



**Announcements for Sunday, August 23, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Many Meanings of God" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

Welcome back youth!! **Religious Education classes resume today!** Teachers are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces back in the classrooms!!

***** COMING SOON *****

The **ALUUC Nursery** has an opening for a nursery attendant. This person would work in rotation with the other nursery attendants. This is a paid position. Anyone interested should contact Director of Religious Education, Marla Johnson at dre@aluuc.org or 217-503-9793 for an interview. Thank you.

Equality Illinois: The first annual **Faith and Equality Summit** which was scheduled for Friday, August 28, is being rescheduled. Watch for an update.

Mark your calendar for the **LGBT Equality Institute Saturday, August 29** – State House Inn, Springfield, a one day conference bringing together our state's LGBT community and allies, progressive advocates, civic leaders, and community groups to discuss issues that affect us all. Join us to discuss the future of our movement, garner more practical skills, and share your feedback on the priorities in Illinois. This institute will convene experts on topics that include non-discrimination, mental health care, transgender equality, safe schools, adoption and family services, faith, HIV/AIDS prevention and services, addiction recovery, ally development, youth, criminalization of the LGBT community, aging, state initiatives and policy, and more. Registration for this event is \$20. This includes lunch. Contact Patty Dillon at pdillon@eqil.org to request a scholarship. Registration opens at 9:30AM and the first session is at 10AM. Community Sponsors include: Phoenix Center, Prairie Pride Coalition, Coalition of Rainbow Alliances, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. If your organization or company would like to be a community sponsor, please e-mail pdillon@eqil.org for more information. After the Institute, please join us at Club Station House for a social! More information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1193246840692897/>

The date for the next **Trash and Treasures Sale** has been set for October 2 & 3. If you can help with the sale, please contact Phil Anderson at (c) 638-7374 or president@aluuc.org

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on Tuesday, August 25th at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *When the Light Goes* by Larry McMurtry. An overview of the book by Barnes and Noble says "In this masterful and often surprising sequel to the acclaimed *Duane's Depressed*, the Pulitzer Prize- and Oscar-winning author of *Lonesome Dove* has written a haunting, elegiac, and occasionally erotic novel about one of his most beloved characters." Future Books we will read include *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tart. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions call Barbara Moore at 523-6241.

The Humanist Group meets Monday, August 24 at 7:00 PM. Carol Floyd will review *One Nation Under God: How Corporate America Invented Christian America* by Kevin Kruse. Kruse makes

the argument that the belief that America was founded as a Christian nation began in the 1930s when corporate interests enlisted the help of religious activists in the fight against FDR's New Deal. If you have questions about this group, email Susan Solon or Vi Lanum at humanistgroup@hotmail.com .

Calling all singers: ALUUC's first "**Soup, Sing & Solo!**" will be held Wed., Sept. 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. After supping on chili made by Kathy Schultz, ALUUC choir director, we will sing some of John Denver's most popular songs. Bonnie Ettinger will accompany on piano. We'll close the singing with a piece for Sunday choir. Come and re-experience the fun of singing and harmonizing in a group, and potentially soloing for a few lines outside the shower. This is also a great chance to meet and join our choir. Please RSVP to Kathy Shultz at kbmcmquire13@gmail.com or Sandy Baksys at sb-writer@comcast.net .

If you're interested in having your youth participate in an evening series for the **Religion in Life Scouting** award, please see Rev. Woulfe. This series is open to all youth ages ten and above. The class will be held on four Thursday evenings beginning September 3rd, 7 – 8:30 pm. See the signup sheet in the hallway above the drinking fountain.

SAVE THE DATE!

October 9-11, 2015, UU Women's Connection

A RED TENT WEEKEND with [Dr. Isadora Gabrielle Leidenfrost](#)

You won't want to miss this! For more details go to: <http://www.uuwomensconnection.org/>

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

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Room</u> |
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| Sunday, Aug 23 | Sunday Service | 10:30 AM | Sanctuary |
| | Children's RE Classes Resume | 10:45 AM | Classrooms |
| | Monday, Aug 24 | | Humanist Group Meeting |
| 7:00 PM | Sanctuary | | |
| Tuesday, Aug 25 | Book Group Discussion | 7:30 PM | Barb Moore's |
| Thurs., Aug 27 | *UIS Involvement Expo | 3:00 PM | UIS |
| | Meditation | 7:15 PM | Sanctuary |
| Sat., Aug 29 | Zen Meditation | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary |
| | LGBT Equality Institute | 9:30 AM | State House Inn |
| Sunday, Aug 30 | Choir Rehearsal | 9:20 AM | Sanctuary |
| | New Member Ceremony | 10:30 AM | Sanctuary |

*Off Site

****Happening Elsewhere****

Save the Date: Liturgical Arts Workshop for 3rd-8th Graders – October 3rd ! The Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield Board of Directors will be hosting a liturgical arts workshop for 3rd-8th grade students on Saturday, October 3, at Union Baptist Church. The Liturgical Arts Board seeks to offer the community opportunities for education, inspiration and appreciation of the many forms of spiritual expression found in the liturgical arts. We are a non-profit, interfaith organization, founded in 1995 by clergy, artists and community volunteers interested in expression of spirituality in the arts. Please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe if you have questions.