



**Announcements for Sunday, January 19, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "Across the Universe: the Spirituality of the Beatles" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

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

Senior Youth Group News: New and exciting things are happening with the Senior Youth Group (SYG). Tom and Laura Vaught have joined Tara Crowley as youth advisors. Tara, Tom, and Laura are dedicated to seeing SYG thrive. The SYG **WILL** meet every Sunday following church services in the Channing room. Also, the SYG is scheduled to hold a lock-in this weekend, January 18th and 19th. All youth in 9-12th grades are welcome to join them for planning, food, and fun! Contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org for more information.

Say 'YES' to ALUUC Circle Suppers in February, March and April. The information is on the table next to the name tag rack. Please fill out the form to host and attend these dinners and place it in the box on that table. For more information talk to Susan Solon or contact Nancy Standen, 217 381 3468, or email standen@royell.org.

Organizing for Action (OFA) will host a table after today's service to sign up people for the Affordable Care Act health coverage.

Please note that there are spaces available to sign up for Sunday 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.

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

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.

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 Monday evenings; remaining dates are January 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.

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. 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 Sidaris. 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. 19	Third Sunday Collection	10:30 am	hallway
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	various
	Movie Night	6:00 pm	Commons
Monday, Jan. 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday		
	SAC Study Group	6:30 pm	Commons
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Prayer Group	7:00 pm	Channing
Thursday, Jan. 23	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Men's Group	7:30 pm	Fuller
Friday, Jan. 24	OWL Leadership Training	12:00 pm	RE Wing
Saturday, Jan. 25	OWL Leadership Training	8:00 am	RE Wing
Sunday, Jan. 26	OWL Leadership Training	8:00 am	RE Wing
	Personnel Committee Mtg.	12:00 pm	Sanctuary

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

A Free Seminar "Health, Happiness & Energy" will be held here at ALUUC TODAY, 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