



**Announcements for Sunday, December 13 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "What 'War on Christmas'?" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

Happening Today

Thank you to those who've made donations towards the accessible doors project.

Anyone who wishes to make donations, which are appreciated, can write "Accessible Doors" on the memo line of their checks or on a donation envelope. The doors are now operational!

Who are all these new people? Let's find out together! ALUUC is looking for a small team to create a new photo directory. We have the software. After the service today, Angela Aznarte, Martin Woulfe, Melvin Taff and Jim Curran will be taking photos of all members and their families. We also need to update contact information. Can you help? Please contact Rev. Woulfe.

A New Policy on Sunday Announcements: The Program and Religious Education committees have been exploring ways for the children to spend more time sharing religious education activities. They benefit from the classes and interacting with each other, and the forty-minute lessons teachers work so hard to prepare can be fully presented with a few extra minutes. To provide for an adequate amount of time for Religious Education, community announcements will no longer be shared from the pulpit or during Milestones. Only those announcements that relate to the work or activities of this congregation will be read. Everyone is encouraged to send community announcements to the ALUUC Office by Wednesday of each week for inclusion in the written Announcements.

Please help stack chairs after the service in preparation for the **CYFS Christmas party today**. Thanks to all who've donated towards making this a successful party for the children. If anyone has brought a gift today, please give it to Jennifer Manthei or leave it in Rev. Woulfe's office with a note attached.

Coming Soon

December 20, at 6:00 PM: The **Blue Christmas** service is intended for those who are experiencing grief during the holiday season. If Christmas and this time of year painfully reminds you of the absence of people you have lost at this season in years past, if this will be your first Christmas after losing a loved one to death or estrangement, or if you are in pain while those around you are celebrating, this is a service for you. If you will attend this service or have questions, please contact Craig Bailey (program.com@aluuc.org) **no later than Dec. 13.**

The final Labyrinth Walk of 2015 will be held on Friday, December 18 at 7:00 PM. Whatever your theological orientation, you'll find the Labyrinth Walk to be a meaningful, spiritual practice.

On **Saturday, December 19th at 1:30 pm, ALUUC women** will gather for the first time in our Red Tent. A Red Tent is a red textile space where women gather to rest, renew, and often

share deep and powerful stories about their lives. We will view *Things We Don't Talk About: Woman's Stories from the Red Tent*, a groundbreaking 72-minute documentary film by award winning filmmaker Isadora Gabrielle Leidenfrost, PhD. The film provides us an opportunity to remember, to listen, to know, and to find what it is we need to bring back to our communities to help awaken the voices of women. Interested in learning more about our Red Tent? Come join us! All individuals identifying as women or girls are welcome! For more information, email redtent@aluuc.org.

Celebrate Yule with the Pagan Group! On Saturday, December 19, at 5pm, following the first Red Tent, we will celebrate the Winter Solstice and Yule. We will have a ritual to honor the Holly and Oak Kings, drumming and chanting, meditation, a fun craft for all ages, and a wonderful potluck dinner. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at aluucpagans@gmail.com.

Rev. Woulfe will be on vacation from December 25 through January 8, 2016. Please contact Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko for any pastoral care or concerns.

If you would like to serve as a **Sunday Greeter**, please see Dianne Roberts or Susan Solon. Newer members are especially encouraged to give this a try.

Please remember to let the office know if you've moved, changed your phone number or email address. Send your updated information to Cheryl at office@aluuc.org.

Are you an artist? Please check out the **Liturgical Arts Festival's** Facebook page and website for details about submitting your work for the 2016 exhibit. The deadline is January 31, 2016.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, 13	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Youth Holiday Pageant	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	CYFS Private Rental	3:00 PM	Sanctuary
Wed., Dec 16	*Old Capitol Holiday Walk	5:00 PM	Downtown
Thurs., Dec. 17	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Dec. 18	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., Dec. 19	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Red Tent Sisters	1:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Winter Solstice & Yule	5:00 PM	Commons
	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec.20	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Blue Christmas Service	6:00 PM	Sanctuary

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