



**Announcements for Sunday, December 17, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "What Holiday Films Teach Us about Spirituality" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

GOOD NEWS! Elaine Gambiani has agreed to be our next newsletter co-editor! To ease her transition, it would be really helpful if all submissions were received on or before the deadline -- December 19. Please thank Elaine when you see her. Also we want to thank Marissa DeWeese for all her hard work the past two and a half years.

Winter Warming Center Dinners Need Donors and Volunteers: The Helping Hands Winter Warming Center that provides evening meals for approximately 50 adults from November through March is underway. The ALUUC has traditionally provided the meal on the fourth and fifth Sundays. The meals are provided by Arena Foods and are funded through the generosity of our congregation's members. Michelle Green is the new coordinator of the meal program. Michelle is asking for donations to cover the cost of the meals and for volunteers to help serve. There is an urgent need for help on December 31. Please contact her at mgree1@uis.edu or after the service TODAY - December 17.

When using or borrowing ALUUC items, please remember to return them to the place where you found them.

Coming Soon

Rev. Martin Woulfe will be on vacation from Friday, December 29 until Saturday, January 13, 2018. Any pastoral care or concerns during that time should be directed to Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko.

The 43rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast is January 15 at 7:30 AM in the Wyndham City Centre – 7th & Adams. The guest speaker is W.J. Michael Coady, Pro Bono attorney for Dr. Martin L. King. Tickets are \$25. Contact Rev. Woulfe to buy tickets. See the poster on the bulletin board near the kitchen door for more details.

Remember when you are gift shopping, ALUUC is listed on the Amazon Smile site as a charitable organization. If you click on ALUUC, we receive funds from your online shopping. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smiles purchase to the charitable organization of your choice.

Holiday Interfaith Breakfast: Bring your family and friends on Christmas day (December 25) to Temple B'rith Sholom and enjoy a hot breakfast in a cordial and comfortable atmosphere. Scrambled eggs, roasted turkey sausage, hot pancakes, fresh fruit, coffee & orange juice - all for \$7 for adults and \$1 for kids under 12. Time & Place: 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, 1008 S. 4th Street. All proceeds go to the Springfield Urban League.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Dec. 17	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Social Justice Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
Monday, Dec. 18	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, Dec. 19	A Course in Miracles (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Barton
Wednesday, Dec. 20	*Men's Group	6:30 PM	TBA
Thursday, Dec. 21	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Dec. 23	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec. 24	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Christmas Eve Service	6:00 PM	Sanctuary

Happening Elsewhere

Old Capitol Holiday Walks: Merry & Mischief

11/25/2017 - 12/20/2017, W: 5 pm - 8 pm & Sa: Noon - 6 pm

Enjoy the #merryandmischief while you shop, dine and drink local: Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Old State Capitol, rides in the horse-drawn carriage, musical performances, vote for your favorite window displays, pop a letter into the Santa mailbox -- all for free. In 2017, we've added: President Lincoln and one of the best shoppers of all time—Mary Todd—greeting you, dancing SYPG elves on the Plaza, a designated Holiday Walks bus between downtown and participating historic sites, chestnuts roasting on the Plaza, more pop up shops and a lighted Menorah.

Holidays at the White House: This exhibit, using materials from the Eisenhower, Kennedy, Clinton and George W. Bush Presidential Libraries and Museums, gives a glimpse of how some of our Presidents and their loved ones enjoyed the holidays in the White House. From family photos to White House invitations, from Christmas cards to colorful decorations for the tree, these treasured items from presidential collections give us a taste of what it is like to celebrate this joyous season with America's First Families. The display is from Nov 17 through January 7th, 9am – 5pm at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Free with museum admission.

A film festival for everyone interested in learning about people, places and history behind their food is planned for Saturday, January 27, 2018 in Foundation Hall at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site (Level 2) in Springfield from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Slow Food Springfield, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Old State Capitol Foundation are partnering to present the 10th Annual Slow Food Springfield Film Festival. "These films tell the stories behind our food and can increase awareness and interest in our food system," says Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Slow Food Springfield board member and chair for the festival. The festival will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a screening of films from the Real Food Films library. Real Food Films is the first-ever international competition to celebrate short films on sustainable food and farming. They have received over 440 submissions (2014-2016) from around the world, from documentaries to advocacy, spoken word to animated. "Starting at 6:00 p.m., a light dinner, provided Denise Perry Chef/Owner, [Copper Pot Cooking Studio](#) and coffee, by [Custom Cup Coffee](#), will be available for purchase" says Karen Hine, chapter leader for Slow Food Springfield. Admission is \$7.00 per person (\$5.00 for Slow Food Springfield members). Students with a student ID are free. See the poster on Community bulletin board for more details.