



ALUUC Focus

Newsletter for the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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April 2009

Worship Services are held Sunday mornings at 10:30am. Religious education and child care are provided for children of all ages. Large Print Bulletins and Hymnals are available upon request.

April 5 ~ Anti-intellectualism in Our Time by Linda Kopecky

The recent election included blatantly anti-intellectual candidates and tactics, and yet we elected an out-of-the-closet intellectual as president. What does this tell us about our love/hate relationship with the intellect? Linda Kopecky will draw on historian Richard Hofstadter's classic work and more current commentary to examine the impact of anti-intellectualism on education and political discourse.

April 12 ~ Searching for Meaning in the Easter Myth by Reverend Berkley Moore

The sermon title uses "Easter Myth" instead of "Easter Story" because stories may or may not be literally true and may or may not contain lessons regarding human belief and conduct, whereas myths are never literally true, but always contain such lessons. In this service, Rev. Moore will suggest some lessons in the Easter myth that might be taken seriously and some others that are debatable, even among contemporary UUs.

April 19 ~ Lose 5000 Pounds in a Month (and keep it off!): Practical and Painless Steps We Can Take to Reduce Our Impact on the Earth

The Green Sanctuary Committee will provide the service on April 19th in celebration of the 39th Earth Day. The service will include informational exhibits, materials, opportunities to speak with experts on energy and other topics, and as an added bonus, gourmet food guaranteed not to go straight to your carbon footprint!

April 26 ~ From Eve to Absurdity in "Paradise Lost" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

When John Milton wrote his epic poem, "Paradise Lost," little did he realize the impact that that work would have upon the popular imagination as well as among theological circles. In this sermon, Rev. Woulfe will explore some of the enduring images from that epic as well as its more tantalizing theological issues.

May 3 ~ Recipe for Advanced Spirituality by John Glosser

How does a person move from the lower levels of spirituality to the higher levels of spirituality? What role do courage, love and wisdom play in such spiritual progression? Mr. Glosser will explore these questions.

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From the Board President...

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.

The seasons never cease to turn over. Nature never fails to provide constant renewal. The flowers perennially emerge with great energy, they give their all, and they eventually take their rest. This is the way of life, in the natural world and in our faith community.

We tend to rely heavily on a small number of people, and each year, a few of them decide to step back for awhile. Meg Schnake, who has been employed as our CRE for the past few years, and Brenda Wade, who has been serving as RE Chair and Chalice Circles Coordinator in recent years, announced recently that they are retiring from these positions at the end of this fiscal year. Please be sure to thank them for their work. Scott Wade will soon discontinue being our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster after several years of service, and Jerry Zarley recently resigned as a Senior Youth Group leader and Adult RE Coordinator. We appreciate their time and commitment to these important tasks. We are also grateful to Craig Bailey, who has served for many years on the Program Committee Chair and will step down as Co-Chair after this very busy year.

There will undoubtedly be others who will decide that it's time for a well-deserved rest. We have a number of faithful servants who expend incredible effort to keep this congregation functioning--year after year--and they are feeling very worn out. Coming to church should not feel like coming to work, and we must remember to express our appreciation to them. Better yet, we must offer to lighten the load! Could it be your turn to join a committee, help with a fundraiser, take on a necessary task, or assume a leadership role? Next season, would you consider sharing your unique gifts in order to invigorate this congregation and help it flourish? In the words of W.E.B. DuBois, "*Today is the seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest and the playtime.*"



~ Gwen Childs

From Religious Education...

I would like to thank Jerry Zarley for the amazing job he did this year beginning our first ever programmed approach to Religious Education for Adults. Rev. Martin Woulfe has dutifully offered class after class but until this year, we had no official program. Now that new challenges are claiming more of Jerry's time, we are lucky to have Mike Haynes taking over as the Adult Religious Education Coordinator. Watch for an Adult RE Interest Survey soon to be distributed. The importance of this feedback is clear – so we can offer what folks are most interested in for Adult RE next year!

Next, I'd like to mention a unique opportunity that comes highly recommended by many in our congregation; Marwood Unitarian-Universalist Youth Camp, July 26 - August 1, 2009 for Youth Grades 7-9. Some current members who've had glowing things to report from their children's experiences are John Malan & Carley Mattimore and Dusty Rhoades, whose son Milo still attends.

