



**Announcements for Saturday, April 2, 2017**  
**Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Affirming World Community with Inclusive Values"  
by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

### **Happening Today**

TODAY, April 2, is a **Change for Change** collection for **Being Black at School**. This national nonprofit advocacy organization's mission is "to utilize data and policy analysis to foster a movement for schools that are safer and more equitable for Black students." **Donations are also most welcome by check made out to ALUUC with BBS noted.**

**The Personnel Committee** will be conducting evaluations of some ALUUC staff (not minister) in April. We will distribute evaluation forms to the congregants that each employee works closest with for their input. If you are given an evaluation form, please complete and insert in the box on the desk in the foyer by April 9, 2017. Contact Dianne Roberts with any questions.

**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 House. 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](mailto:email@aluuc.org).

### **Coming Soon**

**Greater Springfield Interfaith Association:** The GSIA will meet on Tuesday, April 4, from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm at Chatham United Methodist Church (104 W. Chestnut, Chatham, IL). The topic will be "Storytelling Within Our Own Traditions." Please bring your own lunch.

**The News Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the Channing room. Call Kurt Dewese at 494-1705 (cell) or Frank Kopecky at 638-3913 (cell) if you have any questions.

**A Trivia Night** is scheduled here at ALUUC on April 7. Join us for Feline Friday Trivia sponsored by All Cat Clinic, PC on April 7th! A Yoga4Cats event, all proceeds benefit Forever Home Feline Ranch. \$10 per person, 10 people per team. Doors open at 6:30pm and Trivia starts at 7pm. General knowledge trivia Questions by Amy Reynolds with Emcee Brock Reynolds. Cash prize for 1st & 2nd place teams! Bake sale, balloon game, mulligans available, and 50/50 tickets. Reserve your team's table now by emailing [TeamYoga4Cats@gmail.com](mailto:TeamYoga4Cats@gmail.com)

**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. Woulfe 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 UnsUUng 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](mailto:com@aluuc.org)

**The UUA MidWest Leadership School** will be held July 9-15 in Decorah, IA. Midwest Leadership School is a weeklong intensive experience designed to engage participants in all aspects of leadership in a Unitarian Universalist faith community. For more information and to register, go to [www.mwls.org](http://www.mwls.org)

### This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 2	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller
Tuesday, April 4	Election Day		
	A Course in Miracles Adult RE	6:00 PM	Barton
Wednesday, April 5	*Men's Group	6:30 PM	TBD
Thursday, April 6	News Group	7:00 PM	Channing
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, April 7	Feline Ranch Trivia Night	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 8	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 9	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Green Sanctuary Com. Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
	RE Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 PM	Channing
	Adult RE Understanding the Bible	12:00 PM	TBA

\*Off Site

### Happening Elsewhere

**Make Your Reservations – IIP Defenders of the Innocent Event!** The **Illinois Innocence Project** will host its annual Defenders of the Innocent Event on Saturday evening, **April 29, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Springfield**. The event will feature New York Exoneree Yusef Salaam and his mother, Sharonne Abdus-Salaam, who never stopped fighting to prove his innocence. For more information, call or email Larry Golden at (217) 206-6569 and [LGOLD1@uis.edu](mailto:LGOLD1@uis.edu).

**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.