



**Announcements for Saturday, January 15, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Blessings of Imperfection" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

Sign up today for the next Pathways to Membership class! Pathway Sessions is a special series for people interested in membership at ALUUC. The next series will be held on **Sunday, January 22 at 12:15pm** — after the Sunday Potluck (session #1) and **Monday, January 23 at 7 pm** (sessions #2 & #3). Please contact Tracy Zieber Minks (welcome@aluuc.org) if you would like to attend. Child care is available upon request. **January 22** will focus on sharing important themes and stories from our own life stories, with a special emphasis on our faith journeys. **January 23** is intended to present and discuss various themes and developments within UUism as a whole and ALUUC in particular. We will explore the Principles & Purposes, the Sources, and some important milestones. This session is also an opportunity for newer people to meet some of the leaders and mentors within the congregation, to discuss how one might become more active and engaged!

New ALUUC directories are available in the hallway. Please take only one per household.

Do you have a grey hymnal at home? A count has been taken of all hymnals on site and 116 were located. The numbered labels however, go up to 199; therefore, 83 hymnals are still missing. We'd appreciate everyone either returning their hymnals or if you need to use them, give us the number on the label inside the front cover. A "Hymnal Checkout" binder is stored in the bookcase near the hymnals. Please use it when borrowing a grey hymnal.

NOTICE: In case of severe weather when it is best to cancel the Sunday Service, the decision will be made **before 8:00am that morning**, at which time we will notify the congregation in several ways which include but are not limited to: Email, Website, Social Media, and Phone Calls to those without Email/Internet Access. Read more about emergency closures at <http://www.aluuc.org/emergency-closures>.

Coming Soon

The Book Discussion Group does not have a meeting scheduled for January. If you are interested in joining the Book Group when it starts up again, let Barbara Moore or Penny Wollan-Kriel know of your interest. You could catch us after church, or email one of us letting us know of your interest and possibly what reading is of particular interest to you. Barbara Moore's email address: barmoo@comcast.net and Penny's is pennywolla@aol.com

The Humanist Group will meet January 23, 2017 at 7pm when Craig Bailey reviews the book *Nothing to Be Frightened Of* by Julian Barnes. Mr. Barnes says he was an atheist at 20 and an agnostic at 50. Beginning the book with a statement that sets the tone for what follows, "I don't believe in God, but I miss him". He weaves autobiographical data with philosophy, stories of many well-known people who have feared or accepted death, his own experiences, artistic references, quotations from fellow authors and friends.

Last Chance!! Rev. Woulfe has only two tickets left for the Martin Luther King Jr.

Breakfast! The breakfast is January 16, 2017, 7:30 AM, at the Wyndham Hotel, 7th and Adams, Springfield. The breakfast supports charitable projects by Frontiers International. Tickets are \$25 each. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

The ALUUC Choir will be on winter break until January 28, 2017. There will not be any rehearsals during this time.

New floral sign-up sheets for 2017 are available on the wall above the drinking fountain. Sign up early to get your favorite dates. As always your tax-deductible \$20.00 donation is payable the week before the Sunday requested. Flowers will remain in the sanctuary after the service for the beautification of church as we continue to have guests and friends throughout the week. The Flower Committee is financially self sustaining and always accepts additional donations.

Start the New Year right by coming to the Labyrinth Walk Friday, January 20. This is a unique, ancient pathway to greater spirituality that incorporates body and consciousness. Each walk starts at **7 pm**. There will also be an opportunity to receive a Oneness Blessing before and after you walk; those who wish to stay after the walk may join in a UU Communion held in Rev. Woulfe's office.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Saturday, Jan 15	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	RE Committee Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller
	SAC Meeting	12:00 PM	Barton
Monday, Jan 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday		
	*MLK Breakfast	7:30 AM	Wyndham Hotel
	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, Jan. 17	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Barton
Wed., Jan 18	*Men's Group	6:30 PM	call for location
Thursday, Jan 19	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Jan 20	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Jan 21	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan. 22	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 PM	
	Adult RE/A House for Hope	12:00 PM	Barton
	Pathways to Membership #1	12:15 PM	Fuller
	Adult RE/Understanding the Bible	2:30 PM	Barton

Happening Elsewhere

Chatham Library Friends Winter Book and Bake Sale: Book bargains & tempting treats will be available for shoppers at the Friends of the Library Winter Book & Bake Sale to be held Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lincoln Public Library, Mark Your Calendar: January 28, 2017, SAME FEST Ethnic Diversity Showcase. 12-3 p.m. Carnegie Room North. Everyone welcome! Learn about the ethnic diversity of Springfield through music, visual displays, and conversation. There will be activities for children. SAME (Springfield Area Many Ethnicities Festival) FEST. Celebrate our differences and Traditions. If you or your group are interested in participating, please contact Elizabeth Buchta at 753-4900 ext. 5630.