



**Announcements for Sunday, December 30, 2012
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "Will the New Year Bring Social Justice to Lesbian Women?" by Peggy Patty

***** HAPPENING TODAY *****

Circle Dinners are back! Get to know fellow UU's as you Break Bread Together. Hosts/Hostesses needed. See Posy after Sunday service or contact later. Guests are needed too. Sign up now. See bulletins near the water fountain.

Today is your last chance to make a charitable contribution to ALUUC for tax year 2012. There is substantial concern in the financial markets regarding the future of taxes. If you itemize charitable contributions on your tax return, one way to be sure you receive the maximum benefit is to make donations before January 1, 2013. Thanks to all who've already contributed.

The Aesthetics Committee has added a new "Peace on Earth" banner to our entry hall this year. It was designed and crafted by Gwen Childs. Another new banner is in the works for the spring.

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

Rev. Woulfe will be away December 25 – January 10, 2013. Please contact Jodi Perko or Delinda Chapman for any pastoral cares or concerns.

January Kids Club will be celebrating National Trivia Day! So bring you thinking caps with you on Friday, January 4, 2013 to the church at 6 pm until 8 pm. District 12 will also be meeting at the church during that time to discuss "The Graveyard Book" by Neil Giaman. District 12 members should arrive having read the book and ready to talk about it. Pease, RSVP for both to Marla Johnson, DRE at cre@aluuc.com. Thank you.

Join the Pagan Group on Sat. Jan. 5 at 6pm for our Yule Celebration. We will celebrate the coming winter, the return on the Sun, and have an arm circle and pot luck dinner. For more information please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at 217 329 2255 or email aluucpagans@email.com

Next week, January 6, will be a Change for Change collection. The January recipient will be Kumler Outreach. Kumler Outreach Ministries meets people where they live, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and helping clothe people. The food pantry, clothing ministry and medicine program reach thousands of people each year in the greater Springfield, Illinois area giving them help and hope. <http://www.kumlerministries.org/>

The News Covenant Group will meet 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2013 at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's, 7901 Hunt Road. Note this is a one-time change from the usual first Thursday meeting. Everyone is welcome. Call the Buchloh's, at 585-1944 if you have any questions.

The 5th Annual Slow Food® Springfield Film Festival will present a screening of the documentary film “Urban Roots” on Friday, January 25 at 7:00 pm at Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 745 Woodside Road, Springfield. Doors open at 6:15 pm with refreshments and beverages available for purchase provided by RealCuisine Catering. The film will be followed by a discussion. Cost \$5.00 per person. Slow Food® Springfield members, \$3.00 and students with I.D., no charge. “Urban Roots” tells the story of the urban agriculture movement in Detroit. This screening is presented by Slow Food® Springfield, Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation and the University of Illinois Extension. For more information <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lms>

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Tuesday, Jan 1	New Year’s Day Zen Meditation Group	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Jan 3	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, Jan 4	Kids Club	6:00 pm	Channing
Saturday, Jan 5	Zen Group Pagan Yule Celebration	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Sanctuary Commons
Sunday, Jan 6	Change for Change Collection	10:30 am	Sanctuary

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

December 31 - First Night Springfield, various sites in and near downtown Springfield. Features Mark Gifford organ concert at Springfield High School, Civil War Ball at the Old State Capitol, performances at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, and fireworks. Schedule, program and admission button information: 753-3519, www.springfieldartsco.org.

The Abraham Lincoln Association is hosting two events to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Both events are free and open to the public.

Date: Watch Night, December 31, 2012, 8:00 p.m.
Freedom's First Day, January 1, 2013 1:00 p.m.

Location: Watch Night - Westminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois
Freedom's First Day - Old State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois

For more information, go to the Abraham Lincoln Association website at <http://www.abrahamlincolnassociation.org/events.aspx>

