



ALUUC Focus

Newsletter for the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation
www.aluuc.org



SEPTEMBER 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, as well as hearing devices, are available upon request.

September 6

Iran and the Recent Election - Towfig Arjmand

Towfig Arjmand, a retired Springfield physician whose concern of his native country, Iran, continues.

September 13

Water & Stone Communion - Rev. Martin Woulfe

As the summer begins to wane, members & friends return to ALUUC to share their individual stories and spiritual insights inspired by their adventures and travels. Following a tradition attributed to UU women ministers in the early 1980's, we will blend our separate measures of water and stones into a common bowl and share our stories. Surplus water will be available for participants.

September 20

Parables of the Earth: Buddhist - Rev. Martin Woulfe

Parables are stories used to teach religious truths. Beginning with this Sunday, Rev. Woulfe will share a parable from different religious traditions and explore its universal insights. In the first part of this series, Rev. Woulfe will draw a story from the Buddhist tradition.

September 27

Parables of the Earth: Jewish - Rev. Martin Woulfe

In the second Sunday of this series, which happens to coincide with the observance of Yom Kippur, Rev. Woulfe will explore a parable from the Jewish tradition and share his insights into that tale and that holy day.

October 4

Beyond Red and Blue - Peter Wenz

Peter Wenz, UIS Professor Emeritus, will speak on several of the issues from his latest book, "Beyond Red and Blue."

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From the Minister...

Ministry is a somewhat vague term, one that might encompass many actions in the world. Note that I use the word “actions” rather than, say, “thoughts” or “intentions.” Ministry is necessarily a public phenomenon, rooted in real time, focused on touching the lives of others (which incidentally cannot but affect one’s own life as well).

In practice, there are many ministries. Some people minister to the homeless, those in hospice, those who are poor, those who have addictions, those who are lonely or lost, etc. In truth, most people could benefit from several ministries. Equally true, most people are more than capable of offering several ministries to others. One sees a need and responds, according to one’s own gifts. One most certainly does not need a professional degree to get started.

Members of ALUUC have contributed to several notable ministries during the years, such as Peace Camp and the Springfield Overflow Shelter. The Small Group Ministries is another example of a relatively new yet powerful ministry, one that offers support and inspiration to those involved. I have had a hand in a few ministries myself, as one might expect, such as the monthly labyrinth walk.

One of my lesser known endeavors is what I call my “umbrella ministry.” I regularly purchase umbrellas at thrift stores & stow them in my car. Eventually, a rainy day will arrive and I will spy hapless individuals, most often students, trudging along, getting soaked. In a different era, one might have offered a lift in one’s car, but those days are long past. Still, I do what I can. When I have stopped and offered them an umbrella, it cheers them up considerably. It’s a small act, consistent with the notion that we should “practice random acts of kindness.” Well, one might argue that my actions have been conceived well in advance of the actual event, but the occasions and persons affected are random enough. In any event, it is a small ministry, the type that any one might do, yet which promises to make a difference to the persons encountered.

~ Martin



From the Board President...

It's already starting to feel like fall. The nights are cool, the cicadas are singing as they prepare to shed their shells, and the kids have happily returned to school. Soon it will be time for Ingathering Sunday at ALUUC, and our full programming will resume. It will be good to see the RE classrooms filled with lively, inquisitive children on Sunday—and with lively, inquisitive adults during the week!

We are glad to welcome Marla Johnson as our Coordinator of Religious Education, and I would like to thank everyone else who has agreed to serve in our volunteer positions. Our congregation finds itself at a rather awkward point—we are large enough to want and need a variety of programming, but we are small enough that finding enough people to staff everything is challenging. We still have a couple of leadership positions available, but I hope to fill them very soon.

Our Board of Directors will be having a retreat on Sept. 12th to explore our visions for ALUUC and chart a course for the 2009-2010 year. We are very fortunate that Carol Kneidler, former president of this congregation, will be facilitating our retreat again this year. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions relating to our programming that you would like to share, please feel free to talk to any Board member at any time. We need to know your concerns, and we need to measure our progress throughout the year.

