



**Announcements for Sunday, December 23, 2018
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Acrimony in the Airwaves" by Jim Leach.

Happening Today

Our annual membership review will begin very soon. The UUA asks each congregation to report their active membership annually. If you intend to change your membership status, please contact Rev. Woulfe or Tracy Zieber. If you are a friend and would like to become a member and receive The World magazine, just let us know. Conversely, the same is true if you are a member and decide to resign your membership, please let us know. There will be a Pathways class in January for those who are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism.

Coming Soon

Please note the Christmas Eve Service coming up TOMORROW Monday, December 24 at 6:00 PM. There will be a celebration of multiple traditions and a collection will be taken for our Benevolence Fund. We need volunteers to help set-up the kitchen, help with serving and clean-up after the service.

Rev. Woulfe will be away from December 25 through January 10, 2019. Please contact Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko for any pastoral care or concerns.

Rev. Woulfe still has a few tickets for the Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast on January 21st. As a reminder, none will be sold at the door. If anyone has not yet requested a ticket, let him know today. This is a last-minute extension since Rev. Woulfe will be leaving town Tuesday December 25. Payment will be collected when he returns from vacation.

The Social Justice Committee's Winter Warming Center dinners for the homeless has begun. We need six volunteers for serving, for each of our five designated nights this winter. Please contact Michelle Green (mgree1@uis.edu) if you can volunteer from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. on any of the following Sundays: **December 23; January 27; February 24; or March 24.** Your teenagers are welcome. Thanks again to the very generous ALUUC members who contributed in order to fund the dinners this season!

Beginning in January, 2019, the cost of floral donations for Sundays will increase to \$25. This increase reflects the change in prices and the five-dollar increase will assure nice arrangements.

ALUUC received a holiday thank you card from the Illinois Innocence Project. It's posted on the bulletin board near the hallway kitchen door. Please look.

Change for Change, January 6: *Thank you for your most appreciated and needed generosity.* January: CROSSROADS TRAINING for ALUUC members to begin our anti-racism work. 'The Mission of Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training is to dismantle systemic racism and build antiracist multicultural diversity within institutions and communities implemented primarily

by training institutional transformation teams. Using a variety of interactive tools, it explores the historical development of institutional racism and its continuing impact.”

<http://crossroadsantiracism.org/mission> We would like to support members interested in attending training. That could be you! Please make checks to ALUUC with Crossroads noted.

The ALUUC Board will meet January 15th rather than the 8th.

Members & friends of ALUUC are invited to attend **the monthly meetings of the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association (GSIA)**, which typically meets on the first Tuesday of each month. January's meeting, however, will meet on January 8 at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield (321 S. 7th Street). The first topic of the year will focus on the trends and challenges within various denominations. GSIA meets from 11:45 - 1:30 pm. The first part of each meeting consists of lunch (participants bring their own but the host often provides light snacks & beverages), followed by a presentation or discussion. The second meeting of the year will be held at ALUUC on February 5. GSIA's new president, Rev. Martin Woulfe, will be on hand to greet you. The topic for February is how our faith communities should respond in the aftermath of a school shooting or other community crisis.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Dec 23	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Dec 25	Christmas Day		
Wednesday, Dec 26	1 st Day of Kwanzaa	7:00 PM	Fuller
Saturday, Dec 29	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec. 30	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

Happening Elsewhere

Holidays at the White House: A Presidential Christmas. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, now through January 6, free with museum admission. 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 15th Annual Holiday Interfaith Breakfast will be held Tuesday, December 25, 2018, 8:30AM to 12:00 Noon, at Temple B'rith Sholom, 1008 S. Fourth Street. Adults - \$7 and Children under 12 - \$1. Scrambled eggs, roasted turkey sausages, hot pancakes, fresh fruit, coffee and orange juice are provided in a comfortable and cordial atmosphere! Proceeds go to Compass for Kids. Contact Person: Marlene Schultz 217-622-4036, Temple office – 217-525-1360.

In the tradition of Susan Lawrence Dana, the Dana-Thomas House will be decorated for the holiday season November 23 through December 30th. In addition to standard hours, the site will be open for evening tours on the Wednesdays before Christmas beginning November 28. Holiday walk tours last approximately 30 minutes and begin every 15 minutes. Events are free, but donations encouraged.