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Abraham Lincoln
Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Office Hours:
Monday & Friday
11:00am to 2:30pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
11:00am to 5:00pm

Worship Services are held Sunday mornings at 10:30am. Religious education and child care are provided for children of all ages.

August 3

"Stories from Hiroshima"

As told by Yosh Golden. There will also be moments of silence to remember the 1908 race riot victims and to hope for an end to racism in Springfield. (This is a "Change for Change" Sunday)

August 10

"Restorative Justice"

Frank Kopecky will invite us to learn about a relatively new concept in law, Restorative Justice. Frank is a Professor Emeritus in Legal Studies at UIS, with a specialty in constitutional law. He has not only taught a generation of students at UIS, but has also served in positions as diverse as Chief Legal Counsel to the Dept. of Children and Family Services and legal studies researcher/expert for Voices for Illinois Children.

August 17

"From Instinct to Spirit"

Alchemy is often used as a symbol of our transformation from instinct to spirit. Using the teachings of Dr. Karl Jung, Mary Ryan, M.F. will discuss the journey toward what Jung described as the realization of the Self.

August 24

"Out of the Ashes of the 1908 Race Riot" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

A century ago, the city of Springfield was still reeling from the devastation caused by its race riot while across the country, similar riots exploded and the cry, "Give them Springfield," was heard. These sad events inspired a group of diverse men and women to found a group to promote the interests of African Americans. Come and find out the Unitarian connection to the NAACP.

August 31

"Why We Labor" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

On this Labor Day weekend, let us remind ourselves how the exertion of our labor contributes as much towards the development of our character as well as other ends.

September 7

"Water & Stone Communion" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

This service will incorporate our ingathering ritual of blending various stones, waters and stories into a unique moment of worship. (This is a "Change for Change Sunday")

August's "Change for Change" collection will be donated to PORA

PORA provides constructive solutions to several of the major problems facing our community – hunger and homelessness, sexual exploitation and other forms of human trafficking, HIV/STD prevention, as well as addiction and recovery. "Our mission is to provide professional and holistic recovery for survivors of HIV, sexual exploitation and other forms of human trafficking and homelessness in a safe and confidential residential environment. We promote healthy sexuality through HIV/STD prevention and compassionate outreach to vulnerable populations. We assist all who choose to end their victimization and develop their own destinies." Our solutions include – operating a long-term recovery home for women, operating a food pantry, offering free HIV testing and STD prevention services, street outreach to human trafficking victims, and facilitating support groups for the incarcerated, homeless, HIV+, and people dealing with addiction and recovery. Through its various activities, PORA provides services to more than 250 clients each week.

From the Minister. . .

When I am abroad, I quickly become aware of discrepancies between certain experiences there and my expectations which have been fashioned at home. These discrepancies are often subtle. For example, at any restaurant in Spain, I notice that they set out salt but never pepper. A waiter may bring water, but not ice water. That same person will act surprised if I leave a tip. And so on.

We are all of course creatures of habits, and our habits no doubt vary from one individual to another. The persons with whom we frequently associate reinforce our sense of the norm. It is when we enter a new environment that we may perceive the extent that we differ from others.

Keeping in mind that August is a month when families and individuals often look for a new faith community, imagine what it must be like for a person to join us for the first time, be it special interest function or a worship service. They may be relieved to have successfully navigated themselves to our location but they might nonetheless be a bit nervous. How will our reality mesh with their expectations? Perhaps they belonged to a different faith community years ago, or perhaps they have never been a member of one. We might wonder how such persons might differ in their expectations. Either way, they might well wonder themselves how they will be received here -- with a warm welcome, a suspicious glance, or will they be ignored?

What will be familiar and what will seem foreign to new eyes and ears? Will the invariable discrepancies be subtle, perhaps even refreshing? Will they encourage -- or discourage -- a future visit?

True, we provide a "guest packet" but do we do all we can to treat them truly as our guests? What are the simple actions that we might do to transform a "stranger in a strange land" to someone who is known and appreciated? Let us be mindful of those who visit us, and ever gracious -- after all, we too were strangers once.

