

VIGIL FOR PEACE Monday's Noon-1pm Corner MLK Jr. & Doty St. Madison City-County Bldg. WK 1597 7.30.2018 **JOIN US!**

As August 6 approaches we call your attention to commemorating events of the Atomic bombings of Hiroshima, August 6 and Nagasaki, August 9, 1945. Next week we'll address events locally here in Madison. Please see over for Fr. Jim Murphy's letter.

Lanterns for Peace 2018 - Governor Dodge State Park

Dear Reader, Following is an announcement from the Iowa County Citizens for Peace and Justice:

We are announcing the Lanterns for Peace memorial event, Saturday, August 4, 2018, At Twin Valley Lake in Governor Dodge State Park, Southwest, WI. Please plan to join us for this celebration of "Building Community With Kindness and Joy".

Professional singer, composer and guitarist, Rich Baumann will share his songs for both children and adults. For decades he has been delighting audiences around the country with his music so full of hope and courage.

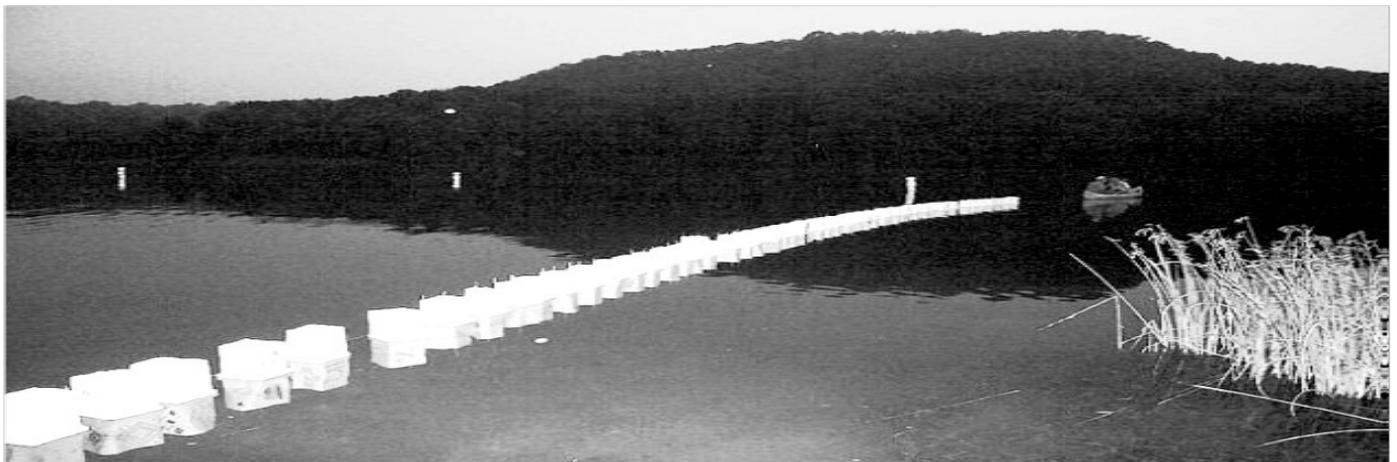
Events begin at 6:30 p.m. with lantern making, music, stories, children's skits and discussions. The unforgettable floating of the lanterns is at dusk on Twin Valley Lake – Governor Dodge State Park. Please bring finger-food to share. A day pass or park sticker will be required. Sponsored by Iowa County Citizens for Peace and Justice.

For more information contact Jane Hammatt Kavaloski: jhkavaloski@gmail.com

This year at the "Lanterns for Peace" event, Father Jim Murphy, one of the members of Grassroots Citizens for Peace and Justice, will be recognized for his decision to commit nonviolent civil disobedience by entering Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska on August 6. In the case of a nuclear war, Offutt AFB would be an epicenter for launching nuclear weapons. A consequence of Father Jim's action could be a prison sentence.

As Father Jim enters the base, he would like to carry letters from hundreds of people stating their objection to the world-wide possession of nuclear weapons. Please see over for the attached letter from Father Jim. Then consider writing an email or letter demanding that the US join the global movement for nuclear disarmament. Please encourage family and friends to do the same. Emails are to be sent to ; and letters, to Father Jim Murphy, P.O. Box 306, Highland, Wisconsin 53543. These messages will need to arrive by August 1, 2018. In addition, you can send copies of these emails/letters to your Congressional Representatives. We hope that you will support Father Jim's witness against nuclear war! Please share this message far and wide! Many thanks!

Contact for more info: <http://wnpj.org/node/10991> or contact Jane Hammatt Kavaloski (jhkavaloski@gmail.com (<mailto:jhkavaloski@gmail.com>) (See over.)



Father Jim Murphy addressing Col. Michael Manion or STRATCOM Commander General John Hyten:

“Three months before I was ordained, Pope John Paul II visited Japan and the site of the first use of a nuclear bomb. In his talk he repeatedly said: “To remember the past is to commit oneself to the future.” Thirty seven years later, our and thus the church’s commitment to the future may seem unclear.

Since the 1980’s I’ve made many trips to Offutt AFB near Omaha. Thanks to the leadership of the Des Moines Catholic Worker, many of us remembered the presence of nuclear weapons and reflected, prayed, studied, witnessed, and sometimes crossed the line. The evil of nuclear weapons was not tens of thousands of miles away as if nuclear destruction unknown is no threat to our future.

In recent months, with the development of long range missiles by North Korea, people in the US seemed to have just a passing thought that nuclear weapons may be a threat to us. There seems to be no connection that US subs, planes and missiles, carrying nuclear weapons, are a constant threat to most other people on the face of the earth at any moment.

Last summer the UN gathered the nations of the world to support a treaty to ban nuclear weapons. As the nuclear powers refused to participate, there was little coverage of the 122 to 1 vote of nations to join the treaty to ban nuclear weapons. In November, Pope Francis addressed an international symposium on a world free of nuclear weapons. He said: “if we take into account the risk of an accidental detonation as a result of error of any kind, the threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to be firmly condemned.”

NOW IS THE TIME for me to make the walk up the inclined drive at Offutt AFB and say that my spiritual leader has condemned the work of nuclear war planning. After decades of statements from the church about the evil of the use of nuclear weapons and the loopholes of working toward disarmament, I can now be a local moral agent to communicate the condemnation of the existence of all nuclear weapons.

I invite you to join me at the entrance to Offutt AFB, Kinney Gate at 11:00 am August 6. Come and pray and reflect and announce that nuclear weapons are evil and need to be condemned. Bring or send me a letter/email to Col. Michael Manion or STRATCOM commander Gen John Hyten and I will attempt to deliver these letters.”

Feel free to contact me for further details: jimmurphy@centurylink.net or, 608-617-7379



We have reached “the limit” with nuclear arms, says Pope Francis, and must “go back”.

