



Announcements for Sunday, September 25, 2011



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Next Sunday, October 2, 2011: "Free & Responsible Search" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

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

Please remember to check the Lost & Found box across from the coat rack. Items left behind will be placed in the Trash & Treasure Sale. Check the kitchen too!

The Facilities Committee is asking for everyone's help with a safety issue. In order to comply with Fire Regulations, we must not block the fire lane in front of the church. If you park there, you will be asked to move your vehicle. We also need to keep the hallways clear of obstructions. Tables may be set up in the Sanctuary or Commons after the service for sales and promotions. Thank you.

The Fellowship committee is looking for a few good humans. If you are able to stand on your feet for an hour or two and don't mind a little light work, you are qualified to be a Sunday Kitchen Specialist (SKS). We need people to sign up for various weeks to help in the kitchen before and after Sunday's Service. There are three areas you can sign up for: 1) Service Setup - make the coffee, hot water for tea, set out the mugs, condiments, make the cold drinks and place the snacks on the dessert table. 2) Clean up after service - wash the dishes, load the dishwasher, clean-up the snack area in the sanctuary and the kitchen, and take out the trash. 3) Provide a snack for Sunday's service. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet located in the hallway by the restrooms. If you need more information about being a SKS, feel free to contact Randy Pratt, 217-494-5118. Thank you.

TNT Captains and Seconds: We will meet in the Commons at Noon today for the second organizational meeting of the sale. Please attend. We should be finished by 1:00 at the latest and probably earlier. Thank you, Victoria.

Please remember to check with the Office Manager if you need to use a room at ALUUC. Reserving your space can prevent confusion and possible conflicts.

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

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet on Monday September 26 at 7 pm in the ALUUC sanctuary. Matthew Vernau will review the book **The Believing Brain** (by Michael Shermer). Shermer integrates neuroscience and the social sciences to explain how irrational beliefs are formed and reinforced while leaving us confident our ideas are valid. [Shermer](#) provides real world examples of how this process operates from politics, economics and religion to conspiracy theories, the supernatural and paranormal. [For information please contact Carol Floyd or HumanistGroup@aluuc.org](#)

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 pm on September 27 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer. L.D. Meagher in a CNN review says, "*Under the Banner of Heaven*" is a provocative book. It raises some very uncomfortable questions, not only about Mormon fundamentalists, but about religion in general and religious zealots of all stripes." Everyone is welcome. Future books to be read include: *Howard's End*, by E.M. Forster; *The Johnstown Flood*, by David McCullough; *The Abstinence Teacher*, by Tom Perrotta; and *My Name is Mary Sutter*, by Robin Oliveira. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

Don't miss the **Harvest Moon Coffee House**, Friday, Sept 30th, 6 to 9 PM. We are looking for performers and a robust audience for the Coffee House. Whether it is singing, playing, sharing a poem or a flash mob dance, everyone is encouraged to perform. Whether you perform or not, we guarantee you will be entertained. Let us know if you are thinking about performing. You may contact Randy Pratt or Pat Goller at 787-0687 or 494-5118 for more information. Refreshments will be provided.

THE TIME TO CLEAN IS NOW!!!! The Trash and Treasure set up begins NEXT WEEK! If you haven't cleaned out the garage, basement, closets and attic of your house, do it now! We need your stuff! Please bring it to church next week, October 2. We'll set up and unload after the service. Randy Pratt, captain of the Pick Up committee, and his team will be picking up larger donations on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 & 2. If you have donations that you cannot bring to church because they won't fit in your vehicle, please call Randy at 787-0687 to schedule a pick up. Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Victoria Vincent, TNT chair at 793-1163 or victoria.vincent@comcast.net. Or talk to one of the 23 captains or over 100 people who have already volunteered.

Please post flyers about the Trash & Treasure Sale at your workplace, supermarket, school or anywhere else that has a bulletin board. Pick up flyers on the table in front of the Sanctuary doors.

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, Sept 25	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Selected Choir practice	11:45 am	Piano area
	Victoria's Pricing Program	12:00 pm	RE Commons
Monday, Sept 26	Humanist Discussion Grp.	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Sept. 27	Book Group	7:30 pm	1800 Hastings Rd.
Thursday, Sept. 29	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, Sept 30	Open Mic Night	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, Oct 1	ZEN Group	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	T&T Sale Drop-Off	12:00 pm	RE Commons

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

There will be a book signing at UIS by Jimmy Creech, former minister who was defrocked for marrying same sex couples, on Tuesday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Public Affairs Center (PAC), rooms C/D. The event includes opening remarks from Chancellor Koch, a question/answer session, the book signing and a catered reception.