



**Announcements for Sunday, April 5, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Failing of the Fathers" by Paul Oakley

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

For today, Sunday, April 5 **Change for Change**, we are collecting funds for the [UUSC Blue Buckets campaign](#). Communities throughout the world are dealing with threats to their water access as a result of climate change. While climate change may be affecting communities in different ways, the common thread is that the most successful solutions are community-based and community-led. ALUUC will join other UU congregations in raising money to help families near Kenya's Kakamega rain forest and in other places to protect their water supply.

Donations of food are needed for the reception following the memorial service for Clara Lily White on Saturday, April 18 at ALUUC. If you can bring a dish for the reception, please see Diana DeWeese before or after services this Sunday. Suggested dishes include: appetizers that do not need to be heated, sandwiches, or meat & cheese platters, bread, cheese balls & crackers. Donated food should be brought to the church between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. A volunteer or two are needed to be point persons to receive and arrange food donations on April 18th. Please let Diana know if you able to assist.

Pledge Drive 2015-2016: The Pledge Drive has started for the ALUUC that enables the development of the annual budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015. All members and friends of ALUUC are encouraged to make a monetary pledge to be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or in a lump sum to share in the operating costs of our religious community. Pledge kits will be distributed containing a special Pledge Brochure together with a green Pledge Card that should be filled out and returned to Kurt DeWeese, to a volunteer canvasser, deposited in the special Pledge Box located in the church foyer, or mailed to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Kurt DeWeese, Pledge Drive Chair. All pledges should be submitted by April 12, 2015. For more information, contact Kurt DeWeese at 494-1705 or kidi71@aol.com

In December, the congregation voted to support Paul Oakley's ordination with two other churches. The board has allocated a \$500 contribution (the same as was given to Lynnda White). Additional private donations are being accepted. Please annotate Paul Oakley-ordination in the memo line of your checks.

**** COMING SOON ****

If you'd like to be involved in a successful event, come join the Eco Camp planning committee meeting April 7 at 6:30 pm in the Fuller room. Contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org for more information.

Greater Springfield Interfaith Association meets Tuesday, April 7, 11:45-1:30PM at Third Presbyterian Church, 1030 N. 7th St. Sister Marcelline Koch, O.P., who visited Iraq in January will present "Iraq's Internally Displaced Persons: Their Life and Their Future." Please provide your own bagged lunch. (This program was previously scheduled but cancelled due to weather.)

Earth Day Rally at the State Capitol on 4/22/15

On Earth Day, 4/22/15, hundreds of environmentalists, public health advocates, people of faith, students and clean energy advocates will descend on Springfield to demand Clean Jobs and

Climate Justice Action. An Earth Day Rally will be held from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at the State Capitol. Please join those of us at ALUUC already committed to going to make sure that our state leaders prioritize people and the planet before polluters. Contact Meg Evans Lazare or Art Darken for information about the rally and other Earth Day activities at the Capitol.

Native Plant Sale at the State Fairgrounds on 4/25/15

The Illinois Native Plant Society will hold its annual native plant sale at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 25, from 9 am until about 12 pm. Why buy native plants? Many reasons. They are beautiful and they are adapted to our climate. Also, the insects and birds of Illinois have evolved with native plants, and the plants, insects and birds, are interdependent. For example, many introduced species, such as hostas, provide little or no food for native insects, so in turn there are fewer insects available for food for native birds, etc. For more information about the plant sale, contact Virginia Forrer or Stu Jacobson.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Apr 5	EASTER		
	Change for Change donations	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, April 6	Pagan Group Meeting	11:45 AM	Fuller
	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
Tuesday, April 7	*Dream Group	7:00 PM	Off site
	GSIA Meeting	11:45 AM	1030 N. 7 th St.
Thursday, Apr 9	Movies "Incredible Hulk & Iron Man 2"	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Eco Camp Meeting	6:30 PM	Fuller
Friday, April 10	"Let Freedom Ring" March	2:15 PM	Lincoln's Home
	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Apr 11	Game Night	6:00 PM	Commons
	Movie Night "Thor"	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Apr 12	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Apr 12	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Pledge Drive Ends		
	Movie Night "Captain America: the First Avenger"	5:00 PM	Sanctuary

****Happening Elsewhere ****

A free one-day workshop, the "**Christian Response to Violence,**" will be presented 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 11 at Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 South Grand Ave. This event was developed to provide "encouragement and resources to local churches for opportunities to explore, discuss and dialogue about the spiritual and ethical issues related to the growing presence of violence in society." Presenters include Mary Kay Mace, who lost her only child to gun violence, and the Revs. Gene Mace, Sara Isbell, Miley Palmer, and Howard Daughenbaugh. For more information, or to register (required): Joyce Downey: joydav1@aol.com

On the 150th Anniversary of Lincoln's Assassination, Smithsonian Channel(TM) Revisits a Moment That Forever Changed American History in "Lincoln's Last Day" Premiering Monday, April 13th at 8PM ET/PT Through a rare collection of personal artifacts connected to the Lincoln assassination, the special unravels the movements of each player in the deadly plot.