



**Announcements for Sunday, August 27, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Do You Have a Calling?" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

Religious Education classes begin soon! We will not have online registrations this year. Instead, we'll conduct RE registrations TODAY - the 27th, although students are always welcome to register/attend at any time. Each RE room will have registration forms, and we will ask that attendees fill out the registration form, even if they only attend once. It makes record keeping much easier.

We invite all guests and visitors to stay with us **Today, August 27** after services for **Pathways to Membership, Session One: Sharing Our Stories**. If you are interested in becoming a member of ALUUC, the Pathways to Membership classes are a great way to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, about UU history, and about ALUUC in particular.

ALUUC is looking for a regular driver to bring to congregants to the Sunday service. This would entail picking up one downtown and another near Veteran's Parkway and Washington, and returning them home. Before we advertise more broadly, we'd like to see if a member would be interested. There would be compensation. Contact Delinda Chapman or Elaine Orr for details.

Coming Soon

Humanist Group: On August 28, at 7:00pm at ALUUC, Frank Kopecky will facilitate the Humanist Group's discussion of *Viking Economics: How the Scandinavians Got It Right - and How We Can, Too*. For more information, contact Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

Faith Coalition for the Common Good (FCCG) is looking for ads to be placed in the program book for their fall fundraising banquet to be held October 14 at Union Baptist Church. ALUUC is a member of FCCG which is a nonprofit, grass-roots organization with 35 members including faith congregations, non-profit and labor organizations. It is affiliated with the Illinois and National Gamaliel whose goal is to help people become powerful leaders in addressing injustice and in fighting for positive systematic change. In the past year, FCCG was successful in getting state legislation passed to implement a Springfield Rail Commission which will oversee the local rail project, ensuring jobs and job training for minorities, economic development and relocation assistance for those currently living along the tracks. FCCG leaders were also successful in getting a City Ordinance passed requiring city residency for city employees. FCCG education leaders are also working tirelessly to achieve equitable funding for Illinois public schools. **The grant under which FCCG has been operating is expiring, so your support is especially vital now.** You can do this by placing a personal or business ad in the fall banquet program book. A personal ad might be something like "The XXXX family congratulates the FCCG for a successful year." Ads run from \$150 to \$750. If you are interested, please contact Virginia Forrer or Jan Droegkamp.

Next Sunday, September 3, is a Change for Change collection. C4C for September will be our own UUA Chalice Lighters. UUA Chalice Lighter grants are funded by small donations from Unitarian Universalists across our large MidAmerica Region of the UUA, pooled together to help congregations with specific growth projects. The Social Justice Committee is planning to apply for a grant to help support a new position of a Social Justice Consultant for our congregation. We would like to maximize our Springfield location to promote social justice and advocate for change in Illinois. Please give generously to help our appeal. Checks can be made out to ALUUC with Chalice Lighters noted.

September 6, 2017, 7:00 pm, the “ROY ZIMMERMAN: THIS MACHINE” concert. “This Machine” is ninety minutes of Roy Zimmerman’s hilarious, rhyme-intensive original songs. The title is a reference to Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger to be sure, but also an acknowledgement that songwriting does good work in the world. “Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful and heartfelt form of expression,” says Roy, “because in calling out the world’s absurdities and laughing in their face, I’m affirming the real possibility of change.” Roy’s songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime. He’s shared stages with Bill Maher, Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, John Oliver, Kate Clinton and George Carlin. He’s been profiled on NPR’s “All Things Considered,” and he’s a featured blogger for the Huffington Post. “\$20 or pay what you can.”

ALUUC’s Program Committee will have its first meeting of the church year on September 10, after the service. A primary role of the committee is to seek speakers for the Sundays that Reverend Woulfe is not in the pulpit. The committee also works with the choir and pianists, and makes arrangements for guest musicians. ALUUC members are welcome to suggest ideas to any of the members, or to program.com@aluuc.org. Those who regularly attend the meetings are: Penny Wollan-Kriel, Craig Bailey, Bonnie Ettinger, Kathy Schultz, Ed Schultz, Phil Gregg, Beverly Holmes, Michael Plog, and Elaine Orr (incoming chair). Though not a formal member, Reverend Woulfe is always an active participant. Interested in knowing more about the committee? You can use the same email, or contact any member.

Reservations are required when you plan to use the church for a meeting or other activity. Call or email Office Manager Cheryl Wycoff office@aluuc.org to make your reservation.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Aug. 27	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	RE class Registration	12:00 PM	
	Pathways Session #1	12:00 PM	Fuller
	RE Committee Meeting	12:00 PM	Barton
Monday, Aug 28	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Pathways Sessions 2 & 3	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, Aug. 29	A Course in Miracles Adult RE	6:00 PM	Barton
Thursday, Aug. 31	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Sept. 2	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Sept. 3	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary