



**Announcements for Sunday, April 6, 2014  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "Water Wisdom" by Pam Blevins-Hinkle*

**\*\*\* Happening TODAY \*\*\***

Effective immediately per the ALUUC Board of Directors, only authorized staff and committee chairs are allowed to use the office and minister's computers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Envelopes are provided today for those who generally donate cash. Please put your name on the envelope so that we can properly credit your donation.

**The COSMOS** party is tonight, April 6, at the home of Angela & Martin Woulfe, starting at 6:30 pm for dinner and 8:00 pm for episode 5 (of 13). Please bring a dish to share and RSVP by calling 726-8281.

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

**New to UU??** Have you been attending ALUUC and feel this should be your "spiritual home"? Would you like to learn more about UUism and this congregation? Please sign up for an informal session on Monday, April 7 at 7 pm and meet other new people, as well as Rev. Woulfe and our Membership Coordinator, Susan Solon. All are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the drinking fountain. Child care will be provided upon request.

**DREAM GROUP**

This group meets April 7 at 7 pm. This is an opportunity for folks to discuss their dreams in a relaxed, friendly and informal setting. The discussion format uses tested procedures for lay dream-groups. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information about the group and meeting location please contact Phil Gregg at 483-5109 or [gregg\\_phil1@msn.com](mailto:gregg_phil1@msn.com)

**ALUUC Drum Circle for Joyful Adult Drummers**

Join us for the Joy of Rhythm Drum Circle on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the ALUUC Sanctuary. Beginners welcome! Contact Peggy Patty or Diana DeWeese.

**Sign a Postcard** for your Legislator at Coffee Hour today to advocate for ***Economic Justice for All*** ! ALUUC's Social Action Committee in conjunction with the UUANI (UU Advocacy Network of Illinois) is inviting UU's around the state to join the campaigns to raise the minimum wage and to create a more fair state income tax. Here are ways you can help! Come to the **Decatur Town Hall Meeting** on Thursday April 17th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at the Old King's Orchard Community Center, 815 N. Church Street, or plan to join us at a Rally at the Capitol on May 22nd supporting raising the Minimum Wage. Contact Peggy Patty or Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant for more information.

**CONsciousness 2014: We Need Fabric**

Eliot's Senior High Youth are eagerly preparing for the spring Youth Conference (CON), which is April 11-13. A part of CON activities includes a social justice project. This year's project is

blanket-making for the Ronald McDonald House, and we need YOUR help. **In order to create these blankets, we need donations of fleece by the yard, or gift cards to stores where fleece can be purchased (Hobby Lobby, Michaels, etc.).** No amount of fleece is too large or small. Our youth will be participating in this project when they attend CONsciousness 2014. Donations can be dropped off to the Senior Youth Group on Sunday. Contact Marla Johnson, DRE at [dre@aluuc.org](mailto:dre@aluuc.org) with any questions.

**The Book Discussion Group** meets April 22nd at 7:30 pm at Barbara Moore's. *Orphan Train* by Christine Baker-Kline will be discussed. The publisher, Harper Collins, says "Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude? Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, *Orphan Train* is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship." Future books we will read include: *Flashback*, by Nevada Barr, *In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke, and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sidaris.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, April 6	OWL Class	10:00 am	Channing
	Change for Change donations	10:30 am	
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 pm	Emerson
Monday, April 7	New to UU class	7:00 pm	Channing
	Dream Group	7:00 pm	*
Tuesday, April 8	Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Fuller
Wednesday, Apr 9	UU History Class	6:00 pm	Channing
Thursday, Apr 10	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, April 11	Kids Club & District 12	6:00 pm	Commons area
Saturday, April 12	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 13	OWL Class	10:00 am	Channing
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott
	Potluck	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Movie Night ( <i>Gravity</i> )	6:00 pm	Commons

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

**How "Smart" are YOU?** Join a Trivia night hosted by SpringfieldTrivia.com at University of Illinois Springfield. Proceeds benefit the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. \$10/person, 8-10 people per team. Fewer than 8 on your team? We'll add UIS students to fill your table! April 12, 7 pm trivia begins; doors open at 6 pm. At Sangamon Auditorium lobby (PAC building). Cash bar and soda for sale. Free snacks or bring your own food, too. To reserve your table, call 206-6058 or email [oodrsvp@uis.edu](mailto:oodrsvp@uis.edu). 50/50 raffle. Cash prizes for top 3 teams.

**The UU Women's Connection Spring Conference** is scheduled for June 6-8, 2014 in Princeton, IL. For more information, go to [www.womensconnction.org](http://www.womensconnction.org), contact Diana DeWeese at [kidi71@aol.com](mailto:kidi71@aol.com) or see the UUA bulletin board.