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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Services are held Sunday morning at 10:30am at the Congregation Building. Visitors are welcome. Religious education and child care are provided for children of all ages.

April 1:

Foolish Moments that Led to Spiritual Growth by Rev. Martin Woulfe

On this April Fool's Day, Rev. Woulfe will share some of those foolish missteps and foibles that advanced him further along the path of spiritual growth, albeit grudgingly. (*This is a "Change for Change" Sunday*)

April 8:

The Transient & Permanent in Christianity Today by Rev. Martin Woulfe

Unitarian minister Theodore Parker created a theological tempest back in 1842 when he preached "The Transient and Permanent in Christianity" which challenged the prevailing orthodox understanding of Jesus and his meaning. On this Easter Sunday, Rev. Woulfe will revisit Parker's sermon and discuss the continuing relevance of Jesus.

April 15:

Personal Remembrances by Eva C. Muller, PhD

A clinical psychologist at Professional Counseling Office and director of Springfield's first and foremost mindfulness-based stress reduction clinic, Dr. Muller is a child of two Holocaust survivors. She will share her reflections, memories, wisdom and inspiration from her personal remembrances of this experience.

April 22:

Apres Nous, Le Deluge? by Rev. Martin Woulfe

As we celebrate Earth Day, let us consider the possible impacts of climate change in the coming decades and the challenge of a religious response to those scenarios.

April 29:

Michael Norman, guest speaker

Participate in the Beltane themes of love, creativity, fertility and fire as the members of Prairie Wind CUUPS lead us in the observation of this ancient festival. Let us celebrate together the End of Winter and the Beginning of Summer with music, dance and song.

May 6:

Why I am an Agnostic by Rev. Martin Woulfe

In this sermon, Rev. Woulfe will define what agnosticism is and is not, as well as share his insights into the Divine, Nature and human nature.

Join your friends in festive
song in the sanctuary
before the Sunday
morning services at
10:20am.

This is a great opportunity
to sing familiar songs &
learn new ones.

From the Minister. . .

Earlier this week, I checked my e-mail account only to discover that all my correspondence -- four years worth -- had evaporated into cyberspace. "Cache deleted," the monitor cheerlessly informed me. I was flabbergasted, to say the least.

After my temper subsided, I was left to ponder the significance of loss in one's life. This example was meager, say, relative to the destruction of the library at Alexandria. I was likewise reminded of the example of Mircea Eliade, who kept an office at Meadville/Lombard (Eliade authored several classics, including The Myth of the Eternal Return and The Sacred & the Profane.) Eliade died not long after a fire gutted his office, incinerating various unpublished manuscripts which he had been laboring on. School folklore posits that he simply lost the will to live. On a brighter note, I also recalled the story I read of an English parson whose house and library were destroyed by the Luftwaffe during WWII; as he surveyed the total material ruin, he allegedly exclaimed: "Free at last!"

These helped me place my own loss in perspective. I suppose it helps that I have experienced computers crash before; the most memorable occurred while I was in seminary and effaced years of work, on the eve of turning in a major assignment.

Change, they say, is a constant in life. How we cope with those changes (losses) are a consequence of our past and a compass for the future.

Outside, spring is in the air. Nature and religion, of course, define this season as one of loss *and* renewal/resurrection. Passover, Easter and Ostara are three expressions of these themes. Each offers its own wisdom concerning the transitions of life as well as offering hope for the day to come. Much wisdom is there.

I do not know if the computer gods will smile & permit me to retrieve that which was lost. Time will tell. In the meanwhile, I think it's time to make another backup.

~ *Martin*

From the Board President. . .

The toilet crisis is resolved! You may have noticed there was a problem with our plumbing. First we thought it was caused by the high water table, and then we discovered one of the drains in the septic field was plugged. A visit from professionals took care of it and our stuff is flowing again.

When I say "we," I really mean Kurt Dewese and Jack Kriel. Being Board President this year has reminded me that things just seem to happen as good people see something that needs doing and do it. No fanfare, no credit taking -- they just do it. I'm still not completely clear where the coffee comes from every Sunday morning. And who started the Small Group Ministries? And the 2nd Chance Prom? And the pre-service singing? And Sunday programs in the hymnals? And, and, and . . .

It gives me hope for the world knowing that there's still personal satisfaction in doing good for its own sake. I know I get a little zing when I pick up that candy bar wrapper in the grocery store parking lot and put it in the trash. And thank goodness some of that happens in our congregation -- I know the Board President wouldn't survive without it.

