



**Announcements for Sunday, January 10, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Compassion is the Key" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

### **Happening Today**

We are scanning our old records--both financial and administrative--into electronic storage. We'll be scanning our monthly financial statements, newsletters and important documents. There is far more than that in the files. If you are interested in saving something specific, please contact Victoria Vincent by February 1. After that date, documents will be scanned and destroyed, or simply destroyed. Very few paper copies will be kept. 217 793-1163 or [Victoria.vincent@comcast.net](mailto:Victoria.vincent@comcast.net).

#### **Thank you to those who've made donations towards the accessible doors project.**

Anyone who wishes to make donations, which are appreciated, can write "Accessible Doors" on the memo line of their checks or on a donation envelope. The doors are now operational!

**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. Can you help? Please contact Rev. Woulfe.

Thanks to everyone who recently made a generous contribution to the **Benevolence fund**. Contributions last month totaled \$1,181.13!

**There are dates open for flower donations in January and February.** Available dates are January 17 and 31, February 14, 21 and 28. The flower committee will design a beautiful floral arrangement for the Sanctuary worthy of the person or event you wish to commemorate. The cost is still only \$20 per arrangement. The signup sheet is posted above the drinking fountain. Please make your payment at the time you sign up. The flowers will stay in the Sanctuary for the continued beautification of the church and for other church events. Your check should be made out to ALUUC with "Flowers" in the Memo line. Thank you!

### **Coming Soon**

**Pathway to Membership** will resume classes in January. This is a series of sessions where new, prospective and current members can learn more about UUism, the ALUUC community and we can get to know you. Session 1, "Seeds: Sharing our Stories" and Session 2, "Roots: An inside scoop on UUism and ALUUC" will be held Monday, January 11, 7-10p.m. Contact Rev. Woulfe ([minister@aluuc.org](mailto:minister@aluuc.org)) or Susan Solon ([welcome@aluuc.org](mailto:welcome@aluuc.org)) if you are interested in attending. Child care is available upon request.

If you would like to serve as a **Sunday Greeter**, please see Dianne Roberts or Susan Solon. Newer members are especially encouraged to give this a try.

**Reserve your spot at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast**, hosted by Frontiers International. This community event will be held on Monday morning, January 18, at the Hilton

Hotel at 7:30 a.m. Rev. Woulfe is organizing a table of ten. Tickets are \$20 each. Please contact Rev. Woulfe if you would like to attend.

**The Book Discussion Group** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on January 26, 2016 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. A book review by Esther Lombardi says "Betty Smith's first novel, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, became immediately popular when it was published in 1943. The coming-of-age story of Francie Nolan and her second-generation immigrant parents struggling to provide for their family was an instant success. Smith says she drew from her own experiences growing up in New York City for the story, and it's widely believed she is the basis for the character of Francie." Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

**The Phoenix Center is holding its annual Trivia Night** at ALUUC on February 27, 2016. Rev. Woulfe has reserved a table for ALUUC friends and members. Please let him know if you will join him. Cost is \$10 per person with up to ten members per team.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Jan 10	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck (after the service)	11:45 AM	Sanctuary
	Committee Council Meets	12:15 PM	Commons
Mon., Jan 11	Pathway to Membership 1 & 2	7:00 PM	Channing
Tues., Jan 12	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Thurs., Jan 14	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Jan. 15	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., Jan. 16	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	*Circle Dinners	various times & locations	
Sunday, Jan 17	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

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### **Happening Elsewhere**

#### **Chatham Library "Friends' Winter Book & Bake Sale"**

Book bargains and tempting treats will be available for shoppers at the Friends of the Library Winter Book & Bake Sale to be held **Saturday, January 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Friends who have paid or renewed their annual membership dues as of January 2016 may attend the Friends' Preview Night on **Friday, January 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Contact Judy Brubaker (971-9027) to donate baked goods. Those interested in volunteering may contact Paul Moore, Bookstore manager at the Library (483-2713).

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Slow Food Springfield Film Festival:** A film festival for everyone interested in learning about people, places and history behind their food is planned for Saturday, January 30, 2016 in Foundation Hall at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site (Level 2) in Springfield from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. This year's festival will feature the documentary film, *A Farmer's Road*. The festival will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the screening of the Top 10 Finalist Shorts from the 2015 Real Food Media Contest. "Starting at 6:00 p.m., will be a light dinner provided Denise Perry Chef/Owner, Copper Pot Cooking Studio. More information is available at [www.slowfoodspringfield.org](http://www.slowfoodspringfield.org) or contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Extension Educator, Local Foods System and Small Farms at 217-782-4617, [cvnghgrn@illinois.edu](mailto:cvnghgrn@illinois.edu)