As this new church season begins, I find myself in a time of deep reflection about the new season in my life. My mother's recent passing has flooded me with memories of the past. Now, as I take time to envision the future church season, I remember how my mother for gave me permission, when I was very young, to think for myself and to trust my heart in religious matters. This is my vision for RE. I remember her joy in caring for others, her insistence on honesty and kindness, and her gentle spirit that taught us to choose love and forgiveness over hatred of any kind. Surely, my mother was, and is, "Standing on the Side of Love." And this is my vision for our congregation.



~ Gwen Childs

From the Board Treasurer...

Per our financial statements for the month of May 2009:

Operating revenue for May 2009: \$ 11,550
Operating expenses for May 2009: \$ 9,147
Mortgage liability paid for May 2009: \$ 1,873
Total outflow for May 2009: \$ 11,020

Per our financial statements for the month of June 2009 (end of fiscal year):

Operating revenue for June 2009: \$ 9,591
Operating expenses for June 2009: \$ 12,368
Mortgage liability paid for June 2009: \$ 1,879
Total outflow for June 2009: \$14,247

Per our financial statements for the entire Fiscal Year (July 2008 – June 2009):

Operating revenue: \$174,103
Operating expenses: \$148,233
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenue Over Expenses: \$25,870
Mortgage liability paid: \$ 22,143

As we review the year-end results, a note from Victoria's January report bears repeating: If you looked only at the line denoting "Excess of Revenue Over Expenses", you would think that the church made a substantial profit on the year! In fact, we did not...

When considering the financial status of any organization (or household), you must take into account more than just the revenue and expenses and comparison with the budget. Much important detail is contained on the Balance Sheet (aka the "Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets").

The mortgage liability is one major category that affects ALUUC's financial position, but outside of the annual operating budget. While mortgage interest payments are included in the annual operating budget and are considered an operating expense, mortgage principal payments are not. This is because when we repay borrowed capital, we are reducing a liability. This appears as a change to ALUUC's balance sheet each month—the total of the mortgage liabilities decreases by the amount of principal paid that month. So while this is not considered an operating expense, it does cost the church money each month and must be factored in when considering our financial results.

Copies of the most recent financial statements are always posted on the Board's bulletin board in the hallway. If you have any questions about financial issues, please feel free to ask me.



~ Megan Renner

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Change of Address or Email: Changes can be submitted by email to Updates@aluuc.org or by completing the ALUUC Membership Update Form found in the office.

Newsletter Option: To stop receiving this newsletter by mail or to change to receive it by email, please email your request to Pamela Daniel at newsletter@aluuc.org

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.

Groups and Other Events

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

BookGroup@aluuc.org

The Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's home. We will discuss "Stormy Weather" by Paulette Jiles. This is an historical novel taking place in oil-rich East Texas during the darkest years of the depression. Call Barbara if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

DREAM GROUP

DreamGroup@aluuc.org

The Dream Group will meet in the Emerson Room at the church on Monday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for folks to discuss their recent dreams in a relaxed and informal setting. New members of the group are always most welcome. For more information about the Dream Group, please contact John Glosser.

MONTHLY YOUNG ADULT EVENT

youngadultgroup@aluuc.org

Young adults! Please join us for the first "Second Sunday Brunch" on Sunday, August 9. We'll meet in the congregation's vestibule at noon on the Second Sunday of each month. We'll drive (or carpool) to a local restaurant such as Denny's or Cracker Barrel for lunch/brunch food and fellowship. If you prefer to meet us at the restaurant, please call Megan for directions.

NEWS COVENANT GROUP

NewsGroup@aluuc.org

The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on September 3rd at Mary Reed's home. Call Mary if you have any questions. All are welcome to attend.

THEOLOGIES IN DIALOGUE GROUP

The group will be meeting on Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m. Carol Floyd will review a newly published book by author Richard Grigg. His central claim in *To Re-Enchant the World: A Philosophy of Unitarian Universalism* is "...that contemporary Unitarian Universalism, with its unique ability to bring together a plethora of different spiritualities within a single community, is a particularly powerful site for the re-enchantment of the world, for the rebirth of the sacred."

HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

HumanistGroup@aluuc.org

Join us on Monday September 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the ALUUC. Carol Floyd will review the book *To Re-enchant the World: A Philosophy of Unitarian Universalism* (by Richard Grigg). Grigg believes that the "re-enchantment" potential of contemporary UUism rests on bringing together multiple spiritualities in a single community which affirms the search for truth of each member. He draws upon philosophy, psychology, poetry and a little pop culture humor. If you have questions about the Theologies in Dialogue Group, please contact Craig Bailey or John Glosser. If you have questions about the Humanist Group, please contact Carol Floyd.

ALUUC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

youngadultgroup@aluuc.org

is sponsoring a "Harvest BBQ Potluck" Sunday, September 13th 6pm at Washington Park playground picnic area. We invite the congregation to bring a dish, something for the grill experts to grill, or yard games. Summer has ended, school has started, and we celebrate autumn with food and socializing. Contact Rhiannon for more information.

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FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE FALL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, September 1	Tuesday Lunch Bunch
Tuesday, September 15	Tuesday Lunch Bunch
Friday, September 25	Cookout 6 p.m. & Game Night
Tuesday, October 6	Tuesday Lunch Bunch
Tuesday, October 20	Tuesday Lunch Bunch
Friday, October 23	Game Night
Sunday, October 25	Potluck
Tuesday, November 3	Tuesday Lunch Bunch
Tuesday, November 17	Tuesday Lunch Bunch
Sunday, November 22	Potluck
Saturday, December 5	Cookie exchange / holiday gift making party noon to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month between 10 am and 2 pm. at ALUUC.

Looking For One More Thing To Do?
Have An Open Moment In Your Busy
Schedule?

How About Lunch Time?

Joining a Bunch of UU's for a Mid-Day
Repast?

Come to the (New) Tuesday Lunch Bunch! - a gathering of members and friends at ALUUC sharing a meal and participating in small group activities. Everyone is welcome - seniors, parents with young children, people who can take extended time from work or home duties, and retirees.

**The dates in September are
Sept 1 and Sept 15.**

You have two options for lunch:

- 1) order a meal from a local restaurant's takeout menu, or
- 2) "brown bag" – bring your lunch. Everyone is responsible for their own meal, including payment for carryouts. Volunteers will pick up the food once all the orders are made.

We are responsible for cleanup when we are done. Parents are responsible for their children, including playground supervision.

Activities include board games, crafts, kite flying, hand sewing, knitting, crocheting, reading, discussion group, watching a video, or just one-on-one conversation. It's a totally casual, mid-week activity. Bring your lunch or bring your lunch money and come join the Lunch Bunch!

For further details, contact Diana DeWeese, Fellowship Chair

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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

LABYRINTH WALK

Labyrinth Walks will resume at ALUUC in the fall and be held on the third Friday of each month. Mark your calendar! The first scheduled Labyrinth Walk of the 2009-2010 liturgical year will be held on Friday Sept 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

MOVIE NIGHT

Due to the fact that the month of September is already brimming with events, Movie Night will resume on October 4th at 6 pm. The film "Death at a Funeral" will be shown here at ALUUC. This film, described as "a 2007 British black comedy film directed by Frank Oz" is based on a "screenplay by Dean Craig which focuses on a vast family attempting to resolve a variety of problems while attending the funeral of the patriarch." This film may not be suitable for younger children. Refreshments will be served.

SPANISH INTEREST GROUP (Servetus Group)

Habla español? Come and join others who share an interest in Spanish and like to practice. This group will hold a potluck on Sunday September 20 with a at 4 pm at the home of Rev. Martin Woulfe; if you are interested in joining this group, please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe.

COOKOUT/GAME NIGHT

Our annual cookout will be Friday, September 25, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a side dish to share. Marshmallows, hotdogs, hamburgers and all the fixin's will be provided by the Fellowship committee. Later in the evening we will be chanting and drumming around the bonfire, so bring your drums. It will be a wonderful night for stargazing, too!

