



Announcements for Sunday, January 1, 2012



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Next Sunday, January 8, 2012: "Not Bibles, Prayers and Saints, but Work, Play, Fellowship and Feelings" by Minister Emeritus Berkley Moore

***** HAPPENING TODAY *****

The Sunday morning program today, January 1, 2012, is informal with volunteers asked to contribute with readings, resolutions, poetry, etc. Fellowship will set up brunch at 9am with bacon and eggs. Attendees are asked to bring a breakfast type side dish. This service ends at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Woulfe is away from Monday, December 26 through January 9th. During this period, please refer any pastoral care concerns to either Jodi Perko or Delinda Chapman.

Today, January 1st will be the next Change for Change donation. The Social Action Committee has selected the Central Illinois Food Bank for the January Change for Change program. The purpose of Central Illinois Foodbank is to collect donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, distributors, and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need. The Central Illinois Foodbank, established in 1982 by a coalition of churches, distributes nearly 8 million pounds of food annually to over 160 food pantries, soup kitchens, residential programs and after-school programs in a 21 county region. Central Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, and is a United Way certified agency.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Bernard Carver, Sr. TODAY, January 1, 2012 at 1:00 pm here at ALUUC.

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

The News Covenant Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:00 pm on January 5th, 2012 at Frank and Linda Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. Call the Kopecky's at 529-3235 if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome.

The Humanist Discussion Group will not meet in January. The next meeting will be February 27 at ALUUC. If you have questions about the group, contact Carol Floyd at HumanistGroup@aluuc.org or 787-1174.

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, January 1	First Breakfast Potluck	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Informal Readings	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Carver Memorial Service	1:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Overflow Shelter Meal *		
Thursday, Jan 5	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	News Covenant Group	7:00 pm	Kopeckys' Home
Friday, Jan 6	Kids Club & Jr High Group	6:00 pm	Commons area
Saturday, Jan 7	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary

*At another location

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

Just in time for the Holiday season, the Green Business Network of Springfield is announcing the opening of a drop-off site for holiday recyclables at the **Recycle Springfield Project** recycling center. Drop off all of your holiday materials – cardboard, wrapping paper, ribbons and old Christmas light strands at 11th & Madison. Hours are Mon-Fri, 7:30 – 5:00, Sat –Sun 7:30-Noon. (Closed on Holidays) Check the hallway bulletin board by the kitchen door for more details.

The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter **is in critical need of volunteer drivers for their Meals on Wheels (MOW) program** for the upcoming winter months. You can volunteer according to your schedule and convenience; each route only takes an hour or less. You can volunteer for just the winter or beyond. If you are interested, contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant at dcg5512@yahoo.com or you can call Meals on Wheels Coordinator Albert Marin at 787-7602, ext. 237 or email him at amarin@il.redcross.org.

Beginning January 1, 2012, consumer electronics of many types will be banned from all Illinois landfills, meaning they can no longer be placed in the trash. Banned items include TVs, computer monitors, printers, scanners, electronic mice, computers, VCRs, portable digital music players, electronic keyboards, fax machines, digital video disc recorders, video game consoles, small scale servers, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, and satellite receivers. Fortunately, there are several recycling options in Springfield. Plan to recycle your electronic items at: Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, Ronald McDonald House, BLH Computers and Computer Banc. For specifics, check their websites: Habitat for Humanity – www.habitatsangamon.com; Goodwill – www.llqi.org ; Ronald McDonald – www.rmhc-centralillinois.org ; BLH – <http://www.blhcomputers.com>; ComputerBanc – <http://computerbanc.org>.

HAPPY NEW YEAR