



**Announcements for Sunday, August 26, 2018  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "A Time, A Place, A People: The Spirit of the Labor Movement" by Susan Solon.

### **Happening Today**

**Attention all Senior Youth (High School)!!** Sunday, August 26, after the service we will officially be kicking off our new year. We will have cake and punch to celebrate all the returning and new faces. Please come with your yearly schedules in mind and ideas of what you would like to see happen as we will be planning out epic-ness for the entire year. For questions about the group please email [brie.urban@gmail.com](mailto:brie.urban@gmail.com)

**ALUUC's Covenant Groups will start up again in September.** Benefits include building stronger relationships within our community, experiencing a greater sense of belonging and feeling supported in our spiritual journeys. Groups will meet for two hours twice monthly to consider selected topics within a spiritual context. They will continue through December or - in many cases - into May, 2019. Come to the "open house" on Sunday, August 26 after the service in the Commons for an opportunity to ask questions. A light lunch will be provided.

### **Coming Soon**

**The second order of 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirts is in,** and shirts will be available for pick up after the service Sunday. For anyone still interested in ordering a shirt, there will be order forms in the front hallway each Sunday through the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 16. Please fill out the forms and circle "pay on delivery". Leave on the table for collection. The final order will go in on September 17.

**The ALUUC Humanist Group** will meet at **7 PM, Monday, August 27**, at ALUUC to discuss the book *The Crisis of the Middle-Class Constitution*, facilitated by Frank Kopecky. "In a powerful new book, the Vanderbilt legal scholar Ganesh Sitaraman argues that the (U.S.) Constitution doesn't merely require a particular political system but also a particular economic one, one characterized by a strong middle class and relatively mild inequality. A strong middle class, Sitaraman writes, inspires a sense of shared purpose and shared fate, without which the system of government will fall apart." ~ *The Atlantic* magazine  
Questions? Please contact Sarah Iaiennaro at [humanistgroup@aluuc.org](mailto:humanistgroup@aluuc.org).

**The ALUUC Book Group** will meet on Tuesday, August 28 at 7 PM in the Channing Room. The discussion will cover *Woe to Live On* by Darrell Woodrell. This story reveals the exploits of the Kansas Irregulars as they fight their own battles during the Civil War.

**The next UIS Expo Day is August 29, 4-6pm.** Help promote ALUUC at this event. We'll meet new and returning students, faculty and staff. Interested? Please contact Rev. Woulfe

**The Greater Springfield Interfaith Association (GSIA)** is pleased to launch its programming for the 2018-2019 year. The first event will be held on Tuesday, September 4 at ALUUC (745 Woodside Road, Springfield, 62711) and will feature Jane Ford who will speak about changes to the SMTD and issues on the task force for Homelessness. Jane Ford represents an advocacy group, Friends of Transit which was instrumental in the restart of night bus service

10 years ago. They continue to work SMTD to get the word out to the public especially to those who may not have internet access. The GSIA meeting is from 11:45 am - 1:30 pm. Please bring your lunch; various hot and cold beverages will be provided.

**Change 4 Change - September 2, UUANI (UU Advocacy Network of Illinois)** “Building Community for Justice” UUANI works "to build our collective power to act effectively for justice by building relationships within our congregations and with other congregations." This network of IL UUs is working for meaningful social change toward justice, beloved community & a healthy planet. ALUUC Social Justice Workshops last spring were presented by Rev. Scott Aaseng, founder and leader of this group. UUANI does not receive funding from the UUA (UU Association), so please be generous. **Checks should be made out to ALUUC with “UUANI” noted.**

### HOW TO PRACTICE NON-VIOLENCE ESSAY CONTEST

ALUUC will give an award of \$100 to a high school aged child of a member or a friend of ALUUC who writes the best essay as to how to practice non-violence. The essay should have at least 500 words. The essays should be submitted to:  
 Vinod Gupta, 3505 Deer Run Dr, Springfield, IL 62711, 217-622-7118,  
[vkguptammmd@yahoo.com](mailto:vkguptammmd@yahoo.com), by October 31, 2018.

### This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Aug 26	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group Open House	12:00 PM	Commons
Monday, August 2	Humanist Group Meeting	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, August 28	A Course in Miracles (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Barton
	Book Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Thursday, Aug 30	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Sept 1	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Sept 2	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

### Happening Elsewhere

#### IL Bicentennial Speaker Series

**Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St. Springfield, IL 62706**

A special Bicentennial series of programs, “The Culture and Heritage of Illinoisans,” will begin on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, and continue on the third Sunday of every month through October 2018. The series is presented by the Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL) at Lincoln Land Community College in collaboration with the Illinois State Museum and will feature several Road Scholar speakers offered by Illinois Humanities. Reservations are not required.

**September 16:** “[Illinois in Art & Literature, 1818 to 2017,](#)” Laura Mueller

**October 21:** “[From Prairie to Farm to City: Music To Commemorate Illinois’s Bicentennial,](#)” Phil Passen