



Announcements for Sunday, April 23, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Next Sunday's service is "The Seventh UU Principle" by Paula Brayden.

Happening Today

"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world." – John Muir. Quoted in MontrealGazette.com. (Earth Day was April 22.)

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 Hour. 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.

Coming Soon

Kumler Food Bank Ready for Food Donations after being Vandalized

"Kumler Outreach Ministries meets people where they live, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and helping clothe people. The food pantry, clothing ministry and medicine program reach thousands of people each year in the greater Springfield, Illinois area giving help & hope." <http://kumlerministries.net/> Thanks to all who contributed funds on 4/16 for their clean-up. Now they especially need: canned chili, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and large size diapers (fours, fives, sixes). **Please bring these and other nonperishable items to ALUUC; SAC will get them to Kumler.**

The Humanist Group: On **April 24 at 7:00 PM**, Carol Floyd will review the book *American Secularism: Cultural Contours of Nonreligious Belief Systems* by Joseph Baker and Buster Smith. The book documents how shifts in American society have fueled increases in the number of non-religious Americans and an increasingly dynamic cultural landscape. Contact: Vi Lanum or Sarah Iannaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org for more information. All are welcome to attend.

THE LISTENING CAMPAIGN WANTS YOU!

Would you like to be a Listener for our Listening Campaign? What is it? We are recruiting 20 people, more if possible, to schedule a time to have a one on one, face to face, 30-60 minute meeting with another congregant. Our goal is for every person at ALUUC to be heard. The goal? To build relationships. To build community. In order to build relationships with someone you need to get to know them. You must discover the stories that have shaped the person they have become. Job Parents Politics Spouse Ambitions Children Where they came from Education Where they live (have lived) Hobbies What makes them angry What they read Their personal story Their dreams

One-on One Goals: Build a Relationship

Discover their Self-Interest - You want to learn about the person's experiences, relationships, ambitions, concerns, fears, passions, dreams.

Provide Clarity for the other person - You want to listen and give the person a chance to talk about what is interesting to them.

Training: A One to One training will be held on **Thursday, April 27, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** for leaders who are interested in being “listeners” within their congregation/organization. The training will be held at St. Cabrini’s Catholic Parish Hall – 1020 N. Milton Ave (behind the church). Please RSVP to Paula Brayden, intern@aluuc.org

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 UnsUng 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

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 23	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
Monday, April 24	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, April 25	A Course in Miracles Adult RE	6:00 PM	Barton
Thursday, April 27	*Listening Campaign Training	6:00 PM	1020 N. Milton Ave.
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 29	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	5 th Street Renaissance Art Auction	6:00 PM	ALUUC
Sunday, April 30	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	New Member Welcoming Ceremony		
	Adult RE Bible Class	12:00 PM	Barton

*Off Site

Happening Elsewhere

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.