



**Announcements for Sunday, April 19, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Power and Accommodation: the U.S. and Russia" by Roy Wehrle

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

Today, April 19 will be a potluck after the morning service. All are welcome to stay.

Pledge Drive 2015-2016: The Pledge Drive continues, since **we are still very short of the goal**. There are many Members who have not yet submitted a pledge for the next fiscal year that supports the ALUUC budget for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015. Pledge cards and a brochure providing information about our budget needs and other pledging guidance are available. Pledge cards should be filled out and returned to Kurt DeWeese or mailed to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Kurt DeWeese, Pledge Drive Chair. **All pledges should be submitted As Soon As Possible.** For more information, contact Kurt DeWeese at 494-1705 or kidi71@aol.com

Tonight is Movie Night! *Whiplash*, 106 minutes. April 19, 5 pm, ALUUC

"A first-year music student (Miles Teller) wins a seat behind the drums in a jazz band led by a teacher (J.K. Simmons) who uses fear and intimidation to push his students to perfection." Some light snacks and beverages will be available. Rated R for strong language, sexual references, and violence. *Whiplash* won Best Film Editing, Best Sound Mixing, and Best Supporting Actor for Simmons at the 87th Academy Awards, and was nominated for Best Picture.

**** COMING SOON *****

Eco Camp Planning Committee is meeting Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Fuller room to discuss the details for Eco Camp 2015, "Mysteries of the Web". A week long day camp (with a Harry Potter theme) for school age children, Eco Camp will be held at ALUUC from July 27 through July 31. Join us with your ideas on how to complete yet another successful year. Contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org with any questions.

Earth Day Rally at the State Capitol on 4/22/15

On Earth Day, 4/22/15, hundreds of environmentalists, public health advocates, people of faith, students and clean energy advocates will descend on Springfield to demand Clean Jobs and Climate Justice Action. An Earth Day Rally will be held from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at the State Capitol. Please join those of us at ALUUC already committed to going to make sure that our state leaders prioritize people and the planet before polluters. Contact Meg Evans Lazare or Art Darken for information about the rally and other Earth Day activities at the Capitol.

Native Plant Sale at the State Fairgrounds on 4/25/15

The Illinois Native Plant Society will hold its annual native plant sale at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 25, from 9 am until about 12 pm. Why buy native plants? Many reasons. They are beautiful and they are adapted to our climate. Also, the insects and birds of Illinois have evolved with native plants, and the plants, insects and birds, are interdependent. For example, many introduced species, such as hostas, provide little or no food for native insects, so in turn there are fewer insects available for food for native birds, etc. For more information about the plant sale, contact Virginia Forrer or Stu Jacobson.

If you've ever participated in any **Conversations on Race** activities, be sure to come on April 27, 6:00 pm in the Commons area. We will be joined by a reporter from the Boston National Public Radio who is interested in understanding this activity.

The Book Discussion Group ordinarily meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, but in April we will be meeting on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *The Drop* by Michael Connelly. This book was originally scheduled for the March meeting which was cancelled. Future books we will read include *The Color of Water* by James McBride. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

DATE SAVER: Journeys of the Spirit, UU WOMEN'S CONNECTION Spring Conference June 5-7, 2015, Pilgrim Park, Princeton, IL 61356

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Apr 19	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Movie Night "Whiplash"	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, April 20	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
	PFLAG Mtg	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, April 21	ECO Camp Meeting	7:00 PM	Fulton
	Movie "Iron Man"	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Wed, April 22	*Earth Day Rally	11:00 AM	State Capitol
	New to UU Class	7:00 PM	Channing
Thursday, Apr 23	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
	Men's Group	7:30 PM	Fuller
Friday, April 24	Movie "Thor: The Dark World"	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Apr 25	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Apr 26	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Movie "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"	5:00 PM	Sanctuary

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****Happening Elsewhere ****

Habitat for Humanity is hosting a Community Build Blitz on April 25 and May 1, 8AM to 4PM at 1252 N. Rutledge St. We invite adults of all faiths to join us on our Interfaith Build Day. Help us continue our mission of creating simple, decent, and affordable housing for of all God's people in need. **To sign up groups or individuals, contact [Susan](#) or call 217-523-2710, ext. 13.**

Sustainable Springfield, Inc. (SSI) is holding a kickoff reception for its pilot program "The Greenest of Springfield Awards" at Maldaner's' Restaurant on April 29, at 6pm. SSI will be giving out three 2015 individual achievement awards to Bob Croteau, Wynne Coplea and Michael Higgins. Find more information at www.sustainable.springfield.org or call 217-652-7489. Please register by April 25, 2015. Registration on the website is available with a \$15 fee, or mail your registration and check to: Sustainable Springfield, Inc, PO Box 9896, Springfield, IL 62791.