



**Announcements for Sunday, April 13, 2014  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "Easter Sunday: Jesus, Christ and John Shelby Spong" by Rev. Martin Woulfe*

**\*\*\* Happening TODAY \*\*\***

Effective immediately per the ALUUC Board of Directors, only authorized staff and committee chairs are allowed to use the office and minister's computers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Today is the last day to sign-up for the **Passover Seder** on Saturday April 19. See the sign-up sheet posted above the drinking fountain.

Envelopes are provided today for those who generally donate cash. Please put your name on the envelope so that we can properly credit your donation.

Please stack hymnals and OOS papers on the benches at the sides of the Sanctuary. Also, please help stack chairs after the service in preparation for the **Labyrinth Walk** Friday, April 18 at 7:00 pm.

**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

**The next COSMOS** party is Monday night, April 14, at the home of Angela & Martin Woulfe, starting at 7:30 pm for dinner and 8:00 pm for episode 6 (of 13). Please bring a dish to share and RSVP by calling 726-8281.

The series of "**Conversations on Race**" which begins soon, partners ALUUC with a predominantly African-American congregation. Using activities from the "Constructive Conversations on Race" workbook, we will take turns hosting a group discussion at our respective houses of worship. This promises to be an exciting and powerful opportunity to reach across both racial and religious boundaries; we hope that as a result, members from both congregations will seek a profound new appreciation for the realities of racism as well as taking steps to overcome those ills. We have just learned that we are partnering with the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 2208 E. Kansas St., Rev. Silas Johnson, Pastor, [www.calvarybaptistspringfield.net/](http://www.calvarybaptistspringfield.net/) Rev. Woulfe needs five members to actively participate. There will be one "conversation" between April and May and a second conversation between May & June, with a wrap up in July. One "conversation" will be located at ALUUC and one at Calvary Missionary Baptist. Please see Rev. Woulfe as soon as possible if you can be an active participant.

**ALUUC Drum Circle for Joyful Adult Drummers:** Join us for the Joy of Rhythm Drum Circle on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the ALUUC Sanctuary. Beginners welcome! Contact Peggy Patty or Diana DeWeese.

**Office Manager Cheryl Wycoff will be on vacation** April 19 through April 30. Marissa DeWeese will be editing and publishing the May newsletter. All other communications should be sent to Rev. Woulfe.

**Sign a Postcard** for your Legislator at Coffee Hour today to advocate for **Economic Justice for All** ! ALUUC's Social Action Committee in conjunction with the UUANI (UU Advocacy Network of Illinois) is inviting UU's around the state to join the campaigns to raise the minimum wage and to create a more fair state income tax. Here are ways you can help! Come to the **Decatur Town Hall Meeting on Thursday April 17th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at the Old King's Orchard Community Center, 815 N. Church Street, or plan to join us at a Rally at the Capitol on May 22nd supporting raising the Minimum Wage. Contact Peggy Patty or Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant for more information.**

**Racial Equity:** Paul Oakley will lead a Racial Equity Workshop on Saturday, April 26, from 1:30-4:30PM in the RE Commons. This is a continuation of the workshops in February and March.

There will be a **Potluck after the service next Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** - the theme is "Diversity". Make a meal if you are able that you normally don't make. Think of a different style, vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, or a different culture. Use your imagination.

**The Book Discussion Group** meets April 22nd at 7:30 pm at Barbara Moore's. *Orphan Train* by Christine Baker-Kline will be discussed. The publisher, Harper Collins, says "Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude? Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, *Orphan Train* is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship." Future books we will read include: *Flashback*, by Nevada Barr, *In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke, and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sidaris.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 13	OWL Class	10:00 am	Channing
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott
	Movie Night ( <i>Gravity</i> )	6:00 pm	Commons
Monday, April 14	Cosmos Party	7:30 pm	Woulfe home
Tuesday, April 15	Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
	Eco Camp Meeting	6:30 pm	Fuller
	Prayer Group	7:00 pm	Channing
Wednesday, Apr 16	UU History Class	6:00 pm	Channing
	Drumming Circle	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Apr 17	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, April 18	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 19	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Passover Seder	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 20	EASTER		
	OWL Class	10:00 am	Channing
	Third Sunday collection (food drive)		
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	various
	SAC Mtg.	12:00 pm	Fuller
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott
	Fellowship Meet & Greet	12:00 pm	Sanctuary