~ *Martin*

From the Board President. . .

Summer is flying by! On July 12, we held a New Board Retreat and July meeting at Delinda Chapman's home. Many, many thanks to past president Carol Kneedler for facilitating our morning session, and for helping us to define our vision and goals. Over lunch, we all watched an excellent video workshop on attracting, integrating and retaining members. In the afternoon, we convened our first meeting, and we were pleased to confirm Jack Kriel and John Malan as Wedding Officiants. We also voted to fill the Board vacancy left by Henry Farrington's recent resignation. We will miss him, but we are happy to welcome longtime member Beverly Holmes, who has agreed to finish his term. Full minutes of our meetings will be posted on our bulletin board in the hall. I am so impressed with the enthusiasm of this group, and I know that we will have a wonderful time working together.

In August, Delinda Chapman will be leading a training session for Committee Chairs. We will be trying out some new ideas to strengthen committees this year, so be sure to read her article. Despite the uncertainty around financial matters, which challenges us in the short term, our long term Board vision remains very optimistic. We believe we can accomplish miraculous things together. **And we hope you do, too!**

~ *Gwen Childs*

From the Board Treasurer. . .**Per our financial statements for June 30, 2008:**

Revenue for June 2008: \$12,399.

Expenses for June 2008: \$13,123.

A copy of the most current financial statement is posted on the Board's bulletin board in the hallway.

July is the first month of ALUUC's new fiscal year. Pledge letters will be in your hands shortly, showing the ending status of your 2008 fiscal year pledge (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) and confirming the amount you pledged for Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). Please take a moment to read your letter and make sure the numbers are right. If there are any questions, please contact me or Cheryl Wycoff, our Office Manager. Contributions to retain our janitorial service have started to come in slowly. As of today, enough people have bought themselves off the cleaning teams that we can continue using the outside service through the end of September. The Board is currently considering whether to have members sign up for cleaning or to assign everyone to a particular date. Remember if you do not want to be included in the cleaning teams (who will be cleaning the building every week), you can buy yourself off the list for a donation of \$100. Please note in the memo section of your check "For Cleaning". The fee is per member, not per pledge unit. It is in addition to your regular pledge.

~ *Victoria Vincent*

From the Coordinator of Religious Education. . .

Hooray! The real "New Year" begins! August signals the time to lay aside the fun and games of summer and start planning for the church calendar year. So many of our finest, oldest and most precious members began their journey with ALUUC when they sought a liberal religious home, primarily for their children's sake. This noble motivation continues to bring many "back into the fold". So, if you've been on the fence or are considering making more of a commitment to attend, NOW is the time!

Registration for Children's Religious Education begins Aug. 1st online, and at church each Sunday in August, if you like the old pen and paper method. The web link is found easily on our church website under Religious Education. There are no fees associated with registration but note the wish list below for contributions to our supply cabinet. Our learning focus rotates from year to year, World Religions one year and then UU Principles the next, and so forth. This year is a UU Principle Year! During this year, we always explore social justice issues, environmental principles, concepts of God, and our Judeo-Christian history among other related topics. We have old and new teachers alike, refreshed and ready for weekly Sunday morning classes. Don't delay in making plans for nourishing your children by providing for them in this important area of life.

Our **offerings for kids** this year will be HUGE! The activities planned include:

*First Friday Kid's Club, *A new Children's Choir, *Spiral Scouts (alternative to Boy/Girl Scouts), *The Winter Holiday Pageant, *Coming of Age Program (Equivalent to confirmation, first communion, bar mitzvah), *High School Youth Group

Adults too, need spiritual nourishment! A big thank-you to Jerry Zarley who will be coordinating Adult Religious Education classes this year. The RE Committee welcomes his participation enabling the expansion of our church's educational vision to routinely serve adults as well. Expect 6-8 classes, offered throughout the year to be announced soon.

We'll be ready come September 7th at the Rock and Water Ceremony – our traditional start of the church year. Join us at this exciting time of year!

