



# ALUUC Focus

Newsletter for the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
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**OCTOBER 2010**

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.

**October 03 ~ Reflections on Gandhi's Seven Deadly Sins, Part Two**  
**Rev. Martin Woulfe**

The second of this four-part series will explore two more "Deadly Sins" identified by Mohandas Gandhi: Science without Humanity & Knowledge without Character.

**October 10 ~ Understanding the depth of the immigration issue**  
**Shelly Heideman**

Ms Heideman, Executive Director of Faith Coalition for the Common Good, has worked more than 10 years with Latino and African immigrant families who live, work and attend school in Beardstown and Rushville, IL. She knows their stories and their struggles. Shelly will share some of these stories and discuss how US immigration policies are affecting over 11 million people living in the United States.

**October 17 ~ Reflections on Gandhi's Seven Deadly Sins, Part Three**  
**Rev. Martin Woulfe**

The third of this four-part series will explore two more "Deadly Sins" identified by Mohandas Gandhi: Politics without Principle & Commerce without Morality

**October 24 ~ Reflections on Gandhi's Seven Deadly Sins, Part Four**  
**Rev. Martin Woulfe**

The final "Deadly Sin" identified by Mohandas Gandhi will be considered: Worship without Sacrifice.

**October 31 ~ Hallowe'en, Past & Present**  
**Rev. Martin Woulfe**

Some call it Halloween, others call it Samhain. Who is right? Is it merely a cultural relic, an occasion for kids to don costumes & collect candy – or is it a genuine religious occasion?

**November 07 ~ Reflections on Regrets**  
**Rev. Jackie Ziegler**

Rev. Ziegler, the minister of the UU Congregation in Bozeman, Montana will be visiting us to share her insights on one of the most common human experiences: that of regret.

*\* This is a "Change for Change" Sunday.*

*\*\* It's time, once again, to "Fall Back." Please note that Daylight Savings time ends in the early hours of Sunday, November 7. Unless you want to arrive at ALUUC an hour earlier than you normally would, remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 6th.*

**Check out the new ALUUC website! Go to [www.aluuc.com](http://www.aluuc.com)**

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## From the Minister...

I habitually make lists. One such example is the record of “Rites of Passage” which I’ve officiated during the past twenty years. Every wedding, union, memorial service, funeral and child dedication is recorded therein. One hundred and twenty three weddings thus far, and more are on the horizon. I noticed that the ratio of weddings to gay/lesbian unions is about 10:1; with the availability of legal weddings for gay & lesbian couples across the Iowa border, I expect that the demand for union ceremonies here in Illinois will diminish greatly. I also notice that the ratio of both weddings & unions to funerals is about 4:1. Many of the weddings were for non-members – couples who wanted a “religious ceremony” but had no specific connection to any denomination. Some of their faces, and the details of those ceremonies, are hard to remember. I do remember nearly every memorial services & funeral though. On average, I have conducted four memorial services per year since arriving here seven years ago. I look at some names and dates and am incredulous that so much time could have passed.

I regard funerals and memorial services as much more demanding than weddings. Every wedding might have a minor glitch and yet no one will remember. But since a funeral or memorial service is the final farewell for someone, I feel much more pressure to create a flawless ceremony. I feel that I owe that much to the family, if not the individual. I do like that in our tradition, we offer more of a “celebration of life” than one often finds in other traditions. I have attended funerals for family and friends and been horrified at the message delivered by the clergy, or been shocked by how little was shared about the individual.



When someone dies, my sense of being a minister, and its inherent responsibilities, assumes a greater depth. One of my early mentors told me that being a minister is a unique privilege, because you are invited into a family’s most intimate moments of joy and grief. At such moments, I stifle my own impulse to grieve until the work is done. This is especially true for when I work with the family to create a service but moreso when the actual service is in progress. Once the service is over and the people have left the building, then I can sit down and left grief come to the fore. For me, it’s the hardest part of being a minister. - Martin

### Pastoral Care Notice

Rev. Woulfe will be attending a UU Ministers’ Retreat in Racine, WI from 10/04 through 10/07. Please direct any pastoral care concerns during that time to Michael Plog, Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko.

