

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF OWENSBORO

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



## Blessing Circle Sunday and Coming Out Day

Sunday, October 13 will be a busy day at IUU. The day will start with our annual Blessing Circle Service, which is held at the usual time.

Following this will be the Coming Out Day Picnic at 12:30 pm. This is open to members of the congregation and the wider community. If you can donate food, or would like to volunteer to cook or clean up, please check the sign-up board.

We will conclude the festivities with the Coming Out Day Service, held in the sanctuary at 2 pm.

*From Human Rights Campaign:*

Coming out - whether it is as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or allied - STILL MATTERS. When people know someone who is LGBTQ, they are far more likely to support equality under the law. Beyond that, our stories can be powerful to each other...In honor of National Coming Out Day, HRC honors all who have come out as

LGBTQ or as a straight ally for equality – that takes bravery, and we commend you...Every person who speaks up changes more hearts and minds, and creates new advocates for equality.

For more information on Coming Out Day, see <https://www.hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day>.

### Meditation Moment/UUA

#### Autumn Chant

by Edna St. Vincent Milay

Now the autumn shudders  
In the rose's root,  
Far and wide the ladders  
Lean among the fruit.

Brighter than the blossom  
On the rose's bough  
Sits the wizened orange,  
Bitter berry now;

Now the autumn clambers  
Up the trellised frame  
And the rose remembers  
The dust from which it came.

Beauty never slumbers;  
All is in her name;  
But the rose remembers  
The dust from which it came.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

03 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
05 SAT	Yard Sale 7 am Gamers 5 pm
06 SUN	BAG LUNCH Peace Meditation 6:30 pm
07 MON	NonVlt O'boro 6:30 pm
10 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm
13 SUN	Board Mtg 9 am Coming Out Day Cookout 12:30 Prayer Service 2 pm Peace Meditation 6:30 pm
17 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm Fairness Coalition @ Moore Ctr. 6 pm
18 FRI	Emotional Creature 8 pm
19 SAT	Reiki by Appt 8:30am Emotional Creature 8 pm
20 SUN	Lunch Out Emotional Creature 4 pm Peace Meditation 6:30 pm
22 TUE	Clergy Women 12:30 pm
24 THU	ODCMA @Health Park 9 am Yoga & Meditation 6 pm NonVlt O'boro Strg Cm 4:30 pm
27 SUN	Potluck Peace Meditation 6:30 pm
31 THU	Yoga & Meditation 6 pm

**Claudia's Away:**  
01 Oct. -7 Oct.

## Interfaith Moment

Samhain, Pagan Faiths, October 31-November 01

From *BBC Religions*:

Samhain has been celebrated in Britain for centuries and has its origin in Pagan Celtic traditions. It was the time of year when the veils between this world and the Otherworld were believed to be at their thinnest: when the spirits of the dead could most readily mingle with the living once again... To most modern Pagans, while death is still the central theme of the festival this does not mean it is a morbid event. For Pagans, death is not a thing to be feared. Old age is valued for its wisdom and dying is accepted as a part of life as necessary and welcome as birth... Loved ones who have recently died are remembered and their spirits often invited to join the living in the celebratory feast.

Samhain is a holiday about which there is much mystery. Historians point out that much of what is recorded about Samhain was written centuries after it had started to decline, and was written by Christians. Much of what is said about Samhain is educated guess. Here are two good blogs from *Patheos* on Samhain: <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/thewitchesnextdoor/2016/10/13-questions-about-samhain/>, and <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/panmankey/2014/10/samhain/>.

Regardless of what Samhain originally meant, it was revived over a century ago and carries deep meaning to those that observe it. It has taken on new life. Perhaps this October 31 and November 01, we can reflect on two of the lessons Samhain has to teach. The first is taking time to reflect on life, death, and remembrance of those that have passed. The second is that faiths and traditions are not stagnant; they are ever-evolving. What is important is the human quest to search for insight and to make meaning in our lives.

**LAST MONTH'S CORNER**



**Rest When the Baby Rests, 2019**



**Olympic Star Visiting Our Talent Show, 2019**



**Good Friends and Fun at the Talent Show, 2019**



**Crop Walk 2019**