



**Announcements for Sunday, January 4, 2015  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Food Sustainability" by Paul Oakley

**\*\*\* HAPPENING TODAY\*\***

If anyone has a "Loaner Key" to ALUUC's front door, please contact Cheryl Wycoff at [office@aluuc.org](mailto:office@aluuc.org) or call 585-9550.

Today, January 4, 2015 is a **Change for Change** collection. We are collecting funds to support the [Central Illinois Foodbank](#) (CIF). On Sunday, January 18, for our Third Sunday collection, we will be soliciting items for the organization (a list of needed items will be on the table outside of the Sanctuary and shared in the weekly bulletin and announcements). The CIF collects donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, distributors, and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need. Established in 1982 by a coalition of churches, CIF distributes over 8.5 million pounds of food annually to over 150 food pantries, soup kitchens, residential programs and after-school programs in a 21 county region. Central Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, and is a United Way certified agency.

There are new signup sheets for 2015 **flower donations** above the drinking fountain. Your donations help make the Sanctuary welcoming every Sunday morning. Please remember when you sign up for Sunday flowers, payment is required at least a week before the donation date. We appreciate your generosity since we're on a limited budget.

**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

**Greater Springfield Interfaith Association (GSIA)** meets Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 11:45 am to 1:30 pm, Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 West Washington Street, Springfield. The program: Members of the Faith Relations Council of Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County will update us on recent projects and developments. Bring your lunch!

**The News Covenant Group** will meet at 7pm Thursday, January 8, at Frank and Linda Kopecky's home, 20 Villa Grove. Call the Kopecky's at 529-3235 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

**Kids Club/District 12** WILL be meeting Friday, January 9, 2015 instead of the usual first Friday of the month. Please, contact Marla Johnson, DRE at [dre@aluuc.org](mailto:dre@aluuc.org) with any questions.

**Volunteer Teachers Needed:** Volunteer Teachers needed in the Religious Education Program. There is still a need for volunteer teachers for the Pre-K/K, 3rd/4th grade, and the 7th/8th grade classrooms. Please contact Marla Johnson, DRE at [dre@aluuc.org](mailto:dre@aluuc.org) for details.

**ESSAY COMPETITION INVITATION**

Attention Students: The Ministerial Alliance of Springfield invites students in grades **5-12** to participate in the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Competition**. Three winning essays and awards will be presented at the annual Ministerial Alliance of Springfield **Martin Luther King, Jr. Service**, January 18, 2015, Emmanuel Temple Church of God in Christ, 2400 Ash Street, Springfield. Essays will be accepted until **January 9, 2015**. Essays will be judged by a panel

and an award of \$700 will be given to **each** of the **elementary (5<sup>th</sup> grade only), middle school (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades), and high school (9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades)** students whose essays are determined by the judges to be the best in its category (**3 total awards**). Winners will be announced at the Service. Essay **RULES AND GUIDELINES** follow: *ESSAY TOPIC: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."* – **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** **DEADLINE: January 9, 2015, 3 p.m. (no exceptions)**. Your essay must be **typed, double-spaced**; no less than **300** words and no more than **400** words. On the first page of the essay include **your name, address, phone number, email address, school and current grade level**. On each additional page put your **name only**. **Email** submissions are **NOT** acceptable. Essays and contact information must be mailed and/or hand-delivered by **3 p.m. CST, January 9, 2015** to:  
**Calvary Baptist Church** or **Ministerial Alliance**  
**c/o Pastor Silas Johnson** c/o Pastor Silas Johnson  
**2208 E. Kansas Street** P.O Box 3501  
**Springfield, Illinois 62703** Springfield, IL 62708  
 For questions contact: *Dr. McNeese at 217-679-1216 or [pastormd926@aol.com](mailto:pastormd926@aol.com)*

As many of you know, **Guest at Your Table** is an annual tradition where UU congregation members learn about several people with whom UUSC is working. Each year, individuals who have empowered others to realize their human rights are featured. These people are our "guests," and we will share our blessings with them to support our shared mission. This year, the Social Action Committee, in partnership with the Fellowship Committee, are planning a **Guest at Your Table** event on **Sunday, January 11**. During the service, there will be a brief presentation about Guest at Your Table followed by the Children's Focus that will feature a reading of the book, [The Greatest Table](#). During the potluck, the Social Action Committee will share additional information and resources about Guest at Your Table. Our "guests" are from Haiti, Kenya, and Honduras. So, if you are so inclined, consider preparing a dish from one of those countries. The UUSC website has a [few recipes](#) from Haiti. Here's a link to [Honduran](#) recipes and one to [Kenyan](#) recipes. Whatever you choose to prepare, we ask that you make it with mindfulness about our "guests" and how we, as UU's, can support the goals of UUSC in our own community, country and around the world.

**The Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast** will be held January 19, hosted by Frontiers International at the Hilton. Since Rev. Woulfe is on sabbatical and he usually sold tickets and reserved a table for friends & members, a volunteer is needed to coordinate this event. Please contact Michael Plog for more information.

**\*\*This Week at a Glance \*\***

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Jan 4	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, Jan 5	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
	Dream Group	7:00 PM	Fuller
Thursday, Jan 8	*News Group	7:00 PM	Kopecky home
	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Jan 9	Game Night	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Kids Club/District 12	6:00 PM	RE Commons
Saturday, Jan 10	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	*Movie "Selma"	6:30 PM	Showplace 8
Sunday, Jan 11	Guest at Your Table		
	Potluck	11:45 AM	Sanctuary

\*Off Site location