



Announcements for Sunday, April 29, 2012  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Next Sunday: *"Reflections on Ministry"* by Rev. Martin Woulfe

\*\*\* HAPPENING TODAY \*\*\*

**STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGE DRIVE UPDATE** The **2012-2013 Pledge Drive** is almost over. We have not reached the Minimum Goal of \$178,000. One hundred seven (107) pledges have generated 97% (\$172,700). Additional pledges should be given as soon as possible to Kurt DeWeese.

**A large print copy of the Order of Service is available. Please ask the usher.**

**A new printed ALUUC Directory is in the works.** Please review your personal information as it appears in the online version so that corrections can be made before printing begins. A few printed copies are available for those without web access. If you would like to submit a new or updated photo, please send it to Rev. Woulfe. If you don't know the password for the online version, please call the office or ask Rev. Woulfe or our webmaster Carol Kneeder.

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

**Change for Change**

Thanks to the generosity of ALUUC members and friends, \$153.75 was collected for the Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault. The Social Action Committee has selected the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Springfield as the May Change for Change recipient. NAMI Springfield, founded in 1981, is the local affiliate for NAMI in the Springfield area. They are a grassroots, not-for-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness, and the lives of their families and friends. They work together to meet the NAMI mission through support, education, advocacy, and research.

**Calling All Young Adults!! Conceivable: Dismantling Injustice and Reaching for Hope!** The Central Midwest District Young Adult Steering Committee Presents the UU Young Adult Conference May 4-6, 2012, at ALUUC. Join us for a modern twist on an anti-racism/anti-oppression weekend. We will focus on racial, gender, and sexual-orientation prejudice; where they arise from and what we can do as individuals to try and improve what is going on around us. Activities include social justice projects, workshops, contemporary worship, meals, and a coffee house on Saturday night! Registration fees are on a sliding scale from \$40-90. Super broke? Apply for a scholarship! All information and registration is located at [www.connectUU.org](http://www.connectUU.org). The conference begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and ends at 8:00 am on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to individuals aged 18-35.

**Simple Elegance Supper Club and Detective Agency** will meet Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 PM at the ALUUC kitchen. Time to investigate "Vegetarian Food" as is our theme. Carnivore? Just think "side dish." Meat substitutes? Tofu, tempe, seitan, TVP, etc? How about vegetable stock

to enrich vegetarian dishes? This investigation could lead anywhere. For more information about this covenant group contact Pat Goller (217-787-0687) or just join us at 6 PM on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Bon appetite!

**NEWS COVENANT GROUP** ordinarily meets on the first Thursday of each month. In **May, we will meet on the second Thursday, May 10**, at 7:00 p.m. at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's 7901 Hunt Road. Call the Buchloh's at 585-1944 if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome.

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Starting Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Sunday, April 29	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Movie Night	6:00 pm	Commons
Tuesday, May 1	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Fuller
Thursday, May 3	Peace Camp Mtg.	6:00 pm	Fuller
	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, May 4	CMWD Young Adult Conf.	5:00 pm	All rooms
	Kids Club	6:00 pm	Commons/Outdoors
Saturday, May 5	CMWD Young Adult Con	All Day	All rooms
Sunday, May 6	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Change for Change donations		

**\*\* Other Items of Interest \*\***

**The Liturgical Arts Festival** begins Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield, a non-profit, interfaith organization, was founded in 1995 by clergy, artists and community volunteers interested in expressions of spirituality in the arts. The first event is "Textiles and Banners for Sacred Spaces", a hands-on workshop led by Scott and Susan Day at 10:00 a.m., May 5 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Find out more at [www.lafspringfield.org](http://www.lafspringfield.org) for a full schedule.

**Save the Date: Springfield Unity Summit, Monday May 7, 2012**, 9am-4pm at the Springfield Hilton Hotel. Martin Castro, Chairperson of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Illinois Human Rights Commission is the featured speaker. The Summit is hosted by the Springfield Community Relations Commission & Coalition to Promote Human Dignity and Diversity. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Woulfe or Susan Solon, Membership Coordinator.

**Prevent Child Abuse Illinois** is looking for teen or adult volunteers to help with the carnival games area of their Illinois Walk For Children event in Lincoln Park on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 10 a.m. to noon. Spiderman is the special guest and this should be a fun children's event for all. Plan to attend even if you can't volunteer. Please contact Mary Salisbury, ALUUC member, at 522-1129 ( PCA Illinois) or 787-6592 ( home.)