



Announcements for Sunday, November 27, 2011



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Next Sunday, December 4, 2011: "UU Pilgrimages" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** HAPPENING TODAY *****

Guest at Your Table Announcement: Each year at this time, friends and families in our congregation participate in Guest at Your Table. Guest at Your Table provides an excellent opportunity for families and friends to discuss and share their thoughts on the many struggles for justice in the United States and around the world and how the UUSC works in advancing basic human rights. An opportunity to give thanks for the many gifts we have in our lives every day. Please stop by our table in the Commons and pick up a Guest at Your Table box and Stories of Hope; and commit to taking the opportunity to reflect, learn, and share. Boxes will be collected on **Sunday, December 18**. Before bringing back your Guest at Your Table box, be sure to complete the form on the box. And please convert your cash and coins to a check made out to "UUSC". On behalf of UUSC, we thank and commend every person who has chosen to share their blessings through Guest at Your Table.

Parents: Rehearsals have begun for the Holiday Pageant and will continue during the regular Sunday morning religious education time. There will be one Saturday Dress Rehearsal the day before the pageant (times to be announced later). The children will be placed into four groups. The pre-K/K will be in their own group and will get to use their special talents in the pageant. The older children will be in Groups 1, 2, and 3. A few children may get dual roles and be working in more than one group. Your children will be made aware of which group(s) they are in. **The rehearsal schedule will go as follows: Nov. 13, Group 1; Nov. 20, Group 2; Nov. 27, Everyone; Dec. 4, Group 3; Dec. 11, Everyone for a run through; SATURDAY Dec. 17, Everyone for a Dress Rehearsal; and Dec. 18 - Performance.** All children will have activities on every Sunday especially on those dates that your child(ren)'s group is rehearsing. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at cre@aluuc.org. Thank you. Marla Johnson, CRE.

Photo request: Please email individual or family photos to Cheryl office@aluuc.org and watch for the new ALUUC Directory updates.

Tonight is Movie Night! The film "Creation", about the life of Charles Darwin, begins at 6:00 pm in the RE Commons area.

***** COMING SOON *****

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet Monday, November 28 at 7:00pm at ALUUC. Mark Hanson will review the book *The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable* (2d Ed. 2010) by Nassim Nicholas Taleb. A "black swan" is a highly improbable event which is mostly unpredictable, carries a massive impact; and after the fact, we concoct an explanation that makes it appear less random and more predictable than it was. Background: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_black_swan_theory. For questions, call Carol Floyd at 787-1174.

"Racism & Redemption in the Cinema" Please join Rev. Woulfe for the last Adult Religious Education movie on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6:00 pm, to view "Mississippi Masala." Discussion will follow the film.

The memorial service for Celia Wesle will be held Saturday, December 3rd at 2:00 pm at ALUUC.

You all have a golden ticket and can join **Kid's Club** at Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory on Friday, December 2 at the church at 6 pm until 8pm. Please, RSVP to Marla Johnson, CRE at cre@aluuc.org in order to be sure the Oompa Loompa's have made enough treats for everyone! Parents: A reminder that Kid's Club is for children in grades 1-5. **For those with siblings in grades 6-8 the Junior High Youth Group will be meeting at the same time at the church. This month the junior high will be reviewing the movie "Gremlins".** See the December newsletter for more information about the Junior High Youth Group.

****This Week at a Glance ****

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, Nov 27	Choir Practice	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Movie Night	6:00 pm	RE Commons
Monday, Nov 28	Humanist Discussion Group	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Nov 30	Adult RE	6:00 pm	Commons
	Immigration Meeting	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Dec 1	Meditation	8:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, Dec 2	Kids Club	6:00 pm	Channing
Saturday, Dec 3	Zen Meditation	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Celia Wesle Memorial Service	2:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec 4	Choir Practice	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 am	Sanctuary

**** Other Items of Interest ****

An opening reception for Delinda Chapman's art work is being held on Saturday, December 3rd from 6-8pm at Prairie House Custom Frames, 2833 S. 6th Street. Parking is available in the bank parking lot next door. All ALUUC friends & member are invited. Her art will be on display during the month of December.

ALUUC members were involved in efforts in the early 2000s to establish a local contra dance group, which included holding some dances at ALUUC. **The Prairieland Dance Center in Illiopolis has begun offering a contra dance** one Saturday a month. If you are interested in supporting this new effort to establish such a group, please contact Tom Clark at 726-5560 or taconsulting1@yahoo.com.

The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter is in critical need of volunteer drivers for their Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for the upcoming winter months. You can volunteer according to your schedule and convenience; each route only takes an hour or less. You can volunteer for just the winter or beyond. If you are interested, contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant at dcg5512@yahoo.com.

A workshop on **Bullying in the 21st Century** will be held November 29th at 6:00 pm at Springfield High School. See the Community bulletin board.