



# A·L·U·U·C FOCUS

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Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

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

### March 2

#### **"Create Beauty -- Throw It Away -- Create More"**

A service featuring the performing and visual arts of congregation members and friends is coordinated by Delinda Chapman and Penny Wollan-Kriel.

(This is a Change for Change Sunday)

### March 9

#### **"When Conscience & Community Conflict" by Rev. Martin Woulfe**

UUism recognizes the right of conscience as a decisive factor for every individual. But what happens when one's conscience conflicts with that of others, or even the entire community? Does covenant provide sufficient guide to reach a happy resolution?

(A Special Note -- Daylight Savings Times begins! Set your clocks forward Saturday night)

### March 16

#### **"Women and Peacemaking" by Rev. Nina Gray**

In celebration of Women's History month, we honor Amma, a spiritual Hindu leader who demonstrates peacemaking through her ideas, her spirituality, the way she lives values in the world, and how she inspires others. We ask what lessons we may learn from her teaching and example.

### March 23

#### **"Religion Recycled, Revived & Resurrected" by Rev. Martin Woulfe**

On this Easter Sunday, we will compare the story of the resurrection with various myths that were well known at the time. What is unique about Easter and what is its enduring significance?

### March 30

#### **"Justice for All?"**

Brian Otwell, Sangamon County Public Defender and member of the Congregation, will speak on justice from the perspective of a public defender. This is Unitarian Universalist Justice Sunday. Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant will also offer a brief presentation on the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

### April 6

#### **"Legends of Liberalism: William Ellery Channing" by Rev. Martin Woulfe**

In this service, we will pay tribute to the life and works of William Ellery Channing, one of the greatest heroes of American religious liberalism. Channing's legacy includes several key defenses of Unitarianism and religious toleration and the inherent dignity all of persons.

(This is a "Change for Change" Sunday.)

#### **What is Change for Change?**

On "Change for Change Sundays," we take a special collection during the service. Half of the money collected helps support the general mission of ALUUC; the other half is used to support various Social Justice Initiatives of the congregation. Past beneficiaries have included the Springfield Overflow Shelter and Peace Camp.

***From the Minister. . .***

During these last few weeks of February, we have seen quite a range of weather – heavy fog, snow, ice, high winds, freezing temperatures – all punctuated, occasionally, by hints of sun. On the other hand, many of us were able to watch the recent lunar eclipse; the sky was clear and the moon was full – a wonderful sight to behold.

These recent fluctuations in weather remind me that the forces of nature can offer a blessing or a curse. This is not a new revelation. You may recall that two years ago this month, Springfield reeled from the force of two tornadoes. Mercifully, no lives were lost. And, after we crept out of our respective basements, there was a proverbial silver lining: neighbors responded with compassion and creativity, turning out in force to help one another, without regard to race or religion or other distinctions.

One can sense this same feeling at the monthly Solemn Assemblies which are currently promoting a “Year of Reconciliation.” As you may know, these gatherings were organized by the Ministerial Alliance to mark the 100th anniversary of the Springfield Race Riot. That riot reminds us that human nature can also offer its own share of blessings and curses. The language and metaphors used at these assemblies may flow from a very different tradition, but there is no denying that something important is afoot. After each service, participants march to one of the sites associated with the riot. At these assemblies, people are neighbors, united in good will for one another and in hope for the future. I have been proud to note that more than a few UU’s attend these.

As the seasons change, there will be many different events held here in Springfield to remember an ugly chapter of history. More importantly, bridges are being built to connect different communities. I encourage everyone to attend as many as possible. Something big is afoot, and we need not wait for the next big storm to move us to action.

~ *Martin*

***From the Board Treasurer. . .***

I am pleased to report that, as of the end of January, we have received 89% of the total amount of all pledges. Thank you, everyone, for paying early and often!

**Following is a summary of our January income:**

Pledge payments	\$6,645.75
Plate collection	\$336.00
Other	\$ 2,267.00
Total	\$ 9,248.75

The latest issue of UU World listed an "honor roll" of congregations' payments to UUA. Because the June 2007 payment was delayed, we did not make the honor roll. Rest assured that this has been rectified and that ALUUC fully intends to maintain our status as a "Fair Share" congregation. January financial statements are posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

~ *Ken Wade*

## *From the Board President. . .*

Looking Forward to Spring:

March is upon us and the daylight hours are growing longer every day. I suppose many of us are turning our thoughts to Spring Cleaning, getting organized and looking forward to more outdoor activities.