~ *Meg Schnake*

Groups & Events

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group invites any church member or friend to join us for a movie viewing at 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 26th in the church sanctuary. We will watch "The Namesake", a movie based on the book of the same name by Jhumpa Lahiri. It is the story of the Ganguli family from Bengal and their children born in the United States. It has been called a "lush, beautiful film". Everyone is welcome to attend. Members of the book group will bring light refreshments to share. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Moore. Please note that we will start at 7:00pm rather than our usual starting time as the movie is two hours long.

Bridge Group

This group meets at the ALUUC on the second Friday of every month at 7:00pm. Group contact person is Chris Romaine.

Build Your Own Theology Group (BYOTG)

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, August 18th at the ALUUC. Our speaker that evening will be Sister Sharon Zayac, the Director of Jubilee Farm on Old Jacksonville Road. Sister Sharon, who spoke at a Sunday service recently, will give a presentation entitled "Cosmology and Spirituality." All are most welcome. For more information on this group, please contact John Glosser.

Christian Interest Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday, August 11th at the ALUUC. The topic is "The Presidential Prayer Team" led by Vi Lanum, a member of that team who prays for our country's leaders and both presidential candidates on a daily basis and finds her experience most rewarding. For those desiring it, a Communion Service will follow.

Dream Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, August 4th at the ALUUC. In this group, the participants share their recent dreams in a relaxed and informal setting. Two dreams are selected for comprehensive discussion. New members are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact John Glosser.

First Friday Kids Club

This club meets every first Friday of each month, except in July & August. Children from Kindergarten through 5th Grade are welcome. The next meeting will be on September 5th.

Flute Circle

This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the ALUUC. No previous experience or ownership of a flute is necessary. Flutes will be made available for others to try. The focus of this circle will be the care and playing of the Native American Style Flute, but other types of flutes will be welcome. Any questions can be directed to Mike Haynes.

Humanist Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, August 25th at the ALUUC. Carol Floyd will address – "How might humanists relate to the time of their lives?" – followed by general discussion. Carol will look primarily at two books Time and Soul (by humanist philosopher Jacob Needleman) and The Secret Pulse of Time: Making Sense of Life's Scarcest Commodity (by German neuroscience writer Stefan Klein). It is not necessary to have read these books to participate fully in the discussion. All are welcome. If you have questions about the Humanist Group, please contact Carol Floyd.

Labyrinth Walk

The Labyrinth Walks will resume next month, and will be held on the third Friday of each month from September 2008 through June 2009, from 7:00pm until 9:30pm at the ALUUC. All are welcome.

Meditation Groups

Thursday Evening Meditation meets every Thursday night from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the ALUUC.

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

Movie Night will resume again in September.

News Covenant Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, August 7th at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's home. Everyone is welcome. Call Renata or Heiko, if you have any questions.

The Occasional Choir

The choir practice is at 9:30am on Sundays. Check the online calendar for dates. For those parents with children, childcare now starts at 9:30am. For more information about the choir, please contact Jim Redlich or Bonnie Ettinger.

CHALICE CIRCLES - JOIN US!

In September, we will be starting our next sessions of Chalice Circles. We will have groups that meet for 8-10 weeks, and one group that will meet throughout the church year. We are looking forward to another exciting year of growth in Chalice Circles!

Chalice Circles has quickly spread throughout most of our UU congregations in the last few years. Most everyone who has tried it wants to do it again. Over a series of sessions, groups of 8-10 people meet in casual surroundings to relax, get to know each other, and enjoy interesting discussions. A facilitator provides readings and questions which help stimulate the sharing of ideas, and the emphasis is on respectful listening. It is always amazing to hear how each person responds, and it is a wonderful way to start feeling deeply connected with others in our church community.

If you are ready to set aside a couple of hours every week or two to do something nice for yourself—to make a few friends and feed your spirit—check out our information online at www.aluuc.org. If you want more information, SIGN UP on our clipboard over the water fountain, and I will contact you. You can also sign up through the website. Just click on the Chalice Circles link on the homepage and complete the form at the bottom of the Chalice Circles webpage.

