



**Announcements for Sunday, April 1, 2018
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Radical Hospitality" by Rev. Michelle LaGrave

Happening Today

The Change for Change collection today will benefit The Phoenix Center. The Phoenix Center was founded on April 1, 2001 to create a safe place to meet. The Phoenix Center serves as Springfield's LGBTQ Community Center and provide the highest quality of HIV/AIDS prevention and education to the larger community. Please give generously. Checks should be made out to ALUUC with The Phoenix Center noted in the memo line.

In keeping with the Safe Congregation Policy, ALUUC would like to remind all age groups, including parents, that those in any youth programs need to have adults participating or overseeing their activities when using ALUUC's meeting rooms.

Congregants and friends who are ill or in distress are invited to contact the **Pastoral Care Committee** directly. Also, members & friends are asked to please keep us apprised of others you know who may appreciate attention. Email: pastoralcare@aluuc.org.

Coming Soon

You are invited to attend a Special Service to Remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr here on Wednesday, April 4, 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will gather to honor the legacy and life of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee fifty years ago.

Sign up now for the New Adult RE Class: Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography

This five-part series offers participants the chance to create a journal of exploration and reflection. People will be encouraged to share excerpts with one another and to discuss themes and lessons that emerge. This series will be held on five consecutive Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 – 8 pm: April 11; April 18; April 25; May 02; May 09. Participants should make every effort to attend all five sessions. Sign-up sheets will be available on Sundays; additionally, you may notify Rev. Woulfe by email of your interest. There will be a limit of fifteen participants.

Eco Camp 2018 planning has begun! Our free summer ecology camp for youths (ages 5-12) scheduled for July 23-27. Interested in helping with the camp? Contact ecocamp@aluuc.org. Our next planning meeting will be April 19, 7pm at ALUUC.

The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. Join us on April 5th in the Channing Room at ALUUC. If you have any questions, call Kurt DeWeese at 536-5834, or Frank Kopecky at 529-3235, or email newsgroup@aluuc.org. Everyone is welcome.

Save the date: Our special Pledge Drive Kickoff will be held at ALUUC on Friday, April 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. More details to follow

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 1	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, April 2	Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Tuesday, April 3	A Course in Miracles (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Barton
	Book Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Wed., April 4	IAG Cooking Class	10:00 AM	Kitchen
	Dr. Martin L King Service	5:30 PM	Sanctuary
Thursday, April 5	Covenant Group (Thursday)	7:00 PM	Channing
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, April 6	SYG CON	7:00 PM	Entire building
Saturday, April 7	SYG CON	all day	Entire building
Sunday, April 8	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Green Sanctuary	12:00 PM	Barton
	Covenant Group	12:00 PM	Alcott

*Off Site

Happening Elsewhere

The Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism (SCoDR) will host its next workshop on Understanding and Analyzing Systemic Racism on April 12-14, at Sacred Heart Convent. For a registration form or questions, contact John Record, jrecord29@gmail.com or 217/414-1772(c).

Eric Thibodeaux-Thompson is pleased to announce that *SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR* by Luigi Pirandello will be presented at UIS on April 13th, 14th, 15th (Fri., Sat., Sun.) & April 19th, 20th, 21st (Thurs., Fri., Sat.), 2018 *The curtain time for Thursday, Friday and Saturday night shows is 7:30 p.m. with the Sunday performances starting at 2 p.m.* Originally written in 1921, "6 Characters..." is an absurdist metatheatrical play...our production will be the 1998 Robert Brustein adaptation, which has been described by the publisher as a "highly acclaimed adaptation of Pirandello's masterpiece, a study in illusion and reality which follows a group of characters who try to fashion their life stories into acceptable drama."

GOT PLANTS? Opportunities for buying native plants! The Illinois Native Plant Society is having their annual sale of native trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers Saturday, April 28, from 9 am to about 1 pm at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Lincoln Memorial Gardens is having their annual native woodland wildflower sale Saturday April 14 from 8 am to 4 pm and Sunday April 15 from 12:30 pm to 4 pm. Why buy native plants? Native plants provide food for pollinators and other insects--which in turn are fed upon by native birds. They are adapted to our climate and are part of the history of our land. And besides they can be quite beautiful! So take advantage of these opportunities to add native plants to your yard and garden.