



Announcements for Sunday, April 17, 2011



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

*Next Sunday, April 24, 2011: "When Christianity was a Movement, not a Church"
by Rev. Martin Woulfe*

*** HAPPENING TODAY ***

Please see Rev. Martin Woulfe ASAP to have a new or updated photo taken for the 2011-2012 Member/Friend Directory –or e-mail a photo (and any changes in your address or contact information to minister@aluuc.org. The deadline is April 17.

*** COMING SOON ***

Come to ALUUC's SUSTAINABILITY RETREAT on Saturday, April 23rd, Noon to 5:30 pm in celebration of Earth Day. Workshops begin at Noon. At 5:00 pm, enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Nancy Standon and her "Food for Thought" workshop participants. Childcare is provided...All is free of charge. Please RSVP on the clip board over the water fountain. Questions? Contact Pat or Randy at patrandy@sbcglobal.net or call: 217 494-1162.

The Dream Group will meet on April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Emerson room. This is an opportunity to share and discuss dreams in a relaxed and informal setting. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, please contact John Glosser at 416-3398.

Circle Dinners: Join your fellow UUs at the table in April or May; add your name to the signup sheet above the drinking fountain or talk to someone from the Fellowship Committee (Randy Pratt, Pat Goller, Diana DeWeese). Circle dinners are held in the homes of ALUUC members and friends. Each participant contributes a side dish, dessert, etc., as specified by the host. At least three more dinner locations are needed. If you can host, contact Diana DeWeese at 546-5834.

The News Covenant Group will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 21 at the home of Frank & Linda Kopecky, 20 Villa Grove. (This is a change from our usual meeting date.) Everyone is welcome. Call Frank or Linda at 529-3235 if you have questions.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on the west lawn after the service on April 24 (weather permitting!). All children up to age 12 may join in the fun. There will be three groups, divided by ages: 0 - 4; 5 - 8; 9 - 12. This event is sponsored by the family of Ginger Huettemann in her honor.

A New Covenant Group is forming now: this one will explore, among other things, cooking and food related topics. Please contact Pat Goller (217-787-0687) to join this group which will be limited to 8 to 10 members. This group welcomes all people, especially newer members & friends.

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet Monday, April 25 at 7 pm in the ALUUC Sanctuary. James Custer will review the book *Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know – and Doesn't* (by Stephen Prothero). Although the US is the “most religious” Western nation, Americans generally know little about the history of their own personal religion or other major world religions. <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1601845,00.html>. Contact Carol Floyd at HumanistGroup@aluuc.org for more information.

Now Available: Name Tag Holders with clips rather than pins. If you would like a new holder, please drop off you current name tag with Susan Solon.

This month's Movie Night (The King's Speech), scheduled for April 17, has been postponed until May 1st.

Comedians & Spirituality in Cinema: This adult enrichment series begins in May; see the newsletter for details & please sign up on the sheet posted by the drinking fountain.

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, April 17	Committee Meetings	12:00 pm	Various
Monday, April 18	Dream Group	7:00 pm	Emerson
Monday, April 18	Newsletter Deadline	9:00 pm	
Tuesday, April 19	Conversation Café	6:00 pm	Channing
Thursday, April 21	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, April 21	News Covenant Group*	7:00 pm	Kopecky Home
Friday, April 22	Coffee House & Open Mic	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sat., April 23	ZEN Group	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Sustainability Retreat	1:00 pm	Sanctuary

* is held off-site

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

Martha Plog is still collecting books for the library at the Decatur Correctional Center for Women. Please add your donations to the red bin. Fiction and non-fiction books are needed.

Playing now at UIS: The drama “Spinning into Butter,” directed by our own Eric Thibodeaux-Thompson. Details are at: <http://events.uis.edu/2011/03/uis-theatre-presents-spinning-into.html>

Rhiannon Gurley will be visiting ALUUC to hold a workshop entitled “PLANETary HEALing” on Saturday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 pm. A sliding scale donation of \$15-25 is requested. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board, or go to www.RhiannonsArbor.com for more details.