



**Announcements for Saturday, February 26, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "What Comes After Innocence?" by Larry Golden & Charles Palmer.

Happening Today

PATHWAYS TO MEMBERSHIP: Pathway Sessions is a special series for people interested in membership at ALUUC. The next series will be held **today, February 26, after the service** (session #1) and **Monday, February 27 at 7 pm** (sessions #2 & #3). Please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe (minister@aluuc.org) if you would like to attend. Child care is available upon request. **February 26, Session #1 Seeds: Sharing Our Stories.** This session focuses on sharing important themes and stories from our own life stories, with a special emphasis on our faith journeys. **February 27, Session #2 Roots: An inside scoop on UUism and ALUUC.** This session is intended to present and discuss various themes and developments within UUism as a whole and ALUUC in particular. **Session #3 Branches: Fostering Growth & Creating Connections.** This session is an opportunity for newer people to meet some of the leaders and mentors within the congregation, to discuss how one might become more active and engaged!

Do you have a hymnal at home? We'd appreciate everyone either returning their hymnals or if you need to use them, give us the number on the label inside the front cover. A "Hymnal Checkout" binder is stored in the bookcase near the hymnals. Please use it when borrowing a grey hymnal.

Coming Soon

Humanist Group: On Monday, February 27, 2017 from 7-8:30pm, Sarah Iaiennaro will review the book *The Well-Tuned Brain* by Peter Whybrow, MD. "*In The Well-Tuned Brain* Peter Whybrow combines gripping big themes with an abundance of fascinating stories. The big themes revolve around the collision between our ancient human habits, our human brains often operating on autopilot, and the seductive material success of our modern market economy." — Jared Diamond, Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Contact: Vi Lanum or Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org for more information.

The News Covenant Group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Join us on Thursday, March 2nd, 2017 at the church in the Channing Room. If you have any questions call Kurt DeWeese 494-1705 (cell) or Frank Kopecky 638-3913 (cell).

The Change for Change collection next Sunday, March 5, will benefit the Illinois Innocence Project. The **Illinois Innocence Project (IIP)** is dedicated to releasing innocent men and women imprisoned in Illinois for crimes they did not commit. We advocate on behalf of this silenced population by researching and investigating claims of innocence, and providing legal representation and other assistance to prove credible claims of actual innocence. The Project reviews over 300 requests for help from Illinois inmates each year. Undergraduates at the University of Illinois Springfield, and law students from the state's three public law schools, work alongside and at the direction of IIP attorneys to review, evaluate and, where strong evidence of actual innocence exists, investigate and legally pursue claims of innocence. To date, the **Illinois Innocence Project** has been intimately involved in the freeing of nine innocent individuals who were wrongfully imprisoned in Illinois.

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet at 12pm in the Barton room every second Sunday beginning March 12 through June. Contact Jim Curran at greensanctuary@aluus.org if you have questions.

2017 UUA General Assembly News: New Orleans, June 21-25! Please note that **GA Registration** opens on **March 1, 2017**. The early registration fee is \$360 per adult. After May 1, it goes up to \$415. This date is important especially if you want to reserve a hotel room – Hotel reservations will be available via the GA Housing Reservation System also beginning **March 1**. Rev. Woulfe recommends that you reserve your room first – sometimes all UUA reserved rooms are claimed within 24 hours; rates will vary according to the location. There will also be a limited number of opportunities for home hospitality.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Feb. 26	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pathways class #1	12:00 PM	Commons
	Welcoming Congregation Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
Monday, Feb 27	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Pathways class #2 & 3	7:00 PM	Fuller
Tuesday, Feb 28	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Barton
Thursday, March 2	News Group	7:00 PM	Channing
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 4	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 5	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	RE Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton

Happening Elsewhere

Mark Your Calendars – IIP Defenders of the Innocent Event! The **Illinois Innocence Project** will host its annual Defenders of the Innocent Event on Saturday evening, **April 29, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Springfield**. The event will feature New York Exonerée Yusef Salaam and his mother, Sharonne Abdus-Salaam, who never stopped fighting to prove his innocence. Stay tuned for sponsorship opportunities and online registration (\$100 suggested minimum donation). For more information, call or email Larry Golden at (217) 206-6569 and LGOLD1@uis.edu.

Do you remember when “Nuns on the Bus” came to Springfield last year? They’re at it again in Washington, DC at the Reversing Inequality Conference, April 3-5, 2017. Several justice allies, including [Sister Simone Campbell](#) and [Chuck Collins](#) will share advocacy skills and best practices for effective outreach to decision makers on Capitol Hill. Financial support from our members, friends and allies is crucial to help ensure we can provide the materials and services necessary for participants to have a maximum impact on our legislators. Please visit our Faithify campaign page and consider making a donation. <https://www.faithify.org/projects/reversing-inequality-conference-april-3-5-2017/> Sister Simone Campbell is the Executive Director of NETWORK, best known for her cross-country activism and compassionate heart. Sister Simone helped organize and lead five “Nuns on the Bus” trips, advocating for economic justice, immigration, and healthcare reform.