~ *Jim Redlich*

From the Coordinator of Religious Education. . .

May I tell you how much goes on back in the RE area every Sunday morning? It occurs to me that even having been connected with the RE department here at ALUUC for 6 years now, there are new levels of wonder revealed to me all the time!

Let's start with the 7th, 8th, & 9th grade program, Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.). John and Carley Mattimore-Malan corral a group of wild and wooly teens and preteens for an extensive exploration into the area of human sexuality. This curriculum helps kids understand sexuality in a holistic manner spanning topics such as sexual identity, body image, the spiritual aspects of an intimate relationship, as well as the nuts and bolts of physical development, contraception, and sexually transmitted disease. You all would be amazed at the professional level of training our young kids are receiving.

Our littlest learners are fortunate to have Dr. Jane Joost as a warm and lively preschool teacher each week. She and an assistant juggle anywhere from 8 – 16 preschool and kindergarten children in any given week! They use a picture schedule that leads them through an opening poem, an offering to support animal welfare, story time, crafts, & a snack.

If I had more space, I'd tell you all about the children's worship service presented by CUUPS to honor the coming of Spring – as you would imagine, there were seedlings planted, eggs hunted, and even a trip from the Underworld back up to the world above through a tunnel like Persephone!

Having mentioned only three aspects of our wonderful program, you must only imagine what other fabulous things are happening. Please see our bulletin board about other exciting developments this season. Let's keep ourselves updated and aware about all the work that is being done on behalf of children at ALUUC.

~ *Meg Schnake*

New to UU Class

Now that you've found us, are you thinking about joining? Do you want to know more about Unitarian Universalism and what it means to become a member? If so, then this orientation is for you. Rev. Martin Woulfe will conduct a class that will present the fundamentals of liberal religion and the history of this congregation. The class will meet on Tuesdays, April 17 & 24 from 7:00 to 9:30pm at ALUUC. Please let us know if you will need child care. The sign up sheet is on Rev. Woulfe's office door. If you cannot meet on these dates, contact Rev. Woulfe at 585-9550 or email minister@aluu.org.

Lay Officiant Policy Proposal

The ALUUC Committee on Ministry has presented to the Board its proposed Lay Officiant Policy for the Board's consideration and adoption. Consistent with the authorizing motion passed at last year's annual meeting, the proposed policy is now available to the congregation for its consideration. The proposed policy is available from the ALUUC web site (www.aluuc.org); posted on the Congregation bulletin board; and individual copies can be requested from Board President Jim Redlich. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns in regard to the proposed policy, please contact any Board member and/or Board President Jim Redlich.

Groups & Other Events. . .

Book Discussion Group

BookGroup@aluuc.org

Join us on April 24 at 7:30pm at Alice Kaige's home to discuss "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards. Future selections include "Cold Sassy Tree" by Olive Ann Burns, "Slow Man" by J. J. Coetzee, and "Spectator Bird" by Wallace Stegner

Bridge Group

The Bridge Group meets at the church on the second Friday of every month at 7:00pm. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact Chris Romaine.

Buddhist Meditation Groups

The Thursday Night Meditation Group meets every Thursday night from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. For more information, please contact Debby Hagan at meditation@aluuc.org.

The Sangamon Zen Meditation Group sits most Saturday mornings at the ALUUC from 9:30am to 11:30am. Please check the website calendar for dates.

Build Your Own Theology Group

BYOTG@aluuc.org

Join us April 16 at 7:00pm at the ALUUC. Lori and Henry Farrington will present "The Secret", which is a movie that was created by Australian Rhonda Byrne. It has been featured on national television shows like Oprah, Larry King Live, The Today Show, and Good Morning America. Some of today's greatest teachers are presented and share this special wisdom that has been known by so few. They include some of the world's leaders in the fields of business, economics, medicine, psychology, history, theology and science. Join us to hear some amazing real life stories and testimonials of regular people who have changed their lives in profound ways.

Christian Interest Group

ChristianInterestGroup@aluuc.org

Join us on April 23 at 7:30pm at the ALUUC. We will watch the half-hour video presentation, "What Did Jesus Believe About God", that was originally scheduled for February. The video, featuring liberal Roman Catholic scholar Dr. John Dominic Crossan and liberal Jewish scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, will be followed by general discussion, and later by an optional Communion Service.