The Fellowship committee will also be hosting Game Night inside the building. We will provide "Jumangi", Cribbage, Scrabble, Mexican Train, Harry Potter Trivia Game, Mancala, Cranium, and Gale Sayers Football! If you have a favorite board game that is not on this list, bring it along! Questions? Call Diana DeWeese, Fellowship Chair.



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NEW TO UU SESSION

If you are interested in becoming a member, or desire more information on UUism and this congregation, an orientation will be offered Tuesday, September 15 at ALUUC, 7 – 9 pm. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the water fountain; if this time is not convenient, please contact Rev. Woulfe to schedule a different one. Please indicate if childcare is needed.

NEW MEMBER WELCOMING CEREMONY

A ceremony to officially welcome those men and women who have joined ALUUC during the past several months will be held during the regular Sunday service on September 20th. If you are a new member, please be sure to attend!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The September collection of Change for Change will be gathered on Sunday, September 6 and will benefit the Mini O'Bierne Crisis Nursery. The Nursery, founded in 1989 seeks to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing emergency, temporary care, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for children who may be at risk or whose parents are experiencing some type of crisis. Learn more about the nursery at <http://www.miniobeirne.org/>

INTERFAITH PEACE SERVICE

Several local groups will be participating in an interfaith service on the International Day of Peace and Ceasefire. This service will be held at the Third Presbyterian Church on Monday, September 21st; further details will be forthcoming.

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Greater Springfield Interfaith Association is once again accepting nominations for its "Humanitarian of the Year Award" which will be awarded on Tuesday, October 13 at its annual fall banquet.

The criteria for nominating a person for the Humanitarian Award are as follows:

1. The winner shall be a member of a faith group.
2. The winner shall not be a current member of GSIA.
3. The winner shall be chosen for his/her service to those in human need in the community.
4. It shall be irrelevant to the judgment of the committee whether the winner has been compensated for his/her service or is a volunteer. In the event the winner is compensated for his/her services, the award shall go to his/her organization or agency.
5. The award may be given to organizations, agencies, and/or individuals.
6. The winner shall not have received the Humanitarian Service Award in the previous seven (7) years.
7. **The deadline for nominations to be received is October 1st. For more information, including the form, please visit www.gsia.info**

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION *Articulating your UU Faith*

What do you say after stating that you are a Unitarian Universalist? This is a five session course designed to help you – you guessed it – put your faith into words. Rev. Martin Woulfe will lead this class; class size is limited to 10 people. Please sign up on the sheet by the water fountain. The class will meet from 7 pm – 8:30 pm on September 16, 23, October 14, 21 and 28 at ALUUC.

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ALUUC Sr. Youth

The Sr. Youth program currently has approximately 20 teenagers actively involved and meet regularly throughout the church year. The summers are spent off, however, the Sr. Youth have been busy this summer!

Our own Shannon Barron attended the CMwD Leadership School at Beloit College in Wisconsin. Leadership School is a weeklong intensive experience designed to engage participants in all aspects of leadership in a Unitarian Universalist faith community. This was the first year for Midwest Leadership School for Youth (ages 14-18) in tandem with the Adult School. It is designed to challenge and train self-selected Unitarian Universalist youth in three areas: Leadership Skills Development, Worship, and Religious Values & Heritage. This Leadership School is an intentional community and learning experience. It is not a camp or conference. It equips young UU's with a foundation that deepens their religious development and expands their ability to contribute, both in their UU community and beyond. We are so proud of Shannon!

At Spring Con, Scott was elected as an adult advisor to DYSC (District Youth Steering Committee). The adult advisors provide support, encouragement and youth empowerment for members of the district elected youth. We are very proud of Scott's work on this district level committee!

Several members participated in the State Fair Twilight Parade by helping to make banners and posters as well as walking with their ALUUC church family.

The Sr Youth will resume their regular meetings beginning in September. We kicked off the beginning of our year by having a lock-in for members of the youth group. The lock-in allows teens to build community with each other, re-establish connections and make plans for the upcoming church year. The youth are involved in a variety of projects throughout the year, including a youth-led service. They have also obtained permission from the Board to host Spring Con 2010 and have started plans to host this district wide event. The youth are still waiting for final selection for this Con. The Fall Con will be held November 6th- 8th in Evanston, IL. Mark your calendars!

