



**Announcements for Sunday, February 23, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "James Reeb, UU Martyr for Equal Rights" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** Happening TODAY *****

Say 'YES' to ALUUC Circle Suppers in March and April. The information is on the table next to the name tag rack. Please fill out the form to host and/or attend these dinners and place it in the box on that table. For more information talk to Susan Solon or contact Nancy Standen, 217 381 3468, or email standen@royell.org. Information is also listed on Facebook; type in ALUUC Circle Suppers March 2014 or check the Event Calendar for March 29.

Key security is an ongoing issue at ALUUC, and to help us keep current with key holders, a new form has been implemented. Peggy Patty will be checking with key holders today to get signatures and key numbers. If you have not been contacted personally, please call or email Cheryl Wycoff at the office and make arrangements to sign for their keys or to return them.

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

Personnel Committee: The Personnel Committee is conducting evaluations of some ALUUC staff. If you have been given an evaluation form, please complete it and insert in the box on the desk in the foyer. Contact the Personnel Committee chair, Dianne Roberts, if you have questions.

The Humanist Group will meet on February 24th at 7:00 pm at ALUUC. Frank Kopecky will lead a discussion on the book, *The Crisis of Zionism* by Peter Beinart, a look at the current state of Israel and its relationship to Palestinians. The NYT review by Jonathan Rosen can be found here: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/15/books/review/the-crisis-of-zionism-by-peter-beinart.html?_r=0 If you have questions about this group, email Susan Solon and/or Vi Lanum at humanistgroup@hotmail.com.

DATE SAVER: Charlie King in Concert, The "So Far, So Good Tour", Celebrating Fifty Years of Music, at ALUUC, March 8, 2014, 7 pm. \$20 Donation, Students with I.D. - \$10 Donation (Cash or Checks only – payable to ALUUC). *Limited Seating* - Reserve tickets by calling (217) 585-9550 or contact Rev. Woulfe. Tickets will be held at the door.

The Book Discussion Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on February 25th at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. *The Centaur* by John Updike will be discussed. A review in Goodreads.com says, "*The Centaur* is a modern retelling of the legend of Chiron, the noblest and wisest of the centaurs, who, painfully wounded yet unable to die, gave up his immortality on behalf of Prometheus. In the retelling, Olympus becomes small-town Olinger High School; Chiron is George Caldwell, a science teacher there; and Prometheus is Caldwell's fifteen-year-old son, Peter....The result, said the judges of the National Book Award, is "a courageous and brilliant account of a conflict in gifts between an inarticulate American father and his highly articulate son." Future books we will read include *South of Broad*, by Pat Conroy; *Orphan Train*, by Christine Baker Kline; *Flashback*, by Nevada Barr; *In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke; and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sedaris. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

The Senior Youth Group is hosting a lock-in Saturday, March 1 thru Sunday, March 2, 2014. Youth from the Bloomington/Normal, Peoria, and Champaign/Urbana congregations will join them. Youth attending the lock-in should arrive at the church at 8 am on Saturday and can be picked up after services on Sunday.

The SYG is requesting the following items be donated for the lock-in:

- Glow sticks, Electric candles
- Lemonaid/koolaid mix, Bagels
- Granola bars, Paper plates/ cups/ towels
- Snack foods (fresh fruit would be nice)
- Friendship bracelet supplies
- Henna, Posterboard
- Un-opened makeup

Please, contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org with any questions.

Get ready for the Fantasy Auction March 15, 6:30 p.m. How can you help with this important fundraiser? Donate lovely items, solicit donations from local businesses, volunteer to help with ticket sales, setup, check-out, food preparation and clean up. Buy tickets and have a great time! Buy something wonderful! Please contact Linda Quigley, chairperson at linquig63@gmail.com. Tickets will be ready soon. Theme: **Bringin' In The Green!!**

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Feb. 23	Music Group Meeting	12:00 pm	Fuller
Monday, Feb. 24	Humanist Group	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Feb. 25	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Feb. 26	“What Moves Us” part II	6:00 pm	Channing
Thursday, Feb. 27	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Men’s Group	7:30 pm	Emerson
Friday, Feb. 28	SYG Setup for Lock-in	5:00 pm	All
Saturday, March 1	SYG Lock-in	9:00 am	All
Sunday, March 2	SYG Lock-in		
	Choir rehearsal	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	Change for Change donations	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	OWL Parent Meeting	12:00 pm	RE area
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 pm	Alcott

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

The film, *Girl Rising*, is a culmination of research by a team of former ABC News journalists who set out to investigate how to end global poverty. Their conclusion was pretty simple - educating girls is the highest return investment you can make in breaking cycles of poverty. The film highlights the stories of 9 girls from different parts of the world, including Ethiopia, Kabul, Cairo, etc. and their struggles to get a basic education. The stories are narrated by Salma Hayek, Anne Hathaway, and Meryl Streep, among others. The times of the showing of the film are: March 9 - 2 pm, Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church (corner of Douglas and Governor Streets) and March 11 - 7 pm, Brookens Auditorium, UIS. Please mark this on your calendars to come, be inspired and realize the power of girls to change the world.