



**Announcements for Sunday, December 6, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Holiday Youth Pageant" by RE Youth

Happening Today

Today, December 6, is a "Change for Change" Sunday. **Today's collection will go to the Center for Youth and Family Solutions Christmas Party.** This will be the fourth year that children in foster care enjoy a Holiday party at ALUUC sponsored by CYFS and ALUUC. As in prior years, CYFS really appreciates that we UUs focus on raising funds for **gift cards for teens**, who long to make their own choices and purchases. We welcome contributions *of any size* in **cash or checks** (checks should be made out to ALUUC, note: CYFS). Of course, new, unwrapped toys for the little ones are also welcome, as are theme gift baskets! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Manthei (ALUUC member and foster mother for CYFS) at imant2@uis.edu.

The Holiday Pageant rehearsals continue today during regular Religious Education time. Children will leave service after Milestones.

A New Policy on Sunday Announcements: The Program and Religious Education committees have been exploring ways for the children to spend more time sharing religious education activities. They benefit from the classes and interacting with each other, and the forty-minute lessons teachers work so hard to prepare can be fully presented with a few extra minutes. To provide for an adequate amount of time for Religious Education, starting in December, there will not be community announcements from the pulpit or during Milestones. Only those announcements that relate to the work or activities of this congregation will be read. Announcements for community events/activities shared during Milestones will be discouraged. Everyone is encouraged to send community announcements to the ALUUC Office by Wednesday of each week for inclusion in the written Announcements.

Thank you to those who've made donations towards the accessible doors project.

Anyone who wishes to make donations, which are appreciated, can write "Accessible Doors" on the memo line of their checks or on a donation envelope. The doors are scheduled for installation on Monday, December 7th.

The Pagan Group will have a planning meeting today at 12:30 in the Fuller Room. Come share your ideas for the upcoming Yule and for 2016. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at [217-801-7926](tel:217-801-7926), or email aluucpagans@gmail.com for more information.

Who are all these new people? Let's find out together! ALUUC is looking for a small team to create a new photo directory. We have the software. After the service today, Angela Aznarte, Martin Woulfe, Melvin Taff and Jim Curran will be taking photos of all members and their families. We also need to update contact information. Can you help? Please contact Rev. Woulfe.

Thank you to everyone who helped in some way this past Saturday for the **Homemade Arts and Crafts Fair and the Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!** Thanks to the shoppers, bakers, vendors, photographer, crafters and Santa and Mrs. Clause and all of Santa's helpers and the elves who helped with setup and cleanup!!! Yeah!!!

Coming Soon

The Choir will have rehearsals at 9:20 AM for December 13 and 20. The choir will not rehearse during January.

If you would like to serve as a **Sunday Greeter**, please see Dianne Roberts or Susan Solon. Newer members are especially encouraged to give this a try.

Please remember to let the office know if you've moved, changed your phone number or email address. Send your updated information to Cheryl at office@aluuc.org.

Are you an artist? Please check out the **Liturgical Arts Festival's** Facebook page and website for details about submitting your work for the 2016 exhibit. The deadline is January 31, 2016.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Dec 6	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change Collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
	Holy Family Inclusive Mass	4:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Tuesday, Dec. 8	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Thurs., Dec. 10	Game Night	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Dec. 11	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sat., Dec. 12	Holiday Pageant rehearsal	12:30 PM	Sanctuary
	*Circle Dinners		various homes
	Youth Holiday Pageant	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec. 13	CYFS Private Rental	3:00 PM	Sanctuary

*off site

Happening Elsewhere

The Immediate Theatre Project of Asheville, North Carolina presents ***It's A Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre***, Tuesday, **December 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm** at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. Adults \$20; Seniors & Students \$18. Starring Lauren Kriel, daughter of Jack Kriel and Penny Wollan-Kriel.

Visit art galleries at the Hoogland and The Pharmacy to see Delinda Chapman's artwork.