



**Announcements for Sunday, December 21, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Hymn Singing" by Craig Bailey

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

TODAY, December 21, there is a **Third Sunday collection**. Items will be collected to support **the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery**. Its mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing emergency, temporary care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for children who may be at risk or whose parents are experiencing some type of crisis. Services provided include parent education classes, group support meetings and crisis counseling. All services are free. A list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen door. Desperately needed items include: baby lotion, baby wipes, Juicy Juice, Shop N Save gift cards, toddler size socks, toddler size underwear and toddler size winter coats. A sampling of other items needed include animal crackers, canned carrots, canned fruit cocktail, canned peaches, fruit snacks, breakfast cereal, jelly, Hamburger Helper, Gerber Graduates, microwave popcorn, and pancake mix.

UUSC Holiday Cards: This year the ALUUC Social Action Committee is selling UUSC Holiday cards, chaired by Debby Hagan. The cards will be sold **TODAY December 21** after the morning service. The designs include Blue Dove, Good Tidings, Holiday Assortment, Holiday Children, and many more. Check them out at <http://uuscfundraising.myshopify.com/collections/holiday-cards>. All proceeds from sales support UUSC's work (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee). Please make checks out to UUSC.

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

A special **Holiday Pageant Rehearsal** will be held Saturday, December 20, 2014 at the church from 10:00 am until 12 noon. Please, be sure that your child attends in order to be ready for the pageant performance to be held Sunday, December 21, 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org. Thank you.

Volunteer Teachers Needed: Volunteer Teachers needed in the Religious Education Program. There is still a need for volunteer teachers for the Pre-K/K, 3rd/4th grade, and the 7th/8th grade classrooms. Please contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org for details.

The deadline for submissions to the January 2015 ALUUC Newsletter is 8:00 AM Dec 22.

Please remember when you sign up for Sunday flowers, payment is required at least a week before the donation date. We appreciate your generosity since we're on a limited budget.

ESSAY COMPETITION INVITATION

Attention Students: The Ministerial Alliance of Springfield invites students in grades **5-12** to participate in the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Competition**. Three winning essays and awards will be presented at the annual Ministerial Alliance of Springfield **Martin Luther King, Jr. Service**, January 18, 2015, Emmanuel Temple Church of God in Christ, 2400 Ash Street, Springfield. Essays will be accepted until **January 9, 2015**. Essays will be judged by a panel

and an award of \$700 will be given to **each** of the **elementary (5th grade only), middle school (6th thru 8th grades), and high school (9th thru 12th grades)** students whose essays are determined by the judges to be the best in its category (**3 total awards**). Winners will be announced at the Service.

Essay **RULES AND GUIDELINES** follow: *ESSAY TOPIC: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."* – **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** **DEADLINE: January 9, 2015, 3 p.m. (no exceptions).** Your essay must be **typed, double-spaced**; no less than **300** words and no more than **400** words. On the first page of the essay include **your name, address, phone number, email address, school and current grade level.** On each additional page put your **name only.** **Email** submissions are **NOT** acceptable. Essays and contact information must be mailed and/or hand-delivered by **3 p.m. CST, January 9, 2015** to:

**Calvary Baptist Church
c/o Pastor Silas Johnson
2208 Kansas Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703, or**

**Ministerial Alliance
c/o Pastor Silas Johnson
P.O Box 3501
Springfield, IL 62708**

For questions contact: *Dr. McNeese at 217-679-1216 or pastormd926@aol.com*

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Dec 21	Third Sunday Collection		
	RE Pageant	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	SAC Committee Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller
Monday, Dec 22	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Thursday, Dec 25	CHRISTMAS DAY		
Saturday, Dec 27	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec 28	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

****Happening Elsewhere ****

After Christmas morning services or gift exchanges, drop by the 11th Annual Holiday Interfaith Breakfast, hosted by Temple B'rith Sholom. Enjoy a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs (ask for the "Chile Verde" sauce), roasted turkey sausages, hot pancakes, fresh fruit, bottomless coffee served in a warm, comfortable and cordial atmosphere. This year's proceeds go to the Springfield Public Schools Foundation. Hours are 8:30 AM – 12Noon at 1004 S. 4th Street in Springfield. Price is \$6 for adults and 25 cents per year for children under six.