Brenda Wade
Chalice Circle Coordinator
ChaliceCircles@aluuc.org

ALUUC PLAYGROUND GROUND BREAKING!

News has arrived estimating the arrival of the new playground equipment as Wednesday, August 13th. Workers will be needed the **weekend of August 15th**. Watch for more news in the coming weeks regarding the exciting culmination to this all-church project.

Supply Wish List! **Children's Religious Education**

**Potty Chair for the Nursery, Clorox Wipes
Kiddies Hand Soap (non-antibacterial), Glitter
Elmer's School Glue, Painter's tape, Boxes of Tissue**

***Thank you so much!**

LOST!

One battery charger for the mini classroom vacuums in the RE Commons area. We have 3 small classroom vacuums but can only locate 2 of their chargers. Please contact Meg Schnake or Brenda Wade with information regarding this issue.

“AH HA!” Moments (continued)

by Jerry Zarley

On Sunday, June 29th, it was an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to be a guest speaker at the ALUUC. On that incredibly beautiful morning, I shared many of my most significant “AH HA!” moments throughout my life that changed my path bringing me to where I am today. Unfortunately, I completely forgot to mention the one most significant “AH HA!” moment that led me to the ALUUC.

About five or six years ago (maybe a year or so longer), I was really down emotionally. My marriage at the time was failing miserably and it seemed even more hopeless to get out of amicably. Then, without going into too much detail, I was going through some major issues at work that, to this day, only a handful of people know about. What I was required to do pursuant to my professional obligations was eating at my soul. As a result of these two dilemmas, my inner being was seriously in a lot of pain, and I was contemplating taking my own life. I could just never bring myself to do it because of my children.

This one particular bitterly cold and rainy day, I was especially depressed. My office at the time was on the second floor with a view of the city busses’ main transfer point. As I looked out, I noticed a guy in a wheel chair down at the bus stop. Although it was cold and rainy, he had no coat, hat, or gloves. Yet, he was doing wheelies in his wheel chair as if he was dancing in the rain. I could see the expression on his face that, regardless of his situation, he was still quite happy.

It was that precise moment that I realized how blessed I am just to be alive; that living, in and of itself, is an incredible blessing that I should not take for granted, let alone voluntarily end. From that moment, my heart, mind, and soul opened up to the Universe and the really important things in life. From there, I began studying Buddhism, Taoism, Paganism, New Age religion, Native American spirituality, etc., until I finally discovered UUism and the ALUUC. I now truly “see.” I do, however, have a lot more to see and learn. Thus, I am here.

Considering that this moment is the one that led me to this congregation, I have no idea how I could have forgotten to share it when given the perfect opportunity to do so. I will write it off as nervous energy considering that this was my first (and hopefully not my last) sermon before a community that has welcomed and embraced me sincerely, and has become more like a spiritual family to me. Thank you, and many blessings to you all.



A Very Big Thank You...

To everyone who has shown up this summer to work on the building and grounds.

Special Thanks to our crew of mowers who work faithfully all spring, summer and fall. They are: Head Groundskeeper Kurt DeWeese and his lovely assistant Marissa, Joe Coffey, John Malan, Brian Otwell, Rob Ewart, Mark Hanson, Frank Kopecky and Anna (Williams) Pearson, who does edging and other grounds stuff on her own.

Additional Thanks to our Work Day participants in June and July who weeded and mulched the flower beds (especially the courtyard and sign areas) and painted the courtyard fence. They are: Kurt and Marissa DeWeese, Victoria Vincent, Deb Hagan, Anna Pearson, Kent and Gwen Childs, Delinda Chapman, John Malan, Peter Lazare, Stu Jacobson, Virginia Forrer, and anyone else we may have missed.

Upcoming religious events connected with the Centennial Observance of the Springfield Race Riots

Ecumenical Prayer Service

A Solemn Assembly will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday August 2nd at 11:00am. This service is the final ecumenical prayer service sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance and P.R.A.Y. These services have primarily included voices and music from different Protestant & Evangelical congregations. After each Solemn Assembly, there has been a march to one of the various markers associated with the actual race riot.

