



**Announcements for Sunday, February 11, 2018  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Black Pioneers in a White Denomination" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

### **Happening Today**

**Please remember to turn off all lights and lock up when you're the last one out.**

The Senior Youth Group of ALUUC is collecting books for the **Belize Book Drive from January 28 to February 25**. They are asking folks to donate gently used children's books that they enjoyed reading. *Captain Underpants*, *The Magic Treehouse*, and other popular children's books are preferred. All age levels, K through teen, are appropriate and definitely needed. A collection box is just outside the Sanctuary each Sunday through the end of February.

### **Coming Soon**

#### **2018 Spring Covenant Groups**

Our four covenant groups met for the first time last week and there are still a few openings left if you would like to join us. There will be people after service at the covenant group table to answer questions and sign up those who missed last week's deadline. The next sign-up period will be in September.

**Humanist Group – Change:** Carol Floyd will moderate the ALUUC Humanist Group's February 26 discussion of *American Covenant: A History of Civil Religion from the Puritans to the Present*, by Philip Gorski. "Was the United States founded as a Christian nation or a secular democracy? Neither, argues Gorski, who is a professor of sociology and religious studies at Yale University. What the founders actually envisioned was a prophetic republic that would weave together the ethical vision of the Hebrew prophets and the Western political heritage of civic republicanism. In this ambitious book, Gorski shows why this civil religious tradition is now in peril—and with it the American experiment." ~ from the Princeton University Press

**There will be signup sheets for Circle Suppers coming soon in March.** Please watch and signup to share a meal with members and friends in the comfort of someone's home.

**Are you a UU teen or young adult who wants to acquire leadership skills? Sign up for the Midwest Leadership School:** July 15-21, 2018, Decorah, IA. MWLS is an immersive and rigorous week of learning in classroom and small-group settings blending the practical (leadership tools and best practices) with the spiritual (theological exploration and worship) and experiential (small-group challenges) in a safe, welcoming environment. Check with Rev. Woulfe or go to [www.mwls.org](http://www.mwls.org) for more details. See the poster on the UUA bulletin board.

## Save the Date!

The **FANTASY AUCTION** is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we *always* have a great time. It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 24, 2018** - so mark your calendars now! If you enjoy planning big events, we would welcome your help. Please contact our Co-Chairs, **Gwen Childs and Kim Villanueva**, to volunteer.

## This Week at a Glance

| <u>DATE</u>       | <u>EVENT</u>                    | <u>Time</u> | <u>Room</u>         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Sunday, Feb 11    | Choir Rehearsal                 | 9:15 AM     | Fuller              |
|                   | Sunday Service                  | 10:30 AM    | Sanctuary           |
|                   | Green Sanctuary Committee Mtg.  | 12:00 PM    | Barton              |
|                   | Social Justice Workshop #1      | 12:00 PM    | Commons & Sanctuary |
| Monday, Feb. 12   | Covenant Facilitators Meeting   | 7:00 PM     | Channing            |
| Tuesday, Feb. 13  | A Course in Miracles (Adult RE) | 6:00 PM     | Barton              |
|                   | ALUUC Board Meeting             | 6:00 PM     | Fuller              |
| Wed., Feb. 14     | IAG Cooking Class               | 10:00 AM    | Kitchen             |
|                   | Yoga Class                      | 6:30 PM     | Commons             |
| Thursday, Feb. 15 | Membership Committee Mtg.       | 6:00 PM     | Fuller              |
|                   | Meditation Group                | 7:00 PM     | Sanctuary           |
| Friday, Feb. 16   | Labyrinth Walk                  | 7:00 PM     | Sanctuary           |
| Saturday, Feb 17  | Zen Meditation                  | 9:30 AM     | Sanctuary           |
| Sunday, Feb. 18   | Choir Rehearsal                 | 9:15 AM     | Fuller              |
|                   | Sunday Service                  | 10:30 AM    | Sanctuary           |
|                   | Potluck                         | 12:00 PM    | Sanctuary           |
|                   | Social Justice Committee Mtg.   | 12:00 PM    | Barton              |
|                   | RE Committee Meeting            | 12:00 PM    | Fuller              |
|                   | Covenant Group (Sunday)         | 12:00 PM    | Alcott              |
|                   | Pathways class #1               | 12:00 PM    | Commons             |

## Happening Elsewhere

**Lincoln Library, UNCAGED VOICES: A Community Remembers, February 17 (THIRD SATURDAY) 6 to 7:30 PM.** Join us for a presentation of Chicago broadcaster Studs Terkel's 1970 interview with author, poet and civil rights activist, Maya Angelou. Discussion of Angelou's life and legacy will follow. Refreshments will be served. Participants are invited to design a commemorative button with the library's button-maker. Lincoln Library was awarded a grant through the Illinois Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the IL General Assembly to bring the program to our community.

**Save the Date:** The Illinois Innocence Project's Defenders of the Innocent Event will be held Saturday, April 28, 2018 5:00 PM, Crowne Plaza Hotel. For more information call 217-206-6569 or email Courtney Reed at [creed21@uis.edu](mailto:creed21@uis.edu).