



ALUUC Focus

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Special points of interest:

- Days of Compassion
- Labyrinth Walk
- Water & Stone
- TNT SALE!
- RE Open House

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From the Board President

The ALUUC Board of Directors participated in a retreat August 13, 2011 and identified the following goals for the upcoming year. The Board will further refine this list and set priorities, and would welcome any comments.

Create a capital development plan, including maintenance and expansion of the existing building @ 745 Woodside Road; and provisions for financing current and future projects.

Increase the visibility and involvement of the ALUUC in the Springfield community, including but not limited to renewal of the goal of the UUA "Standing on the Side of Love" Initiative, and becoming more active with the LGBTQ community.



Further develop the ALUUC music program. Consider sponsorship of a community-wide children's choir.

Further develop and strengthen the ALUUC congregation: increase membership; improve membership diversity; focus on the personal development of each congregant; continue development of the adult religious education program; identify and empower new leaders; establish a working Welcoming and Publicity

Committee; give further consideration to the "Healthy Congregation Model" implemented by other UU congregations; support existing ALUUC covenant groups; and continue the renewal of an identifiable pagan group.

It also became clear that the ALUUC By-laws and various policies and procedures need revision, so that will also require special attention.

A prior goal of further engaging the ALUUC with the national Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the regional Central Midwest District of the UUA (CMD/UUA) will continue to be a personal priority, to ensure that our congregation strengthens ties to the larger UU movement.

The new copier has already been delivered and is working. Thanks to the entire congregation for responding so immediately to this need. Office Manager Cheryl Wykoff will assist in training and monitoring the use of this new state-of-the art machine.

Thanks to Gwen Childs the defective plastic chairs used in the RE Commons area have been replaced. Several were cracking or completely broken, but were under a 5-year warranty that was honored by the manufacturer.

Under a recently-signed 3-year agreement with Comcast, we will soon convert our internet and telephone service for approximately the same cost as our current service. Construction of the new connection is already underway.

- Kurt DeWeese



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in high places
are drawing
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and foe.**



From the Minister

Ten years ago, I began my formal ministry at UUCU in Park Forest, Illinois. 9/11 occurred less than one month into that ministry, changing the direction of my preaching and writing. I am submitting the following article, which was published in the UUCU newsletter one decade ago, as much still seems relevant today.

On Politics & Religion

I for one am wary when politicians begin implicating God in their causes. In fairness, I suppose politicians must be irked when ministers discuss politics from the pulpit.

When politics co-opts religion or vice versa, slogans mix with scripture and secular symbols are interwoven with sacred ones, producing a peculiar hybrid. It is no secret that a nation's resolve is steeled when political rhetoric invokes the name of God. Such practice is as ancient as it is common: one example that comes to mind is the battle cry, "Deus vult!" (God wills it) that launched the crusades.

It is true that Thomas

Jefferson wrote that he hoped that this Republic would erect a wall of separation between church and state. On the other hand, I think that it was John Adams who suggested that any such separation was more akin to a shifting line. Both men, mind you, had Unitarian sympathies. Both held deep religious and political convictions and were, in effect, incarnations of the tensions inherent in church/state relations.

Keeping the complexities of these matters in mind, I offer a few suggestions and questions. I ask you to be charitable and accept that these arise from an essentially religious concern.

When war becomes the prime national focus, our attention is apt to be diverted from the ills that plague our society; I hope that our national zeal does not sacrifice the poor, the sick, the disenfranchised, the innocent.

People in high places are drawing lines that define friend and foe; I wonder what criteria will be used to define terrorism. No doubt, politics will influence whether one group

is regarded as terrorists or "freedom fighters." I further wonder what concessions we will make with governments that terrorize their own citizens. And what of honest to goodness agitators? Were not Jesus, Gandhi & Mandela – to name but a few – branded and punished as agitators dangerous to their respective states? Is it not probable that those in power throughout the world will seize on this as an excellent time to silence all those who agitate for change?

