



**Announcements for Sunday, April 22, 2018
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Theological Reflections on "Thoughts and Prayers", by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

In keeping with the Safe Congregation Policy, ALUUC would like to remind all age groups, including parents, that those in any youth programs need to have adults participating or overseeing their activities when using ALUUC's meeting rooms.

Congregants and friends who are ill or in distress may contact the **Pastoral Care Committee** directly. Also, members & friends are asked to please keep us apprised of others you know who may appreciate attention. Email: pastoralcare@aluuc.org.

Movie Night - Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle - Sunday, April 22, at 5 pm.

"While cleaning their high school's basement during detention, four teens discover a video game version of Jumanji. After picking adult avatars, they're sucked into a jungle and physically transformed: Gangly Spencer become becomes Dr. Smolder Bravestone (Dwayne Johnson). Spoiled beauty Bethany becomes Professor Shelly Oberon (Jack Black). A star athlete, Fridge, becomes Franklin "Moose" Finbar (Kevin Hart). Lastly, unpopular Martha becomes Ruby Roundhouse (Karen Gillan). To escape the game, they must learn to think differently about themselves and one another." 119 minutes. Rated PG-13. Popcorn will be provided, along with subtitles for those who are hard of hearing.

Coming Soon

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 in the foyer by 1 pm on April 29, 2017. Contact Frank Kopecky or Dianne Roberts with any questions.

At 7pm on Monday, April 23, George Oravis will facilitate the **ALUUC Humanist Group's** discussion of *The History of White People* by Nell Irvin Painter. "Painter is the author of *Sojourner Truth: A Life, A Symbol* and several other scholarly works on the history of slavery and race relations in America, most recently *Creating Black Americans*. Her latest selection examines the history of "whiteness" as a racial category and rhetorical weapon: who is considered to be "white," who is not, what such distinctions mean, and how notions of whiteness have morphed over time in response to shifting demographics, aesthetic tastes, and political exigencies" (Publishers Weekly).

Questions? Contact Sarah Iannaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

The ALUUC Book Group will meet on Tuesday, April 24 at 7pm in the Channing Room. We will be discussing *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. This former best-seller deals with the 1,000-mile journey Strayed made on the Pacific Crest Trail. For questions, email Penny Wollan-Kriel at bookgroup@aluuc.org.

On Sunday, May 6, the **Social Justice Committee will present the last of 3 workshops with UUANI founder Scott Aaseng**. Help ALUUC explore ways to create the changes we desire and need: Our final workshop is entitled: *Where Does Our Congregation Go from Here?* ALUUC Commons, 12-2 pm, everyone invited, light lunch provided.

On Saturday May 19, Springfield will hold its eighth annual PrideFest. This beloved street fair embraces diversity and celebrates the lives and culture of the LGBTQ community. ALUUC will have a booth at Springfield PrideFest. This year's theme is "No H8. No Labels." We will set up the table at 10:30 AM - volunteers needed! Also: We are looking for people to march in the Pride Parade, which kicks-off the day's activities. The parade starts at 5th and Allen at 11:30 AM and proceeds North on 5th to Jackson. All friends & members of ALUUC & PFLAG will form one walking unit - please join the fun and bring Pride flags! We need volunteers to help set up and take down the booth, and to take two-hour shifts sitting at the booth chatting to those who stop by about ALUUC and our Welcoming Congregation. For more information, please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe or Meg Evans.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 22	Earth Day		
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group (Sunday)	12:00 PM	Alcott
	Facilities Committee Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Movie Night "Jumanji: Welcome..."	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, April 23	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, April 24	A Course in Miracles (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Barton
	Book Group "Wild"	7:00 PM	Channing
Wed., April 25	Adult RE: Spiritual Autobiography	6:30 PM	Commons
Thursday, April 26	Membership Committee Mtg.	6:30 PM	Fuller
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group (Thursday)	7:00 PM	Channing
	Private rental - rehearsal	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, April 27	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 28	Private Rental – Wedding	1:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
Sunday, April 29	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group (Sunday)	12:00 PM	Alcott

Happening Elsewhere

GOT PLANTS? Opportunities for buying native plants! **The Illinois Native Plant Society is having their annual sale** of native trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers Saturday, April 28, from 9 am to about 1 pm at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Native plants provide food for pollinators and other insects--which in turn are fed upon by native birds. They are adapted to our climate and are part of the history of our land. And besides they can be quite beautiful! So, take advantage of these opportunities to add native plants to your yard and garden.

A special Bicentennial series of programs, "The Culture and Heritage of Illinoisans," began on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, and continues on the third Sunday of every month through October 2018. The series is presented by the Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL) at Lincoln Land Community College in collaboration with the Illinois State Museum and will feature several Road Scholar speakers offered by Illinois Humanities. Reservations are not required.

May 20: *"Binding Our State Together: Canals, Railroads, Postal Services and Roads,"* Dr. Norman Moline

June 17: *"Illinois Antislavery and the Struggle For Freedom,"* Jeanne Schulz Angel