### Welcome New Member

**Randall Pratt** signed the membership book on September 12th. Please be sure to say hello to him, if you haven’t done so already!

*Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newest member!*

### GROUP PHOTO HERE ON OCTOBER 17

Mark your calendar! The Second Annual ALUUC Group Photo is scheduled to be taken on Sunday October 17th after the service by accomplished local photographer Andria Crawford-Whitehead. Last year, only about half of the congregation was able to participate ... but it was still an impressive group portrait. Can we do better this year?



## *From the Board President...*

It has been a difficult past few weeks for the ALUUC in terms of critical illnesses and the sudden deaths of close friends and relatives. I hope that our love and support for each other will be strong enough that we can continue living with a positive spirit of life.

I heartily recommend “The Spirituality of Service” by Erik Walker Wikstrom (UU World, Fall 2010, p.33-35). It speaks directly to my connection to the ALUUC and willingness to serve in so many different ways. Four excerpts are highlighted below.

1) “Imagine if the practical and administrative work of the church – meetings, planning, teaching, etc. – were understood not as a necessary evil but as an integral part of the mission of the church to nurture us spiritually.”

2) “Active participation in the life of your spiritual community gives you an acknowledged stake in it, empowering you to make that community your true spiritual home by infusing it with your values. Committee meetings and fundraisers may seem far removed from the message of the Sunday morning sermon, but it is here that your congregation literally practices what it preachers, or doesn’t. Lay work is a natural complement to worship, the opportunity to act upon and test your Unitarian Universalist values.”

3) “Work devoted to something greater than yourself lifts you out of the narrow sphere of individual concerns, enlarges your perspective, and provides context for the joys and concerns of your own life.”

4) “Whether sitting in meditation and prayer in your room or chopping carrots and washing dishes in the kitchen, ... (or riding the John Deere mower over the ‘back 40’) ... , anything can be used as a tool for deepening our connection with life.... The business of our congregations can be as spiritually transformative as our worship services, when we remember to see it as a spiritual practice.”



*~ Kurt DeWeese*

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### *ALUUC is a UUA “Honor Congregation”*

The ALUUC received notice (August 31, 2010) that it has, once again, been recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as an “Honor Congregation 2009-2010” for our full financial support through contributions to the UUA Annual Program Fund. The letter-of-recognition indicates that: “The UUA is keenly aware that the recent economic recession has posed great challenges, and despite the challenges that your own congregation may have faced, your congregation made the choice to contribute at the full requested level. This conveys a commitment to fulfilling our mission of support to your convenental partners, the 1,050 member congregations that bring our Unitarian Universalist principles and values out into the world.”

## *Board of Directors Message*

The Board of Directors participated in a retreat conducted at the ALUUC on August 14, 2010 facilitated by Carol Kneedler. The following were identified and subsequently adopted as the formal goals for 2010-2011 at the regular Board meeting of September 7, 2010. The Board will be elaborating and more fully defining these goals together with related action steps to be undertaken in the next several months. The next Board meeting will focus on Goals #2 and #4.

- 1) Initiate Long Term Plan for Capital Development and Building Maintenance
- 2) Initiate an Assessment and Support a Healthy Congregation ideal.
- 3) Assimilation of new Membership Coordinator.
- 4) Develop and support a signature program, including but not limited to “Standing on the Side of Love” through Social Action initiatives.
- 5) Establish a sustainable Adult RE program.
- 6) Identify and market the national Unitarian Universalist Association and Central Midwest District functions

In other action, the Board formally accepted (September 7, 2010) the resignation of ALUUC Treasurer Stacy Shinkle and declared a vacancy in that office. At a special Board meeting on September 26, it reviewed a recommendation of the ALUUC Nominating Committee and approved Victoria Vincent to fill that vacancy. Victoria is a Certified Public Accountant and has previously served as ALUUC Treasurer. With Victoria’s transition, there is now a vacancy in the position of Chair of the Finance Committee.