Interfaith Service

On Saturday, September 6th at 11:00am, members of Springfield's various faith communities will hold an Interfaith Worship Service at the Old State Capital. This service, organized by Rev. Martin Woulfe, will include voices from a wide range of religious traditions.

The actual anniversary dates of the race riot are August 14th & 15th.



State Fair Parade Update

On Thursday, August 7th, members and friends of ALUUC are invited to join in the Illinois State Fair's Twilight Parade. This is a unique and fun way to raise our visibility in the community! The parade steps off at 6:00pm, our group should be in position no later than 5:45pm (our unit number and staging area are not yet available but this information will be sent out as soon as it is available). Our entry is as a walking unit – no motorized vehicles may be included; also, please note that the parade's regulations stipulate that we may have no more than 50 participants. If you are interested, please sign up NOW on the registration sheet posted by the water cooler. For more information, please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe at 585-9550 or minister@aluuc.org

GSIA Humanitarian of the Year Award

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution towards others here in Springfield? If so, please consider nominating them. The nomination form is available at www.gsia.info (see "Documents"). One past winner was Beverly Charles. The recipient's name is kept secret until the fall GSIA banquet, which is tentatively scheduled to be held this year at the TCM restaurant on Tuesday, September 23rd. More details about the banquet will be published in the September newsletter.

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Toga! Toga! Toga!

Mystery dinners are coming!

Do you have fantasies about being a Project Run contestant and being handed a set of sheets to craft into a fabulous outfit?!? When was the last time you wore that cowboy outfit? Do you love “whodunits”? Now’s your chance to shine.

Mystery dinners are coming to ALUUC! What is a mystery dinner? Well, the ALUUC version is a new twist on an old favorite – a potluck – where everyone is given a role to play, comes in costume and we all try to solve the mystery.

Signup sheets will be posted at ALUUC – on the announcement bulletin board. ALUUC members, friends and their friends are all welcome.

For more details, please contact Diana DeWeese, Fellowship Committee Chair – Fellowship@aluuc.org

Come Fly a Kite!

Weather permitting. Come Fly a Kite in the “North 40” after services. Sunday, August 3rd and Sunday, August 24th.



Overnight Camping in the “North 40”

Once the summer’s heat has waned, there will be a family campout at ALUUC. Campers and non-campers will be welcome to the Friday night cookout and Saturday morning pancake breakfast. Specific dates will be announced in September.



Many Hands make Light Work

Everyone likes a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate after services. Everyone enjoys a snack or treat, too. The task of making that possible has been shared by a small band of volunteers. Those volunteers need a break.

We are asking committees, groups and individuals to step forward and volunteer to help setup and/or cleanup the kitchen after services. We are asking groups to sign up for 4 Sundays during the church year. We are asking individuals to sign up for 2 Sundays during the church year. You can sign up for setup and/or cleanup. Set up takes about 15 minutes beginning at 9:45. One or two volunteers are needed for setup. Setting out the cups would be a good volunteer experience for young people. Cleanup should take about 30 minutes and should be completed by 12:15. Two or three volunteers are needed for cleanup.

Written instructions will be provided as well as hands-on training if requested. Please contact Diana DeWeese, Fellowship Committee Chair to pick your Sunday(s) by emailing Fellowship@aluuc.org.

ALUUC Committees for 2008-2009

Thanks to the ALUUC Committee chairs for volunteering to lead our committees for the 2008-2009 church year. The chairs are:

Electronics & Communications: Jerry Zarley & Scott Wade
Facilities: Kurt DeWeese Aesthetics: Debby Hagan Flower: Vi Lanum
Fellowship: Diana DeWeese Finance: Barb Moore Green Sanctuary: Stu Jacobson & Meg Evans
Membership & Publicity: Jodi Perko Pastoral Care: Michael Plog Program: Craig Bailey
Religious Education: Brenda Wade Social Action: Tom & Rachel Zehr
UU Service Committee Representative: Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant

Our Committees of the Congregation Chairs are:

Committee on Ministry: Rebecca Anderson
Endowment Trust: Frank Kopecky
Nominating: Roger Powers