Marwood, in existence for almost 50 years, offers a program designed for fun and growth - not only socially, but spiritually and emotionally too. The camp is located at Camp Tuckabatchee in Ottawa, Illinois. Marwood is designed to be a 4-year experience and your best chance to get in is the summer before 7th grade. Registrations must be received by May 1, 2009. Brochures and registration forms are available in the church office. See John, Carley or Dusty for more personal stories of its value.

The Religious Education Committee will be spending the next few months soliciting feedback from parents, volunteer teachers and other interested people about our Nursery Program, CRE, and overall RE Program. We encourage folks to take the time to complete the surveys so that the RE Committee will be able to continue to build the RE program in the direction that best meets the needs of our congregation. Thank you in advance for your time in considering this aspect of church life.

Finally, the Parents as Spiritual Guides classes are being postponed until next church year due to the need to schedule it apart from Kid's Club. This seems to better meet the needs of parent participants who've expressed an interest in taking the class.



~ *Meg Schnake*
Coordinator of Religious Education

From the Board Treasurer...

Treasurer's Report
March 20, 2009

Per our financial statements for February 2009:

Operating revenue for February 2009: \$ 8,466.

Operating expenses for February 2009: \$12,999.

Mortgage liability paid for Feb. 2009: \$ 1,809.

Total outflow: \$14,808.

Fantasy Auction receipts: \$9,688.

(Deposited on March 2, so they are not reflected in the numbers above. This is a net number.)

Many thanks to Gwen Childs and the Fantasy Auction crew. Thanks to these terrific volunteers, we have had a large cash boost. We need it. Our propane bill for this winter was nearly \$5,500 just for heat. Thank you to everyone who helped put the event together, contributed items, and attended the event. It was one of the best parties we have ever had and the biggest fund raiser we have ever had!

Cheryl and I will be sending out quarterly statements in April. They will show the amount still due on your pledge for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. If you have not paid your pledge yet, please do so as quickly as possible. ALUUC relied on your promise last summer when we set the budget. Now we need your contribution to pay the bills. Please do your part.

If you have any questions about how this or other financial issues, please feel free to ask me. I would be happy to show you the process. A copy of the current financial statement is posted on the Board's bulletin board in the hallway.



~ Victoria Vincent

ALUUC Groups

Book Discussion Group

This group will be meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 28th at Barbara Moore's home to discuss "The Photograph" by Penelope Lively. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Barbara if you have any questions. Future books we will be reading include, "The Member of the Wedding" by Carson McCullers, and "An Incomplete Revenge" by Jacqueline Winspear.

Bridge Group

This group will be meeting at 7:00pm on Friday, April 10th at the ALUUC. Check with Chris Romaine for details and potential last-minute cancellation for weather conditions.

Dream Group

This group will be meeting at 7:00pm on Monday, April 6th in the Emerson Room at the ALUUC. This is a chance to discuss recent dreams in a relaxed and informal setting. If you have any questions, please contact John Glosser at DreamGroup@aluuc.org

Flute Circle

This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the ALUUC. 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 are welcome. Any questions can be directed to Mike Haynes at FluteCircle@aluuc.org

Humanist Discussion Group

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on Monday, April 27th at the ALUUC. Mark Hanson will review Predictably Irrational by Dan Ariely. A brief summary of the book can be found at <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/16/books/review/Berreby-t.html> It is not necessary to have read the book to participate fully in the discussion. If you have any questions about the Humanist Group, please contact Carol Floyd at HumanistGroup@aluuc.org

Kid's Club

The Kid's Club meets every first Friday of the month. Children from Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. We will be holding our annual April Fools party. Everyone come dressed in your "crazy" outfits and join the fun. A \$3 donation per child is requested to help cover costs. RSVP requested. Please direct any questions to Marla Johnson at KidsClub@aluuc.org

Labyrinth Walk

The Labyrinth Walk is held from 7:00 to 9:30pm on the third Friday of each month from September to June. All are welcome.

Meditation Groups

The Thursday Evening Meditation meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the ALUUC. The Sangamon Zen Group sits most Saturday mornings at the ALUUC from 9:30 to 11:30am. Please check the website calendar for exact dates.

