



Announcements for Saturday, January 22, 2017 Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Next Sunday's service is "What Utopias Reveal About Us" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

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.

Thinking about becoming a member of ALUUC? Come to Pathways to Membership class today (session #1) **at 12:15pm** — during the Sunday Potluck and **Monday, January 23 at 7 pm** (sessions #2 & #3). **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. If there are any changes, please send them to Cheryl at office@aluuc.org.

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 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.

A Celebration of Life will be held here Sunday, January 29th, 2:00 PM, for Nancy Standen.

Facilities Work Day, Jan 25, 11am-5pm. The Facilities Committee invites everyone — especially good painters — to participate in our big workday. We have interior work and painting to be completed before our new carpet is installed in early February. This may also include storing some items temporarily. Contact Gwen Childs for details.

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. Barbara Moore's email address: barmoo@comcast.net and Penny's is pennywolla@aol.com

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Jan. 22	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 PM	
	Adult RE/ Understanding the Bible	12:00 PM	Barton
	Pathways to Membership #1	12:15 PM	Fuller
Monday, Jan 23	Pathways to Membership #2 & 3	7:00 PM	Channing
	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Jan. 24	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Barton
Thursday, Jan 26	*Drum Circle	6:30 PM	DeWeese Studio
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Jan 28	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan 29	Facilities Work Day	11:00 AM	Inside
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Committee Council Meeting	12:00 PM	Commons
	Celebration of Life – Standen	2:00 PM	Sanctuary

Happening Elsewhere

The 9th Annual Slow Food Springfield Film Festival will be held Saturday, January 28, in Foundation Hall at the Old State Capitol (Level 2) from 5 – 9 pm. “These films tell the stories behind our food and can increase awareness and interest in our food system,” says Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Slow Food Springfield board member and chair for the festival. This year’s festival will feature the documentary film, [Sustainable](#) that is a vital investigation of the economic and environmental instability of America’s food system, from the agricultural issues we face — soil loss, water depletion, climate change, pesticide use — to the community of leaders who are determined to fix it. The screening will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion with the filmmakers Matt Wechsler and Annie Speicher, Marty Travis and Will Travis of [Spence Farm](#) and Erin Meyer, Executive Director, [Spence Farm Foundation](#). At 5pm, a screening of the Top 10 Finalist Shorts will be shown, and a light dinner for purchase is available at 6pm. Admission is \$7.00 per person (\$5.00 for Slow Food Springfield members). Students with a student ID are free. See the Community bulletin board for more details.

A new winter farmers market will make fresh produce and local proteins available beginning January 28th, on the fourth Saturday of each month through April 2017. The market will take place at the Third Presbyterian Church on 1030 N 7th St. in the Enos Park neighborhood from 9am to 1pm. Shoppers can expect to find 15 local vendors selling a wide variety of products include pasture-raised meats, eggs, honey, cheese, greens, carrots, potatoes, turnips, radishes, sunchokes and winter squashes.