



**Announcements for Sunday, January 3, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "R U a UU Radical?" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

Happening Today

Today, January 3, will be a Change for Change collection. The Change for Change will go to Contact Ministries of Springfield whose homeless shelter provides immediate relief to women with children. In addition to shelter, it provides life's basic needs: food, clothing, personal care items, laundry facilities, transportation, and telephones to make appointments. Supportive services provided include employment assistance, budgeting, family literacy, parenting classes, tutoring and case management with a goal of finding and maintaining permanent housing. Referrals are made for daycare, treatment centers, adult education, and other mainstream resources. They also work with District 186 to make sure school-age children are attending classes. Please be generous. Checks can be made out to ALUUC with Contact Ministries noted.

Thank you to those who've made donations towards the accessible doors project.

Anyone who wishes to make donations, which are appreciated, can write "Accessible Doors" on the memo line of their checks or on a donation envelope. The doors are now operational!

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 when he returns from vacation.

Rev. Woulfe is on vacation from December 25 through January 8, 2016. Please contact Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko for any pastoral cares or concerns.

Coming Soon

The Greater Springfield Interfaith Association (GSIA) will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 11:45 am to 1:30 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church (2800 W. Jefferson St.). Sharon Snyder will discuss the Women's Interfaith Group, which was founded a few years ago in Springfield, to bring together people from different faith traditions. This event is open to members, friends and local interfaith leaders. Please bring your own lunch.

The News Covenant Group meets the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on January 7, 2016 at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's, 7901 Hunt Road. Everyone is welcome. Call the Buchloh's at 585-1944 if you have any questions.

Game Night: Friday January 8 at 6pm. Come out for a night of games, food & fellowship at ALUUC!

Open Mic Night at ALUUC: Saturday, January 9 at 6pm. Do you make music or poetry? Do you dance or write? Then come to our Open Mic! If you have questions, contact Phil Anderson (president@aluuc.org).

Pathway to Membership will resume classes in January. This is a series of sessions where new, prospective and current members can learn more about UUism, the ALUUC community and we can get to know you. Session 1, "Seeds: Sharing our Stories" and Session 2, "Roots: An inside scoop on UUism and ALUUC" will be held Monday, January 11, 7-10p.m. Contact Rev. Woulfe (minister@aluuc.org) or Susan Solon (welcome@aluuc.org) if you are interested in attending. Child care is available upon request.

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. Note that the other book we had also planned for January (*The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All* by Allan Gurganus) will not be discussed in January. At our last meeting we decided not to include it at this time because of its length.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Jan 3	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change	10:30 AM	
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
	Holy Family Inclusive Mass	4:00 PM	Sanctuary
	*GSIA Luncheon/Meeting	11:45 AM	2800 W. Jefferson
Wed., Jan 6	*News Group	7:00 PM	Buchloh's
Thurs., Jan 7	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Jan. 8	Game Night & Kids Club	6:00 PM	various rooms
Sat., Jan. 9	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Open Mic Night	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan 10	Potluck (after the service)	11:45 AM	Sanctuary
	Committee Council Meets	12:15 PM	Commons

*off site

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., a light dinner, provided Denise Perry Chef/Owner, Copper Pot Cooking Studio and coffee, by [Custom Cup Coffee](#), will be available for purchase. 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