesday before Easter, called Ash Wednesday. This year, Lent begins on February 14.

Christianity teaches that Jesus withdrew into the wilderness for forty days to prepare for his ministry. During this time, he fasted and faced temptation from Satan. Not all Christians fast the entire 40 days, but from this the tradition of the giving up of vices during Lent has arisen. In fact the traditions that have arisen from this time of reflection are many and varied, from Mardi Gras and pancake racing, to the more reverent wearing of ashes and palm processions. For more information on Lent and these traditions (including pancake racing), visit http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/lent_1.shtml.

Perhaps the most enduring message of Lent is one of hope and renewal. This can be seen in the connection between Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) and Palm Sunday (Mar. 25). Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, features the marking of an ash cross on the forehead of practitioners. It is where these ashes come from, the previous Palm Sunday, that brings a message of renewal and mirrors the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. The following excerpt from *The BBC* details this:

From Palm Sunday to Ash Wednesday

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, so when the crosses used in the Palm Sunday service are converted to ashes, the worshippers are reminded that defeat and crucifixion swiftly followed triumph.

But using the ashes to mark the cross on the believer's forehead symbolizes that through Christ's death and resurrection, all Christians can be free from sin.

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COMING UP THIS MONTH:

IUU HOSTING EVENTS THIS MONTH

This month we will be hosting the Vagina Monologues (a three day event), as well as the Martin Luther King Coffeehouse. The Vagina Monologues run from Thursday, February 8 to Saturday, February 10, at 8 pm each evening. The Martin Luther King Coffeehouse is scheduled for Sunday, February 18, from 3 to 5 pm. Please check the board for sign up sheets to help.

The Vagina Monologues is presented by V-Day Owensboro and the Foundation for Healing Through the Arts.

Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$5 with a student ID. Proceeds go to New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services, the local rape crisis center that covers a seven county area. For more information on the Foundation for Healing Through the Arts, see their Facebook page. For information on New Beginnings, visit <http://www.nbowensboro.org>.

The Martin Luther King Coffeehouse is an afternoon of liberal humor. There is a \$3 entrance fee,

and concessions will be sold to benefit the H. L. Neblett Center. This event is traditionally held in January, but was postponed this year due to inclement weather.

KIWANIS BENEFIT FOR NONVIOLENT OWENSBORO

The Kiwanis Club of Owensboro is hosting a chili cook-off on Saturday, February 3 at the Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club from 6-8 pm. The proceeds from the \$10 prepaid tickets will be benefitting NonViolent Owensboro.

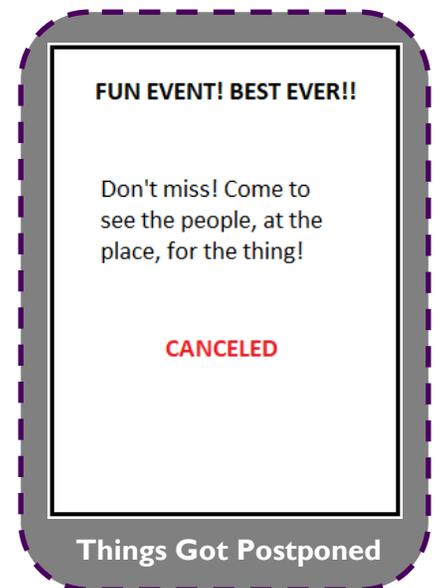
Kiwanis International is a service-minded organization with local chapters around the world. They seek

to improve the lives of children and families through community improvement projects. As of 1987 they are co-ed, and as of 2008 they are resolved to being inclusive.

If you would like to learn more about the Kiwanis Club of Owensboro or purchase tickets, see their Facebook page of the same name or call (270) 852-6519. Another option

for tickets is to speak with Peggy. To learn more about NonViolent Owensboro, visit <http://www.nonviolentowensboro.org>.

LAST MONTH'S CORNER...



Due to photographer illness and weather, we have no photos of January. The above is a detailed, accurate artist rendition of the events of last month.