



**Announcements for Sunday, April 12, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Climate Justice" by Paul Oakley

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

Donations of food are needed for the reception following the memorial service for Clara Lily White on Saturday, April 18 at ALUUC. If you can bring a dish for the reception, please see Diana DeWeese before or after services this Sunday. Suggested dishes include: appetizers that do not need to be heated, sandwiches, salads, fruit or veggie trays, or meat & cheese platters, bread, cheese balls & crackers. Donated food should be brought to the church between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. Marla Johnson will be there to receive food donations. We also need volunteers to help with the cleanup following the reception.

Pledge Drive 2015-2016: The Pledge Drive has started for the ALUUC that enables the development of the annual budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015. All members and friends of ALUUC are encouraged to make a monetary pledge to be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or in a lump sum to share in the operating costs of our religious community. Pledge cards are available to be filled out and returned to Kurt DeWeese or mailed to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Kurt DeWeese, Pledge Drive Chair. **All pledges should be submitted by Today – Sunday, April 12, 2015.** For more information, contact Kurt DeWeese at 494-1705 or kidi71@aol.com

The Program Committee will meet today (in the Barton room) rather than the third Sunday.

**** COMING SOON ****

Next Sunday, April 19 will be a potluck after the morning service. Please contact Fellowship Chair, Randy Pratt, if you can help.

If you'd like to be involved in a successful event, come join the Eco Camp planning committee meeting April 21 at 6:30 pm in the Fuller room. Contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org for more information.

Earth Day Rally at the State Capitol on 4/22/15

On Earth Day, 4/22/15, hundreds of environmentalists, public health advocates, people of faith, students and clean energy advocates will descend on Springfield to demand Clean Jobs and Climate Justice Action. An Earth Day Rally will be held from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at the State Capitol. Please join those of us at ALUUC already committed to going to make sure that our state leaders prioritize people and the planet before polluters. Contact Meg Evans Lazare or Art Darken for information about the rally and other Earth Day activities at the Capitol.

Native Plant Sale at the State Fairgrounds on 4/25/15

The Illinois Native Plant Society will hold its annual native plant sale at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 25, from 9 am until about 12 pm. Why buy native plants? Many reasons. They are beautiful and they are adapted to our climate. Also, the insects and birds of Illinois have evolved with native plants, and the plants, insects and birds, are interdependent. For example, many introduced species, such as hostas, provide little or no food for native insects, so in turn there are fewer insects available for food for native birds, etc. For more information about the plant sale, contact Virginia Forrer or Stu Jacobson.

If you've ever participated in any Conversations on Race activities, be sure to come on April 27, 6:00 pm in the Commons area. We will be joined by a reporter from the Boston National Public Radio who is interested in understanding this activity.

The Book Discussion Group ordinarily meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, but in April we will be meeting on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *The Drop* by Michael Connelly. This book was originally scheduled for the March meeting which was cancelled. Future books we will read include *The Color of Water* by James McBride. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Apr 12	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Pledge Drive Ends		
	Program Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
	Movie Night "Captain America: the First Avenger"	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, April 13	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
	Movie Night "Avengers"	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, April 14	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fulton
Thursday, Apr 16	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, April 17	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Apr 18	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Clara Lily White Memorial Service	1:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Apr 19	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Movie Night "Whiplash"	5:00 PM	Sanctuary

****Happening Elsewhere ****

Grow Springfield Kick-Off Event:

Join us on April 16th for the Grow Springfield Kick-Off Event 5-7pm at Maldaner's Restaurant. We'll have free appetizers and groovy acoustic music by Arlin Peebles; all you need to do is bring your smiling faces, a few friends, and your love for good food, growing, gardening, and community. [You can register in advance for just \\$25 today.](#) All proceeds will go to Grow Springfield, a network of organizations committed to increasing access to fresh, locally grown food throughout Springfield and the surrounding area by linking individuals to community gardens, encouraging urban farming, and re-connecting individuals with the land, their heritage, and their communities. We can't wait to see what kind of beautiful new possibilities are going to bloom here in Springfield. Tickets may be purchased or donations made at www.growspringfield.org or by sending a check made payable to the Illinois Stewardship Alliance (memo: Grow Springfield), 230 Broadway St., Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

On the 150th Anniversary of Lincoln's Assassination, Smithsonian Channel(TM) Revisits a Moment That Forever Changed American History in "Lincoln's Last Day" Premiering Monday, April 13th at 8PM ET/PT Through a rare collection of personal artifacts connected to the Lincoln assassination, the special unravels the movements of each player in the deadly plot.