Speaking of getting organized, Victoria Vincent has given the Fiscal Year 2008 Audit Report to the Board of Directors for review. So we will be busy making sure that all of our policies and bylaws are being followed properly. Many thanks go to Victoria, Kent Childs and Delinda Chapman for all their hard work on this endeavor.

We are also looking forward to another Fantasy Auction in the near future, and just a little bit farther down the road, we are looking forward to getting a new playground and a piano.

What's next? That's up to you! Don't forget we now have a box for comments and suggestions on the table in the foyer, and the Board will be reviewing these periodically. Let us know your thoughts. We'd like to hear from you.

~ *Mike Haynes*

## *From the Coordinator of Religious Education. . .*

Aaah, March - Will it arrive as lion or lamb?

Religious Education at ALUUC brings a little of both to church life. Let me tell you that Phillip Anderson has been the large, lovely, and ferocious lion we've needed to keep the Playground subcommittee pulsing forward. It is amazing to me that only one year ago, Brenda Wade and I started on this journey to build a playground by addressing the Board and Finance Committee. Now, due to Phil's leadership and the unbelievable generosity of the congregation, we plan to break ground this summer! **For UU's, that is the speed of light.**

Marla Johnson also deserves lion-status for continuing to sponsor Kids Club on the first Friday night of each month (March 7<sup>th</sup> this time). The enthusiasm grows and it won't be a surprise if those cubs outnumber us all soon. Speaking of Marla, don't miss the enchanting new mural in the nursery.

With all of the work being done there recently, the place stands to welcome families with the smallest ones with pride. Many thanks to the members and friends who have so kindly responded to our requests for CD players and board books. Our interdependent spirit shines through.

With all the usual hustle and bustle of a growing congregation, there are so many of those "lambs" quietly working behind the scenes. RE teachers come to mind; slipping back to classrooms each week to provide high quality, enriching experiences for our kids. Gwen Childs slowly and methodically nurtures each corner of our space in the building, painstakingly discussing each item with everyone to gather input.

Finally, another quiet adjustment is being made. At the suggestion of Bonnie Ettinger and others, **childcare is now being offered at 9:30am** on Sunday mornings to allow adults with children to join the Occasional Choir. The choir practice dates for the Sundays in March are the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, (not the 23rd), but back on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Childcare starts this Sunday!

~ *Meg Schnake*

# Group Meetings

## Book Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 25th at Jim and Mary Beaumont's home. We will discuss "March" by Geraldine Brooks. Please contact Jim or Mary if you have any questions. Future books we will discuss include "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: a memoir" by Bill Bryson; "The Secret of Lost Things, a novel", Sheridan Hay; and "My Sister's Keeper", Jodi Picoult. All are welcome.

## 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

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, March 17th at the ALUUC. Mr. John L. Glosser will give a presentation entitled "How Dietrich Bonhoeffer Redefined Christianity." Many people know that Bonhoeffer was a brilliant theologian who made the decision to take part in the German Resistance Movement against Hitler in the 1940's. He was executed by the Nazis just weeks before VE Day in 1945. Fewer people are familiar with Bonhoeffer's efforts to reformulate the Christian faith in the crucible of wartime Germany. Mr. Glosser will focus on Bonhoeffer's provocative concepts, including the suffering God, world come of age, and religion-less Christianity.

## Christian Interest Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday, March 10th at the ALUUC. Barbara Moore will lead a discussion on forgiveness as informed by a reading of the book "Amish Grace" by Donald Kraybill, Stephen Nolt, and David Weaver-Zercher. The book relates forgiveness in the wake of the Nickel Mines tragedy in Pennsylvania. According to Kraybill, "The extraordinary Amish forgiveness, while exemplary, does raise some thorny issues". It is not necessary to have read the book in order to participate fully in the discussion. The discussion will be followed by a Communion Service for those electing to stay.

## Dream Discussion Group

This group meets at the ALUUC on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm. In a relaxed atmosphere, each person in the group will share a recent dream of his or her own choosing. Then two dreams will be selected for further discussion. It is an opportunity to exchange insights without engaging in group therapy as such. Contact John Glosser for more information.