Labyrinth Walk

This month's walk will be on Friday, April 27 from 7:00 to 9:30pm. Questions regarding the Labyrinth Walk can be directed to Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Movie Night

Sunday, April 29 at 6:00pm at Rev. Martin Woulfe's home. They will be watching The Pursuit of Happyness. Contact Rev. Woulfe for more information or for directions.

News Covenant Group

NewsGroup@aluuc.org

Join us on April 5 at 7:30pm at Linda and Frank Kopecky's home. Contact Frank or Linda if you have any questions.

The Occasional Choir

Choir practice is held on various Sundays. Please check the online calendar for those dates. For more information about the choir, please contact Jim Redlich or Bonnie Ettinger.

Prairie Wind CUUPS Chapter

www.prairiewindcuups.org

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans is an eclectic Earth-centered group. We host several rituals throughout the year. Check out the CUUPS bulletin board (located by the water fountain) for more details.

Please join us on Saturday, April 28th at 7:00pm at the ALUUC, as we celebrate Beltane. Join us as we celebrate the fertility of the Earth made possible by the warmth of the Sun.

Please bring a snack to share after the ritual, this helps us to ground and return to the ordinary mundane world in which we live.

Child Care is available and a \$3.00 donation is suggested to help with the costs of providing childcare and any ritual expenses that occur.

Don't forget about Committee Night!
Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00pm
at the ALUUC

~ Date of Annual Meeting Changed ~

Due to scheduling conflicts, the ALUUC Board has reset the date of the Annual Meeting. The ALUUC 2007 Annual meeting will be held at 12 noon, on Sunday, June 17, 2007, at the Congregation building. The previously announced date (June 10, 2007) is now cancelled and replaced with June 17, 2007.

**NOMINATIONS FOR JUNE 2007
ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION**

The Nominating Committee is already in the process of preparing a slate of candidates for the election at the ALUUC Annual Meeting this June. If you would like to run for office, to suggest candidates, or have questions about these offices or the process, please contact a Nominating Committee member- Debby Hagan, Berkley Moore, John Malan, or Roger Powers.

Offices to be filled are:

- The four Board Officers for one-year terms.
- Three of the six Board Directors for two-year terms.
- Two of the four Nominating Committee members for two-year terms.

No Endowment Trustees are elected in odd-numbered years. The six Committee on Ministry members are not elected, but two are appointed to three-year terms each year, with both board and ministerial approval, and appointments are announced at the Annual Meeting.

Berkley Moore, Nominating Committee Chairperson

*** From the Fellowship Committee ***

Congregational Potluck

April 15th

Come join us, immediately after the Sunday service, for some great food and lots of good conversation.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

Mark your calendars and get ready to have some fun following Sunday service on April 22nd! Let's all celebrate the wonderful arrival of Spring and what better way to celebrate than to have an old-fashioned weenie roast and kite flying on Earth Day! The Fellowship Committee will provide the hot dogs (vegetarian hot dogs too), hot dog buns, condiments and stuff to make s'mores and you can bring an additional picnic-type dish or food (chips, potato salad, baked beans, salad, etc). This promises to be a fun event for all ages! Hope to see you all there.

Linda Haynes, Fellowship Committee Chair

~ Social Action Fundraising ~

Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate will be back soon! Might be back already by the time you read this in fact. We went to a different process for paying and it caused some disruption in the supply chain, but we're back in business now.

Please don't forget to order Scrip. Scrip is just like a gift certificate, only the church gets the gift! If you buy \$100 of scrip, you can use it to purchase \$100 of stuff, there is no additional cost to you at all. The church gets a percentage of that amount because you are paying in advance and the stores offer discounts when you do that. The discount gets passed along to the church, ranging from 2% at most grocery stores up to 20% or more at restaurants. Please see Jack Kriel or John Malan after the service for details.

Reminder: half of the money raised by Social Action goes directly to the church's general fund, the other half goes to the community in the church's name.

It Is Pledge Time Again!

Let us look at the basics. Everyone reading this knows our church depends on money. We all know that our major source of income is from member pledges. All our fund raising efforts add to the pot, but our pledges and regular contributions keep the church, our community, alive.

