



**Announcements for Sunday, December 20, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "In Remembrance 2015: People & Events?" by Penny Wollan-Kriel.

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.

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 remind 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.

After the morning service, we need six or seven helpers to arrange chairs and furniture for tonight's 6PM Blue Christmas service in the commons area. Please meet at Noon in the RE Commons. Talk to Diana DeWeese or Beverly Holmes for more information.

Coming Soon

Cookbooks for the Holidays! There are still a few ALUUC cookbooks available for last minute gift purchases. See Rob Ewart to make your purchase.

The News Covenant Group meets the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on January 7, 2016 at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's, 7901 Hunt Road. Everyone is welcome. Call the Buchloh's at 585-1944 if you have any questions.

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

The Pagan Group will have a planning meeting on Sunday, Jan. 3, at 12:30pm. Come join us and share all your ideas for the new year. We'd love to see you there! For more information, please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at [217-801-7926](tel:217-801-7926), or email aluucpagans@gmail.com

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on January 26, 2016 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. A book review by Esther Lombardi says "Betty Smith's first novel, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, became immediately popular when it was published in 1943. The coming-of-age story of Francie Nolan and her second-generation immigrant parents struggling to provide for their family was an instant success. Smith says she drew from her own experiences growing up in New York City for the story, and it's widely believed she is the basis for the character of Francie." Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions. Note that the other book we had also planned for January (*The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All* by Allan Gurganus) will not be discussed in January. At our last meeting we decided not to include it at this time because of its length.

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, Dec.20	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Blue Christmas Service	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tues., Dec 22	Winter Solstice		
Wed., Dec 23	*Old Capitol Holiday Walk	5:00 PM	Downtown
Thurs., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Holy Family Inclusive Mass	9:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Christmas Day		
Friday, Dec. 25	*Temple B'rith Sholom Breakfast	8:30 AM	1800 S. 4th
Sat., Dec. 26	Kwanzaa Begins		
	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec. 27	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Social Action Committee Meets	12:00 PM	Fuller

*off site

Happening Elsewhere

Temple B'rith Sholom invites everyone to join them on Christmas morning for their **Twelfth Annual Holiday Interfaith Breakfast**, located at 1008 South Fourth Street. They offer a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, turkey sausage, hot pancakes (chocolate chips or blueberries upon request), fresh fruit, juice and coffee in a warm and cordial atmosphere. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and 25 cents per year for children 12 and under. Serving hours are 8:30 AM until Noon on December 25th. The money raised from this year's breakfast will be donated to the Senior Services of Central Illinois. Call 525-1360 if you have questions.