



Announcements for Sunday, December 18, 2011



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Next Saturday, December 24, 2011: "Christmas Eve Service: Candles and Carols"

Next Sunday, December 25, 2011: "After the Presents Have Been Opened" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** HAPPENING TODAY *****

Guest at Your Table Announcement: Each year at this time, friends and families in our congregation participate in Guest at Your Table. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the many gifts we have in our lives every day. Please pick up a Guest at Your Table box and Stories of Hope; and commit to taking the opportunity to reflect, learn, and share. Boxes will be collected **TODAY, Sunday, December 18**. Before bringing back your Guest at Your Table box, be sure to complete the form on the box. And please convert your cash and coins to a check made out to "UUSC". On behalf of UUSC, we thank and commend every person who has chosen to share their blessings through Guest at Your Table. Give your donations to Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant.

The ALUUC Spanish Club invites everyone to their Christmas Party Potluck at the home of Rev. Martin Woulfe, Angela Aznarte & Celeste, today – December 18, at 6:00 p.m. Their home is at 1 Timber Hill Lane, just off Chatham Road. Please RSVP to minister@aluuc.org or 726-8281.

Photo request: Please email individual or family photos to Cheryl office@aluuc.org and watch for the new ALUUC Directory updates online at the ALUUC website.

In an effort to save trees and decrease our recycled paper, we have begun reducing the number of printed Announcements. Copies are now placed on the hallway table near the Guest Registry book for anyone who prefers a paper copy. Email notices continue to provide the link to the online version.

***** COMING SOON *****

The Book Discussion Group will not meet in December. Future books we will read include "The Abstinence Teacher" by Tom Perotta and "My Name is Mary Sutter" by Robin Oliveira. Call Barb Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

The Humanist Discussion Group will not meet in December or January. The next meeting will be February 27 at ALUUC. If you have questions about the group, contact Carol Floyd at HumanistGroup@aluuc.org or 787-1174.

The Sunday morning program on January 1, 2012 will be informal with volunteers asked to contribute with readings, resolutions, poetry, etc. Fellowship will set up brunch at 9am with bacon and eggs. Attendees are asked to bring a breakfast type side dish.

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

| DATE | EVENT | Starting Time | Room |
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| Sunday, Dec 18 | Youth Holiday Pageant | 10:30 am | Sanctuary |
| | Cookie Exchange | 11:45 am | |
| | Committees Meet | 11:45 am | various rooms |
| | Spanish Club Potluck | 6:00 pm | 1 Timber Hill Ln |
| Wednesday, Dec 21 | Winter Solstice/Yule Celebration | 7:00 pm | ** |
| Thursday, Dec 22 | Meditation | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary |
| Saturday, Dec 24 | Zen Meditation | 9:00 am | Sanctuary |
| | Christmas Eve Service | 6:00 pm | Sanctuary |
| Sunday, January 1 | First Breakfast Potluck | 9:00 am | Sanctuary |
| | Informal Readings | 10:30 am | Sanctuary |

**Check with Diana DeWeese 546-5834 for location.

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

The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter **is in critical need of volunteer drivers for their Meals on Wheels (MOW) program** for the upcoming winter months. You can volunteer according to your schedule and convenience; each route only takes an hour or less. You can volunteer for just the winter or beyond. If you are interested, contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant at dcg5512@yahoo.com or you can call Meals on Wheels Coordinator Albert Marin at 787-7602, ext. 237 or email him at amarin@il.redcross.org.

Temple B'Rith Sholom presents its Eighth Annual Holiday Interfaith Breakfast on December 25th, 8:30 am until 12 Noon at 1008 South 4th Street. A hot meal of scrambled eggs, pancakes, turkey sausage, bagels, juice, coffee and more will be provided in a warm atmosphere. Prices are: Adults \$6.00; Kids 12 & under, 25 cents per year of age. Tickets can be purchased at the door or order by phone: 525-1360. All proceeds benefit Helping Hands of Springfield shelter.

Beginning January 1, 2012, consumer electronics of many types will be banned from all Illinois landfills, meaning they can no longer be placed in the trash. Banned items include TVs, computer monitors, printers, scanners, electronic mice, computers, VCRs, portable digital music players, electronic keyboards, fax machines, digital video disc recorders, video game consoles, small scale servers, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, and satellite receivers. Fortunately, there are several recycling options in Springfield. Plan to recycle your electronic items at: Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, Ronald McDonald House, BLH Computers and Computer Banc. For specifics, check their websites: Habitat for Humanity – www.habitatsangamon.com; Goodwill – www.llqi.org; Ronald McDonald – www.rmhc-centralillinois.org; BLH – <http://www.blhcomputers.com>; ComputerBanc – <http://computerbanc.org>.

