



**Announcements for Sunday, April 15, 2012  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "Earth Day: Spirituality and Stewardship" by Rev. Martin Woulfe*

**\*\*\* HAPPENING TODAY \*\*\***

**Third Sunday for April: Recycling with Computer Banc:** *Third Sunday's* focus in April is Computer Banc. This organization, founded in Springfield, supplies refurbished computers. Their primary mission is to provide children who are academically at-risk with computer access at home. As a secondary mission, they also provide technology for other not-for-profits and schools. Please gather your used computers and any other electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, calculators, etc.) for recycling. Computer Banc recommends that you wipe your hard disk before donating (although they also wipe it in the refurbishing process). Please go to their site at [www.computerbanc.info](http://www.computerbanc.info) for a list of their procedures and the names of computer wiping programs.

**STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGE DRIVE CONTINUES:** The **2012-2013 Pledge Drive** is still in motion, to ensure that we reach the Minimum Goal of \$178,000. Ninety (90) pledges have generated 91% of the goal (\$162,614). If thirty (30) Members/Friends who pledged last year provided amounts equal to or greater than last year, the Minimum Goal could be achieved by generating the remaining 9% (\$14,865). We are still hopeful that additional pledges will be provided.

**A large print copy of the Order of Service is available. Please ask the usher.**

**A new printed ALUUC Directory is in the works.** Please review your personal information as it appears in the online version so that corrections can be made before printing begins. A few printed copies are available for those without web access. If you would like to submit a new or updated photo, please send it to Rev. Woulfe. If you don't know the password for the online version, please call the office or ask Rev. Woulfe or our webmaster Carol Kneedler.

Lynnda White has a new email address. You may contact her at [intern@aluuc.org](mailto:intern@aluuc.org).

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

**New to UU Class** If you are interested in learning more about ALUUC & UUism, please join us here for an orientation session on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the water fountain or talk with Susan Solon after the service.

**Fantasy Renaissance Auction:** Join us on Saturday, April 21 for a festive evening that will include food, fellowship & fundraising! Please complete the Donation Form insert and return it ASAP to the Office. If you are not yet involved, please contact Kurt DeWeese.

**The Humanist Discussion Group** will meet Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m. in the ALUUC sanctuary. Lee Beneze will review Steven Pinker's book *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence*

*Has Declined.* Pinker argues that (and presents reasons why) violence in the world, especially the Western world, has recently declined and will continue to do so.

Due to set up activities for the Fantasy Auction, **the Labyrinth Walk has been rescheduled** for the following Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Book Discussion Group** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions. We will be discussing "All the Little Live Things" by Wallace Stegner. Publishers Weekly says, "Retirees Joseph and Ruth Allston find their placid, rural California life disrupted by a hippie who builds a treehouse on their property and by a young married couple tragically affected by pregnancy and cancer.' Quite simply, a beautiful novel--strong, moving, wise, funny--as topical as today's newspaper." Everyone is welcome.

**Conceivable: Dismantling Injustice and Reaching for Hope!** The Central Midwest District Young Adult Steering Committee Presents the UU Young Adult Conference May 4-6, 2012, at ALUUC. Join us for a modern twist on an anti-racism/anti-oppression weekend. We will focus on racial, gender, and sexual-orientation prejudice; where they arise from and what we can do as individuals to try and improve what is going on around us. Activities include social justice projects, workshops, contemporary worship, meals, and a coffee house on Saturday night! Registration fees are on a sliding scale from \$40-90. Super broke? Apply for a scholarship! All information and registration is located at [www.connectUU.org](http://www.connectUU.org) The conference begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and ends at 8:00 am on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to individuals aged 18-35.

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Starting Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Sunday, April 15	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Committees Meet	11:45 am	Various rooms
	Spanish Club	6:00 pm	1 Timber Hill Ln
Monday, April 16	New to UU class	7:00 pm	Fuller
Thursday, April 19	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 21	Fantasy Auction	6:00 pm	Sanctuary

**\*\* Other Items of Interest \*\***

**You are invited to observe Yom Hashoah Memorial Service 2012, Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust.** This observance will be held Thursday, April 19, 2012, 11:00 a.m. at the Old State Capitol Building, 5<sup>th</sup> at Adams Streets. Rev. Woulfe will be one of several speakers. Sponsored by Gov. Pat Quinn and the Jewish Federation of Illinois.

**The Midwest's District Assembly for UUs** will be held at the Marriott Oak Brook Hill Resort on April 27-29. For more information, including registration, visit <http://www.cmwd-uua.org/>

**Mark your calendar for June 1-3, 2012 and plan to attend the UU Women's Connection 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Conference** in Princeton, Illinois. Keynote: Pam Blevins Hinkle and featuring our

own Bonnie Ettinger, who with Pam creates an amazing music program each year at the Summer Assembly in Missouri. For more information, go to [www.uuwomensconnection.org](http://www.uuwomensconnection.org) or see the UU bulletin board.