The Board approved a motion to shift general ALUUC assets now being managed by Wells Fargo (formerly Wachovia, and before that A.G. Edwards & Company) to B.F. Edwards & Company. Similar action is expected with respect to the ALUUC Endowment Fund.

A motion was also approved to send a letter to the Islamic Center of Greater Springfield, expressing support to our neighbors and friends within the Islamic Community, and offering best wishes as they celebrated the end of Ramadan.

An emergency building evacuation drill will be conducted October 17, 2010. A new photograph of the assembled congregation will also be taken on that same day.

Our new website - <http://www.ALUUC.org> - is now live - with a brighter look and a more visitor-friendly orientation. A new content management system allows multiple editors to help keep the site updated with fresh, interesting content. Carol Kneedler, owner of O3 Internet Consulting, Inc., and Linda Haynes, O3 web assistant, spent many hours creating the new website, so be sure to thank them the next time you see them!

### *Building a Culture of Welcoming*

Join us October 23!

Are you interested in exploring new ideas for hospitality, welcoming, and membership at ALUUC? You are invited to join Susan Solon, Membership Coordinator and Megan Renner, Membership Consultant, for Building a Culture of Welcoming: A Roundtable Event, on Saturday, October 23 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will meet in a member’s home near the church; lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Susan at [welcome@aluuc.org](mailto:welcome@aluuc.org).

### **In Memoriam**

Former member **Katherine (Katie) Hoekstra** passed away on September 10th.  
A Celebration of her Life was held at ALUUC on September 18th.

**Damaris (Demi) Jackson**, a friend of ALUUC and daughter of Jacqueline Jackson, passed away on September 19th. A Celebration of her Life was held at ALUUC on September 23rd.

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**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

The Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on October 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's. We will discuss "Inheriting the Trade: A Northern Family Confronts Its Legacy as the Largest Slave-Trading Dynasty in U.S. History", by Thomas Norman DeWolf. Everyone is welcome. Future books we will read include: "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe", by Fannie Flag; "The Book of Ruth", Jane Hamilton; "To Kill a Mockingbird", Harper Lee; and "A Thousand Splendid Suns", Khaled Hosseini. Call Barbara if you have any questions.

### BRIDGE GROUP

The October meeting of the Bridge Group, on Friday evening, October 15th at 7:00, is scheduled to be at the home of Barbara Moore. Call Chris Romaine to confirm that we will meet or talk to Barbara Moore.

### DREAM GROUP

The Dream Group will meet in the Emerson Room at the church on Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is an opportunity for folks to share and discuss their recent dreams in a relaxed and informal setting. Newcomers are most welcome. For more information about this group, please contact John Glosser.

### 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.

### KIDS' CLUB

Kid's Club will be holding a Backwards Party on October 8, 6:00 pm til 8:00 pm. For more information ontact Marla Johnson, CRE at cre@aluuc.org

### HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet Monday October 25 at 7 pm in the ALUUC sanctuary. Berkley Moore will review the book the Science of Liberty (by Timothy Ferris) with discussion following. Ferris makes the case for science as the inspiration behind the rise of liberalism and democracy. Some background

- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/05/AR2010030501713.html>
- <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/14/books/review/Rosen-t.html?pagewanted=all>

If you have questions about the Humanist Group, please contact Carol Floyd at HumanistGroup@aluuc.org

### LABYRINTH WALK

Our labyrinth will be used for a special Labyrinth Walk at the Illinois Building (Illinois State Fairgrounds) on Sunday, 10-10-10. The public is invited to attend; admission is free.

The regular Labyrinth Walk will be held here on Friday, October 15th, 7 – 9 pm. All are welcome to join us in this ancient spiritual practice. Free.

### MOVIE CLUB

The 2009 film "Invictus," which depicts real events connected with Nelson Mandela and the quest for national and racial unity in South Africa during the 1995 World Rugby Championship, will be shown here on Sunday October 10th, beginning at 6 pm. Free. Refreshments will be served.

### NEW TO UU

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 informal session, and meet other new people as well as Rev. Woulfe and our Membership Coordinator, Susan Solon. Join us here on Thursday, October 14, from 7 – 9:30 pm. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the water fountain.

