



**Announcements for Sunday, December 28 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Fire and Water – Symbols of the New Year" by Paul Oakley

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

On behalf of all the staff, we wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and a new year of many blessings. – Rev. Martin Woulfe.

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

Next Sunday, January 4, 2015 will be the next **Change for Change** collection. We will be collecting funds to support the [Central Illinois Foodbank](#) (CIF). On Sunday, January 18, for our Third Sunday collection, we will be soliciting items for the organization (a list of needed items will be on the table outside of the Sanctuary and shared in the weekly bulletin and announcements). The CIF collects donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, distributors, and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need. Established in 1982 by a coalition of churches, CIF distributes over 8.5 million pounds of food annually to over 150 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.

Kids Club/District 12 WILL be meeting Friday, January 9, 2015 instead of the usual first Friday of the month. Please, contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org with any questions.

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.

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 E. 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

As many of you know, **Guest at Your Table** is an annual tradition where UU congregation members learn about several people with whom UUSC is working. Each year, individuals who have empowered others to realize their human rights are featured. These people are our “guests,” and we will share our blessings with them to support our shared mission. This year, the Social Action Committee, in partnership with the Fellowship Committee, are planning a **Guest at Your Table** event on **Sunday, January 11**. During the service, there will be a brief presentation about Guest at Your Table followed by the Children’s Focus that will feature a reading of the book, [The Greatest Table](#). During the potluck, the Social Action Committee will share additional information and resources about Guest at Your Table. Our “guests” are from Haiti, Kenya, and Honduras. So, if you are so inclined, consider preparing a dish from one of those countries. The UUSC website has a [few recipes](#) from Haiti. Here’s a link to [Honduran](#) recipes and one to [Kenyan](#) recipes. Whatever you choose to prepare, we ask that you make it with mindfulness about our “guests” and how we, as UU’s, can support the goals of UUSC in our own community, country and around the world.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Dec 28	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, Dec 29	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
Wednesday, Dec 31	New Year’s Eve		
	*Springfield’s Annual First Night		
Thursday, Jan 1	NEW YEAR’S Day		
	Zen Group	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Jan 3	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan 4	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

*Off Site location