



**Announcements for Sunday, December 7, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Yuletide Tidings Conveyed by One Ghost & Three Spirits" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Rev. Lynnda White had to withdraw from preaching this week. Rev. John Biedler has graciously stepped in to present the sermon today.

The Welcoming Congregation Committee is collecting surveys at ALUUC in the "rainbow box" in the foyer. If you haven't turned yours in, now is the time! The final collection date will be Sunday, December 14. Copies of the survey are located on the foyer table. If you prefer, surveys are available for online printing at the ALUUC website in the December Newsletter. Just print out your survey at home, fill it out, and either bring it back to church with you, or mail it to the church care of the Welcoming Congregation Committee. The information compiled in these surveys will help us to learn what our strengths and weaknesses are as a welcoming congregation for the LGBTQ community. We will be able to learn where improvements can be made, where lessons can be implemented or policy changed for the better. For further information, please contact Meg Evans Lazare or Tracy Zieber-Minks

TODAY, December 7, there is a **Change for Change collection.** Funds will be collected to support the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. Its mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing emergency, temporary care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for children who may be at risk or whose parents are experiencing some type of crisis. Services provided include parent education classes, group support meetings and crisis counseling. All services are free.

Annual Glove, Mitten, Hat and Scarf Tree: Once again, we are collecting gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for Contact Ministries and Kumler Outreach Ministries. Please bring new gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to ALUUC **TODAY, and next Sunday December 14** and hang them on the tree! If you are a knitter, you might think of making a hat or two for the tree. If you would prefer to make a financial contribution, please place your check in the offering (make check payable to ALUUC with Mitten Tree in the Memo line).

UUSC Holiday Cards: This year the ALUUC Social Action Committee will be selling UUSC Holiday cards. Debby Hagan is chairing this effort. The cards will be sold **TODAY December 7, 14 and 21** after the morning service. The designs include Blue Dove, Good Tidings, Holiday Assortment, Holiday Children, and many more. Check them out at <http://uuscfundraising.myshopify.com/collections/holiday-cards> . All proceeds from sales support UUSC's work (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee).

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

The youth have been rehearsing for the upcoming **Holiday Pageant** on Sundays during regular RE Class time. In order for the youth to be ready for the pageant, it is important for them to be in attendance on Sundays. Thank you. Please see Marla Johnson, DRE with any questions.

Concert: Brooke Thomas, Mike Burnett & the Blue Suns with Bonnie Ettinger

December 13th, 7-10 pm at the ALUUC The seven-member Brooke Thomas & the Blue Suns features Thomas on lead vocals and Burnett on vocals and guitar. The Springfield-based group bills itself as a blend of pop, funk, Motown, blues and jazz, and blends original tunes with covers of songs recorded by other performers. A live CD, "Every Little Moment," was released in 2011. Local musician Bonnie Ettinger will accompany the group on piano. Among her CDs are "My Favorite Love Songs" and "A Simple Gift." The cost of **\$20** at the door includes wine, beer and soda. **The concert is a benefit for the church.** Contact Bonnie Ettinger for more information at music@aluuc.org, or go to our website at: <http://www.aluuc.org/event/dec-13-aluuc-bistro-and-concert-blue-suns>

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.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Dec 7	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Holiday Cards & Mitten Tree	11:30 AM	
	Pagan Planning Meeting	12:30 PM	Emerson
Tuesday, Dec 9	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, Dec 10	UU History (SS&DD) Group	6:00 PM	Channing
Thursday, Dec 11	New to UU Class	7:00 PM	Channing
	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
	Game Night	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Dec 12	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Dec 13	Kids' Movies	12:00 PM	Commons
	Bonnie, Blue Suns Concert	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec 14	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Special Congregational Meeting	11:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Holiday Cards & Mitten Tree	11:50 AM	

*Off-site

****Happening Elsewhere ****

Mark your calendars: Winter Womanspirit 2015, February 6th – 8th, 2015 at Lake Country UU Church, Hartland, Wisconsin. Women & Religion is proud to present: **Healing Words:** Called to Consciousness with Mary Pierce Brosmer. More information on registering is at www.womenandreligion.org