Most of all, I find myself wondering whether we will address the basic political, religious, social and economic ills that promote deep hatred and ignorance that spawns terrorism. Otherwise, will we not, like the Hercules of myth, merely be fighting a hydra that gains two new heads for every one chopped off?

This is, as our political leaders say, a dangerous and difficult time. I will say a prayer for them, and for us all. I hope you will do the same.

Martin Woulfe

Sunday Morning Services

September 4

Buddhist Ethics/Vinaya

Bhikkhu Mahinda

Buddha's teaching is divided into three parts. Suthra Pitaka is general teaching for everybody. Vinaya Pitaka is ethical rules of civilized behavior & conduct for Buddhist clergy & lay followers. Abhidharma Pitaka is profound teaching of metaphysics for followers to understand to purify & reach Nirvana. Bhikkhu Mahinda, a former monk, will speak on this and more in the service. *This is a Change for Change Sunday.*

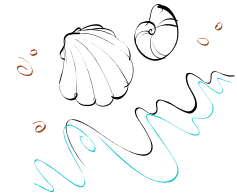


September 11, 2011

Stone & Water Communion

Rev. Martin Woulfe

ALUUC will celebrate its annual ingathering service on Sunday, September 11th with a Water & Stone Communion. As in previous years, members and friends are invited to share spiritual insights gleaned during the summer; now is the time to gather stones and/or water for this special service.



September 18, 2011

Justice, Equity & Compassion

Rev. Martin Woulfe

In this service, we will examine the second Principle typically celebrated by UUs. How do we promote these three ideals, as individuals and as a denomination? *This service will include a New Member Welcoming Ceremony.*



September 25, 2011

Acceptance & Encouragement

Rev. Martin Woulfe

In this service, Rev. Woulfe will consider the third Principle. Are there limits to what we should accept? Are some forms of encouragement better than others?



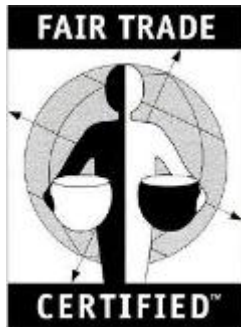
October 2, 2011

A Free & Responsible Search for Truth

Rev. Martin Woulfe

In this service, we will explore the fourth Principle. What do we mean by a free search for Truth? What do we mean by responsible? If we assume that Truth exists, what is it? *This is a Change for Change Sunday.*

Worship services are held Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. Religious education & child care provided for children of all ages. Large print bulletins & hymnals, as well as hearing devices, are available upon request.



Fair Trade

The ALUUC Social Action Committee (SAC) will be selling Fair Trade products (coffee, teas, cocoa, and chocolate bars) the second Sunday of each month. The purchase of fair trade goods through the UUSC Coffee Project benefits agricultural cooperatives through UUSC's Small Farmer Fund. The UUSC

Coffee Project is collaboration between the UUSC and Equal Exchange, a worker-owned, fair trade, company based in West Bridgewater, MA.

UUs have the highest participation rate of any denomination in Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program! Coffee from the

UUSC Coffee Project is now being served on Sundays, following the service.

Next sale date – September 11. Thanks so much to ALUUC SAC committee member Vinnie Gupta for coordinating the sales!

The Social Action Committee



Greater September Days of Compassion

The September Days of Compassion will move the community into a Year of Compassion, organized by a group of local citizens recently inspired by the Charter for Compassion. This document was initiated by writer Karen Armstrong and crafted by engaged thinkers from around the world (see www.charterforcompassion.org). Prairieland Compassion Network is calling for events like the Greater Springfield Days of Compassion to transform the area into a more compassionate community for all people.

9/9 to 9/11: Compassion Sabbath services in participating local faith communities who plan to use compassion as the theme for services during the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11.

9/11, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Vigil on the Tenth Anniversary of September 11 in commemoration of those injured or lost their lives, and stand for an end to violence around the world; Federal Building, 6th and Monroe; sponsored by Pax Christi Springfield.