## *ALUUC Social Action Committee and Unitarian Service Committee (UUSC) Update*

### **Fair Trade Products**

The ALUUC Social Action Committee (SAC) will be selling Fair Trade products (coffee, teas, cocoa, and chocolate bars) on the third 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. Next sale date – October 31. Coffee and assorted teas from the UUSC Coffee Project will now be served on Sundays, following the service.

### **Change for Change**

The Social Action Committee has selected Youth Services Bureau for the October Change for Change program. The mission of the Youth Service Bureau is to divert youth from the juvenile justice and/or child welfare systems by providing access to needed comprehensive community based services aimed at prevention, diversion or treatment. The Youth Service Bureau's mission also includes serving the needs of the homeless adolescent population. These needs are met by providing safe, transitional shelter and independent living skills to this population. The support of ALUUC members and friends is much needed and appreciated.

### **24-Hr Prayer for Peace**

ALUUC was one of eighteen faith communities that recognized the International Day of Peace by praying for all nations and areas of the world. In the 20 organizers assigned every time zone on earth to a corresponding hour. ALUUC's hour was from 7:00-8:00 pm and included the countries/areas of the Baja Peninsula, Canada – Alberta/Northwest Territory, West Coast of Mexico, Mountain states of the USA). The Social Action Committee organized readings and music representing our religious tradition. Bonnie Ettinger provided the accompaniment and Delinda Chapman led us in a walking meditation.

Representatives from each faith community, family and other interested individuals began the 24 hour of prayer by meeting at the First Church of the Brethren peace pole. There, we began with a brief description of the International Day of Peace and the purpose of holding the prayer in this unique way. Included was a few minutes of silence, a Native American prayer to the four directions, and other common expression of reverence for the world and her inhabitants. The first group began their hour at 6 pm on Saturday and the last group ended at 6:00 pm on Sunday. These hours of prayer, silence, music, traditional faith services, meditative walk, teen lock-in, art, and study were a gift to us as well, for we are more aware of the need for peace, and how we can share in this important effort not just during this 24-hour period but every day in our lives.

### **Reverse Trick-or-Treating**

This Halloween, join UUSC for the Fourth Annual Reverse Trick-or-Treating program! Reverse Trick-or-Treating is a great learning and advocacy activity for congregations, youth organizations, and classrooms. Through this program, participants hand out samples of fair-trade chocolate to candy givers while visiting houses on Halloween. Each piece of chocolate comes with a card that describes the social and environmental costs of the corporate cocoa industry and how buying fair-trade chocolate is a meaningful alternative.

If you or your family is interested in participating, you will need to place your individual order before October 8. The dates to request kits are between September 1 and October 8 (while supplies last). The cost is FREE, plus shipping. One kit includes 15 chocolate minis and cards. Individuals can request kits by filling out this form - [https://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/703/t/9669/shop/custom.jsp?donate\\_page\\_KEY=6515](https://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/703/t/9669/shop/custom.jsp?donate_page_KEY=6515) **Please note UUSC as your referring organization.**

The ALUUC Social Action Committee will be distributing chocolate minis and cards on Halloween. Fair Trade chocolate will also be available for sale.

# Thank you

for the candy that you are generously sharing tonight.

Like Halloween, chocolate should be a source of joy for all children, including those in countries where cocoa is grown. Unfortunately, that is not the case today.

## Why?

Despite years of promises from the major chocolate manufacturers, little has been done to tackle the documented problem of **forced child labor** on many farms that supply their cocoa. Moreover, low cocoa prices have left cocoa farmers in **poverty** year after year.

### **There is a SOLUTION...Enjoy Fair Trade chocolate!**

This Fair Trade chocolate is proof that change is possible – today – and represents an important step towards larger reforms. Fair Trade certification prohibits the use of abusive child labor, and encourages the adoption of safer, chemical-free farming methods. Also, the guaranteed Fair Trade price paid for cocoa raises farmers' incomes and supports a more environmentally sustainable small-scale farming model – which in turn provides hope for a better future for all our children.

