



**Announcements for Sunday, April 20, 2014  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service will be by Paul Oakley

**\*\*\* Happening TODAY \*\*\***

Effective immediately per the ALUUC Board of Directors, only authorized staff and committee chairs are allowed to use the office and minister's computers. Thank you for your cooperation.

There will be a **Potluck after the service TODAY Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** – the theme is “Diversity”. Make a meal if you are able that you normally don't make. Think of a different style, vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, or a different culture. Use your imagination.

Envelopes are provided today for those who generally donate cash. Please put your name on the envelope so that we can properly credit your donation.

**The next COSMOS** party is Tonight! Come to Rev. Woulfe's house at 7:30 pm and bring a dish to share. The show starts at 8:00 pm and we'll discuss the episode afterwards. Please RSVP.

**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

The series of “**Conversations on Race**” which begins soon, partners ALUUC with a predominantly African-American congregation. Using activities from the “Constructive Conversations on Race” workbook, we will take turns hosting a group discussion at our respective houses of worship. This promises to be an exciting and powerful opportunity to reach across both racial and religious boundaries; we hope that as a result, members from both congregations will seek a profound new appreciation for the realities of racism as well as taking steps to overcome those ills. We have just learned that we are partnering with the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 2208 E. Kansas St., Rev. Silas Johnson, Pastor, [www.calvarybaptistspringfield.net/](http://www.calvarybaptistspringfield.net/) Rev. Woulfe needs two more members to actively participate. There will be one “conversation” between April and May and a second conversation between May & June, with a wrap up in July. One “conversation” will be located at ALUUC and one at Calvary Missionary Baptist. Please see Rev. Woulfe as soon as possible if you can be an active participant.

**Office Manager Cheryl Wycoff will be on vacation April 19 through April 30**. Marissa DeWeese will be editing and publishing the May newsletter. All other communications should be sent to Rev. Woulfe.

**PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays)** is a national organization that is organized into regional chapters whose goal is to provide support for parents & friends of LGBT persons as well as for LGBT individuals. This PFLAG group is open to all and welcomes your energy! This group meets on the third Monday—next meeting is April 21 at 7:00 pm here at ALUUC. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Woulfe.

**Racial Equity:** Paul Oakley will lead a Racial Equity Workshop on Saturday, April 26, from 1:30-4:30PM in the RE Commons. This is a continuation of the workshops in February and March.

**The Book Discussion Group** meets April 22nd at 7:30 pm at Barbara Moore's. *Orphan Train* by Christine Baker-Kline will be discussed. The publisher, Harper Collins, says "Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude? Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, *Orphan Train* is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship." Future books we will read include: *Flashback*, by Nevada Barr, *In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke, and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sedaris.

**From the ALUUC Board:** The May Board meeting has been rescheduled to May 8 rather than May 13. Please be aware also that the next Annual Membership meeting will be held June 8 after the morning service. Eligible voters need to have signed the membership book at least 90 days before the meeting.

**Prairie Grapevine Concert, Tuesday, April 22, 2014:** Great guitar and singing from Chris Vallillo plus the percussion from Rocky Maffit! Chris Vallillo is a nationally acclaimed singer/songwriter, folk musician, and recipient of an Illinois Arts Council Artist Fellowship Award. Rocky Maffit is a world percussionist, singer/songwriter, author, and Grammy-nominee. Tuesday, April 22, 2014 - 7:30pm. Donation: ADULTS - \$10; SENIORS - \$9; MEMBERS - (PGVFS; ALUUC) - \$8; STUDENTS - \$5; FAMILIES - \$25.

**FELLOWSHIP:** April 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM - **Sunset Walk at Lincoln Memorial Gardens.** Meet at the front entrance. April 30<sup>th</sup> 5:45 PM – **Frisbee Golf** – Douglas Park, meet in east parking lot.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 20	EASTER & Diversity Potluck	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
	OWL Class	10:00 am	Channing
	Third Sunday collection (food drive)		
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	various
	SAC Mtg.	12:00 pm	Fuller
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott
	Fellowship Meet & Greet	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday, April 21	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 pm	Fuller
Tuesday, April 22	Prairie Grapevine Concert	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Apr 23	UU History Class	6:00 pm	Channing
Thursday, Apr 24	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Men's Group	7:30 pm	Fuller
Saturday, April 26	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Racial Equity Workshop	1:30 pm	Commons
Sunday, April 27	OWL Class	10:00 am	Channing
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott
	Music Committee Meeting	12:00 pm	Fuller