News Covenant Group

The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 9th at Frank and Linda Kopecky's home. Note that this is a one-time change from our ordinary meeting date. Contact Frank or Linda if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Occasional Choir

The choir rehearsal is at 9:30am on specified Sundays. Please check the website calendar for exact dates. For more information about the choir, please contact Bonnie Ettinger at music@aluuc.org

Theologies in Dialogue

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on Monday, April 20th at the ALUUC. John Glosser will give a presentation on the historical, political, and theological insights of Reinhold Niebuhr. Niebuhr, who taught at Union Theological Seminary, is most famous for his doctrine of Christian realism and for his "Serenity Prayer." Discussion will follow the presentation. For more information on this group, contact John Glosser at Theologies@aluuc.org

Adult Religious Education Survey


As always, the Religious Education committee at ALUUC wants to improve the quantity and quality of Adult Religious Education offerings and we need your feedback. Please take a few moments of your time to fill out the Adult Religious Education Survey and let us know what types of Adult Religious Education courses you would be interested in attending next church year! This survey has been posted on the ALUUC website on the Religious Education page. Please email completed surveys to Brenda Wade at RE@aluuc.org or place them in the Religious Education mailbox in the church office. Thanks for sharing your valuable opinion!

I would also like to take this time to introduce Mike Haynes as our Adult Religious Education Coordinator for the next church year. Many thanks to Mike for donating his time and talent!



~ News from the Fellowship Committee ~

Every Sunday in April - before and after church - if the weather is favorable, there will be kite flying in the "North 40" behind the church. I have a limited number of small kites which I can share, but please bring your kite, if you have a kite.



Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) offers Civil Engineer Scholarship Program for College Students

Nineteen scholarships were awarded last year. The scholarship program is for Illinois residents who are admitted to or enrolled full time at select Illinois colleges and universities in a curriculum leading toward a degree in Civil Engineering. Recipients may receive up to \$7,000 per academic year. The scholarship may provide up to five years tuition assistance per student with up to two years graduate school included. Scholarship recipients may be given the opportunity to work for IDOT during summer breaks and could be offered full time employment with the department upon graduation.

Spanish Interest Group (AKA the Servetus Club)

Hola, amigos. Hablas español? The purpose of this club is to draw together those members & friends of ALUUC who have an interest in practicing Spanish. All are invited to attend, regardless of proficiency. In addition to brushing up on one's Spanish, participants are likely to go out to a Mexican restaurant, play various games, etc. The Spanish Interest Club will meet on the first and third Sunday of April at 5:00pm at Rev. Martin Woulfe's home. Please contact Rev. Woulfe at minister@aluuc.org to confirm your attendance.

From the Green Sanctuary Committee...

Tips for Greener Living: Using Less Paper

PAPER. Americans use an average of 700lbs. of paper per year, whereas the worldwide average is only 110lbs. The U.S. makes about one-third of all the world's paper. Making paper uses not only renewable trees, but also major amounts of non-renewable fuel oil to transport the logs to paper mills and electricity to run the giant papermaking machines. Making paper is also a heavy water user (one ton of paper uses 7,000 gallons of water) and bleaching to make paper white sends tons of chlorine into the rivers and streams. Environmental sustainability requires finding ways to use less paper and to recycle what we do use.

Here are some ways we can reduce new paper use:

1. Try to print on both sides of the paper--duplex--when using copiers to print. Most copiers can print duplex; some computer printers can make duplex copies (though most do so only by feeding sheets individually to print on the second side).
2. Save draft copies printed on one side, turn them over and feed the second side for other draft or unfinished work. Also, save paper printed on one side to use as "scratch" pads.
3. Try reading more on-line rather than make so many paper copies to read later.
4. Recycle your used paper: newspapers, white office paper, magazines, phone books and almost all other kinds of paper recycle as "mixed" paper. Currently about 50% of U.S. used paper is recycled. Even so, paper is the number one item in American landfills.
5. When shopping, take used paper bags to the store rather than filling new ones with purchases. Many stores now sell cloth bags with their logo. Tote bags are another alternative. Keep the bags in the car as your reminder to use them when you shop.
6. Buy copy paper that includes at least some "post consumer" recycled paper. It's just as good as paper that's all virgin and can save much of the energy and other resources used in making virgin paper. Stores usually sell 30% post consumer recycled paper for only a few cents more than virgin copy paper. At one local store the difference is only 25 cents per ream. One hundred percent post consumer paper is also available, though at a higher price.
7. At home, switch to cloth from paper napkins. You wash clothes anyway, so adding a few napkins to the load will not add to your environmental impact.