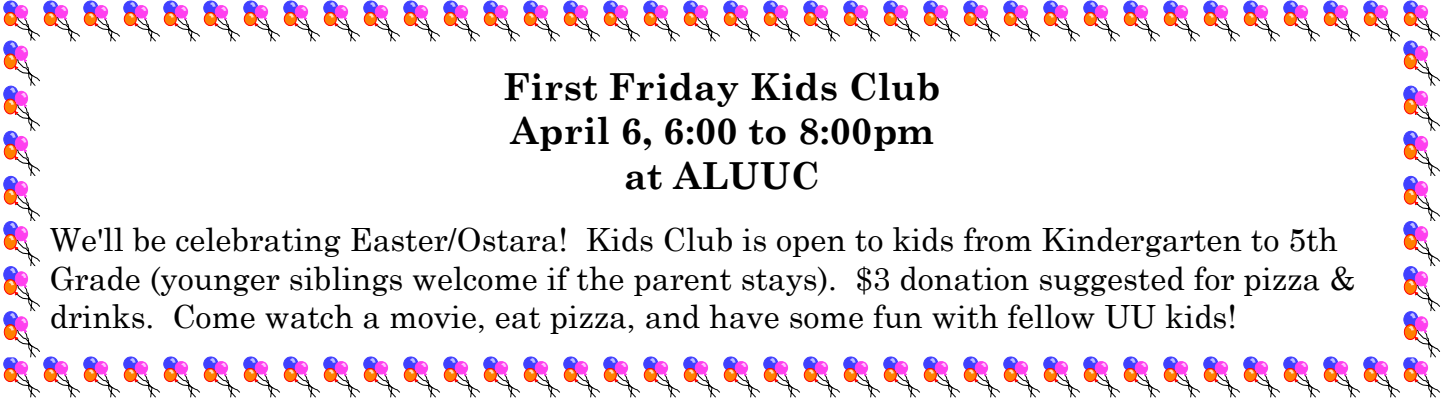
UUs often are challenged when it comes to talking about money and how much should be contributed. It may seem a bit unsuitable to have monetary expectations of people but no doctrinal expectations. We do not have one guide for giving. (Whoever first came up with the idea of tithing no doubt had a low mortgage, minimal vehicle expense, very little insurance cost, and no kids in school.) Perhaps we should get "guides to giving" out of the way early. Some suggest a sliding scale between 1% and 5% of your gross annual income. (Higher income levels can tolerate higher percentage of giving.) I have heard of a UU who gives one Social Security check a year to the church (that is about 8% of annual income). Some give the proceeds of one special event (trip to Vegas, production of an art piece, sale of a cow, etc.). Most give on a weekly or monthly basis. As much as the Board would like to have one cow a year from each of you, please consider the less messy alternative of a check each week or month.

One potential guide is to hook your weekly giving to your monthly take-home pay. For example, consider one percent of your monthly take-home. (Easy to calculate!) Write a check each week for that amount and put it in the plate. For your annual pledge, multiply that weekly amount by 35 or 40—hey, you are a UU; you cannot be expected to come to church every Sunday! As an example—you take home \$1,000 a month. Put \$10 in the plate each Sunday you are in church. Over the course of 40 weeks, you have contributed \$400. If you make \$10,000 a month, then put \$100 in the plate each Sunday. Think of that as a base. If you have extreme financial hardships, cut that amount to three-quarters or even half. If you have an especially strong connection with the church, give one and a half or twice your calculated amount. If you feel this church has saved your life, or is crucial to your metaphysical existence, then give more.

During the next few weeks, we will conduct our pledge drive. We hope to make this as painless as possible. Please think about your pledge for the coming year. Keep it realistic—we would rather have a smaller pledge that is met than a larger pledge that falls short at the end of the year.

Our ideal is to have everyone turn in pledge cards during a Sunday service in April. The more people that pledge early, the fewer we will have to track down. You may be asked to be a canvasser for a few people. We will have some canvassing help for you—thoughts, suggestions, visiting guidelines, etc.

If you have any thoughts about the pledge drive, want to volunteer, or have questions about realistic amounts of what your pledge should be, please contact our pledge chair Michael Plog. You know the need. You know the solution. You know your capabilities. Let's Do It!



First Friday Kids Club
April 6, 6:00 to 8:00pm
at ALUUC

We'll be celebrating Easter/Ostara! Kids Club is open to kids from Kindergarten to 5th Grade (younger siblings welcome if the parent stays). \$3 donation suggested for pizza & drinks. Come watch a movie, eat pizza, and have some fun with fellow UU kids!

