



**Announcements for Sunday, December 31, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Frank Lloyd Wright's Organic Aesthetic" by Tracy McCaffrey.

Happening Today

Rev. Martin Woulfe is on vacation from Friday, December 29 until Saturday, January 13, 2018. Any pastoral care or concerns during that time should be directed to Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko.

When using or borrowing ALUUC items, please remember to return them to the place where you found them.

Coming Soon

Next Sunday, the January Change for Change collection will go to **Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery**. This nursery [provides free emergency, temporary care, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for at risk children from birth to 6 years of age](#). Free developmental & medical screenings and referrals for educational, psychological, medical, dental, and food & clothing sources are available. Other free services include: in-home parent ed classes, monthly parent support groups, crisis counseling, follow-up home visits, advocacy & referrals to drug or alcohol abuse treatment and shelter. Please be generous and support this needed community resource. **Donations are most welcome by check made out to ALUUC with Crisis Nursery noted in the Memo line.**

NEWS GROUP: The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. Join us on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at the ALUUC in the Channing Room. If you have any questions call Kurt DeWeese, at 546-5834 or email newsgroup@aluuc.org

The ALUUC Book Group will meet on January 23 at 7 PM in the Channing Room. We will discuss *A Rule Against Murder* by Louise Penny. The February read will be *Henry and Clara* by Thomas Mallon. This historical novel recreates the tragic story of the young couple who were in the President's box on the night of Lincoln's assassination. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Any questions, please email Penny Wollan-Kriel: bookgroup@aluuc.org.

HUMANIST GROUP: On January 22 at 7 PM, Sarah Iaiennaro and Anna Sabin will co-facilitate the ALUUC Humanist Group's discussion of *How Emotions Are Made: The Secret Life of the Brain*, by Lisa Feldman Barrett. "The author, who has appointments at Northeastern University, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, contends that our emotions are not hard-wired in our brains and triggered by circumstances. Instead, they are flexible and vary from culture to culture. During the course of our lifetimes, our brains wire and rewire themselves in response to upbringing and individual experiences." ~ Kirkus Reviews Questions? Contact humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

A Course in Miracles (Adult RE) is an ongoing study and will continue into the new year. Participants include some who have studied A Course in Miracles for years and have a strong

understanding of the material. Others are just beginning their study and have lots of questions. Wherever you are in your interest in this text, you are welcome to join us. A goal of A Course in Miracles is to train us to listen to God's voice, the Holy Spirit. This extension of God's mind serves as our inner guide, who will direct our thoughts, telling us exactly what to do, and directing all our efforts. To be truly effective, we must learn to rely on our own internal teacher rather than looking for help outside ourselves. We are thus guided to discover our own God-given function. We meet in the Barton classroom at ALUUC at 6 pm every Tuesday to read and discuss these concepts and how they apply to our lives. Questions? Please email acim@aluuc.org.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Dec. 31	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, January 1	Happy New Year!		
Tuesday, Jan 2	A Course in Miracles (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Barton
Wednesday, Jan 3	*Men's Group	6:30 PM	TBA
Thursday, Jan. 4	News Group	7:00 PM	Channing
	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Jan 6	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan. 7	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change		

*Off Site

Happening Elsewhere

Holidays at the White House: 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 display is from Nov 17 through January 7th, 9am – 5pm at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Free with museum admission.

A film festival for everyone interested in learning about people, places and history behind their food is planned for Saturday, January 27, 2018 in Foundation Hall at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site (Level 2) in Springfield from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Slow Food Springfield, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Old State Capitol Foundation are partnering to present the 10th Annual Slow Food Springfield Film Festival. "These films tell the stories behind our food and can increase awareness and interest in our food system," says Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Slow Food Springfield board member and chair for the festival. The festival will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a screening of films from the Real Food Films library. Real Food Films is the first-ever international competition to celebrate short films on sustainable food and farming. They have received over 440 submissions (2014-2016) from around the world, from documentaries to advocacy, spoken word to animated. "Starting at 6:00 p.m., a light dinner, provided Denise Perry Chef/Owner, [Copper Pot Cooking Studio](#) and coffee, by [Custom Cup Coffee](#), will be available for purchase" says Karen Hine, chapter leader for Slow Food Springfield. Admission is \$7.00 per person (\$5.00 for Slow Food Springfield members). Students with a student ID are free. See the poster on Community bulletin board for more details.