Any teenager, 9-12th grade is invited to attend Sr. Youth meetings every Sunday afternoon 3-5 p.m. If you have any questions regarding the Sr. Youth program, please contact one of the advisors and we would be happy to share our exciting youth program with you!

Buffy Lael, Scott Wade, Meg Schnake

UUs in the State Fair Twilight Parade

On Thursday, August 13, more than twenty members of ALUUC marched in the State Fair Parade, the theme of which was "An All American Fair." Carrying various signs and banners, they promoted "Standing on the Side of Love" and "Civil Marriage is a Civil Right." The weather was perfect and the crowd was receptive.



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

A Job Should Keep You Out of Poverty, Not Keep You in It

On July 24, 2009, the federal minimum wage increased from \$6.55 per hour to \$7.25 per hour, the last of three scheduled raises. This extra income, of up to \$28 per week, will help millions of workers cope with the rising price of food, housing, and other basic needs. While this increase is a move in the right direction, \$7.25 per hour is still a poverty wage, adding up to just \$15,080 a year for a full-time worker. In fact, this raise is so overdue that it is worth less in inflation-adjusted dollars than when it was set in 1997 by the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007. By that standard, it is worth less today than it was over 50 years ago!

UUSC and its partner Let Justice Roll — a coalition of more than 90 faith-based, community, labor, and business organizations — are continuing the movement for a living wage by promoting \$10 by 2010 as an important, reasonable step toward making up ground lost in minimum-wage rates and recognizing the valuable contributions of all workers in this economy.

UUs have shown overwhelming support for a living wage! At the UUA General Assembly 2008, Unitarian Universalists passed an Action of Immediate Witness, “Raise the Federal Minimum Wage to \$10 to 2010,” endorsing Let Justice Roll’s national \$10 in 2010 campaign. Helping to push this through were dozens of UU ministers who have signed the Faith Leader Letter to Congress. Then, in January 2009, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, 100 UU congregations participated in Living Wage Days, holding special worship services and engaging in legislative advocacy.

What you can do

- Sign the Faith Leader Letter to Congress or the General Public Sign-on to show your support for the \$10 in 2010 campaign.
- Speak out by writing a letter to the editor or op-ed for your local newspaper about why raising the minimum wage is not only good for the economy but also the morally right thing to do to support millions of workers. Visit our web site for sample letters to the editor, examples of op-eds, and tips for writing opinion pieces. Also, check your own state’s minimum wage and use it for a local angle.
- Host living-wage workshops and events in your community or congregation, drawing inspiration from the Let Justice Roll toolkit.
- Recruit business owners to sign the Business for a Fair Minimum Wage statement. Nearly 900 signers support a fair minimum wage. Help us break the 1,000-signers mark.

Become a UUSC Member

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee puts our shared principles into practice, protecting and promoting human rights in the United States and around the world through partnership. UUSC is working with congregations across the country to raise the federal minimum wage for families that are struggling the most in this challenging economy. UUSC partners with groups in Africa, the Americas, and Asia to protect access to safe, affordable water. UUSC also shines a light on the erosion of civil liberties after September 11 and helps individuals to rebuild their lives and livelihoods in the wake of disasters like Katrina and in the midst of conflicts like Darfur.

As your UUSC local representative, I urge you to renew your membership today, or give to UUSC in honor of a friend or loved one, at www.uusc.org. 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 is an affiliate member of the UUA. It is independent of and receives no funding from the UUA. For more information about the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee <http://www.uusc.org> or contact: Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Local Rep at dcg5512@yahoo.com

Committees of the ALUUC Board

Committees meet at 12:15 on the 3rd Sunday the month. If you are interested in attending, please speak with the Committee Chairperson. You are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate.

Electronics & Communications Committee

This committee maintains the web site, monthly newsletter, membership directory and the computer/printer in the congregational office.