Where do young adults gather in our community?

Young adults are experiencing transitions and making decisions that will impact their lives for decades to come. Unitarian Universalism offers young adults a positive, affirming, nurturing community for spiritual growth, social ties, support and connections to the larger world through justice work and awareness. Young adults also have a lot to offer congregations. Young adults bring with them energy, creativity, time, fresh perspectives, challenges to our highest ethical standards, renewed dedication to anti-oppression and social justice work, the understanding of Unitarian Universalism as a movement larger than any one congregation, and often their newly forming families. Young adults are also often generous supporters of our congregations, giving generously of themselves and their resources to things they care deeply about.

According to Peirce, young adulthood itself is a new concept. He believes that young adults began to be separated out as a distinct age group or developmental stage beginning sometime around the 1990's. Once society had created this new category, both young adults and older adults began to believe that so-called young adults were supposed to behave differently. "I'm saying 'young adult,' but I don't really think of people as 'young adults' in our congregation," said Peirce. "They are just members [of the congregation] in my view." He disagrees with efforts to create special worship services and separate young adult groups within Unitarian Universalist congregations. "Don't think outside the box, think inside the box," said Peirce. "Don't try to develop separate congregations for young adults, integrate them into the wider congregation."

Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation opens our doors and welcomes young adults. We encourage you to weave your beautiful, colorful lives into the rich tapestry of our congregation. In doing so, we will be taking a necessary step to creating true intergenerational community— and towards a whole movement that embraces each step along the journey of life.

Stay tuned for news about the new Young Adult Group

This group meets once or twice a month doing various social interest activities, such as: board games, bowling, movies and trips out of town. For UU members and friends 21-40 years of age. Check the newsletter, Facebook page or the online calendar for dates, times and location. Please contact Rhiannon Gurley at youngadultgroup@aluuc.org for more information and to sign up.

“World Cruise” Fantasy Auction Wrap-Up...

Wasn't that a great party! Weren't the African Drummers exciting? And didn't you love dancing with Julio? After that, did you relax with a neck massage by Eugena Austin? Our Cruise was the hottest ticket in town—at least 180 people showed up, including Sen. Dick Durbin and his wife, Loretta. There are so many people to thank for this wonderful evening. If I have forgotten to mention someone, please forgive me.

First, the Auction Committee: Carley Mattimore and John Malan, Renata and Heiko Buchloh, Stacey Shinkle Van Bogaert, and Linda Haynes were responsible recruiting donations of food and auction items for the four “Destination Marketplaces.” Special mention goes to our “Cruise Staff”—Frank and Linda Kopecky, Jodi Perko, Eugena Austin, Debby Hagan, Victoria Vincent, Carol Kneedler, Delinda Chapman, Kitty Wrigley, Anna Pearson, and Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant. These people did most of the soliciting, set-up and decorating, with very welcome assistance from Jack Kriel, Mike Haynes, Martin Woulfe, Vinnie Gupta and Mark Hanson. Their energy and creativity were amazing.

And then there's Victoria Vincent, who is always the “unofficial” Co-Chair but doesn't want to take the credit. She catalogs every item and handles the business end of the auction so skillfully. Her team was really put to the test as they worked furiously to try to enter over 300 auction winners into the computer in a very short amount of time. Her administrative team included: Keith Taylor, Debby Hagan, Peggy Fenley, Rachel Walker, Kitty Wrigley and Scott Wade, chief database guru.

We owe Kathy Rem much gratitude for her expert publicity help, and to Carley Mattimore, who made a TV appearance. Of course, nothing beats a personal invitation, so thanks to all of you who brought your friends.

And who could forget the people who were working so hard in the kitchen? Kurt, Diana, and Marissa DeWeese (Marissa also helped out by being a DJ), Pat Goller, Rob Ewart, Mark Hanson, Mike Haynes and Vi Lanum. The Clean-up crew included: all of the kitchen helpers listed above, everyone on the Fantasy Auction Teams listed above, and Meg Evans, Peter Lazare, Martin Woulfe, Jack Kriel and Penny Wollan-Kriel, Kent Childs and Jim Custer—and probably several others who jumped in to help.

