



**Announcements for Sunday, January 5, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "The Spirituality of Kurt Vonnegut" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** Happening TODAY *****

The Social Action Committee has selected the **Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI)** as the **January 5 Change for Change recipient**. Illinois UU congregations have a newly energized organization to work on behalf of Unitarian Universalist ideals across our State! UUANI will listen to congregations to set goals to discover opportunities to make our faith REAL in Illinois state policies. More than thirty UU congregations across Illinois have expressed interest in this Network! Rev. Martin Woulfe and Kurt DeWeese have been vitally important to the creation of UUANI, and Peggy Patty is the new Treasurer.

Let's start out the New Year right with a potluck!!! It's a HOTDISH Sunday Potluck today!! The history of the hotdish goes back to when "budget-minded farm wives needed to feed their own families, as well as congregations in the basements of the first Minnesota churches."

Please note that there are spaces available to sign up for flower donations. See the signup sheet above the drinking fountain.

***** COMING SOON *****

The News Group meets normally on the first Thursday of each month, however this month we will be meeting on the second Thursday. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on January 9, 2014 at Linda and Frank Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. Everyone is welcome. Call Frank or Linda at 539-3235 for details.

Study Group: The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a three-week study group on the book, "Behind the Kitchen Door" by Saru Jayaraman. This is the 2013-2014 UU "Common Read", and focuses on the struggles of restaurant workers with low wages and poor working conditions. Our study group will meet on three consecutive Monday evenings, January 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30PM. For a talk on this subject by Saru Jayaraman on YouTube, visit this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEd70vVI-uo>

Adult Education Class Continues: Paul Oakley will offer the second half of the "What Moves Us" adult class on five consecutive Wednesdays. Because of an insufficient number, the class has been rescheduled for February 5 - March 5. We will begin at 6:00 PM with a simple meal, after which class will go for an hour and a half. The sign-up sheet will continue to be available until the first class meeting. You do not need to have participated in the first half to join this class.

The deadline for submission of essays on King/Gandhi legacy has been extended to January 12, 2014. Direct your questions to Tom VonDeBur or Jacqueline Jackson.

Time to Return Your Guest at Your Table gifts! On **Sunday, January 12**, we'll close our Guest at Your Table program with a collection of your envelopes (and boxes). In recent weeks, our Guest at Your Table materials and Stories of Hope booklet have taught us about real people engaged in struggles for justice in the United States and around the world. It has also taught us about our own power to change the world and inspired us to share our blessings to support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the many amazing people they partner with. Before bringing

back your Guest at Your Table donation, be sure to convert your cash and coins to a check made out to "UUSC Guest at Your Table" and complete the form on the envelope. We'll announce the results of our Guest at Your Table program as soon as possible. If you miss bringing back your Guest at Your Table box on January 12, please mail your contribution to UUSC — Guest at Your Table, P.O. Box 808, Newark, NJ 07101-0808.

Are you interested in attending the Frontiers International Club's upcoming **Martin Luther King Jr Breakfast**? This year's breakfast event will be held on Monday, January 20th. For the past few years, Rev. Woulfe has reserved a table for members & friends of ALUUC. If there is sufficient interest, Rev. Woulfe will reserve a table for ten people. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please send an email to minister@aluuc.org if you would like to attend.

Paul Oakley will lead a small group focused on exploration of the spiritual practice of prayer beginning in January and will meet at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. The first meeting of this group will be January 21. If you haven't signed up, you may still attend this class.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on January 28 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *Dear Life: Stories by Alice Munro*. Alice Munro won the Nobel Prize for literature this year. A review by Claudia Puig in USA Today says, "*Dear Life*, Alice Munro's exquisitely calibrated collection of stories, celebrates the essence of existence, no matter how mundane..... She presents toiling, troubled characters who bubble up and engulf our imagination, leaving the reader to ponder, fascinated, the contours of dear life." Future books we will read include *The Centaur*, by John Updike; *South of Broad*, by Pat Conroy; *Orphan Train*, by Christine Baker Kline; *Flashback*, by Nevada Barr; *In the Electric Mist with Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke; and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sedaris. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Jan 5	Change for Change collection	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 pm	Emerson
Monday, Jan 6	SAC Study Group	6:30 pm	Commons
	Dream Group	7:00 pm	*Off site
Thursday, Jan. 9	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	News Group	7:00 pm	*Kopecky's home
Friday, Jan. 10	Game Night	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, Jan 11	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan 12	Committee on Ministry Meeting	12:00 pm	Fuller

****Other Items of Interest ****

5th Annual Slow Food Springfield Film Festival: A film festival focusing on our nation's food industry and how we can create a healthier, cleaner and more sustainable world is planned for **Saturday, January 25** at Benedictine University's Library, 1500 North 5th Street in Springfield. The festival will feature five films from 2:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Benedictine Library's President Room auditorium and adjoining classroom. More information is available at www.slowfoodspringfield.org