



**Announcements for Sunday, January 31, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Singing Saves!" by Pam Blevins Hinkle.

### **Happening Today**

**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. We've collected quite a few photos and although that's not complete, our next step is to compile the 2016 directory. Please contact Rev. Woulfe if you can help with this next step.

**Today, January 31, is the deadline** to apply for the position of **interim Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE)**. The position is **1/4 time** (up to 10 hours per week) for an initial period of **February 1 through May 31, 2016**. The rate of pay is \$12/hour. Contact Dianne Roberts or Deborah Cavanaugh Grant.

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. Maybe you forgot something!

### **Coming Soon**

**The Greater Springfield Interfaith Association** meets Tuesday, February 2, 11:45 am to 1:30 pm at the Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence. Scott Richardson will lead the presentation focused on the theater's history and role. This event is open to members, friends and local leaders. Please bring your own lunch.

**Kids' Club/District 12:** There will not be a Kids' Club or District 12 activity in February.

**Choir Retreat: Come Sing Some Songs with Pam Blevins Hinkle.** The first day of this special two day event is Saturday, February 6 at 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. This session will be held at the home of Delinda Chapman and your only fee of \$10 will go towards lunch. To reserve your place, please submit \$10 and the registration (see bulletin boards) to Kathy Schultz by February 1.

**The News Covenant Group** ordinarily meets on the first Thursday of each month, but this February we will meet on February 11th (the second Thursday of the month.) The meeting is at Linda and Frank Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Call Frank or Linda at 529-3235 if you have any questions.

Next Sunday, February 7, will be a "**Change for Change**" collection. This month's Change for Change will go towards paying our dues to Faith Coalition for the Common Good and funding scholarships for ALUUC members to attend the Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism workshop hosted by the Springfield Dominicans at Sacred Heart Convent **Thursday, March 3-Saturday, March 5, 2016**. The workshop is sponsored by the Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism (SCoDR) and is presented by the Chicago-based Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training. Early bird registration is open through February 17. The \$250 fee includes all workshop materials, snacks and two noon meals. After February 17 registration is

\$275. The Social Action Committee appreciates members spending their time on this and encourages them to attend this workshop if possible. Anyone interested in attending please contact [nderrig@msn.com](mailto:nderrig@msn.com). Please be generous (think IRS deductible). Checks may be made out to ALUUC with "Change for Change" noted. Flyers are posted on bulletin boards near the front entrance and by the kitchen door.

**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 Book Discussion Group** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. Future books we will discuss include *Dead Wake the last crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

**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. There are approximately six spots left.

### This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Jan 31	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Thurs., Feb 4	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., Feb. 6	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Feb 7	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change		
	Holy Family Inclusive Mass	4:00 PM	Sanctuary

### Happening Elsewhere

**SAVE THE DATE: Annual Illinois Innocence Project Fundraiser - April 30.** So much to celebrate ... 15 years of fighting for the forgotten innocent ... 8 exonerees ... 3 Department of Justice DNA grants ... the new Latino Innocence Initiative... 8 cases in DNA testing ... dozens of UIS and Illinois law school students who have gone on to fight for justice in all walks of life ... your steadfast support. **JOIN US** for a special celebration of our history, the exonerees who endlessly inspire us and the hope we feel for wrongfully imprisoned clients. **JOIN US** to hear Kirk Bloodworth's story as the first American sentenced to death row and exonerated by DNA. His tenacity in fighting for his LIFE will astound you. **JOIN US** for an inspiring evening surrounded by people who care about justice and those who need our care the most. [Saturday, April 30](#) | President Abraham Lincoln Hotel | Springfield, IL | [6:00 p.m.](#) Call or email NOW for sponsorship opportunities and reservations [217-206-6569](tel:217-206-6569) | [lgold1@uis.edu](mailto:lgold1@uis.edu)