- 1 Share the information on this flyer with at least five friends
- 2 Buy Fair Trade cocoa products next Halloween and year-round
- 3 Ask policy makers and the chocolate industry to protect children in cocoa farming communities.

**For more information: [www.reversetrickortreating.org](http://www.reversetrickortreating.org)**

Reverse Trick-or-Treating is a project of Global Exchange and Equal Exchange in collaboration with non-profit organizations, schools, congregations, and Fair Trade chocolate companies.

Looking for more fun? (1) Join Sweet Smarts, Global Exchange's national network of kids, parents and teachers who advocate for Fair Trade. (2) Use our FREE Fair Trade curricula. More information at [www.globalexchange.org/cocoa](http://www.globalexchange.org/cocoa) and [www.equalexchange.coop/educationaltools](http://www.equalexchange.coop/educationaltools)



## *ALUUC Social Action Committee and Unitarian Service Committee (UUSC) Update*

### **UUSC Responds to the Pakistan Floods**

Thanks to all ALUUC members and friends that generously contributed on Sunday, September 12. As you are aware vast swaths of land and thousands of villages are under water following six weeks of massive monsoon flooding in Pakistan. To date, over 20.5 million people have been affected — nearly one in every eight Pakistanis — which is more than were affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 Pakistan earthquake, and the 2010 Haiti earthquake combined. Large-scale aid delivery has been complicated by the sheer scale of the disaster, difficult geography, and coordination challenges.

UUSC is responding to the crisis in Pakistan together with two longtime UUSC partners, Bedari and Barakat. The UUSC-UUA Joint Pakistan Flood Relief Fund opened on August 24; donations are still greatly needed. The fund supports Bedari's critical outreach to women and children in areas that have received minimal relief and Barakat's efforts to help Afghan refugees displaced by the flooding to recover their livelihoods and send their children to school.

### **Become a UUSC Member**

As your UUSC local representative, I invite you to speak with me to renew your membership — or you can renew online today at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org) UUSC is a membership-based organization, separate from and independent of the UUA. It receives no funding from the UUA. For more information contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant.

Social Action Committee Members include David Brunson, Bernie Carver, Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Vinnie Gupta, Teresa Liberati, John Malan, Sally Millichamp, Kim Nair, Brian Otwell, Susan Solan, and Doug Liberati (ALUUC Vice-President/Committee Coordinator and Board Committee Liaison). If you are interested in becoming a member of the ALUUC Social Action Committee, contact Deborah.

### **UUSC-UUA Joint Pakistan Flood Relief Fund**

UUSC is accepting donations to provide aid to the people affected by the devastating floods in Pakistan. For more information and updates about how UUSC is responding to the floods. [http://www.uusc.org/content/uusc\\_uua\\_launch\\_pakistan\\_flood\\_relief\\_fund](http://www.uusc.org/content/uusc_uua_launch_pakistan_flood_relief_fund)

Visit [http://www.uusc.org/donate\\_specific](http://www.uusc.org/donate_specific) to donate online using a credit card.

To phone in your credit card donation, call 800-766-5236.

To donate by check, please make it payable to "UUSC-UUA Pakistan Flood Relief Fund" and mail it to:

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee  
UUSC-UUA Pakistan Flood Relief Fund  
PO Box 844001  
Boston, MA 02284-4001

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### **Register for UUSC's e-Community**

By registering for our e-Community, you will stay informed about the latest news on UUSC issues you care about. You will also get the chance to make your voices heard, when decision-makers most need to hear from people committed to human rights and social justice. e-Community subscribers receive our monthly e-newsletter, Values in Action, and periodic alerts about urgent actions and humanitarian crises. Registering for UUSC's e-Community is simple — and free!

Go to <http://actnow.uusc.org/site/PageNavigator/Register>



Chalice Lighters of the Central Midwest District of the UUA are promoting a grant that will go towards research and development of new, more direct, financially sustainable methods of supporting Youth and Young Adult Ministries in our congregations. For a long time, many of our UU leaders have wished that we could do a better job of retaining and attracting youth and young adults, and a better job of integrating them into the life of our congregations. The Central Midwest District would like to devote significant staff time from January-June, 2011, to learning more about how we can create innovative processes and resources to directly support our congregations in this area.