9/15 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm: Prairieland Compassion Network at Habitat for Humanity Youthbuild. Kickoff; First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Capitol; sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.

9/18 from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Gandhi Event: Rajmohan Gandhi shares the mission of peace and compassion as lived by his grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi at Laurel United Methodist Church; Walnut and South Grand; sponsored by Laurel Peacemakers.

9/19 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm: Ulee's Gold- Movie on Compassion and Discussion at Lincoln Library, Carnegie North Room, 7th and Capitol; sponsored by the Grassroots Inter-Faith Team.

9/21 from 7:30 AM - 7:50 AM: International Day of Peace Interfaith Prayer Service; sponsored by GIFT; Douglas Park (Look for the rainbow banner from parking lot on Mason, between MacArthur and Walnut.

Change For Change

Thanks to the generosity of ALUUC members and friends, \$317.00 was collected for the First Day Fund. The Social Action Committee has selected Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County for the September Change for Change program. Habitat

for Humanity of Sangamon County is a community-driven nonprofit organization that develops working partnerships with local businesses, churches, community groups and other individuals to successfully tackle a significant social problem—affordable, safe and

decent housing for all. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has built 83 houses in the local community (including builds in Pawnee, Glenarm, and Grandview) while providing shelter for more than 300 individuals in need.



Social Action 2011-2012 Planning Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 18
Noon-2:00 pm
Lunch provided

The ALUUC Social Action Committee (SAC) will be

meeting to discuss plans for the coming year and we need your help. Any interested ALUUC members and friends are invited to attend. If you are interested in at-

tending please con-tact SAC Chair, Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant.

UUSC Membership

Stay in touch with UUSC and its ongoing work all summer long. Even if your congregation schedules shift or you take a break from your usual routine, you can stay up to date with national and international human-rights efforts by becoming a member of UUSC!

Membership includes monthly electronic Values in Action newsletters; seasonal

print issues of Rights Now, and e-mail action alerts when news and response is particularly time sensitive. Wherever your summer plans take you, you can remain informed and engaged by renewing your membership with UUSC.

Also, every donation of \$100 or more is eligible to be matched, thanks to a matching grant from the UU

Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y. I invite you to speak with me to renew your membership — or you can become a member online today at www.uusc.org/member.

UUSC is an independent membership-based human-rights organization and receives no funding from the UUA.

**“Advancing
human rights
is the
work of
many joining
hands”**

Social Action Committee Members

Social Action Committee Members include:

Bernie Carver, Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, De-linda Chapman, Vinnie

Gupta, Doug Liberati, Teresa Liberati, John Ma-lan, Sally Millichamp, Neha Patel-Dunkirk, and Susan Solon.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the ALUUC Social Action Committee, contact Deborah.



Groups & Events

BRIDGE GROUP

The September meeting of the Bridge Group, on Friday evening, September 9th, is scheduled to be at the home of Barbara Moore. Those not on the calling list are also most welcome to attend but need to contact Barbara in advance.



FLUTE CIRCLE

The Sangamon Valley Flute Circle meets in the Sanctuary on the second Wednesday of every month from 7 - 9 PM. Our next gathering is August 10th. Anyone who has an interest is welcome to join us. No experience or flute ownership required.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Would you like to meet on the first Tuesday of the month, from 10-12 am to have coffee, maybe a treat, and pull a few weeds or dead-head a few flowers? The Landscaping Committee needs a little help to maintain our landscape areas. If it rains, the first Wednesday would be fine! If you have a couple hours to spend with other gardening enthusiasts in our congregation, please contact Debby Leahy or Gwen Childs for more information.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club will meet every other month during 2011-12, beginning in October.

HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

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.

He provides real world examples of how this process operates from politics, economics and religion to conspiracy theories, the supernatural and paranormal.

