



**Announcements for Sunday, February 7, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "All You Need is Love" by Rev. Martin Woulfe..

Happening Today

Today, February 7, is a "**Change for Change**" collection. This month's Change for Change will go towards paying our dues to Faith Coalition for the Common Good and funding scholarships for ALUUC members to attend the Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism workshop hosted by the Springfield Dominicans at Sacred Heart Convent **Thursday, March 3-Saturday, March 5, 2016**. The workshop is sponsored by the Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism (SCoDR) and is presented by the Chicago-based Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training. Early bird registration is open through February 17. The \$250 fee includes all workshop materials, snacks and two noon meals. After February 17 registration is \$275. The Social Action Committee appreciates members spending their time on this and encourages them to attend this workshop if possible. Anyone interested in attending please contact nderrig@msn.com. Please be generous (think IRS deductible). Checks may be made out to ALUUC with "Change for Change" noted. Flyers are posted on bulletin boards near the front entrance and by the kitchen door.

*After service today, Dianne Roberts and Gwen Childs will be collecting sign-ups for Cottage Group meetings, which will start Feb 14. The Cottage Group meetings are an integral part of the **Long Range Planning (LRP) project** at ALUUC. The LRP hopes to involve **all members and friends** in order to gain valuable feedback into the process.*

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.

Before leaving today, please check the hallway beyond the restrooms. There are coats and jackets hanging on the right side that have been here for months and maybe a year for some. On the left side, there's a box of "lost & found" items. Maybe you forgot something!

Coming Soon



SAVE THE DATE: The Fantasy Auction is coming Saturday March 5th , 7-10:30 p.m.

The theme "**Jazz and Jambalaya!**" should put you in the proper mood. It's time to start sorting through your nice things to find some worthy donations. Advance tickets will be \$25 (\$35 at the door).

Contact Phil or Tracy Anderson for details.

The News Covenant Group ordinarily meets on the first Thursday of each month, but this February we will meet on February 11th (the second Thursday of the month.) The meeting is at Linda and Frank Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Call Frank or Linda at 529-3235 if you have any questions.

GAME NIGHT: Join ALUUC gamers Friday, February 12 at 6pm for social hour and practice, then begin the Mexican Train Tournament at 7pm. Food, beverages and prizes will be provided!

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. Future books we will discuss include *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Feb 7	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
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Tues., Feb 9	Holy Family Inclusive Mass	4:00 PM	Sanctuary
	ALUUC Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Wed., Feb 10	Holy Family Inclusive Mass	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Fantasy Auction Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Thurs., Feb 11	*News Group	7:00 PM	Kopecky Home
	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Feb 12	Game Night/Mexican Train	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., Feb. 6	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Feb 14	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	LRP Sessions	12:00 PM	Commons

Happening Elsewhere

From Beverly Holmes -- LYDIA DIAMOND'S PLAY "**SMART PEOPLE**" opens in New York at Second Stage, Off Broadway, (305 W. 43rd St.). Opening night is February 11th. Lots of info re: play, actors, ticket availability, and location is easily accessible online for travelers and those who have N.Y. connections. Beverly will be there on the 18th.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Illinois Innocence Project Fundraiser - April 30. So much to celebrate ... 15 years of fighting for the forgotten innocent ... 8 exonerees ... 3 Department of Justice DNA grants ... the new Latino Innocence Initiative... 8 cases in DNA testing ... dozens of UIS and Illinois law school students who have gone on to fight for justice in all walks of life ... your steadfast support. **JOIN US** for a special celebration of our history, the exonerees who endlessly inspire us and the hope we feel for wrongfully imprisoned clients. **JOIN US** to hear Kirk Bloodworth's story as the first American sentenced to death row and exonerated by DNA. His tenacity in fighting for his LIFE will astound you. **JOIN US** for an inspiring evening surrounded by people who care about justice and those who need our care the most. [Saturday, April 30](#) | President Abraham Lincoln Hotel | Springfield, IL | [6:00 p.m.](#) Call or email NOW for sponsorship opportunities and reservations [217-206-6569](tel:217-206-6569) | lgold1@uis.edu