The MVP Award goes to Renata Buchloh, who was an extraordinary solicitor of business donations, and we must raise a toast to Tom Vaught, who donated most of the wine. Of course, we couldn't have done any of this without all of your donations of food and auction items, and we are especially grateful to everyone who purchased things! I'm sure you'll all agree that our auctioneer, Michael Plog, is a treasure. He really knows how to elicit our generosity!

Thank you all for the many lovely comments about the evening. I have a dream that someday we can get together and have fun just for the sake of being together. I know that many of us have been tightening our belts lately, but it's obvious that we love our church and want to support it. I'm very happy to report that we cleared approximately **\$9700!**

Gwen Childs, Chair

Central Midwest District, UUA 2009 District Assembly

Friday, April 24, 2009, 4:00pm - Sunday, April 26, 2009, 12:00pm (Central Time)
Milwaukee Marriott West, W231 N1600 Corporate Court, Waukesha, WI 53186

Join us at the 2009 Central Midwest District Assembly! Once again we aim to make it our largest and best ever! Hundreds of UU's from all over the Midwest will gather in Waukesha WI, for three days of worship, fellowship, and fun. We will welcome Sharon Daloz Parks, author and independent scholar, as our keynote speaker to speak on our theme this year "Leadership in Times of Profound Change," followed later in the afternoon by the Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman and Rev. Peter Morales presenting a forum on issues facing the UUA as they are competing candidates for the Presidency of the UUA. You have also said you want workshops on the most important challenges emerging among us. Therefore we have recruited people to present workshops on such topics as ecology and sustainability, retaining visitors as involved members, and healthy congregations and covenants. Our exciting Opening Celebration comes with music, inspiration and a banner parade. There will be a delicious banquet and fun and fabulous entertainment. We will gather Sunday morning for combined worship – all of this together with Unitarian Universalist friends, old and new, from across our Central Midwest District! Registration for the District Assembly itself is \$155 – unchanged for the past 5 years! All events will be held at the Marriott Milwaukee West in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and overnight rooms are reserved until April 15, 2009 at the rate of \$105 per night. You can reserve rooms online – see the registration form for details. These rates are as reasonable as you'll find and you'll help the District keep costs down by booking directly through the Marriott. Register online at www.regonline.com/690962

2009 UUA General Assembly A Meeting of Congregations June 24-28, 2009

Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. General Assemblies shall make overall policy for carrying out the purposes of the Association and shall direct and control its affairs. Voting at each regular and special General Assembly shall be by accredited delegates from certified member congregations, certified associate member organizations, and trustees.

Registration and Housing Reservations are now open.

Scholarship and Volunteer applications are now available.

2009 is a UUA presidential election year.

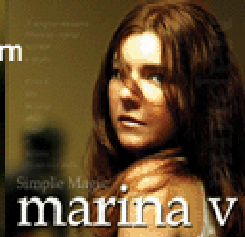
For more information contact, generalassembly@uua.org

***Marina V Concert at ALUUC
Monday, April 13***

Internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Marina V will return to ALUUC for her third concert appearance on Monday, April 13. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$10 at the door for adults, youth (12 & under) only \$5.00. Half the proceeds will benefit ALUUC. Copies of Marina V's CDs and assorted merchandise will also be available for sale.

Marina's CDs are available online at www.MarinaV.com

"hauntingly beautiful" ~ L.A. Times
"the voice of an angel" ~ The Prague Post
"inspirational lyrics and a soaring voice" ~ Music Connection
"timeless quality and ethereal beauty" ~ Las Vegas City Life



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The Senior Youth Group will be cooking up pancakes, scrambled eggs and bacon on Sunday morning, April 5 from 9:00 to 10:30am. The cost will be \$7.00 per plate. Children under 3 eat free. The proceeds from this breakfast will be used for transportation costs for the Senior Youth Group to travel to and from St Louis for the upcoming Youth Con from April 17-19. We hope you can help us out by showing up for the breakfast. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, the Senior Youth Group

Melinda Schnake
Kat Grant
Shawn Charles
Ally Perko
Shannon Barron
Nicole Zarley
Zach Zarley
Caitlin Hubbard
Aubrey Cohan
Joel Brauer
Laura Brauer
Ragan VanHecke
Mallory Mattimore-Malan
Piper McMahan
Colin Crowley
Britney Ambrose
McKenzie Giganti

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

Become a UUSC Member

You can become a member of UUSC by making a membership gift. Your contribution will support UUSC's work to advance human rights and promote social justice in the United States and around the world. As a member, you will also join a community of more than 47,000 UUSC supporters who share your ideals. You will also stay up-to-date on human rights issues through regular mailings, action alerts, and a subscription to our newsletter, Rights Now. UUSC believes in *acting locally and supporting globally*.