Some background-- see the first two reviews here— from the Wall Street Journal and Nature <http://www.michaelshermer.com/the-believing-brain/reviews/>

If you have questions about the Humanist Group, please contact Carol Floyd or email Humanist-Group@aluuc.org

NEWS COVENANT GROUP

The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on September 1 at Frank and Linda Kopecky's. Everyone is welcome. Come early if you want to enjoy a boat ride starting about 6:30 p.m.-3235 if you have any questions.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on September 27 at Barbara Moore's home. 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 we will 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 if you have any questions.

DREAM GROUP

The Dream Group will meet on Monday September 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fuller Room at church. This meeting gives folks an opportunity to discuss their dreams in a relaxed and informal setting. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information about this group, contact John Glosser at 416-3398.

**Newcomer's
are always
welcome
to all
ALUUC
Groups!**



Groups & Events – continued

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night will be held on Sunday, September 25 at 6 pm. The 1995 film "The Last Supper" will be shown; this is a dark comedy about a group of liberal graduate students living in Iowa who discover a penchant for murdering people whose views they find repugnant. Actors include Cameron Diaz, Ron Eldard, Annabeth Gish, Jonathan Penner and Courtney B. Vance. This is a free event; refreshments will be provided.

LABYRINTH WALK & ONENESS BLESSING

Come, Friday, September 16, and experience the ALUUC Labyrinth! Walking the labyrinth is an ancient practice, older than most religions and is a wonderful way to center yourself as this new season continues to unfold. Labyrinth walks have grown in popularity not only among UUs but among other faith traditions -- our labyrinth has been in use longer than most in central Illinois -- come see why. Adding to the spiritual depth of the experience, Carley Mattimore-Malan will be offering a Oneness Blessing to participants.

UU COMMUNION

Those members who desire to share an informal UU communion are invited to join Rev. Woulfe at ALUUC following the Labyrinth Walk. Blessing to participants.

SIMPLE ELEGANCE SUPPER CLUB & DETECTIVE AGENCY

We will meet the second Tuesday of the month on September 13th ALUUC kitchen, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This Chalice group meets the second Tuesday monthly to discuss food issues, cooking techniques and recipes, etc and covenants to do service for the congregation or community.

The food theme for August is "harvest." Thanks to Nancy Standen whose hospitality made it possible for us to meet in her home in August for a meal, discussion of food topics such as the UUA's Ethical Eating initiative, eating locally, fair trade, etc and sample the theme food offerings: "peaches." If you are interested in participating with this chalice group's activities, discussions and sampling great food contact Pat Goller for further information.

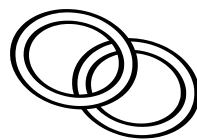


Benevolence Fund

Please consider making a contribution to ALUUC's Benevolence Fund. This fund is utilized by the minister and the Pastoral Care Committee to assist our members and friends who are experiencing financial distress. The fund is currently running low. Any contribution is appreciated. You can send a check to ALUUC or add it to the collection plate; please write "benevolence fund" in the memo line. Thank you!



**Labyrinth
Walk &
Oneness
Blessings
Return
Sept. 16!**



Wedding & Civil Union Officiate Training

Would you like to perform weddings and civil unions on behalf of ALUUC? Please share your interest with Rev. Woulfe; it is expected that a training session will begin this fall.





**Open Mic
Night
at
ALUUC
Sept. 30th**

Fellowship Committee

The summer for fellowship is coming to a close and it's back to work. We would like to extend special thanks to Renata Buchloh and Diana DeWeese for helping to keep everybody fed during the summer providing wonderful snacks for Sunday's Service. Also we want to recognize Kurt DeWeese, Marissa DeWeese, and Mark Hanson and anyone else who helped in the kitchen. Thank you! Thank you!

And now that summer is almost over we need people to sign up to help on Sundays. You have three choices, setup, cleanup or providing a snack for a Service. You can do so by writing your name on the sign-up sheet located in the hallway near the restrooms. Your

help would be appreciated. We are also looking for people to join the fellowship committee. If you are interested please contact Randy Pratt or Pat Goller.