We are fortunate to have an outstanding staff person in our district serving as our Youth and Young Adult Coordinator, Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson. Kimberlee currently works half-time focusing planning district-sponsored events for youth and young adults, with assistance from Youth and Young Adult Steering Committees. The grant would enable Kimberlee to focus more time and energy in exploring new directions for district service to congregations. We are appealing to our Chalice Lighters, to support this additional work. In addition to researching a wide variety of sources, it is our goal to involve congregational leaders in discussion with us, to learn what they feel would be the most effective support the district could offer to them. We believe the end results will support our congregations and their growth efforts with youth and young adults.

We see this Chalice Lighter call as an opportunity to explore and refocus our services to congregations for more direct support as they strengthen their ministries with youth and young adults. More information on this project can be found on our district website. This call will close on November 30, 2010. All checks written as of that date will be applied to the Fall Call. We hope you can send your check, made out to CMWD Chalice Lighters, for \$20 or more (\$10 minimum) addressed to CMwD Chalice Lighters, 1555 Sherman Avenue, Ste 345, Evanston, IL 60201. You can also donate online.

## *Groups and Other Events*

### **NEWS COVENANT GROUP**

The News Group will meet on Thursday, October 14, 2010, at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's. Note the change in date due to a conflicting program at UIS. Remember our meeting time is now 7:00 p.m. Call the Buchloh's if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome.

### **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP**

Will meet from 3:00 to 5:00pm, in the Channing room, on the following Sundays:

October 3, 10, 17

November 7, 14, 21

December 5, 12, 19

If you have any questions, please contact either Scott Wade or Buffy Lael.

### **THEOLOGIES IN DIALOGUE**

The Theologies in Dialogue group has decided to take a hiatus for the 2010-2011 church year. We will not be meeting from September, 2010 through the following August. Before the 2011-2012 church year we will re-examine the purposes of the monthly meeting and decide if new and challenging ideas or purposes will lead us to reconvene. Please contact John Glosser or Craig Bailey with questions or comments.

### **SPANISH INTEREST GROUP**

La Grupa Espanol will meet for a pot luck dinner, spiced with a hearty dose of "conversacion en espanol," at the home of Angela Aznarte & Martin Woulfe on Sunday, October 24 at 5 pm. All are welcome; please RSVP.

### **UPIC**

A new group has been formed for all members and friends of ALUUC, who are interested in earth-based spirituality. The Unitarian Universalist Pagan Interest Connection, or UPIC, consist of Diana DeWeese (facilitator), Linda Haynes, Amanda Clark, Julia Johnson and Chris Schnake. We are each of different paths, but our first love is ALUUC. We hope to develop connections with members & friends who are interested in earth-based spirituality. Once a month we will hold meetings that will last one hour. The time will be divided into worship and education. Please feel welcome to join us, even if you are just curious. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 20th at 6 pm, at ALUUC.

### **YOUNG ADULT GROUP BRUNCH**

Will be held on October 10, the location will be determined after the church service. All young adult members, friends, and visitors are welcome. For information email Amanda Clark.

## CRE NEWS

Every Sunday the younger members of our congregation get the privilege of being the recipients of a wonderful education provided by some very talented volunteer teachers. The RE committee would like the congregation to get the opportunity to learn more about what their experience is like.

Therefore, the RE committee and I are inviting the congregation to join us on October 17, 2010 immediately following services in the RE commons. While enjoying your coffee, visit the classrooms and teachers to become more informed about the new curriculum being used, what projects the children are working on, and what amazing people are hard at work in the west end of the building every Sunday morning.



Kids Club will not be meeting the first Friday of October due to the Trash and Treasure Sale. Instead the Kid's Club will be holding a Backwards Party on October 8, 2010 at the church 6:00 pm til 8:00 pm. Backwards clothes your wear and fun the join so!

Trick or Treating: On October 31, 2010 (Halloween) join the RE for trick or treating immediately following services. Everyone is welcome to don their costumes and share candy with the younger members of our congregation.