UUSC can increase the power of UU social justice by allowing all congregations and individuals to join together as one voice for human rights. UUSC is not a replacement for local social action but a powerful extension of it. You can join online,

https://secure2.convio.net/uusc/site/Donation2?df_id=1220&1220.donation=form1

Membership is \$40.00 (General), \$75.00 (General, dual), \$10.00 (Student/Youth), \$20.00 (Student/Youth, dual), \$20.00 (Senior) and \$40.00 Senior (dual).

UUSC Human Rights Youth photography contest

Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with UUSC. Are human rights important to you? Are you 12-18 years old? UUSC invites you to share your photo about human rights with the world. Prizes will be awarded to top entries. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2009.

Visit UUSC's website -

http://www.uusc.org/content/uusc_udhr_60th_anniversary_youth_photo_contest

Take Action to Renew Hope in Darfur

During her confirmation hearings for secretary of state, Hillary Clinton declared a need to "sound the alarm again about Darfur." Susan Rice, our newly appointed ambassador to the United Nations, has been an outspoken critic of the Bush administration's inaction on the Darfur genocide. Urge Secretary Clinton and Ambassador Rice to ensure UNAMID fulfills its mandate to protect women and girls in Darfur. And help continue UUSC's Drumbeat for Darfur by donating to the *Darfur Relief Fund* today.

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Nametags: If you need a replacement nametag, please email your request to our Office Manager, Cheryl Wycoff, at office@aluuc.org or print your name on a piece of paper and place it in the nametag slot found on the nametag rack.

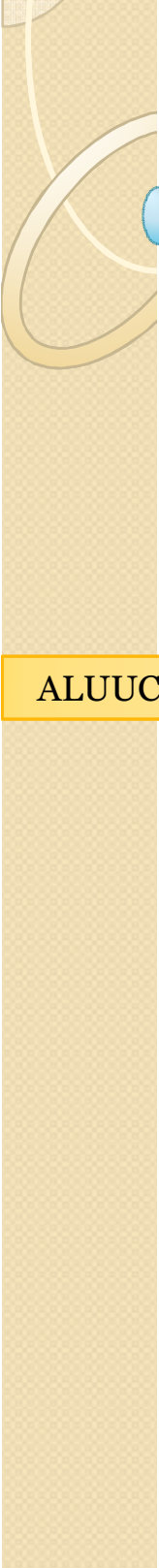
April 2009

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5 Worship Service, 10:30am	6 Dream Group, 7:00pm	7 Board Meeting, 7:00pm	8 Flute Circle, 7:00pm	9 Meditation, 7:00pm	10 Bridge Group, 7:00pm	11 Zen Meditation, 9:30am
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26 Worship Service, 10:30am	27 Humanist Group, 7:00pm	28 * Book Group, 7:30pm	29	30 Meditation, 7:00pm		

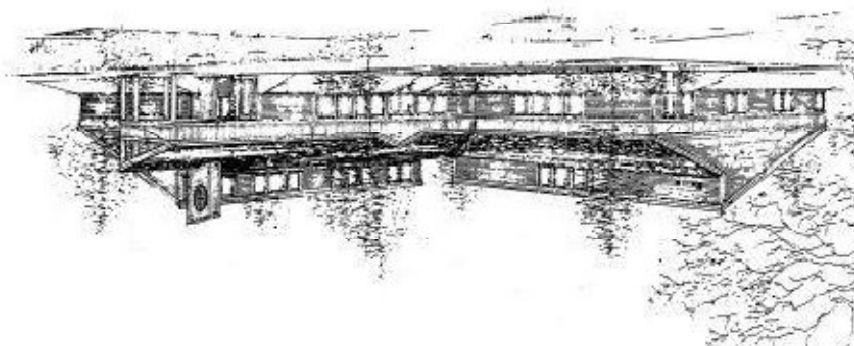
* Event not held at the ALUUC

Dates & Times are subject to change. Please check the website calendar any changes.

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