



**Announcements for Sunday, January 12, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "Being Allies for Equity" by Paul Oakley

***** Happening TODAY *****

Due to the cancellation of last week's service, the Change for Change collection will be taken today. The Social Action Committee has selected the **Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI) as the January Change for Change recipient.** Illinois UU congregations have a newly energized organization to work on behalf of Unitarian Universalist ideals across our State! UUANI will listen to congregations to set goals to discover opportunities to make our faith REAL in Illinois state policies. More than thirty UU congregations across Illinois have expressed interest in this Network! Rev. Martin Woulfe and Kurt DeWeese have been vitally important to the creation of UUANI, and Peggy Patty is the new Treasurer.

Time to Return Your Guest at Your Table gifts! Today we'll close our Guest at Your Table program with a collection of your envelopes (and boxes). If you miss bringing back your Guest at Your Table box today, please mail your contribution to UUSC — Guest at Your Table, P.O. Box 808, Newark, NJ 07101-0808.

The deadline for submission of essays on the King/Gandhi legacy has been extended to January 12, 2014 - TODAY. Direct your questions to Tom VonDeBur or Jacqueline Jackson.

Please note that there are spaces available to sign up for flower donations. See the signup sheet above the drinking fountain.

An updated directory has been posted on the ALUUC website at <http://www.aluuc.org/togetherweshare/wp-content/uploads/ALUUC-2014-Member-Directory.pdf>
The password remains the same.

Please help stack chairs after the service today in preparation for the Labyrinth Walk on Friday.

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

Study Group: The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a three-week study group on the book, "Behind the Kitchen Door" by Saru Jayaraman. This is the 2013-2014 UU "Common Read", and focuses on the struggles of restaurant workers with low wages and poor working conditions. Our study group will meet on three consecutive Monday evenings, January 13, 20 and February 3 at 6:30PM. For a talk on this subject by Saru Jayaraman on YouTube, visit this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEd70vVI-uo>

Adult Education Class Continues: Paul Oakley will offer the second half of the "What Moves Us" adult class on five consecutive Wednesdays. Because of an insufficient number, the class has been rescheduled for February 5 - March 5. We will begin at 6:00 PM with a simple meal, after which class will go for an hour and a half. The sign-up sheet will continue to be available until the first class meeting. You do not need to have participated in the first half to join this class.

Letters confirming your tax deductible donations will be going out next week. Contact Cheryl in the office if you have any questions.

Are you interested in attending the Frontiers International Club's upcoming **Martin Luther King Jr Breakfast**? This year's breakfast event will be held on Monday, January 20th. For the past few years, Rev. Woulfe has reserved a table for members & friends of ALUUC. If there is sufficient interest, Rev. Woulfe will reserve a table for ten people. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please send an email to minister@aluuc.org if you would like to attend.

Articles for the **February 2014 ALUUC Focus newsletter** are due January 20. You may send your submissions by email to Cheryl at office@aluuc.org or newsletter@aluuc.org.

Paul Oakley will lead a small group focused on exploration of the spiritual practice of prayer beginning in January and will meet at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. The first meeting of this group will be January 21. If you haven't signed up, you may still attend this class.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on January 28 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *Dear Life: Stories by Alice Munro*. Alice Munro won the Nobel Prize for literature this year. A review by Claudia Puig in USA Today says, "*Dear Life*, Alice Munro's exquisitely calibrated collection of stories, celebrates the essence of existence, no matter how mundane..... She presents toiling, troubled characters who bubble up and engulf our imagination, leaving the reader to ponder, fascinated, the contours of dear life." Future books we will read include *The Centaur*, by John Updike; *South of Broad*, by Pat Conroy; *Orphan Train*, by Christine Baker Kline; *Flashback*, by Nevada Barr; *In the Electric Mist with Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke; and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sedaris. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

The Phoenix Center's annual Trivia Night will be held here at ALUUC on Saturday, February 8. Doors open at 6pm, game begins at 7pm. If you'd like to be part of an ALUUC table, add your name to the signup sheet posted above the drinking fountain. Cost is \$10 per person.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Jan. 12	Committee on Ministry Meeting	12:00 pm	Fuller
Monday, Jan. 13	SAC Study Group	6:30 pm	Commons
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Fuller
Thursday, Jan. 16	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, Jan. 17	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, Jan. 18	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary

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

A Free Seminar "Health, Happiness & Energy" will be held here at ALUUC next Sunday, January 19, 4-5pm. See the bulletin board by the kitchen door for details.

5th Annual Slow Food Springfield Film Festival: A film festival focusing on our nation's food industry and how we can create a healthier, cleaner and more sustainable world is planned for **Saturday, January 25** at Benedictine University's Library, 1500 North 5th Street in Springfield. The festival will feature five films from 2:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Benedictine Library's President Room auditorium and adjoining classroom. More information is available at www.slowfoodspringfield.org