For this year, a change to the committee meeting time and day is being made. Rather than meeting on the third Tuesday evening of each month, committee meetings will be held on the third Sunday of each month for one hour from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Childcare will be provided. This change is being made to save on resources—gasoline cost, heating and cooling costs, another trip to the church, to accommodate parents of young children, and to increase attendance at committee meetings. The Aesthetics Committee, a sub-committee of the Facilities Committee will meet immediately afterwards at 1:00pm. The first meeting will be an orientation session for the committee chairs and the board liaisons to be held Sunday, August 17th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at the ALUUC. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be provided.

Delinda Chapman
Board Vice President

From the Flower Committee Chairwoman's Desk:

Many of you have seen me throw away used floral foam called Oasis and have wondered, why? The answer is rather simple. Bacteria grows, as real flowers decay. The bacteria remains in the foam, long after the flower have gone to heaven. To reuse it could kill the longevity of any new fresh flowers. (Of course, this is not true of foam for silk flowers.) We do our part as a "Green Community" by using floral frogs or floral greens when the design allows. Zen & the Art of Flower Arranging: Rev. Alex Holt introduced me to this practice when I first started. There is a mindfulness that comes with it. It starts when we go and pick out flowers at the florist. Arranging flowers is my spiritual practice. Even while some of you watch & talk to me, I'm still in a meditative mode. Then when I walk the flowers into the sanctuary the circle is complete and I get to share it with you. There is plenty of room on my committee for anyone who would like to participate in this practice. Someone notice recently that I placed fresh flowers from an arrangement in the court yard. I do this only when the flowers were on display in the sanctuary for a member's memorial service. It is out of respect for them, just as I would had we went to their grave site and placed flowers there. Fortunately for us this has only occurred twice this past year. So if you see me do this you'll know why, I'm not being disrespectful of the beautification of our church. My purpose is to honor our past members and with the wind in our "field of dreams" they are there for mere moments. We've received small amounts of extra monies (\$5.00+) from a few members. On behalf of the committee, "Thank You"!

Florally yours,
Vi Lanum

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Update

UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies.

2008-2009 Guest at Your Table & Justice Sunday Activities

Both Guest at Your Table 2008 and Justice Sunday 2009 will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Together in congregations, we will explore how this inspirational document upholds UU values, such as the inherent worth and dignity of all people. Guest at Your Table will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2008 and Justice Sunday will be held on March 29, 2009. For more than 30 years, the Guest at Your Table tradition has enabled participants to put UU faith in action. ALUUC will join nearly all UU congregations around the country – and around the world – in welcoming a Guest at Your Table. UUSC understands that in these challenging economic times, opportunities for sharing our blessings – like Guest at Your Table – can seem like challenges in themselves. This sense can be compounded when so many congregations are experiencing financial struggles. Still, the struggle for human rights continues throughout the world, and there is so much that we can do when we join together in generosity. We thank all who have helped make a difference through Guest at Your Table and all who are committed to doing so again next year. Information regarding Justice Sunday activities will be included in future UUSC Updates.

UUSC-UUA Cyclone Nargis Relief Fund

As UUSC provides steady and persistent support through local organizations, we are mapping out future strategies and directions for helping the people of Myanmar with their mid-term and long-term rebuilding and rehabilitation needs. From our experience working with communities after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, UUSC has learned that local organizations already working in affected regions are best equipped to respond quickly and efficiently to natural disasters. Our experience also shows that strengthening the capacity of these local responders is crucial to ensuring sustainability. UUSC's future course of action will be based on this understanding. Together, and with your generous support, we will be able to act in solidarity with the courageous survivors of this devastating natural disaster.

Learn more and give today at <http://www.uusc.org/info/article051408.html>.