We have a busy September planned starting with **Game Night Friday, Sept 9th, 6-9 pm at the church.** We are hoping to get a good turnout as we will return to more traditional games like Mexican Train, Scrabble, Trivia Pursuit, Cards and Dungeon and Dragons. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

There will be a special **Walk and Talk Saturday, Sept 10th, 9:00 am at the Capitol City's Farmer's Market.** We will meet in front of the Elf Shelf Record Store. The walk and talk

will be part of our **Welcome Back Potluck on Sunday Sept 11th.** The theme of the potluck is to make a dish from a local source. The Farmer's Market offers local produce and many other delectable dishes.

There will be another Frisbee Golf Walk and Talk Sept 15 at 5:30 pm at Douglas park.

We will literally finish off September with an **Open Mic Coffeehouse on Sept 30th, at the church 6-9 pm.** As always you provide the entertainment and fellowship will provide the snacks. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Randy Pratt and Pat Goller

Choir

If you enjoy singing and can carry a tune, please consider joining this year's ALUUC Choir!

Goals this year include having 25 members or more; singing regularly on Sundays and Christmas Eve; obtaining a high standard of musicality; selecting music that is enjoyable to sing and inspirational for the congregation at large; singing more inter-generational songs with children; forming a children's choir for special music; including instrumentalists for accompaniments;

and wearing newly made choir sashes!! Perhaps this is a tall order, but music at ALUUC is truly loved and I believe these goals can be enthusiastically accomplished. We had a great choir last year--it's exciting to think of doing better!

Practices will be every Sunday at 9:30am with the option of additional practices. When asked if sight-reading music is a requirement, the answer is "no", but it is helpful. Choir members help each other in the learning process and I often send

recordings of what we will sing. We just need members to sing relative pitch with good rhythm, and we especially want everyone to enjoy singing.

So, to those interested in joining the choir, please contact Kathy Schultz at choir@aluuc.org.



New Members

Please welcome our newest members. All three signed the membership book on August 21st.



Shannon Barron, Caroline Brunson & Ally Perko.

New Member Ceremony

A New Member Ceremony will be held on September 18th during the regular service. Please join us as we celebrate the membership of:

Tom & Joellyn Von De Bur
Hannah Rucker
Flannery Wheeler
Ally Perko
Shannon Barron
Caroline Brunson.



Intern Update

Lynnda White has successfully completed one unit of hospital Clinical Pastoral Education on August 12 and is entering her second year of studies at the Meadville/Lombard Theological

School. Additionally, Lynnda assumes her internship duties here at ALUUC this month. If you have not yet made her acquaintance, please be sure to extend a warm welcome to her.

Her internship advisory committee consists of: Craig Bailey, Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Delinda Chapman, Rob Ewart, Rev. Ruth Gnagey, Beverly Holmes, and Mary Ryan.

*Intern,
Lynnda White,
 soon to
 arrive at
ALUUC!*

UIS Student Expo

Thank you to Julia Johnson, Emily Roberts, Grace Russo and Susan Solon who helped represent ALUUC at UIS's Student Expo on August 24. It was a very warm and windy day, but these intrepid souls cheerfully greeted faculty and new students and answered their questions about UUism.

Adult RE

Racism & Redemption in the Cinema

This class will be starting in October. Please look for more information, as it becomes available or contact Martin Woulfe.

Group Photo

The tentative date for the 2011 ALUUC Group Photo is October 23, immediately following the service. Please join us for this special occasion – the more the merrier!

If you would like a copy of the previous Group Photos, please e-mail Rev. Woulfe & he will send you a copy electronically.



TNT Sale October 7-8, 2011



Yes, it is that time of year: our annual **Trash & Treasure Sale**. If everyone is doing their bit & handing out the donation cards, this should be our biggest and best sale to date!

