



**Announcements for Saturday, January 29, 2017  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Where Do We Go From Here?" by Paula Brayden.

### **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.

**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](mailto: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**

**A Celebration of Life** will be held here for Nancy Standen Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM,

**The Facilities Committee** has been working hard since the congregation approved two projects that will greatly increase the appearance and functionality of our present building. After much shopping and review, the Board of Directors have authorized the installation of new carpet, which is scheduled for the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>. This will require removing and replacing every piece of furniture and equipment. The offices will be disrupted and several activities may need to be flexible. We are hoping that all groups will try to "clean house" in preparation. We have also been working on plans for the construction of a storage facility (garage) at the back of our lot. We are also planning to do other work inside of the building in the coming months—drywall repairs and painting, re-staining woodwork damage, replacing some damaged window blinds, updating lighting, etc. Our building has served us well for the last 20 years, and it deserves a little facelift! If you would like to join our group of hardworking friends who like to have fun together, please ask Gwen Childs or Kurt DeWeese for more information.

**The News Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on February 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the Channing room. Call Kurt Deweese at 546-5834 or Frank Kopecky at 529-3235 if you have any questions.

**Next Sunday (February 5), the Change for Change collection** will go to **Faith Coalition for the Common Good**, a local association of over 25 churches (including ALUUC), faith-based organizations and labor unions. It provides opportunities for us to work on the SAC focuses of Racial Justice & Homelessness with people of different faith traditions. **Donations are still most welcome by check made out to ALUUC with FCCG noted.**

**The Book Discussion Group:** 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](mailto:barmoo@comcast.net) and Penny's is [pennywolla@aol.com](mailto:pennywolla@aol.com)

### **This Week at a Glance**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Jan 29	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Committee Council Meeting	12:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, Jan. 31	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Barton
Wednesday, Feb. 1	*Men's Group	6:00 PM	
Thursday, Feb. 2	News Group	7:00 PM	Channing
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Feb. 4	Celebration of Life – Standen	2:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Spanish Club	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
Sunday, Feb 5	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

### **Happening Elsewhere**

**Mark Your Calendars – IIP Defenders of the Innocent Event!** The **Illinois Innocence Project** will host its annual Defenders of the Innocent Event on Saturday evening, **April 29, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Springfield**. The event will feature New York Exoneree Yusef Salaam and his mother, Sharonne Abdus-Salaam, who never stopped fighting to prove his innocence. Yusef was just 15 when he and four other black and Latino teenagers were wrongfully convicted for the 1989 violent assault and rape of a white woman left for dead in Central Park. The teens, who collectively became known as the “**Central Park Five**,” were fully exonerated 13 years later when existing DNA evidence proved their innocence. Stay tuned for sponsorship opportunities and online registration (\$100 suggested minimum donation). For more information, call or email Larry Golden at (217) 206-6569 and [LGOLD1@uis.edu](mailto:LGOLD1@uis.edu).

**A new winter farmers market** will make fresh produce and local proteins available on the fourth Saturday of each month through April 2017. The market will take place at the Third Presbyterian Church on 1030 N 7<sup>th</sup> 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.