



**Announcements for Sunday, January 17, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Reading Resolutions for the New Year" by Judy Everson.

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.

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.

There are dates open for flower donations in January and February. Available dates are January 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

Please feel free to drop in on the **Pathway to Membership class** Monday night, January 18, at 7pm. If you're interesting in connecting with others at ALUUC, this is a great opportunity.

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 41st 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 \$25 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.

UU Women's Conference - Winter WomanSpirit 2016, "**Recognizing Our Calling**" with **Reverend Kate Braestrup**, February 5th thru 7th, 2016, First Church in Hyde Park, Chicago. Come join a community of like-minded women for a weekend exploring what change can bring us. On Saturday afternoon, Kate will lead an all-conference workshop that examines how we can make sense of those sudden shifts. WomanSpirit is a reprieve in the midst of winter -- a chance to nourish your soul with workshops and worship, good food and a little shopping with woman-centric vendors. Register online here: <http://www.womenandreligion.org/event-registration.html>

The Phoenix Center is holding its annual Trivia Night at ALUUC on February 27, 2016. Rev. Woulfe has reserved two tables 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 17	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Mon., Jan 18	*Annual MLK Breakfast	7:30 AM	Hilton Hotel
	Pathway to Membership	7:00 PM	Channing
	PFLAG Mtg.	7:00 PM	Commons
Thurs., Jan 21	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Jan. 22	Pagan Group "Wolf Moon"	7:00 PM	Commons
Sat., Jan. 23	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Senior Youth Lock-In	1:00 PM	All Rooms
Sunday, Jan 24	Senior Youth Lock-in Ends	9:00 AM	
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Religious Ed. Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
	Movie "He Named Me Malala"	5:00 PM	Commons

*off site

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).

8th 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 or contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Extension Educator, Local Foods System and Small Farms at 217-782-4617, cvnghgrn@illinois.edu