Here's what we need from **EVERYONE** reading this newsletter (and yes, we mean those of you who we never see on Sunday morning, too):

**Tell all
your
friends
&
give out
Donation
Cards!**

- 1. Your cast-offs:** clothing, household goods, furniture, sports equipment, books, jewelry, and just about anything else you can imagine. See the details on the bulletin board by the front door.
- 2. Your time:** the church needs to be staffed from noon to 8 pm everyday from Sunday, October 2, to Friday, October 7. The sale runs from 5-8 pm but we'll need people there to help starting at noon and through Saturday, Oct 8, 8-about 3. Please block off some portion of your calendar to help.
- 3. Your word-of-mouth:** We will only get donations and traffic if YOU spread the word. Hand out those donation cards. (Available in the foyer.) Put up our fliers. (Also available in the foyer.) Encourage your friends to attend. "Someone else will do it" does not work in this case. It has to be you.

And now for the things we **don't want!** Every year, someone donates some of the following items and it ends up costing us money to have it hauled away.

Please don't donate the following:

- tires
- worn-out and broken-down upholstered furniture
- appliances or anything mechanized that does not work (we don't have the skills or time to get them fixed)
- games with pieces missing
- ripped and torn artwork
- ripped and torn bedding (Donate to APL for use as animal beds)
- clothing that is stained or torn or underwear or anything we can't sell
- computers that are so old that they won't run current programming (Donate to Computer Banc for recycling)



If you are not sure about whether to donate something or not, call Victoria during the sale week and ask.

Thanks everyone and see you at the sale,
The ALUUC Trash & Treasure Committee

Adult Clothing Donations

We make about 15% of our profits from the sale from clothing. However, we also have to trash a lot of clothing people donate in advance of the sale because it is not sellable.

Folks, this is not a dump. We have to pay to get rid of anything we can't sell. Clothing is one of the largest areas that can cost us money. So here are the rules for clothing donations:

1. **Do NOT** donate underwear, robes, nightgowns, t-shirts or sweatshirts.
2. All donations must be on hangers. They must be clean, pressed and in good repair.
3. The exceptions to the hanger rule are: jeans, casual slacks and shorts. Please fold them neatly.
4. Another exception is accessories. We will gladly accept shoes, ties, belts, purses, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.
5. We will have boxes of hangers available at church, starting Sunday, Sept. 11th. Please take as many as you need.
6. If you bring your clothing donations to the sale and they aren't on hangers, we will have hangers there for you to hang them.

Questions about clothing donations? Call Diana DeWeese (our Adult Clothing Captain). These rules do not apply to Children's Clothing. For questions about Children's Clothing donations, please see below.

Children's Clothing Donations

We make an amazing amount of money from the resale of children's clothing, toys and all that other stuff that goes along with kids. Here are a few rules to follow if you are donating kid stuff.

1. Children's clothes do not need to be on hangers, but if you have extra hangers along with your clothes donation, it would be much appreciated.
2. Children's clothes should be free of stains, rips, holes and excessive wear. Items with these flaws will be thrown out.
3. Car seats older than 5 years (look at the manufacture's tag) cannot be sold and will not be accepted.
4. Cribs with slide down fronts can no longer be sold, therefore we cannot accept these either.

If you have additional questions or would like to help with the Children's Clothing department, please call Eugena Austin.

WARNING! WARNING!

The TNT Set up and Sale is happening October 2-8. If you have personal items in the building, please take them home. All of the Lost and Found box and miscellaneous stuff that gets left in the building gets sold in the sale. PLEASE! Take your stuff home!



**ALUUC's
Largest
Fundraiser
of
the
year!**





Sept. 18th
Open House in
the RE
Commons
during
Coffee Hour!



RE Open House

September 18th

The entire congregation is invited to meet with us in the RE commons during coffee hour!

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the RE Teachers and learn more about the curriculum that the children will taught this year.

Refreshment will be served!

Facilities Committee

Work Day

Saturday, September 17th
8am-1pm

We need to do some routine fall tasks, and the work will be easy if we have lots of help. Please join us to work, and then come to a potluck party at the Childs House at 5 pm. New friends are always welcome!

Don't forget to check out our work on the new room division as requested by the RE Committee. We hope that the children will enjoy their new spaces.

