



**Announcements for Sunday, January 24, 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. Contact Victoria at 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.

Before leaving today, please check the hallway beyond the restrooms. There are coats and jackets hanging on the right side that have been here for months and maybe a year for some. On the left side, there's a box of "lost & found" items that include children's clothing, a blanket, a cane and small shoes. Maybe you forgot something!

Coming Soon

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.

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.

Come celebrate Imbolc with the Pagan Group. Honor the ever strengthening Sun as the Earth turns and continues to warm. Learn about the sacred origins of what is now the whimsical Groundhog Day. The event takes place on Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 PM. A potluck supper will follow the ritual. For more information, contact Tracy Zieber Minks at aluucpagans@gmail.com.

Join Women in the Red Tent: The ALUUC Red Tent is open to any individual who identifies as a woman and who is looking for a sacred space with other women. What is a Red Tent? A Red Tent is a red textile space where women gather to rest, renew, and often share deep and powerful stories about their lives. A Red Tent offers women a state of beingness rather than our

usual daily mode. We meet monthly, usually on the **last Saturday** in the afternoon. Our next Red Tent will be **January 30th at 1:30 pm**.

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 24	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
Mon., Jan 25	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tues., Jan 26	*Book Discussion Group	7:30 PM	Barbara Moore's
Thurs., Jan 21	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., Jan. 30	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Red Tent Women's Group	1:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Imbolc	5:00 PM	Commons
Sunday, Jan 31	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

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Happening Elsewhere

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