



**Announcements for Sunday, December 29, 2013  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "The White Lions of Timbavati" by Carley Mattimore-Malan*

**\*\*\* Happening TODAY \*\*\***

If you plan to make a charitable contribution to ALUUC, please do it today. Mailed donations often arrive well after the end of the year.

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

**Change for Change:** Thanks to the generosity of ALUUC members and friends, **\$119.61 was collected for the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery** for the December Change for Change. The Social Action Committee has selected the **Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI) as the January 5 Change for Change recipient.** Illinois UU congregations have a newly energized organization to work on behalf of Unitarian Universalist ideals across our State! The Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI) will listen to congregations to set goals to discover opportunities to make our faith REAL in Illinois state policies. More than thirty UU congregations across Illinois have expressed interest in this Network! Rev. Martin Woulfe and Kurt DeWeese have been vitally important to the creation of UUANI, and Peggy Patty is the new Treasurer.

**Let's start out the new year right with a potluck!!!** It's a HOTDISH Sunday Potluck on January 5!! The history of the hotdish goes back to when "budget-minded farm wives needed to feed their own families, as well as congregations in the basements of the first Minnesota churches." For more information on HOTDISH go to: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hotdish>

**The News Group** meets normally on the first Thursday of each month, however this month we will be meeting on the second Thursday. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on January 9, 2014 at Linda and Frank Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions call Frank or Linda at 539-3235.

**Paul Oakley will lead a small group focused on exploration of the spiritual practice of prayer** beginning in January. In order for this to be available to the largest number of interested persons, your feedback is needed. A sign-up sheet will be up through the month of December. Please let Paul know by January 1 which of these three options you would attend:

- 1) The second and fourth Friday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- 2) The third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- 3) The last Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM.

**Study Group:** The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a three-week study group on the book, "Behind the Kitchen Door" by Saru Jayaraman. This is the 2013-2014 UU "Common Read", and focuses on the struggles of restaurant workers with low wages and poor working conditions. Our study group will meet on three consecutive Monday evenings, January 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30PM. For a talk on this subject by Saru Jayaraman on YouTube, visit this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEd70vVI-uo> Please RSVP Susan Solon at [welcom@aluuc.org](mailto:welcom@aluuc.org) at your earliest convenience; we get a discount for bulk orders of books.

**Adult Education Class Continues:** Paul Oakley will offer the second half of the "What Moves Us"

adult class on five consecutive Wednesdays, January 8 - February 5. We will begin at 6:00 PM with a simple meal, after which class will go for an hour and a half. Each session looks at a main idea of a different historical or living Unitarian, Universalist, or Unitarian Universalist thinker or leader, examines how that idea came from their lived experience, and discussing whether or how that idea continues to be important to us individually, in this congregation, and in the denomination. The sign-up sheet will continue to be available until the first class meeting. You do not need to have participated in the first half to join this class.

**Kids Club/District 12:**

Kids Club is for children in grades K-5. Kids Club provides an opportunity for the children to socialize and to gain a feeling of being a part of the congregation. District 12 is for children in grades 6-8. District 12 provides an opportunity for these youth to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Kids Club and District 12 generally meet the first Friday of the month except for June, July, and August. Both Kids Club and District 12 will meet January 3, 2014 for an evening of looking back on 2013. **Please, RSVP for both to Marla Johnson, DRE at [dre@aluuc.org](mailto:dre@aluuc.org).**

The deadline for submission of essays on King/Gandhi legacy has been extended to January 12, 2014. Direct your questions to Tom VonDeBur or Jacqueline Jackson.

**The Book Discussion Group** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on January 28 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. we will discuss *Dear Life: Stories by Alice Munro*. Alice Munro won the Nobel Prize for literature this year. A review by Claudia Puig in USA Today says, "*Dear Life*, Alice Munro's exquisitely calibrated collection of stories, celebrates the essence of existence, no matter how mundane..... She presents toiling, troubled characters who bubble up and engulf our imagination, leaving the reader to ponder, fascinated, the contours of dear life." Future books we will read include *The Centaur*, by John Updike; *South of Broad*, by Pat Conroy; *Orphan Train*, by Christine Baker Kline; *Flashback*, by Nevada Barr; *In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke; and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sedaris. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Dec 29	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Jan 1	New Year's Day	CLOSED	
	Zen Meditation Group	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Jan. 2	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, Jan. 3	Kids Club & District 12	6:00 pm	Commons area
Saturday, Jan 4	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan 5	Change for Change collection	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 pm	Emerson

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

Gather NEW YEAR'S DAY to ***Crystalize Your Intentions for a Peaceful 2014 !*** Peggy Patty will be playing seven beautiful Crystal Singing Bowls on January 1, 2014 at 6 pm at Unity Church on Cordelia Street in Springfield. Help send these beautiful pure vibrations and prayers for a world in balance into this New Year.