



**Announcements for Sunday, January 6, 2019  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Gandhi and Non-Violence" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

**Happening Today**

**Change for Change, January 6:** *Thank you for your most appreciated and needed generosity.* January: CROSSROADS TRAINING for ALUUC members to begin our anti-racism work. 'The Mission of Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training is to dismantle systemic racism and build antiracist multicultural diversity within institutions and communities implemented primarily by training institutional transformation teams. Using a variety of interactive tools, it explores the historical development of institutional racism and its continuing impact.' <http://crossroadsantiracism.org/mission> We would like to support members interested in attending training. That could be you! Please make checks to ALUUC with Crossroads noted.

**Beginning in January, 2019, the cost of floral donations for Sundays will increase to \$25.** This increase reflects the change in prices and the five-dollar increase will assure nice arrangements. New sign-up sheets are posted above the drinking fountain.

**Our annual membership review** will begin very soon. The UUA asks each congregation to report their active membership annually. If you intend to change your membership status, please contact Rev. Woulfe or Tracy Zieber. If you are a friend and would like to become a member and receive *The World* magazine, just let us know. Conversely, the same is true if you are a member and decide to resign your membership, please let us know. There will be a Pathways class in January for those who are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism.

**Coming Soon**

**Rev. Woulfe will be away from December 25 through January 10, 2019.** Please contact Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko for any pastoral care or concerns.

**ALUUC Covenant Groups Welcoming New Members in January.** Would you like to experience a deeper sense of community as well a greater understanding of what it means to be a UU? We are recruiting new Covenant Group members on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. These groups meet to consider a variety of topics, including broadly spiritual ones. Each group develops a written behavioral covenant: a set of expectations as to how members treat one another. Important elements include expectations of *confidentiality, respectful, active listening, and avoiding providing both giving advice and dominating discussions.* We are seeking individuals who will be able to participate regularly in the twice monthly meetings, especially since we have relatively few openings. If Covenant Groups sound like something you might be interested in, please speak with one of the group facilitators who will be in the foyer following service to answer your questions. Feel free also to contact Stu Jacobson (498-7223) or Lisa Udel (245-4230) should you have any questions.

**The Social Justice Committee's Winter Warming Center** dinners for the homeless has begun. We need six volunteers for serving, for each of our five designated nights this winter. Please contact Michelle Green ([mgree1@uis.edu](mailto:mgree1@uis.edu)) if you can volunteer from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. on any of the following Sundays: **January 27; February 24; or March 24**. Your teenagers are welcome. Thanks again to the very generous ALUUC members who contributed in order to fund the dinners this season!

**The ALUUC Board will meet** January 15<sup>th</sup> rather than the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Members & friends of ALUUC are invited to attend **the monthly meetings of the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association (GSIA)**, which typically meets on the first Tuesday of each month. January's meeting, however, will meet on January 8 at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield (321 S. 7th Street). The first topic of the year will focus on the trends and challenges within various denominations. GSIA meets from 11:45 - 1:30 pm. The first part of each meeting consists of lunch (participants bring their own but the host often provides light snacks & beverages), followed by a presentation or discussion. The second meeting of the year will be held at ALUUC on February 5. GSIA's new president, Rev. Martin Woulfe, will be on hand to greet you. The topic for February is how our faith communities should respond in the aftermath of a school shooting or other community crisis.

### This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Jan 6	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group	12:00 PM	Alcott
Monday, Jan. 7	Covenant group	7:00 PM	Channing
Tuesday, January 8	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Berkley
Wednesday, Jan 9	IL Advocacy Group	10:00 AM	Kitchen
	Moms Demand Action Mtg.	6:30 PM	Commons
Thursday, Jan. 10	Meditation	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Jan 11	Game Night	6:00 PM	Commons
Saturday, Jan 12	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan 13	Finance Committee Mtg.	9:00 AM	Emerson
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	SJC Anti-Racism Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Facilities Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Berkley

### Happening Elsewhere

**Music at the Museum, IL State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., Adults \$10, Members \$8. January 10 at 7pm.** For over five decades, Bryan Bowers has combined instrumental virtuosity with warmth, eloquence, and expression. Wholly self-taught, Bowers was inducted into the Autoharp Hall of fame in 1993 and was named Frets Magazine's autoharp player of the year 5 times in a row. Music at the Museum is a monthly concert series produced by Chris Vallillo featuring the best in contemporary and traditional folk and acoustic music of all styles. Concerts are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Museum auditorium.