Unitarian Universalism Service Committee (UUSC)

Drumbeat for Darfur

On March 25, 2007, our congregation participated in Justice Sunday. For more information and to join the Drumbeat for Darfur, visit www.uusc.org/drumbeatfordarfur. Raise the decibel level of voices urging the Bush administration and Congress to make ending the genocide one of their highest priorities. Take action to: (1) Protect civilians - especially women - from the ongoing violence; (2) Promote a just and peaceful resolution to the conflict and (2) Hold perpetrators of the genocide accountable for crimes against humanity. Visit www.uusc.org today for an action alert demanding full implementation of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act.

UUSC Holiday Card Design Contest

Put your creative spirit to work designing a new UUSC holiday card for the 2007 holiday season! Thousands support UUSC's important work while sending good wishes to their friends and family through UUSC's holiday cards. Our design contest ensures that each card is an original creation. Submissions must be received on or before April 27, 2007. Mail submissions to: UUSC Holiday Card Contest, 130 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. E-mail submissions to: volunteerservices@uusc.org. You can now purchase last season's cards at a discounted rate, before they're all gone! For more information, visit www.uusc.org/holidaycards.

Rights in Humanitarian Crises: Gulf Coast Response

Work continues in the Gulf Coast in response to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The volunteer program pioneered through the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, La., is transitioning to a joint UUSC-UUA program that will offer congregations nationwide the opportunity to go to the Gulf Coast region and work with community partners, show solidarity with the people there, and understand how a natural disaster became a social disaster. Read about the volunteer program on the UUSC website, www.uusc.org/katrina

Become a Human Rights Defender

To receive the electronic newsletter, UUSC eWire and action alerts, sign up at www.uusc.org

More about UUSC

We're counting on your membership!

Become a UUSC member today for \$40 (or \$20 for seniors, and just \$10 for students and youth). Especially in these critical times, the Service Committee depends on the support of individuals like you to continue to protect human rights here in the United States and around the world. Gifts of \$75 or more from a family or individual will be doubled through a matching grant.

To learn more about UUSC membership or to make a donation today, visit www.uusc.org/info/membership.html or contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, UUSC Local Rep at UUSC@aluuc.org

Prairie Wind CUUPS presents... Paganism 101

Come join us in discovering Earth-based spiritualities and personal beliefs in an 8 week adult education course, "Exploring Paganism." The class will feature a mix of lecture, discussion, journaling, guided meditations and other activities. Topics covered will include the earth-centered sacred year, Pagan perceptions of the Divine and attitudes toward belief, Pagan holidays and worship styles, the concept of a living, conscious, interdependent universe, what magick is and how it works, and Pagan viewpoints on ethics. The course will be taught by Brenda Wade and Buffy Lael. This class will meet every Friday from April 13th through June 1st at 6:00pm at ALUUC. The book *Paganism: An Introduction to Earth Centered Religions*, by Joyce & River Higginbotham, will be used as the text with the course. Participants can purchase the book at a reasonable price via amazon.com or through Barnes and Noble. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the CUUPS bulletin board next to the bathrooms.

Women's Weekend

We women pour ourselves out like water, giving ourselves to our families, partners, communities and careers. Now it's time to drink deep from the eternal well where Spirit dwells and be renewed in body, mind and spirit. Join us for relaxation, socializing, learning, meditating, crafts, music and more. For over 20 years, Eliot Unitarian Chapel of Kirkwood (St. Louis), MO sponsors a Women's Retreat where women relax and find community among other UU women and friends. We call it Women's Weekend! You have a choice to spend one night or stay just for the day. Women's Weekend is a great time to relax, participate in exciting workshops, meet new people and more.

Register on-line until April 8th at www.eliotchapel.org/WW.

Contact Carolyn Burke or stop in the church office to get a copy of the Registration Form.

Exchange Students

CETUSA is a non-profit student exchange organization. We have many wonderful students who wish to study in the States this coming academic semester and/or year. Students come with their own spending money and medical insurance. We have students from Germany, Indonesia, Korea and Mexico, as well as one student from Hong Kong! We have both male and female students.

Students come as teens, a time when they are most open-minded and when they are determining the standards by which they will live out their adult lives. We can make a difference! Please consider helping us as we endeavor to enlighten the world one child at a time. Call Amanda Mueller today!

