



**Announcements for Sunday, April 16, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Earth Day Service" by Sr. Anita, Jubilee Farm.

Happening Today

As many of you are aware, the Kumler Food Pantry was recently vandalized. Much of the food was ruined and the facility will require extensive cleaning before it can resume its operations. The members and friends of ALUUC have supported Kumler for many years, through Change for Change collections and private donations. In response to this current crisis, **the leadership of ALUUC has approved a special collection to benefit Kumler**, to be taken up during this week's service. We hope that through the generosity of ourselves and many other kindred friends, Kumler will be able to resume its vital mission of providing food to the less fortunate among us.

Coffee Hour – Every Sunday after service! Join us every Sunday morning after the service for coffee (or tea, or lemonade) and conversation. We need a hand or two in our kitchen for Coffee Hour. This includes making the coffee, setting out a few tables and food donations, and cleaning up. If you're interested in helping out on a Sunday, please contact Marissa DeWeese at email@aluuc.org.

Coming Soon

The Humanist Group: On **April 24 at 7:00 PM**, Carol Floyd will review the book *American Secularism: Cultural Contours of Nonreligious Belief Systems* by Joseph Baker and Buster Smith. The book documents how shifts in American society have fueled increases in the number of non-religious Americans and an increasingly dynamic cultural landscape. Contact: Vi Lanum or Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org for more information. All are welcome to attend.

THE LISTENING CAMPAIGN WANTS YOU!

Would you like to be a Listener for our Listening Campaign? What is it? We are recruiting 20 people, more if possible, to schedule a time to have a one on one, face to face, 30-60 minute meeting with another congregant. Our goal is for every person at ALUUC to be heard. The goal? To build relationships. To build community. In order to build relationships with someone you need to get to know them. You must discover the stories that have shaped the person they have become. Job Parents Politics Spouse Ambitions Children Where they came from Education Where they live (have lived) Hobbies What makes them angry What they read Their personal story Their dreams

One-on One Goals: Build a Relationship

Discover their Self-Interest - You want to learn about the person's experiences, relationships, ambitions, concerns, fears, passions, dreams.

Provide Clarity for the other person - You want to listen and give the person a chance to talk about what is interesting to them.

Training: Not sure you can do a one-on-one? Don't worry, we will train you! **One on One training is on April 27 from 6-8pm.** ALUUC is being sponsored by Faith Coalition for the

Common Good so there is **no cost** to us. Interested? Please contact Paula Brayden at intern@aluuc.org.

The Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center is holding a Gala Art Auction here at ALUUC on Saturday, April 29. The preview starts at 6:00 pm and the auction begins at 7:00 pm. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, dessert and coffee will be served. Admission is \$10 per person and proceeds benefit the Fifth Street Renaissance Programs: Homeless veterans, HIV+ Services and Homeless Individuals. Major credit cards are accepted. For more details, contact Bob Croteau or Buff Carmichael.

2017 UUA General Assembly News: New Orleans, June 21-25! The early registration fee is \$360 per adult. After May 1, it goes up to \$415. This date is important especially if you want to reserve a hotel room – Hotel reservations are available via the GA Housing Reservation System. Rev. Wolfe recommends that you reserve your room first. There will also be a limited number of opportunities for home hospitality.

The Committee on Ministry is seeking nominations for this year's UnsUUnng Volunteer award. This award is given in appreciation to that individual who has volunteered above and beyond the norm. Who is it that shows up, pitches in and follows through in the most exemplary manner? Who has gone above and beyond time and again? Who are *you* most glad to see when *you* show up to volunteer? Please email your nominations to the Committee on Ministry at com@aluuc.org

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 16	Easter Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, April 17	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, April 18	A Course in Miracles Adult RE	6:00 PM	Barton
	Eco Camp Meeting	6:00 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, April 19	Men's Group	6:30 PM	TBA
Thursday, April 20	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, April 21	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 22	Earth Day/March for Science		
	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Celebration of Life, Dave Braddock	3:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 23	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton

Happening Elsewhere

Opportunity to buy native plants for your yard. On Saturday, April 29, 9 AM, the Illinois Native Plant Society will hold its annual sale of native plants. Held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Commodities Pavilion, the sale offers a wide variety of flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees native to Illinois. By planting native plants, one is providing habitat and food for native birds, insects and other wildlife. It's a good way to celebrate spring and earth day.