- Marla Johnson, CRE

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## Adult RE

The How of Happiness is a six-part Adult Enrichment series that will focus on practical steps to increase one's level of happiness. This series will use the book, "The How of Happiness," by Dr. Sonya Lyubomirsky, as its primary focus. The course will be led by Rev. Martin Woulfe at ALUUC beginning on six non-consecutive Wednesdays from 7 – 9 pm: 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/03, 11/17 and 11/24. There is no charge for the course but participants should obtain their own copy of the book. The size of the class will be limited to ten (10) people; the sign-up sheet is posted on a clipboard near the water cooler.

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## Cakes for the Queen of Heaven

ON THE THRESHOLD, A six-session religious education curriculum in feminist theology for adults and older youth by Rev. Shirley Ann Ranck, PhD continues our journey into the past to reclaim the stories of powerful women to be found in ancient Judaism and in early Christianity.

We will also look at the global silencing and brutalization of women that accompanied the rise of patriarchal religion and society. Finally we will celebrate the exciting new world-view and theology that has emerged in our time, and explore the personal and social changes that may be suggested by that new world-view and theology. We will continue the complex process of telling a new story.

Sessions are titled, "The Hebrew Goddess," "Sarah the Priestess," "The Apostle Mary," "The Virgin Mary," "Witchcraft," and "Future Fantasies."

**Sessions begin 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4 and continuing for 6 weeks. Each session will be repeated on Thursday – same week.**

**Cost for the series - \$5 to cover materials.**

**Session leader – Diana DeWeese Sessions will be held at ALUUC.**

Register for the sessions by signing the registration form on the designated clipboard in the hallway.



### *Babysitting List Update*

Susan Solon, Membership Coordinator, is updating the babysitting list, and would like all those persons available for babysitting fellow congregants' children to email her at [welcome@aluuc.org](mailto:welcome@aluuc.org) with a confirmation to either keep, or add, their name to the list?

### *Transportation List - Carpool to Church*

Susan also plans on starting a transportation list along those same lines. If all those persons who are available for giving rides to others could send Susan an email, that would be great. The list will be organized geographically, so that people who are looking for a ride would look first to their area ("north end", "west side", "Chatham", etc.). This could then be posted in the "members only" section of the website, and added to next year's directory. That way, members in need wouldn't need to have an announcement on Sunday---they could just consult the list. People willing to have their names added to the list shouldn't feel this as a permanent obligation; like the babysitters list, this is just a way to connect members with a need to other members who can help. No more scrambling at the last minute to get a ride to church after surgery/after a car accident/after a vehicle breakdown/etc.---just call a helpful person on the list.

### *ALUUC Choir*

Members have expressed interest in getting an ALUUC choir started again. At this time we're considering rehearsals to be before Sunday services and once during the week, beginning 10/17/10. If you are interested in joining in this adventure please notify Kathy McGuire with your name, e-mail address, and which part (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) you prefer singing.



### *Fellowship Committee*

"Fun" raising (aka Fellowship) Committee will meet after church on Sunday, October 3 to brainstorm about ideas for gathering members and friends through the end of the year or beyond. Randy Pratt, chair, is issuing a special invitation to anyone interested in gathering folks, creating community, service and fellowship. Games? Open Mic/ Coffee House for adults or kids? One-day retreat to discuss/share how to cope with the present financial environment? Halloween haunting? Thanksgiving left-overs meal? Solstice celebration? Food gatherings...make together or take? Recognition of ALUUC's seniors? Service projects? Hang out time? NO ideas will go unheard.

### *Facilities News...*

We held our first major Facilities Workday on August 21, with more work during the following week, and we hope you noticed that our building and grounds look much better. Thanks to these people, who worked very hard to make that happen:

Debby Hagan, Kim Nair, David Whitworth, David Brunson, Brian Otwell, Victoria Vincent, Dave Braddock, Phillip Anderson, Mark Hanson, Gwen Childs, Phil Gregg, Anna Pearson, Michael Plog, Susan Solon, Renata Buchloh and Kent Childs.