Kenya Crisis Relief Work Continues

The post-crisis situation in Kenya remains critical, and UUSC is mounting an effective response. Your generous support will enable UUSC to direct assistance to those whose human rights have been further eroded during the rebuilding process. Through UUSC's long-term and ongoing work in Kenya, we have established relationships with grassroots organizations from a variety of social sectors whose courageous struggle for human rights has become even more precarious. In collaboration with these groups, we support those whose human rights are most at risk. UUSC has put into place a plan of action to help strengthen and reestablish our two partners in Kenya, the Rock Women Group and the Kenya National Alliance of Street Vendors and Informal Traders (KENASVIT). Visit <http://www.uusc.org/Kenya/index.html> to learn more about the crisis and UUSC's response. And visit <http://www.uusc.org/programs/econjustice/workersrights/partners.html> to learn more about our Kenyan partners.

For more information about the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee <http://www.uusc.org> or contact: Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Local Rep at email UUSC@aluuc.org

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FYI. . .

NAMETAGS

If you need a replacement nametag, please either email your request to office@aluuc.org, or print your name on a piece of paper and place it in the nametag slot on the nametag rack.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Change of address notices can be done by completing the ALUUC Membership Update Form found in the church office. You can also email the information to webmaster@aluuc.org or by mail to:

ALUUC Attn: ECC
745 Woodside Road
Springfield, IL 62711-7346

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMING EVENTS

Submission for Announcements and Coming Events should be submitted electronically to office@aluuc.org no later than Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

NEWSLETTERS ON TAPE

If you would like an audio tape of the ALUUC Newsletter, please contact Jim Redlich. A cassette is produced every month and duplicates are available upon request.

NEWSLETTER OPTION

To stop receiving this newsletter or to change from mail to email, please send your request to webmaster@aluuc.org. Thank you.

*** 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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Here are the names of members and friends who are celebrating birthdays this month. If this is your birthday month and your name didn't get included, we're sorry. If you want to be listed here in the future, please email Scott Wade at webmaster@aluuc.org with the month of your birth.

**Eugena Austin
Kurt DeWeese
Mike Haynes
Stacey Larson
Berkley Moore
Amanda Mueller
Roger Powers
Ken Wade
Anna Pearson
Martin Woulfe**

Peace Campers

Due to the construction outside of Grace Lutheran downtown, Peace Camp will be moved to Elliot Ave. Baptist Church at 510 W. Elliot. It will be the same dates and times.

Katherine Miller
Peace Camp Registration
peacecamp@comcast.net



New Member Photos

If you have not yet had your photo taken for the ALUUC Membership Directory, please see either Scott Wade or Rev. Martin Woulfe after a Sunday service. We will add your photo to the online directory.

New to UU Class

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 conducts a class that presents the fundamentals of liberal religion and the history of this congregation. The class will meet on Tuesday, August 10 from 7:00 to 9:30pm at the ALUUC. Please let us know if you will need child care. You can sign-up by contacting Rev. Woulfe at 585-9550 or email minister@aluuc.org


ALUUC Membership Anniversaries for August

Rick Lanham (2005)
Doug Quivey (2005)
Lara Quivey (2005)
Julie Schuette (2006)
Rodd Whelpley (1999)
Lisa Whelpley (1999)

Wedding Officiant Update

Congratulations to both Jack Kriel and John Malan, who successfully completed their training as wedding officiants and was authorized to serve in that capacity by the ALUUC Board of Directors.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
3 Worship Service 10:30am	4 Dream Discussion Group 7:00pm	5 Board Meeting 7:00pm	6	7 Meditation 7:00pm * News Group * 7:30pm	8 Bridge Group 7:00pm	9 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
10 Worship Service 10:30am	11 Christian Interest Group 7:30pm	12 Committee on Ministry meeting 7:30pm	13 Flute Circle 7:00pm	14 Meditation 7:00pm	15	16 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
17 Worship Service 10:30am Committee Orientation, 12:00 to 2:00pm	18 Build Your Own Theology Group 7:00pm	19	20	21 Meditation 7:00pm Newsletter Deadline	22	23 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
24 Worship Service 10:30am	25 Humanist Discussion Group 7:00pm	26 Book Discussion Group 7:00pm	27	28 Meditation 7:00pm	29	30 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
31 Worship Service 10:30am						

* Event not held at the ALUUC *

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