## 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. First Fridays Kid's Club will be meeting March 7th from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the ALUUC. This will be a Safari Theme. A \$3 donation is requested to help cover costs. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marla Johnson at [KidsClub@aluuc.org](mailto:KidsClub@aluuc.org). An RSVP would be appreciated.

## Humanist Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, March 24th at the ALUUC. All are welcome. Lee Beneze will review God: The Failed Hypothesis (author physicist Victor Stenger). Stenger uses five principle conditions for evaluating extraordinary claims and additionally finds that the physical universe looks exactly as we would expect it to look if there were no supreme being. An informative website, including a postscript to the forthcoming paperback edition, at <http://www.colorado.edu/philosophy/vstenger/>. It is not necessary to have read the book to participate fully in the discussion. If you have questions about the Humanist Group, contact Carol Floyd.

## 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.

## News Covenant Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, March 6th at Frank and Linda Kopecky's home. Please contact Frank or Linda if you have any questions. All are welcome.

## 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.

## Prairie Wind CUUPS Chapter

The Prairie Wind Chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans is an eclectic Earth-centered spirituality group. They host several rituals throughout the year. For more information about the chapter, please visit [www.prairiewindcuups.org](http://www.prairiewindcuups.org)

The Fantasy Auction House presents

## Cash in Our Attics

### *The Fantastic Auction of Arts, Antiques and Wonderful Things To Benefit ALUUC!*

Each year the congregation hosts a fabulous party for all members and friends. Our purpose is to raise money for the congregation and to have a great time with each other.

Our traditional format for the Fantasy Auction was getting a little tired, so we thought maybe something a little different would be fun. **ALL YOU NEWER MEMBERS, LISTEN UP!!** Here's how *EVERYONE* can help:

1. Do you have a piece of artwork, an antique, or something beautiful that you could donate to help ALUUC? ***We will not ask you to solicit businesses or donate services this year.*** Just check your attics, cupboards, closets, basements, or studios for some wonderful things that you could part with for a good cause.
2. ***ATTEND THE PARTY!*** Coming to church on Sunday morning is fine, but you'll make many more friends at this event. Want to really get to know people? Volunteer to help. Believe it or not, that's even more fun!

### **DONATIONS---Here's what we are looking for:**

#### **Antiques, Collectibles, and other artsy things....**

This can be art you hang on a wall, art you sit on a table or pedestal, art you drape over a couch, original art, wearable art. If it is artistic, we're interested. This could include handmade or estate jewelry, vintage or designer clothing, tableware, glassware, crystal, silver, brass, art objects, figurines or sculptures, nice framed prints, paintings, quilts, wall hangings, pottery, vintage textiles, area rugs, theatre or symphony tickets, and on and on.

We would especially like nice used or antique furniture that is in good condition (remember, this is *not* a garage sale!) If you have things to donate that you aren't sure are right, please contact **Victoria Vincent**. If it doesn't fit into this auction, we would love to have it for the Trash and Treasure Sale in the fall. Donation forms will be available in the office or at our ALUUC website. Bring small items to Sunday services in March, and we will store them safely.

***Save this date!***

***Saturday, April 5th, 6:00pm at the ALUUC.***

Enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres, desserts & coffee as you browse our SILENT AUCTION items. We will finish the evening with a short LIVE AUCTION—and a giant round of applause!

**Admission will be \$10 per person, and buying tickets in advance will be greatly appreciated by your faithful Auction Committee.**

***Gwen Childs, Chairperson  
Victoria Vincent, Anna Williams, Linda Haynes, Scott Wade***

## DVD WORKSHOP “IDEAS FOR GROWTH”

The Membership and Publicity Committee will present a challenging DVD workshop distributed by the UUA which was developed to help UU Congregations in an effort to more effectively welcome and retain new members. The Membership and Publicity Committee is counting on your help by attending the “Ideas for Growth” Workshop on **Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 7:00pm.** Participants in this workshop will come together for an evening of searching, learning, and evaluating how the proven methods of other UU congregations might work for us. Our goal in conducting the workshop is to get a group consensus for at least three or more actions that we will commit to as a congregation “Welcoming Plan”.