Kent & Gwen Childs
Co-chairs

Water & Stone

Communion Reminder

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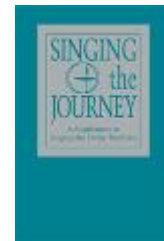
A Call for Singing the Journey Hymnals

Do you like the songs, "Blue Boat Home" and "Lean On Me"? Share the gift of music!

For only \$20.00 each, you may buy "Singing the Journey" for ALUUC. Your pur-

chase would be a tax-deductible donation to the congregation and a personalized bookplate can be placed inside the cover. Teal-colored order forms will be distributed at the September

4th and 11th services, and will be available at the Office. Money is due at the time of the order. The collective order will be sent on September 12."



CRE News:

I had a great day yesterday! I got to speak to the fine folks in our congregation, spend an hour with our children, greet new Religious Education teachers, and eat Subway. And this was all before 2 p.m. I know these aren't grammatically correct sentences I am writing and maybe there are some misspellings. I just want to express my excitement (yet again) about another RE year.

There is a lot to look forward to. A lot of firsts, again. August 28 is the first day of classes. September 11 is the Water and Stone Inter-generational Service. (Parent's, I hope you will encourage your children to bring their own stone and water to participate with.) September 18 is the RE Open house. I hope the entire congregation will meet with us in the RE com-

mons during coffee hour. We will also begin to make plans for the Winter Pageant. I am now certain you understand why I said a lot of firsts again. Haven't these events been held every year? Certainly, and I hope every year the events are fresh and exciting like the first time you experienced them.

Marla Johnson

**Sept. 18th
Open House in
the RE
Commons
during
Coffee Hour!**

New to UU Orientation Sessions in September

Have you been attending ALUUC and feel that this should be your "spiritual home?" Would you like to learn more about UUism and this congregation? Please sign up for this infor-

mal session, and meet other new people as well as Rev. Wolfe and our Membership Coordinator, Susan Solon. The next session will be held on Sunday, September 18th at noon

and again on Monday September 19th from 7-9 pm. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the water fountain. Child care will be provided if requested.

FYI

Newsletter Option:

To stop receiving this newsletter by mail or to change to receive it by email, please email your request to Linda Haynes at: newsletter@aluuc.org

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.

Nametags:

If you need a replacement nametag, please email your request to our Membership Coordinator, Susan Solon, at welcome@aluuc.org or print your name on a piece of paper and place it in the nametag slot found on the nametag rack.



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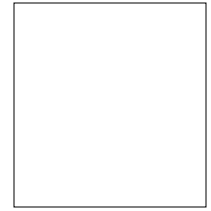
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 News Group 7:00 pm Kopecky's Meditation 7:00 pm	2	3 Zen meditation 9:30 am
4 Choir 9:30am Sunday Service 10:30 am	5 Labor Day Dream Group 7:00 pm	6 Landscaping Committee 10-12am Board meeting 7 pm	7	8 Meditation 7:00 pm	9 Bridge Group 7:00 pm Barbara Moore Game Night 6-9pm	10 Zen meditation 9:30 am Walk & Talk 9am Farmers Market
11 Choir 9:30am Sunday Service 10:30 am Potluck	12	13 Supper Club 6-8:00 pm	14 Flute Circle 7:00 pm	15 Meditation 7:00 pm	16 Labyrinth Walk 7 - 9pm	17 Zen meditation 9:30 am Facilities Work Day 8am -1pm
18 Choir 9:30am Sunday Service 10:30 am New Members RE Open House Committee Meeting	19	20	21	22 Meditation	23	24 Zen meditation 9:30 am - 2pm
25 Choir 9:30am Sunday Service 10:30 am Movie Night 6:00 pm	26 Humanist Discussion Group 7:00 pm	27 Book Group 7:30 pm Barbara Moore's Home	28	29 Meditation 7:00 pm	30 Open Mic Night 6-9pm ALUUC	

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