



**Announcements for Sunday, August 7, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Intersection of Environmentalism, Social Justice and Religion"  
by Rev. Lynnda White.

### **Happening Today**

**Today, August 7: Change For Change** will go to a new UU project in Illinois – **prison ministry.**

"As we explore and support the Black Lives Matter movement, one critical area for action is mass incarceration, which impacts incarceration on families and prison conditions. Most prison ministries are evangelical or Catholic. This leaves out people whose beliefs do not conform to these faith traditions. This summer we're launching the UU Prison Ministry of Illinois in two state prisons. The UU Prison Ministry attempts to create a spiritual space where all people can come as they are and be affirmed in the inherent worth and dignity. Our monthly services and bi-weekly covenant groups will share a Unitarian Universalist approach to life and faith. The Prison Ministry will connect UUs to local and state-level policy initiatives that seek to build a world community of peace, liberty and justice for all." You can also donate on our Faithify page at the following link:

<http://www.faithify.org/projects/unitarian-universalist-prison-ministry-of-illinois/> . Your donation is tax-deductible through our fiscal sponsor, the Unitarian Church of Evanston. (From Dale Griffin and the ministry team.)

**The Social Action Committee** will not be meeting today.

### **Coming Soon**

**Interested in (and maybe afraid for) the current state of our world??** Please join us at the **SAC retreat and vegetarian potluck Monday 8/8, 5:30pm, Vinnie and Anjna Gupta's, 3505 Deer Run Dr.** **RSVP** if you are coming to Vinnie, [vkguptamm@yahoo.com](mailto:vkguptamm@yahoo.com) or **217-546-5877**. Agenda items are most welcome; send to [nderrig@msn.com](mailto:nderrig@msn.com). Please take a minute to look at the UUANI newsletter on the ALUUC webpage and <http://www.uusc.org/> before the retreat. UUSC's (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) main areas of concentration this year are Economic Justice, Environmental Justice and Rights at Risk. We might want choose to engage in activities related to these areas.

**Sacred Conversations on Race + Action Potluck Monday, 8/8, St. Cabrini Parish Hall, 1020 N. Milton Ave. 6 pm.** Part of the evening will be spent viewing and discussing a portion of the DVD Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequities. Please bring a dish to share. Sponsored by the Faith Coalition for the Common Good.

**Join the Green Committee next 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.

**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 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](mailto:cre@aluuc.org) or [re@aluuc.org](mailto: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](mailto:book-group@aluuc.org) for more information.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Aug 7	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, Aug 8	*SAC Retreat & Potluck	5:30 PM	Gupta Home
Tuesday, Aug 9	ALUUC Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, Aug 10	Weeding Party	6:30 PM	ALUUC prairie
Thursday, Aug 11	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Aug 12	Game Night	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Aug 13	Zen Group Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	RE area Cleanup	11:00 AM	RE rooms
Sunday, Aug 14	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	*Nipper Seed Collection	12:30 AM	Nipper Wildlife Area

\*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](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org) or 787-7223 x 18.