Coffee and refreshments will be available. For more information, please contact the Membership and Publicity Committee Chair, Renata Buchloh at [MPC@aluuc.org](mailto:MPC@aluuc.org)

### ALUUC Online

A new online communication tool has been added to the website for all members of ALUUC. This area allows you participate in forums, or create your own blogs, and it also has an internal email feature to communicate with others within the system. Go to [www.aluuc.org](http://www.aluuc.org), and click on the Members link. Scroll down to ALUUC Online, and click on the Enter Site link. You will need to click on the [Join Today](#) link to register and get access. Any questions can be directed to Scott Wade at [webmaster@aluuc.org](mailto:webmaster@aluuc.org).

### Adult Religious Education Survey

The Religious Education Committee is very interested in expanding the educational offerings for our adult members. However, we need your help. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey on Adult Religious Education. What types of subjects would you be interested in attending? Are you available to teach? Share with us what your interests and talents are so we can better serve the ALUUC! Completed surveys can be returned to me before or after any Sunday service or by email at [RE@aluuc.org](mailto:RE@aluuc.org). For those receiving the e-Newsletter, the survey is a separate document attached to the email you received, and for those receiving the newsletter in the mail, the survey is at the end of this newsletter. Many thanks!

Brenda Wade  
Religious Education Chair

## Fellowship Potluck

March 9th is Daylights Savings Time, so don't forget to set your clocks forward and remember too that we will be having this month's potluck, immediately after Sunday service that day. Please bring one of your favorite dishes of food to share and spend some time getting to know your fellow ALUUC members and friends.

See you there!  
Linda Haynes  
Fellowship Committee Chair

## Hippity Hoppity Ostara's on Her Way!

Please join Prairie Wind CUUPS for our Ostara ritual on March 22nd at 7:00pm. This will be a children's ritual and all are invited to attend. We are asking that everyone wear spring colors. As a note to parents: Magic markers will be involved! We will be feasting after the ritual, so please bring a dish to share. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Please hop in and join us for this family event.

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## Congratulations to our Wedding Officiants-In-Training

As of this date, five members of ALUUC have been approved by the Committee on Ministry and the Board of Directors to participate in our first Wedding Officiant training program: Buffy Lael, Jack Kriel, John Malan, Gwen Anderson and Ceceilia Haasis. Upon completion of their training, these persons will be recognized during a worship service at ALUUC.

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## Important Notice Regarding Severe Weather Emergencies

At its meeting in February, the Board of Directors approved a policy for ALUUC to provide temporary emergency shelter to members whose residences are uninhabitable due to weather related crises. Any member who is forced by weather emergencies to seek shelter may contact the minister and board president. Should shelter be required for more than three days, you may request an extension.

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## March G.I.F.T Meeting

The next meeting of G.I.F.T. (Grassroots Inter-Faith Team) will meet at the ALUUC on Sunday, March 30, from 4:00 to 5:30pm. This group is a lay-led Springfield initiative that seeks to promote interfaith understanding and cooperation. This will be the first meeting of GIFT following the release of Diane Lopez Hughes, one of its founders, who is currently imprisoned for performing an act of civil disobedience at the School of the Americas. See Vinnie Gupta or Martin Woulfe for more details.

## Prairie Grapevine Folklore Society

The next concert sponsored by Prairie Grapevine will be on Saturday, March 8 at ALUUC. The featured musicians are Bob Bovee and Gail Heil who will perform "Old Time Country and Folk music." The concert begins at 7:30 pm; suggested donations are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors & juniors, and \$6 for [members](#) of Prairie Grapevine. This concert is sponsored in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

## Social Action Committee UPDATE

On Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, various members and friends of ALUUC met and voted on our social action priorities for 2008. Rachel and Tom Zehr are the new co-chairs of this group. Carley Mattimore is the group's liaison with the Board of Directors.

After some discussion, the following issues were selected:

### **\*PORA (Positive Options, Referrals and Alternatives)**

This group provides assistance to victims of sexual exploitation. Bernie Carver, director of PORA, has volunteered to coordinate our efforts. One important event is the PORA dinner and Auction, the main fundraiser for this group; this event will be held on Saturday March 29. See Bernie Carver or Martin Woulfe for tickets or additional information.

### **\*Peace Initiatives**

Amanda Clark and Pam McNicols have volunteered to coordinate ALUUC'S efforts on behalf of peace.

### **\*SOS (Springfield Overflow Shelter)**

Members of ALUUC have been assisting the local branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom group to provide and serve meals to the homeless who are staying at the Salvation Army. Tom and Rachel Zehr are coordinating this effort.

### **\*Commemorating the 1908 Race Riot**

Thus far, members of ALUUC have been attending the "Prayer Assemblies" organized by the Ministerial Alliance to promote a "Year of Reconciliation." Assemblies begin at 11 am and last for about an hour, followed by a march to one of the sites associated with the race riot. The next such Assembly will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 714 E. Capitol on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, negotiations are currently underway to have the 1908 Race Riot Banners exhibited here in early May. The coordinator of this initiative is Rev. Martin Woulfe. In addition, the SAC will continue to sell Fair Trade Coffee after services; John Malan is in charge of this effort.

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### **Don't Forget to Help Those in Need**

We are continuing to collect nonperishable food items to assist the Kumler Food Pantry and we are also collecting various goods to send to the members of the armed forces in Iraq. The collection baskets are in the hallway at ALUUC. Please be generous. Diana DeWeese is coordinating the Kumler Drive; Buffy Lael is coordinating the Items for Troops in Iraq.

## Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

The Central Midwest District of the UUA is holding its annual District Assembly (“DA”) in St. Louis April 25 – 27. DA is like a mini general assembly, complete with worship and workshops for UU’s from various congregations in Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri and Illinois. Hundreds of UU’s from the Midwest are expected to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet congregational and District leaders. Workshops this year include “Working Together for the Homeless,” “Enneagram Insights,” and “Publicity & Marketing UUism.” The event will be held at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac from April 25-27. Brochures are available in the church office. You can register online at [www.regonline.com/131778](http://www.regonline.com/131778). The cost per adult to attend the entire DA is \$155.00 (\$190.00 after April 4). Please note that registration costs do not include your room or meals; you must make those arrangements separately.

**An Interfaith Peace Service** will be held at 7:00pm on March 19 at the Laurel Avenue United Methodist Church. This service will include songs and readings from many different traditions, including Unitarian Universalism. All are invited to attend.

## GSIA Meeting at ALUUC

The next meeting of the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association will be held on Tuesday, March 4th from 11:45am to 1:30pm at the ALUUC. The program will include a presentation by Ms. Patti Rosebloom, who is the owner of Mega Life & Health Insurance. All interested persons are invited to attend. Remember to bring your lunch!

## Message from the Nominating Committee

It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates for ALUUC officers, Board members, Endowment Trust members, and Nominating Committee members at the annual meeting of the Congregation in June. The Nominating Committee will be meeting from time to time over the next few weeks to choose candidates. The Nominating Committee members are Berkley Moore, John Malan, Debby Hagan and Roger Powers. Please be receptive to a request to serve.

## Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Update

### Donate to the UUSC-UUA Kenya Crisis Fund

The current crisis in Kenya is dire, and UUSC is mounting an urgent effort to respond. Your generous support will enable UUSC to direct assistance to those whose human rights have been further eroded. Please donate now to the UUSC-UUA Kenya Crisis Fund.

UUSC condemns the mounting violence precipitated by the electoral crisis in Kenya, and we are deeply concerned about the growing humanitarian crisis. Across Kenya, entire neighborhoods and villages have been burned to the ground. Sources report that between 485 and 600 people have been killed, numbers that are likely to rise once humanitarian aid groups gain access to remote areas that are currently restricted.

An estimated 255,000 displaced people have crowded into insufficiently equipped sites, without adequate access to food, water, medicines, and other supplies. Another 250,000 people who have not been displaced are in need of food, water, and other services. Kenyans still in their homes also are living with insecurity and many are afraid to leave; Kenyans report that people are being forced from their homes at night. Schools that were scheduled to open Monday, January 14, are full of displaced persons, and parents fear sending children to school amid the current insecurity. Many hospitals are overwhelmed with trauma cases and are running low on medicines and supplies.

Areas throughout the country are being strained by serious shortages of fuel, water, food, and other commodities due to closed ports and the paralyzed transportation system. Because Kenya also serves as the regional hub for trade and the flow of relief supplies, the growing crisis threatens vital humanitarian work in Uganda, southern Sudan, and the Congo.

