



**Announcements for Sunday, April 17, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Come Creative Spirit: The Art & Spirituality" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

Please stay after the service for a potluck. If you haven't brought a dish, you are invited to contribute financially.

Pledge Drive 2016-2017: The Pledge Drive Continues! The Pledge Drive began April 2 with a good start. In the last two weeks we have collected 70% of our goal. We still have a ways to go. We will continue the drive to achieve the goal by the end of April. Your giving intentions enable the development of the annual budget for the next year, beginning July 1, 2016. All members and friends of ALUUC are encouraged to declare their monetary intention in order to ensure an accurate budget based on reliable revenue for quality programs, fair compensation for employees and health insurance for the minister. A brochure and blue cards will be available after the service for those persons not yet having received their pledge card. Please see Delinda Chapman after the service to receive your materials. Completed cards can be returned to Delinda, your volunteer canvasser, placed in the special box located on the table in the church foyer, mailed to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Delinda Chapman, or email your amount to Delinda at delindac@gmail.com. All pledges should be submitted by April 24, 2016. For more information, contact Delinda Chapman. Thank you very much.

Long Range Planning Update

The Long Range Planning Committee is creating provocative propositions (strategic plans) from the cottage group input. The congregation will be invited to provide feedback on the propositions and suggest specific goals to implement them in the future.

The Woodside Road closure at the railroad tracks is expected to continue through April 29, depending on weather.

As a result of the generous donations by members of the congregation, ALUUC will be a sponsor of the upcoming Illinois Innocence Project Defenders of the Innocent event which will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel on Saturday, April 30. This will allow for up to 8 seats at the event. Please contact Larry Golden if you are interested.

Coming Soon

Pathway to Membership is a series of sessions where new, prospective & current members can learn more about UUism, the ALUUC community, and we can get to know you! There are three sessions that are offered. Sessions 1 and 2, Sharing our Stories and Roots: An inside scoop on UUism and ALUUC will be held Monday, April 18th at 7-10pm. Contact Rev. Woulfe (minister@aluuc.org) or Susan Solon (welcome@aluuc.org) if you are interested in attending. Child care is available upon request.

Eco Camp: The next planning session is Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to join us and bring ideas to the table. The Harry Potter themed, ecology focused camp teaches children how to be good stewards of the Earth through activities, classes, crafts and tons of fun! Volunteers are always needed! For more information, please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at cre@aluuc.org or call 801-7926.

Movie Night #2: *Far from the Madding Crowd*, April 24 at 5pm. Based on the novel by Thomas Hardy, a strong Victorian beauty and landowner ahs her choice of three different suitors: a shepherd, a dashing soldier and a prosperous older bachelor. Rated PG-13 for some sexuality and violence. Popcorn and light refreshments will be provided, along with subtitles for those who are deaf or have a hearing impairment.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 17	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	
	Sunday Potluck	12:00 PM	
	Religious Ed Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	
Monday, April 18	Pathway to Membership 1&2	7:00 PM	Channing
	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, April 19	Eco Camp Meeting	6:30 PM	Fuller
Thurs., April 21	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., April 23	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Beltane	6:00 PM	Commons
Sunday, Apr 24	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	
	Movie Night #2	5:00 PM	

Happening Elsewhere

Missy Thibodeaux-Thompson is directing *Distracted* at the UIS Studio Theatre. Shows are April 22-24 and 28-30, 2016. Nine year old Jesse can't focus at school, can't sit still, and can't follow directions. Is he a typical 9 year old boy or is he suffering from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, as his teacher suspects? The family struggles over the potential diagnosis and all suggestions seem not to work. Contains humor, poignancy and questions our 24/7 info rich lifestyles. Go to www.uis.edu/theatre/ for details and tickets.

Saturday, April 30 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the Commodities Pavilion at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, the **Illinois Native Plant Society is holding its annual sale** of native herbaceous plants, trees and shrubs. Native plants have many advantageous--including being the sources of nectar and pollen for native insects. Go to Illinois Native Plant Society--Central Chapter for more information or speak with Becky Croteau or Virginia Forrer.