April 2007

* Event not held at the ALUUC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1	2	3 Board Meeting 7:00pm	4	5 Meditation 7:00pm * News Group 7:30pm	6 First Friday Kids Club 6:00 to 8:00pm	7 Zen Meditation 9:30am
8 Worship Service 10:30am	9	10	11	12 Meditation 7:00pm	13 CUUPS Paganism 101 6:00pm	14 Zen Meditation 9:30am
15 Worship Service 10:30am Congregational Potluck following service	16 Build Your Own Theology Group 7:00pm	17 Committee Night 7:00pm New to UU Class 7:00pm	18	19 Meditation 7:00pm	20 CUUPS Paganism 101 6:00pm	21 Zen Meditation 9:30am Prairie Grapevine 7:30pm
22 Worship Service 10:30am CUUPS Meeting 12 Noon Earth Day Celebration	23 Christian Interest Group 7.00pm	24 * Book Group 7:30pm New to UU Class 7:00pm	25	26 Meditation 7:00pm	27 CUUPS Paganism 101 6:00pm Labyrinth Walk 7:00 to 9:30pm	28 CUUPS Beltane Ritual 7:00pm
29 Worship Service 10:30am * Movie Night 6:00pm	30					

Dates & Times subject to change. Please check the website calendar for any changes/updates.

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Scott Wade
Newsletter Editor

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Submission for Announcements and Coming Events should be submitted electronically to office@aluuc.org by Thursday at 12:00 noon.

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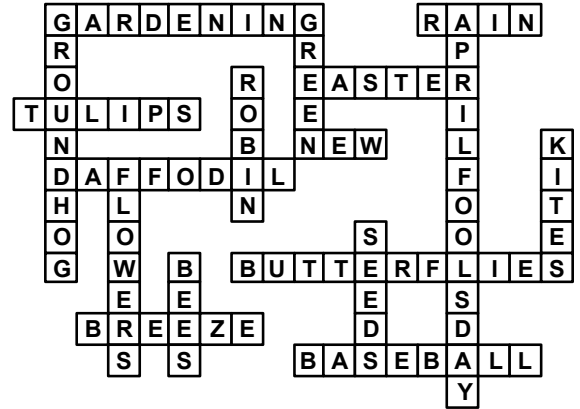
*** Reminder ***

Please remember when participating in meetings held in the RE classrooms to clean up afterwards. We want our youth and our volunteer teachers to know that we value their efforts by respecting their space. Thank you!

The Fun Page

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Solution to March's Puzzle



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This Month Back In . . .

- 1204 - Crusaders occupy Constantinople
- 1513 - Florida discovered, claimed for Spain by Ponce de Leon
- 1748 - Ruins of Pompeii found
- 1792 - Congress establishes Philadelphia mint
- 1827 - Joseph Dixon begins manufacturing lead pencils
- 1836 - Congress forms Territory of Wisconsin
- 1841 - Edgar Allen Poe's "Murders in the Rue Morgue," published
- 1859 - Charles Dickens' "A Tale Of Two Cities" published
- 1865 - Pres Abraham Lincoln shot in Ford's Theater by John Wilkes Booth
- 1877 - 1st telephone installed: Boston-Somerville, Mass
- 1892 - General Electric Company, forms & is incorporated in NY
- 1891 - London-Paris telephone connection opens
- 1902 - JC Penney opens his 1st store, in Kemmerer, Wy
- 1912 - Titanic sinks at 2:27 AM off Newfoundland
- 1921 - Iowa imposed 1st state cigarette tax
- 1931 - Spain becomes republic with overthrow of King Alfonso XIII
- 1946 - 400,000 US mine workers strike
- 1952 - Big Bang theory proposed in Physical Review by Alpher, Bethe & Gamow
- 1962 - US national debt above \$300,000,000,000
- 1970 - Apollo 13 announces "Houston, we've got a problem!" as Beech-built oxygen tank explodes en route to Moon
- 1981 - 1st Space Shuttle-Columbia 1-returns to Earth
- 1991 - Warsaw Pact officially dissolves

Race and Class Initiative at ALUUC Upcoming Activities

April 15 at 9:30am at ALUUC: Jan Droegkamp is attending a UUSC work camp in Biloxi, Mississippi for her spring break in March. She will share her experiences with Katrina Relief activities according to UU social justice principles. Join her before our regular service. For more information contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant.

May 6 at 12:15pm at ALUUC: After the May potluck there will be a showing of the nationally known video "Tale of O." In an office setting what is it like to be an o among lots of x's? What is the experience of people of difference? Leroy Jordan, a friend of ALUUC and long time educator and activist, will facilitate a discussion of the video to explore people of difference-the x's and the o's. Contact Jan Droegkamp.

