



Announcements for Sunday, August 28, 2011



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Next Sunday, September 4, 2011: "Buddhist Ethics/Vinaya"
by Bhikkhu Mahinda

*** HAPPENING TODAY ***

Religious Education classes for the 2011-2012 church year begin today, August 28.

Share the gift of Music! For only \$20.00, you may order a copy of the hymnal "Singing the Journey" for ALUUC. Please complete the order form along with your money and place it in the provided envelopes. Return it at the time of today's offering or to the Office.

*** COMING SOON ***

Fellowship "Walk and Talk" scheduled. On August 31st, join this group at Lincoln Memorial Gardens for a Summer Sunset walk at 7:00 pm. For more details, contact Pat Goller or Randy Pratt.

The News Covenant Group meets at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 1 at Frank and Linda Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. Everyone is welcome. Come early if you want to enjoy a boat ride starting at 6:30 pm.

Next Sunday will be the next Change for Change collection. **The Social Action Committee** has selected Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County for the September Change for Change program. Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is a community-driven nonprofit organization that develops working partnerships with local businesses, churches, community groups and other individuals to successfully tackle a significant social problem – affordable, safe and decent housing for all. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has built 83 houses in the local community (including builds in Pawnee, Glenarm and Grandview as well as in Springfield) while providing shelter for more than 300 individuals in need.

Don't forget to gather your stones, water and stories to share at our annual Water & Stone Communion on September 11th.

It's Trash & Treasure Sale Time! Our largest fund raiser of the year is just around the corner – **October 7 & 8.** Now is a great time to clear out your garages, basements, closets & cupboards, and to invite your neighbors to do the same. Gather your stuff but DON'T bring it to ALUUC yet! We do not have storage. Donation cards are on the foyer table. Please take at least one card & share it with someone outside the congregation. Please help! Our goal this year is \$10,000. For more details, please contact Victoria Vincent, TNT Chair, 793-1163 or Victoria.vincent@comcast.net.

Please post flyers about the Trash & Treasure Sale at your workplace, supermarket, school or anywhere else that has a bulletin board. Pick up flyers on the table in front of the Sanctuary doors.

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, August 28	RE Classes begin		
Wednesday, August 31	Walk & Talk	7:00 pm	L. Memorial Gardens
Thursday, September 1	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	News Group	7:00 pm	20 Villa Grove
Saturday, September 3	ZEN Group	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, September 4	Change for Change	10:30 am	

* is held off-site

**** Other Items of Interest ****

Pax Christi Springfield and friends will hold a **Vigil in Commemoration of 9/11** on Sunday, 9/11 from 1pm to 2pm outside the Federal Building at 6th and Monroe. This will be a quiet vigil, and signs with positive messages are welcome. The public is welcome to participate in the vigil, which is in collaboration with Prairieland Compassion Network for the Greater Springfield Days of Compassion, 9/9 to 9/11.

On Sunday, September 11th at 2:30 pm, the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (6th & Lawrence)** will hold a **Christian ecumenical service** to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The choir will present John Rutter's *Requiem* during the service. Those who lost their lives in the attacks in New York City, Washington, DC and Shanksville, PA will be honored, as will all who have served or are serving in the military and those who serve as firefighters, police officers and EMTs. Contact Nichol DelGiorno at ndelgiorno@cathedral.dio.org or 522-3342 x 135 for more information.

The Illinois Commission on the Elimination of Poverty will hold a public hearing on September 7 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm at the Community Room, Bonansinga Hi Rise, 825 West Jefferson Street to discuss a Poverty Elimination Strategy that aims to cut the number of Illinoisans living in extreme poverty in half by 2015 in a manner consistent with international human rights standards. Child care will be provided and light food will be served.