Chair: Mike Haynes

Facilities Committee

This committee maintains the building and grounds of the congregation. Aesthetics and Flower are sub-committees of Facilities.

Chair: Kurt DeWeese

Aesthetics

This sub-committee maintains the setup and appearance of the congregational building.

Chair: Renata Buchloh

Aesthetics & Flower Committee

This subcommittee provides the floral arrangements for the Sunday morning services. Occasional classes in flower arranging are offered. Also, anyone can sign-up to beautify the church with flowers. The cost is \$20.00 for a standard arrangement, but you can order something special if you'd like to spend more.

Chair: Vi Lanum

Fellowship Committee

This committee sets up the monthly potlucks, social hour after the Sunday service and other special events throughout the year.

Chair: Diana DeWeese

Finance Committee

This committee coordinates pledge drives, identifies financial needs and works with the Board to recommend the annual congregational budget. Chair: Mark Hanson

Green Sanctuary Committee

This committee identifies and seeks to develop ways the congregation can function in a more environmentally sustainable manner.

Chair: Meg Evans

Membership & Publicity Committee

This committee deals with membership, retention and publicity for the congregation.

Pastoral Care Committee

This committee provides care and help to members having difficulties. One of our activities is to match members with needs and members able to help. We need volunteers who are not interested in committee meetings, but want to visit the homebound, drive for people, deliver stuff, and sometimes cook a casserole.

Chair: Michael Plog

Program Committee

This committee schedules the lay-led sermon topics and plans the summer services.

Chair: Penny Wollan-Kriel

Religious Education Committee

Welcome Back, Marla! The Religious Education Committee is pleased to announce that Marla Johnson has been hired to serve as ALUUC's Coordinator of Religious Education. Marla, who formerly served as C.R.E. several years ago, brings experience, enthusiasm as well as a deep concern for youth to this position.

RE Committee Meeting Dates:

September 13, 2009 -9am

October 18, 2009 -9am

November 15, 2009-9am

January 17, 2010 -9am

February 21, 2010 -9am

March 21, 2010 -9am

April 18, 2010 -9am

May 16, 2010 -9am

Social Action Committee

This committee educates the congregation and takes action on social justice issues. This committee also supports many projects like Heartland Peace Camp, Bowling for Kid's Sake, and connecting with local, national and international social justice organizations.

Chair: Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant

This year's fabulous

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

will be held **Friday and Saturday, October 2-3**

Start saving your donations for ALUUC!

It is that time of year once more; time to unload your trash for our treasures. Start making your piles and sacks full of unused items hiding in closets, drawers, basements and garages.

**The first day for drop off will be Sunday, September 27 after the service.
Set up will begin September 28 and run through Thursday, October 1.**

Delinda Chapman is once again chairing the event and is looking for **VOLUNTEERS.**

If you have led the organization for a section of the sale and are willing to do so again this year, please let Delinda know.

Save Dan Schull a call by signing up now to help. We need everyone's participation one way or another. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!



Cleaning the Building...

“Thank you” to everyone who generously offered to sponsor a week of professional cleaning last year. We made it through the whole year without having to organize volunteer cleaning crews. Yeah!!!

This year, we face the same budget challenges, so we need to ask for your donations again. If you would like to sponsor a week, the cost is \$100, and you will not be contacted if we need to recruit volunteer crews. We hope to receive enough donations to avoid doing this! To donate, please make out a check to ALUUC, with “cleaning” in the memo line, and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate.

Directory News and Updates

Art Contest

Do you like to draw? Can you Design the cover of the 2009-2010 ALUUC Member & Friend Directory. This contest is open to all children and youth. Your artwork should reflect principles consistent with UUism.

The winning graphic design will be reproduced in black & white. Submit your artwork to the attention of Rev. Woulfe no later than October 4.



Any changes this past year?

If there have been any changes to your information that you would like included in the upcoming 2009-2010 ALUUC Member & Friend Directory, please complete the form and return to the office.

Advertise Your Business or Service

This year, the Directory will include advertising on the back cover. A limited number of spaces will be available. The intention is to cover the production costs. If you would like to advertise your business or service, please contact Rev. Woulfe.



