



**Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

*Next Sunday, January 1, 2012: "A New Year and New Beginnings"*

*Coordinated by the Fellowship Committee*

**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

**Rev. Woulfe will be away from Monday, December 26 through January 9<sup>th</sup>.** During this period, please refer any pastoral care concerns to either Jodi Perko or Delinda Chapman.

**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.

**Next Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> will be the next Change for Change collection. The Social Action Committee has selected the Central Illinois Food Bank for the January Change for Change program.** The purpose of Central Illinois Foodbank is to collect donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, distributors, and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need. The Central Illinois Foodbank, established in 1982 by a coalition of churches, distributes nearly 8 million pounds of food annually to over 160 food pantries, soup kitchens, residential programs and after-school programs in a 21 county region. Central Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, and is a United Way certified agency.

**A Celebration of Life** service will be held for Bernard Carver, Sr on Sunday, January 1, 2012 at 1:00 pm here at ALUUC.

**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](mailto:HumanistGroup@aluuc.org) or 787-1174.

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Thursday, Dec 29	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, Dec 31	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, January 1	First Breakfast Potluck	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Informal Readings	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Carver Memorial Service	1:00 pm	Sanctuary

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

**Temple B'Rith Sholom presents its Eighth Annual Holiday Interfaith Breakfast TODAY**, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am until 12 Noon at 1008 South 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Just in time for the Holiday season, the Green Business Network of Springfield is announcing the opening of a drop-off site for holiday recyclables at the **Recycle Springfield Project** recycling center. Drop off all of your holiday materials – cardboard, wrapping paper, ribbons and old Christmas light strands at 11<sup>th</sup> & Madison. Hours are Mon-Fri, 7:30 – 5:00, Sat –Sun 7:30-Noon. (Closed on Holidays) Check the hallway bulletin board by the kitchen door for more details.

**WANT TO BETTER CONNECT YOURSELF WITH UU HUMANISM AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL?** Humanists are raising membership rates to \$60/yr, \$110/2 yr, in 2012. So through December 31 you can still join the group for \$50 for one year - \$90 for two years. Now is the time to join – save as much as \$20 – and get the next issue of the Religious Humanism journal, now in production. Just email your intent to (yes two u's) [Huumanists@yahoo.com](mailto:Huumanists@yahoo.com); we will get back to you! If you have questions, contact Carol Floyd after the Sunday service, or 787-1174 or (one u) [HumanistGroup@aluuc.org](mailto:HumanistGroup@aluuc.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:amarin@il.redcross.org).

**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](http://www.habitatsangamon.com); Goodwill – [www.llqi.org](http://www.llqi.org) ; Ronald McDonald – [www.rmhc-centralillinois.org](http://www.rmhc-centralillinois.org) ; BLH – <http://www.blhcomputers.com>; ComputerBanc – <http://computerbanc.org>.

