



**Announcements for Sunday, April 24, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Pacifist's Fight: John Haynes Holmes" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

Pledge Drive 2016-2017: The Pledge Drive Continues! The Pledge Drive began April 2. In the last **three** weeks we have collected **87%** of our goal. We have **13%** to go. The drive continues to the end of April. If you have not pledged your giving intentions yet, it is not too late. Your help is needed. **All members and friends of ALUUC** are encouraged to participate by completing a pledge card to state their monetary intention to help meet the goal for quality programs, fair compensation for employees and health insurance for the minister. A brochure and blue cards are available from Delinda Chapman after the service in the hallway. Completed cards can be returned to Delinda by placing in the special box located on the table in the church foyer, emailing your amount to Delinda, delindac@gmail.com, or mailing to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Delinda Chapman. For more information, contact Delinda Chapman. Thank you very much.

Long Range Planning Update

The Long Range Planning Committee is creating provocative propositions (strategic plans) from the cottage group input. The congregation will be invited to provide feedback on the propositions and suggest specific goals to implement them in the future.

The Woodside Road closure at the railroad tracks is expected to continue through April 29, depending on weather.

Movie Night #2: *Far from the Madding Crowd*, TONIGHT April 24 at 5pm. Based on the novel by Thomas Hardy, a strong Victorian beauty and landowner ahs her choice of three different suitors: a shepherd, a dashing soldier and a prosperous older bachelor. Rated PG-13 for some sexuality and violence. Popcorn and light refreshments will be provided, along with subtitles for those who are deaf or have a hearing impairment.

Coming Soon

The Book Discussion Group: Join us on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road, to discuss *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. A review in Kirkus says: "This evocative first volume of her six books of autobiography, originally published in 1969, vividly depicts Angelou's 'tender years' from the ages of three to 16, partly in the American south during the depression-wracked 1930s, while also offering timeless insights into the empowering quality of books." Future books we will read include: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stephenson (A UUA Common Read Book for this year), *The Immortal Irishman* by Timothy Egan, and *Leave Me Alone, I'm Reading* by Maureen Corrigan. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

Next Sunday, May 1, 9:30 – 10:15 AM, Fred Dietz will offer a special adult religious education session in the Barton classroom. His topic will be "New Thoughts on Spirituality".

Change for Change collection next Sunday, May 1: The *Committee for Children* is an incorporated 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity that was organized in 1977 by a group of concerned citizens interested in reducing child abuse and neglect – a major problem in the Springfield area. For over 30 years the Committee for Children has operated multiple programs aimed at reducing child abuse by easing stress on families and children. Currently the major emphasis of the *Committee for Children* is operating the **Someone Special Program** which fulfills children's wishes to participate in an extra-curricular activity that their families would not otherwise be able to afford. Some of the activities sponsored include music lessons, gymnastics, summer camp, karate, football and other sports activities and camps. Children are referred by local schools and social service agencies such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Parent Place and the YMCA, and all referrals are anonymous. The children must be school-aged and in the Springfield school district. The Committee for Children is an all-volunteer organization and 100% of all donations go directly to sponsoring children. Currently, our very own ALUUC member Alison Stachera is the Committee President.

The News Covenant Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:00 p. m. on May 5 at Frank and Linda Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. Everyone is welcome. Call Frank or Linda at 529-3235 if you have any questions.

Pathway to Membership is a series of sessions where new, prospective & current members can learn more about UUism, the ALUUC community, and we can get to know you! There are three sessions that are offered. Session 3, Branches: Fostering Growth & Creating Connections will be held Monday, April 25th at 7-10pm. Contact Rev. Woulfe (minister@aluuc.org) or Susan Solon (welcome@aluuc.org) if you are interested in attending. Child care is available upon request.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Apr 24	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Movie Night #2	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, April 25	Pathway to Membership 3	7:00 PM	Channing
	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, April 26	*Book Group Meeting	7:30 PM	Barb Moore's
Thurs., April 28	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Apr 29-May 1	*MidAmerica UUA Regional Assembly		St Paul, MN
Sat., April 30	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Women in the Red Tent	1:30 PM	Commons
Sunday, May 1	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Fuller
	Adult RE Session	9:30 AM	Barton
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller

*Takes place offsite.

Happening Elsewhere

Missy Thibodeaux-Thompson is directing *Distracted* at the UIS Studio Theatre. Shows are April 22-24 and 28-30, 2016. Contains humor, poignancy and questions our 24/7 info rich lifestyles. Go to www.uis.edu/theatre/ for details and tickets.