



**Announcements for Sunday, April 10, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Poetry and Spirituality of Vachel Lindsay" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

### **Happening Today**

**A group photo of all members and friends** will be taken TODAY April 10, following the service. If the weather is pleasant, the photographer's strong preference is to take the group photo outside, with the congregation gathered on the circular driveway in front of the main entrance. This will necessitate keeping the handicapped parking spaces clear - that being the case, we will provide "valet parking" that particular morning. If the weather is not good, the photo will be taken in the Sanctuary, so chairs will need to be moved and stacked.

Since the **Labyrinth Walk** is Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, please help stack chairs after the service.

**Pledge Drive 2016-2017: The Pledge Drive Continues!** The Pledge Drive began last weekend with a good start. We collected 46% of our goal. We still have a ways to go. We will continue the drive to achieve the goal by the end of April. Your giving intentions enable the development of the annual budget for the next year, beginning July 1, 2016. All members and friends of ALUUC are encouraged to declare their monetary intention in order to ensure an accurate budget based on reliable revenue for quality programs, fair compensation for employees and health insurance for the minister. A brochure and blue cards will be available after the service for those persons not yet having received theirs. Please see Delinda Chapman after the service to receive your materials. Completed cards can be returned to Delinda, your volunteer canvasser, or placed in the special box located on the table in the church foyer, or mailed to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Delinda Chapman. All pledges should be submitted by April 24, 2016. For more information, contact Delinda Chapman. Thank you very much.

### **Long Range Planning Update**

The Long Range Planning Committee is creating provocative propositions (strategic plans) from the cottage group input. The congregation will be invited to provide feedback on the propositions and suggest specific goals to implement them in the future.

**Nursery care is available** for babies and children ages two and younger. The RE committee asks that children ages three and older please remain in the company of their parents until time to attend RE classes. This allows us to ensure the safety of everyone at ALUUC and to promote healthy inter-generational bonds between all members and friends. Thank you.

**Movie Night:** Tonight at 5:00 PM, come watch *Stardust*. Rated PG-13 for some fantasy violence and risqué humor. 128 minutes. Popcorn and light refreshments are provided.

### **Coming Soon**

**Sections of Woodside Road around the railroad tracks will be closed during the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>.** You'll need to use I-55 or South Second Street to access the ALUUC on Woodside Road. From the State Journal-Register: Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-April at

Woodside Road between Springfield and Chatham on the first of a series of Union Pacific crossing upgrades required as part of the Illinois high-speed rail program between St. Louis and Chicago. The crossing will remain closed during the work, according to a motorist advisories posted on Woodside Road and Illinois 4. A second Woodside Road project should begin later this summer that will expand the road from two to four lanes from Chatham Road to just west of Illinois 4. Sangamon County highway engineer Tim Zahrn said construction will begin after the rail-crossing upgrade is completed. "Since we're getting started later in the summer, it'll take two construction seasons. We should be completed next year." The work includes added turn lanes at Chatham Road and Illinois 4 intended to ease morning and evening traffic backups on the popular commuter route between Chatham and Springfield. As part of the high-speed rail project, long-term plans include construction of a major new intersection — including a railroad underpass — at Woodside and Iron Bridge roads. The plan also calls for extension of MacArthur Boulevard from I-72 to Woodside Road. Zahrn said work continues toward funding the project.

The **Second Sacred Conversations on Race** will be held Thursday, April 14, 6:30 PM at ALPLM in the Commons area. All are welcome to participate. Contact Rev. Woulfe if you have questions.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 10	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Welcoming Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fulton
	Movie Night: <i>Stardust</i>	5:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, April 12	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	
Thurs., April 14	2d Sacred Conversations/Race	6:30 PM	Commons
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, April 15	Labyrinth Walk		Sanctuary
	Game Night	6:00 PM	Commons
Sat., April 16	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 17	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	
	Sunday Potluck	12:00 PM	
	Religious Ed Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	

### **Happening Elsewhere**

**Missy Thibodeaux-Thompson is directing *Distracted*** at the UIS Studio Theatre. Shows are April 22-24 and 28-30, 2016. Nine year old Jesse can't focus at school, can't sit still, and can't follow directions. Is he a typical 9 year old boy or is he suffering from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, as his teacher suspects? The family struggles over the potential diagnosis and all suggestions seem not to work. Contains humor, poignancy and questions our 24/7 info rich lifestyles. Go to [www.uis.edu/theatre/](http://www.uis.edu/theatre/) for details and tickets.

Saturday, April 30 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the Commodities Pavilion at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, the **Illinois Native Plant Society is holding its annual sale** of native herbaceous plants, trees and shrubs. Native plants have many advantageous--including being the sources of nectar and pollen for native insects. Go to Illinois Native Plant Society--Central Chapter for more information or speak with Becky Croteau or Virginia Forrer.