In order to help us respond, UUSC asks our members and supporters to give to the UUSC-UUA Kenya Crisis Fund. Please help now! Members and supporters who would like to support UUSC's efforts to help the people of Kenya are encouraged to donate to the UUSC-UUA Kenya Crisis Fund online <http://www.uusc.org/info/Kenyaarticle011408.html> or by mailing checks payable to Kenya Crisis Fund to:

**UUSC-UUA Kenya Crisis Fund**  
**UUSC**  
**PO Box 845259**  
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### About UUSC (www.uusc.org)

With more than 47,000 members and supporters, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is a nonsectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. Our programs are based on Unitarian Universalist principles that affirm the worth, dignity, and human rights of every person — but one need not be a Unitarian Universalist to join UUSC.

Through a potent combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, UUSC supports programs and policies that promote workers' rights, advance the human right to water, defend civil liberties, and preserve the rights of those affected by humanitarian crises.

### For more information about the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Contact: Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Local Rep at [UUSC@aluuc.org](mailto:UUSC@aluuc.org)

# ALUUC Playground

## PLANNING DAY!



Planning Day

5-7 pm

**POTLUCK**  
at the ALUUC

Saturday

**MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>**

Planning Day is an exciting chance to help design our own unique playground. For the young and young at heart, everyone interested in this project is invited to bring their ideas and a dish to share. We hope you'll join us! Questions? Call Phillip [redacted]



**FUN**

**Play**

**Friends**

**Kids**

**Family**

**Create**

**Fiesta**

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# FYI. . .

## NAMETAGS

If you need a replacement nametag, please either email your request to [office@aluuc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

If you would rather receive this newsletter by email, please send an email to [webmaster@aluuc.org](mailto:webmaster@aluuc.org) requesting to change your newsletter option from mailing to email. 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. We have many new members and friends whose names possibly didn't get on the birthday list. If this is 'your month' and your name didn't get included, we're sorry. For future months, please email Scott Wade at [webmaster@aluuc.org](mailto:webmaster@aluuc.org) with the month of your birth.

**Gwen Anderson**  
**Jeff Bennett**  
**Maria Britton**  
**Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant**  
**Sandra Creasey**  
**Marla Johnson**  
**John Malan**  
**Sandy Mills**  
**Megan & Shaun Moore**  
**Nancy Ray**

## MOVIE NIGHT

Come join us at the ALUUC on Sunday, March 9th at 6:00pm. The 2006 film "Letters from Iwo Jima". Admission is free, and refreshments will be available.



## 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, March 11 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](mailto:minister@aluuc.org)

## Welcome New Members!

Bernie Carver - January 27, 2008  
 Kim Benita Furumoto - February 20, 2008

## ALUUC Membership Anniversaries for March

Win Colburn (2006)  
 Fred Dietz (2003)  
 Bonnie Ettinger (1980)  
 John Glosser (2006)  
 Linda Kopecky (1984)  
 Karen & Fred Laird (1977)  
 Megan & Shaun Moore (2003)  
 Phillipa Porter (2006)  
 Phil Salisbury (1975)  
 Wes White (1980)  
 Penny Wollan-Kriel (1996)  
 Cindy Zumwalt (1991)

# March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am
<b>2</b> Worship Service 10:30am	<b>3</b> Dream Group 7:00pm	<b>4</b> Board Meeting 7:00pm GSIA Meeting 11:45am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Meditation 7:00pm * News Group 7:30pm	<b>7</b> Kids Club 6:00 to 8:00pm	<b>8</b> Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am Prairie Grapevine 7:30pm
<b>9</b> Worship Service 10:30am Potluck after service Movie Night 6:00pm	<b>10</b> Christian Interest Group 7:30pm	<b>11</b> New to UU Class 7:00pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Meditation 7:00pm	<b>14</b> Bridge Group 7:00pm	<b>15</b> Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am Playground Planning Day 5:00 to 7:00pm
<b>16</b> Worship Service 10:30am	<b>17</b> Build Your Own Theology Group 7:00pm	<b>18</b> Committee Night 7:00pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Meditation 7:00pm	<b>21</b> Labyrinth Walk 7:00pm	<b>22</b> Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am Prairie Wind CUUPS - Ostara Ritual, 7:00pm
<b>23</b> Worship Service 10:30am	<b>24</b> Humanist Group 7:00pm	<b>25</b> * Book Group 7:30pm Newsletter Deadline	<b>26</b> Membership & Publicity Committee Workshop 7:00pm	<b>27</b> Meditation 7:00pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am
<b>30</b> Worship Service 10:30am G.I.F.T. Meeting 4:00pm	<b>31</b>					

\* Event not held at the ALUUC

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