



**Announcements for Sunday, August 14, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Why the Left is Right: The 2016 Election from a Liberal Perspective"
by Frank Kopecky.

Happening Today

Join the Green Committee today, Sunday (Aug 14) for a trip with Vern LaGesse and Friends of the Sangamon Valley to Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary near Loami. There we will collect seeds from the Nipper Prairie -- some of which we will use in the ALUUC prairie. We will meet at 12:30 PM in the church parking lot and carpool out to Nipper. Long pants, socks, hats and water bottles are recommended.

Coming Soon

Equality IL 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 Thursday, August 18. This year, we will be educating fairgoers about LGBT rights, petitioning IL congresspersons to vote in favor of the Equality Act and assisting with Voter Registration. Two volunteers per shift are asked to staff the booth throughout the day: shift hours are 10 am – 1 pm; 1pm – 4 pm; and 4pm – 7pm. Volunteers will be given a free pass to the fair, a t-shirt and a free meal. Please contact Rev. Woulfe ASAP.

Pathway Sessions is a special series for people interested in membership at ALUUC. The next series will be held on Monday, August 22 at 7-10 pm and Monday, August 29 at 7-9 pm (double session of #2 & #3). Please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe (minister@aluuc.org) if you would like to attend. Child care is available upon request.

ALUUC's Religious Education program is excited about a brand new fall season! On Aug. 28 new classes will begin. This year's curriculum is based on the seven UU principles, UU sources and history. The curriculum is tailored to varying age and class levels, from Pre-K to Senior High Youth. The nursery is for babies and toddlers ages two and younger. Parents and members can help ALUUC's RE Program by: volunteering as an RE teacher; providing additional adult supervision in a classroom on a rotating Sunday schedule; providing snacks for classrooms on a rotating Sunday schedule; providing classroom supplies; or by providing teacher and committee support. For more information please contact cre@aluuc.org or re@aluuc.org, or call [217-801-7926](tel:217-801-7926). We look forward to teaching ALUUC's children in the coming Religious Education year.

The Book Discussion Group will meet August 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff. *An Invisible Thread* tells of the life-long friendship between a busy sales executive and a disadvantaged young boy, and how both of their lives were changed by what began as one small gesture of kindness. "A straightforward tale of kindness and paying it forward in 1980s New York . . . For readers

seeking an uplifting reminder that small gestures matter." (*Kirkus Reviews*) Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241, or email book-group@aluuc.org for more information.

The Humanist Group has moved its regular fourth Monday meeting to the fourth Tuesday. The next meeting is scheduled for August 23 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Aug 14	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	*Nipper Seed Collection	12:30 AM	Nipper Wildlife Area
Monday, Aug 15	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
Wednesday, Aug 17	Men's Group	6:00 PM	Commons
	Weeding Party	6:30 PM	ALUUC prairie
Thursday, Aug 18	Equality IL Booth	10:00 AM	IL State Fair
	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Aug 20	Zen Group Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Aug 21	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Sundae Ice Cream Social	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
	RE Teacher Orientation	12:00 PM	Fuller/Commons

*Off Site

Happening Elsewhere

You are invited to a lecture by noted biblical scholar **Dr. Amy-Jill Levine** on **Agreeing to Disagree: How Jews and Christian Read the Bible Differently**. Dr. Levine is Professor of New Testament Studies and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. The lecture will be held on Thursday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 South Walnut Street, Springfield. This event is co-sponsored by the **Jewish Community Relations Council** and the **Presbytery of Great Rivers**. See the posted flyer. Please RSVP by Friday, August 19 to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org or 787-7223 x 18.

People heading to the [Illinois State Fair](#) may want to download a new mobile phone app. The free app gives fairgoers access to deals and discounts on the fairgrounds and the ability to buy tickets to concerts and other events. It will take users on a self-guided tour of agriculture destinations on the fairgrounds. The app includes tools such as a food finder, a daily schedule of events and a list of all the winners from competitions held at the fair. The app is available in the Google Play store for Android devices and the iTunes App Store for Apple devices.

