



**Announcements for Sunday, August 10, 2014  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Law of Distraction" by Teri Freesmeyer

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

Rev. Woulfe will be on vacation this week, August 11 – 16. If there are any pastoral cares or concerns, please contact Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko.

**UUs at the State Fair**

Members & friends of ALUUC & PFLAG-Springfield are invited to volunteer at the Equality IL booth at the IL State Fair on Monday, August 11. Last year, volunteers assisted with collecting signatures on behalf of Marriage Equality; this year, we will assist with Voter Registration. Four volunteers per shift are asked to staff the booth throughout the day: each shift will last four hours (10 am – 2 pm; 2pm – 6 pm; 6pm – 10pm). Volunteers will be given a free pass to the fair and a free meal. Patty Dillon, Director of Field Operations of EQUALITY ILLINOIS (and an intern, John) will be staffing the booth during the first night of the fair (the preview night) on Thursday, August 7th - starting at 7pm. All volunteers who want training on the registration process should please stop by the booth and they will give you an in-person run-through. If interested, please contact Rev. Woulfe ASAP.

**The Humanist Discussion Group** will meet Monday, August 25 at 7:00 pm in the ALUUC sanctuary; Randy Pratt will review the book, *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood and the Prison of Belief* by Lawrence Wright followed by discussion. Wright's book was a finalist for the National Book Award for Nonfiction, and was shortlisted for the 2013 National Book Critics Circle Award. For the NYT book review, visit: [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/20/books/review/going-clear-lawrence-wrights-book-on-scientology.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/20/books/review/going-clear-lawrence-wrights-book-on-scientology.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0) For questions about the Humanist Group, please email [humanist-group@hotmail.com](mailto:humanist-group@hotmail.com).

**Book Discussion Group:** Join us on August 26th at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *O Pioneers* by Willa Cather. An article in Bookreads.com says, "One of America's greatest women writers, Willa Cather established her talent and her reputation with this extraordinary novel, the first of her books set on the Nebraska frontier. A tale of the prairie land encountered by America's Swedish, Czech, Bohemian, and French immigrants, as well as a story of how the land challenged them, changed them, and, in some cases, defeated them. Cather's novel is a uniquely American epic." The September selection will be *And the Mountains Roared* by Khaled Hosseini. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

**Third Sunday:** Next Sunday, August 17 will be a collection for items for the Illinois Coalition for Community Services. Check the table outside the Sanctuary for a list of items.

**RETIREMENT GATHERING:** Penny Wollan-Kriel is retiring after 17 years from the Springfield Area Arts Council (SAAC). Mark your calendar for Monday, August 18, 5 – 9pm in Theater 3 of the Hoogland Center for the Arts. Stop in and congratulate her. In honor of her 17 years, Penny is asking everyone to donate to SAAC in increments of 17: \$17/\$34/\$68/\$170/\$1700 and anything in between. The goal of \$17,000 is approximately a three-month bare essential budget requirement to keep the agency running.

**DATE SAVER: September 27, 2014,** Brooke Thomas, Michael Burnett, Bonnie Ettinger and friends in concert at ALUUC. Save the date!!

**Wanted:**

- Those who love working with the young people at ALUUC;
- Who are dedicated to the youth of our congregation receiving a well rounded religious education;
- Who are able to prepare a lesson plan from curriculum provided by the Religious Education Program; and
- Who are willing to share their knowledge at least one Sunday a month during the Religious Education class-time.

There are teacher openings in the PreK/K classroom, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd grades classroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th grades classroom, and the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6th grade classroom. Those who apply must be willing to get paid in smiles, hugs and the gratitude of the Director of Religious Education. **Those interested should contact Marla Johnson, Director of Religious Education at [dre@aluuc.org](mailto:dre@aluuc.org).** Thank you.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Aug 10	Sunday Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
Monday, Aug 11	State Fair Equality IL Booth	10:00 am	Fair Grounds
Thursday, Aug 14	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, Aug 16	Zen Meditation	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, Aug 17	Sunday Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Third Sunday collection		

**\*\*Happening Elsewhere \*\***

Springfield schools start classes on August 18. Chatham schools begin August 20.