**Our next 2 workdays will be Saturday, September 25, and Saturday, October 30.**

Please put these dates on your schedule. You can work however long you want---it is totally up to you---and there are a variety of jobs that need to be done, inside and out. In the evening, we usually get together somewhere to celebrate our accomplishments. If you'd like to help ALUUC and get to know others, please join us for the next workday. *Kent Childs, Facilities Chair*

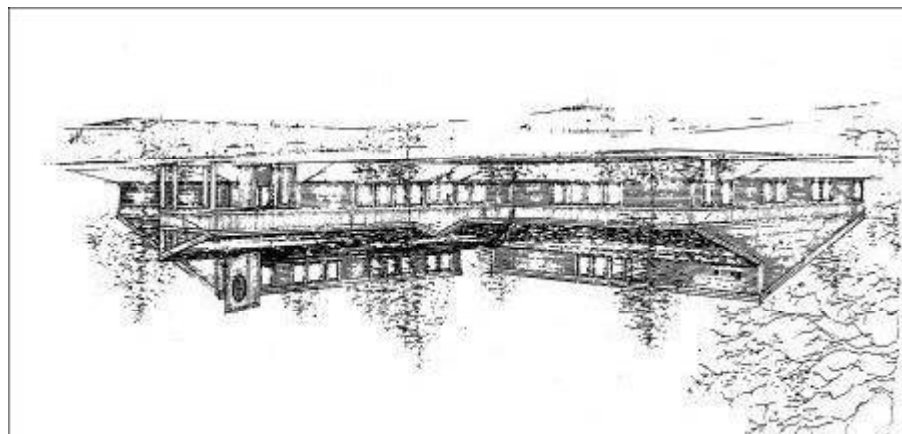
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Trash & Treasures Sale 8:00am - 6:00pm	2 Trash & Treasures Sale 8:00am - 3:00pm
3 Worship Service 10:30 am  Change for Change Sunday  Senior Youth Group 3 - 5:00 pm	4 Cakes... Group 6:30 pm  Dream Group 7 - 9:00 pm	5	6	7 Cakes... Group 6:30 pm  Meditation 7:00 pm	8 Kids Club 6:00 pm	9 Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am
10 Worship Service 10:30 am  Young Adult Brunch 12:00  Senior Youth Group 3 - 5:00 pm  Movie Night 6:00 pm	11 Cakes... Group 6:30 pm	12 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Happiness Adult RE Group 7:00-9:00 pm  Sangamon Valley Flute Circle 7 - 9:00 pm	14 Cakes... Group 6:30 pm  Meditation 7:00 pm  New to UU 7:00 - 9:30 pm  * News Covenant Group 7:00 pm	15 * Bridge Group 7:00 pm  Labyrinth Walk 7:00 pm	16 Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am
17 Worship Service 10:30 am  ALUUC Group Portrait  Commitee Mtgs 12:00  Senior Youth Group 3 - 5:00 pm	18 Cakes... Group 6:30 pm	19 Prairie Grapevine Folklore Society 7:30 pm	20 UPIC 6:00 pm  Happiness Adult RE Group 7:00-9:00 pm	21 Cakes... Group 6:30 pm  Meditation 7:00 pm	22 Game Night 6:30 pm	23 Mindfulness Retreat 8 am - 5:00 pm  *Building a Culture of Welcoming 10 am - 2 pm
24 Worship Service 10:30 am  Potluck 12:00  * Spanish Interest Group 5 pm	25 Cakes... Group 6:30 pm  Humanist Discussion Group 7:00 pm  Newsletter Submissions Due 9:00 pm	26 * Book Discussion Group 7:30 pm	27 Happiness Adult RE Group 7:00-9:00 pm	28 Cakes... Group 6:30 pm  Meditation 7:00 pm	29	30 Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am  Facilities Workday 7:00am - 3:00pm
31 Worship Service 10:30 am	<b>POTLUCK on Sunday October 24 - Theme: in honor of United Nations Day, "Food from Around the World"</b> * Events not held at the ALUUC Dates and Times are subject to change. Please check the web site calendar for any changes.					

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