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Dear Faith Leader and Friend,

Peace and All Good!

I am delighted to invite you to participate in our nineteenth annual **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, 22 November 2025 @ 2:30 pm.** It will be in the Sanctuary at 1UU (corner of Cedar & Parrish). The host is the Owensboro Interfaith Center. The Owensboro Interfaith Center was formed summer of 2020 and will be located in UUCO's basement—when we're finally able to complete renovations!

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Owensboro began this service when a small interfaith study group realized how important gratitude was to all of our Traditions. We thought we should share the intention with as many people as we could gather. We'd like you to come join us with a prayer capturing your gratitude and delight in life! The structure of the service is simple:

- We share opening and closing words
- Leaders from each represented community provide a reflection on gratitude or prayer from their Tradition and I offer a brief reflection to conclude Faith Fest
- We take up a collection of canned goods for the HELP Office
- We bless the children in the community

Would you please join us and bring a prayer or teaching from your Tradition? Don't come alone! **Please bring some of your members with you as well!**

We would ask you to use whatever source and style of prayer is most comfortable or traditional for you. For example, a Scripture reading and teaching, a heart prayer, an excerpt from your denomination's founder or spiritual master, or your own personal insights on thanksgiving would all be appropriate. Please pray with us as you would in your own assembly but know that not all of those who are present will be familiar with your style or sources. We ask that each representative or minister take no more than 3-5 minutes for his or her reflection or teaching.

This year's service will be the conclusion of Owensboro's Sixteenth Faith Fest, a series of events celebrating the religious diversity of our area beginning on 6 November. But it is the nineteenth Thanksgiving we've shared together. If you are unable to assist in this service, would you designate someone to represent your Tradition so we won't miss out?

Please RSVP by noon on 20 November if you or a representative will be able to participate so that we might list you on the program. We are grateful for your ministry to the religious community of Owensboro and your presence with us is always an honor.

Thank you,
Claudia

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