Special Congregation Photo

Mark your calendar!

Springfield photographer Andria Crawford-Whitehead will be present at ALUUC on Sunday, October 11th to take a photo of all those members and friends who attend that day, after the service.

This has never been done before here – please plan to attend.

Service Opportunities:

Archives, Anyone?

Indulge your inner historian by preserving our ALUUC documents for posterity. No Pay, but Very Flexible Hours.

Love Landscaping?

We have plenty of weeds to go around, no reasonable offer refused. Anyone who shows interest will receive a special invitation to the next workday party sponsored by the Facilities Committee.

Please call the office---585-9550--- if you can give some of your time to these projects.

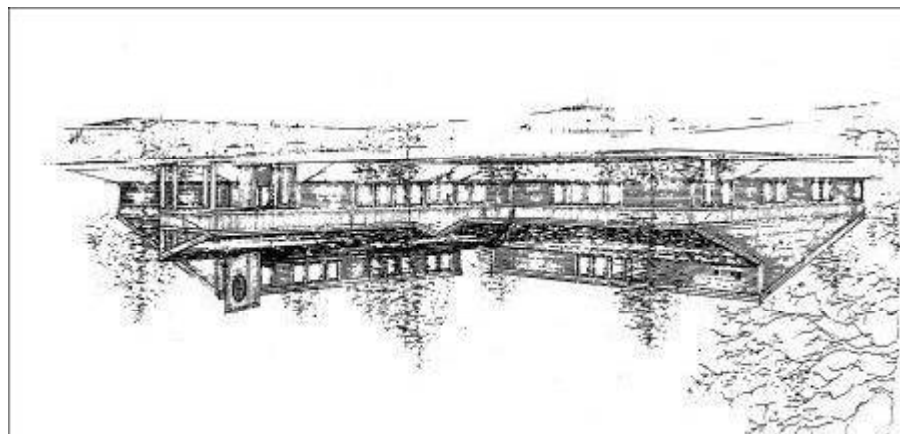
September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>* Events not held at the ALUUC</p> <p>Dates and Times are subject to change. Please check the web site calendar for any changes.</p>		1	2	3	4	5
		<p>Lunch Bunch 10am - 2 pm</p> <p>Board Meeting</p> <p>*Harmonious Drumming in the Park 7 - 8:00 pm</p>		<p>Meditation 7-9:00 pm</p> <p>*News Covenant Group 7:30 pm</p>		<p>Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>Worship Service <i>Change for Change</i> 10:30 am</p> <p>Sr. Youth Meeting 3-5 pm</p>	<p>Dream Group 7:00 pm</p>		<p>* Sangamon Valley Flute Circle 7-9:00 pm</p>	<p>Meditation 7-9:00 pm</p>		<p>Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>Worship Service 10:30 am</p> <p>Committee Fair 12:15 pm</p> <p>Sr. Youth Meeting 3-5 pm</p> <p>*Harvest BBQ Potluck 6:00 pm</p>		<p>Lunch Bunch 10am - 2 pm</p> <p>New to UU Session 7-9:00 pm</p> <p>*Harmonious Drumming in the Park 7 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Adult RE Articulating Your UU Faith 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>Meditation 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Labyrinth Walk 7:30pm</p>	<p>Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>Worship Service <i>New Member Ceremony</i> 10:30 am</p> <p>Sr. Youth Meeting 3-5 pm</p> <p>*Spanish Interest Group 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Humanist Discussion Group 7:00 pm</p> <p>*Interfaith Peace Service</p>	<p>*Book Discussion Group 7:30 pm</p> <p>Prairie Grapevine Concert 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Adult RE Articulating Your UU Faith 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>Meditation 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Newsletter Deadline 9:00 pm</p> <p>Cookout & Game Night 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am</p>
27	28	29	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3
<p>Worship Service 10:30 am</p> <p>Sr. Youth Meeting 3-5 pm</p>				<p>Meditation 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Trash & Treasure Sale</p>	<p>Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p>Trash & Treasure Sale</p>

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