



**Announcements for Sunday, February 28, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Recalculating, Using the GPS as a Guide for Wholehearted Living"  
by Robyn Berkley, PhD.

### **Happening Today**

**The future of ALUUC is up to you!** We are currently hosting 2-hour Cottage Groups, structured meetings where 10 members and friends envision the ALUUC of the future. Share your story and hear the stories of your fellow congregants to understand their yearnings for ALUUC's future alongside your own. In this way, the first step of our process honors diversity of thought and the democratic process. The four Cottage Groups on Sunday Feb 28 are full, but sessions are still open on Sunday March 6 and Sunday March 13, plus a special session for Senior Youth and Young Adults on March 20. We also plan sessions for members and friends who can't attend on Sunday afternoons. **Now is your opportunity to contribute to ALUUC's future – we need your input!** Email [plan@ALUUC.org](mailto:plan@ALUUC.org) to sign up for a Cottage Group.

**NEW Interim Coordinator of Religious Education!** Please welcome Tracy Zieber-Minks as our Interim Coordinator of Religious Education. You can reach her at [CRE@aluuc.org](mailto:CRE@aluuc.org)

**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 also need to update contact information. We've collected quite a few photos and although that's not complete, our next step is to compile the 2016 directory. Please contact Rev. Woulfe if you can help with this next step.

### **Coming Soon**

**The Green Party Presidential Candidate** Dr. Jill Stein will be speaking at UIS at 6:30PM March 3, and will be here at 8:30 PM that evening in the Commons area for a "Meet and Greet". See bulletin boards for more details.



**The Fantasy Auction** is almost here - Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> , 7-10:30 p.m. !!

The theme "**Jazz and Jambalaya!**" should put you in the proper mood. Special feature: Music by Frank Parker "Taste of New Orleans" and our very own Bonnie Ettinger on piano. Advance tickets will be on sale Sunday after the service for \$25 (\$35 at the door).

Please gather your treasures or talents that you will offer up as donations for the silent and live auctions. **The deadline to bring in your donations is Monday, Feb 29<sup>th</sup>** **Call Phillip Anderson if you need to deliver a donation on Monday** – the building is not typically open on Mondays. Phillip's cell is 217-638-7374.

**The RE children** ask the congregation to please donate canned goods for a special Easter Sunday Children's Worship Service. The canned goods can be brought to the congregation any time during the month of March. All in date canned goods would be appreciated, particularly proteins. For more information please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at [cre@aluuc.org](mailto:cre@aluuc.org) or call [217-801-7926](tel:217-801-7926)

**The News Covenant Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Kay Bell and Roger Ryan's, 2716 Wordsworth Drive in Springfield. This home is located on Springfield's west side between Koke Mill and Archer Elevator Road north of Hedley Drive. Call Roger if you have any questions. His cell phone is 622-0695. Everyone is welcome.

**The Springfield Choral Society**, of which several in our choir are members, is celebrating its 45th Anniversary by performing the epic piece, Bach Mass in B minor. It requires funding for an orchestra so we are having a **Trivia Night** here at ALUUC on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 6pm with play beginning at 7pm. Please join in on the fun and also come for the performance on May 7th at Central Baptist Church. Table sizes are 8-10 players at \$100 per table, or \$10 for walk-ins. See Kathy Schultz, Becky or Bob Croteau for more details. Come and show off all that trivial knowledge you have been amassing and have a great time.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Feb 28	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Long Range Planning Meetings	12-3 PM	all classrooms
	Movie Night, <i>The Martian</i>	5:00 PM	Commons
Monday, Feb 29	FA donations deadline	By Appointment	
Tues., Mar 1	Long Range Planning Mtg.	6:00 PM	Fuller
Wed., Mar 2	Fantasy Auction Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Thurs., Mar 3	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
	Jill Stein Meet & Greet	8:30 PM	Commons
Sat., Mar 5	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	FANTASY AUCTION!	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Mar 6	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
	LRP Cottage Groups Mtg.	12:00 PM	all classrooms
	Holy Family Inclusive CC Mass	4:00 PM	Sanctuary

### **Happening Elsewhere**

Frank Kopecky will address "What are the pitfalls of so called state level religious freedom restoration acts?", 10 am - Noon, Saturday March 5, Freethinkers Meetup at Montvale Estates, 2601 Montvale Drive, 2nd floor TV room (just west of Montvale Schnucks). Background at <http://thehumanist.com/magazine/november-december-2015/features/the-road-to-and-from-extreme-religious-liberty> For more info, contact [floyd32@yahoo.com](mailto:floyd32@yahoo.com)

**March 12: AAUW Garage Sale, 9AM-12:30PM** at Laurel United Methodist Church, Springfield.