



Announcements for Sunday, January 8, 2012



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Next Sunday, January 15, 2012: "The Other Martin" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

*** HAPPENING TODAY ***

Rev. Woulfe is away from Monday, December 26 through January 9th. During this period, please refer any pastoral care concerns to either Jodi Perko or Delinda Chapman.

*** COMING SOON ***

SIMPLE ELEGANCE Supper Club and Detective Agency Covenant Group meets on Tuesday, the 10th of January at the Church. Hope you are able to join the group for a bit of a surprise. We begin at 6:30 pm. (HINT: Remember the "spice--not nice" challenge meeting with Heiko and Renata Buchloh and Kelly Anderson as our judges?) Be prepared with ideas for themes for our 2012 meetings. Snacks are welcome.

The 37th Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast will be held Monday, January 16th at the Springfield Hilton. If you are interested in joining Rev. Woulfe at an ALUUC table, please contact him.

Prairie Grapevine Concert: On Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM, River Ramblers, a well-known, local bluegrass band will perform. The River Ramblers are a five piece Bluegrass band that hales from areas surrounding Springfield. The group assembled in 1987 with the commitment to maintaining the traditional bluegrass sound.

The Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on January 24, 2012 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions. We will discuss "The Abstinence Teacher" by Tom Perrotta. The Chicago Sun-Times says, "Eloquently written, Perrotta hits a chord by giving readers a riveting look at the angst and sexual tension that can polarize people as they struggle to weigh their personal wants with societal standards and expectations. Perrotta weaves a masterful satire that is sure to make readers stop and think." Future books we will read include, "My Name is Mary Sutter" by Robin Oliveira.

The Spanish Club will not meet in January, but resumes in February.

The Humanist Discussion Group will not meet in January. The next meeting will be February 27 at ALUUC. If you have questions about the group, contact Carol Floyd at HumanistGroup@aluuc.org or 787-1174.

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, January 8	Fair Trade Sales	12:00 pm	RE Commons
Monday, January 9	Dream Group	7:00 pm	Fuller
Tuesday, January 10	Simple Elegance Supper Club	6:00 pm	Kitchen
	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Fuller
Wednesday, January 11	Flute Circle	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, January 12	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, January 13	Game Night	6:00 pm	Commons area
	Bridge Group	7:00 pm	1800 Hastings Rd.
Saturday, Jan 14	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, January 15	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	Various rooms
Monday, January 16	MLK Breakfast	7:30 am	Springfield Hilton

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

The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter **is in critical need of volunteer drivers for their Meals on Wheels (MOW) program** for the upcoming winter months. You can volunteer according to your schedule and convenience; each route only takes an hour or less. You can volunteer for just the winter or beyond. If you are interested, contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant at dcg5512@yahoo.com or you can call Meals on Wheels Coordinator Albert Marin at 787-7602, ext. 237 or email him at amarin@il.redcross.org.

The **Chatham Public Library** is holding their Winter Book & Bake Sale on Saturday, January 21st from 9am to 3 pm.

Beginning January 1, 2012, consumer electronics of many types will be banned from all Illinois landfills, meaning they can no longer be placed in the trash. Banned items include TVs, computer monitors, printers, scanners, electronic mice, computers, VCRs, portable digital music players, electronic keyboards, fax machines, digital video disc recorders, video game consoles, small scale servers, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, and satellite receivers. Fortunately, there are several recycling options in Springfield. Plan to recycle your electronic items at: Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, Ronald McDonald House, BLH Computers and Computer Banc. For specifics, check their websites: Habitat for Humanity – www.habitatsangamon.com; Goodwill – www.llqi.org ; Ronald McDonald – www.rmhc-centralillinois.org ; BLH – <http://www.blhcomputers.com>; ComputerBanc – <http://computerbanc.org>.

Auditions are being held for the play “To Kill A Mockingbird” on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Western Oaks Baptist Church, 5345 Old Jacksonville Rd, from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. The play will be held at *Theater in the Park* at Lincoln’s New Salem. Performance dates are August 24-25-26 & 30-31, Sept 1. **To Kill a Mockingbird** is an important book with a powerful message about the effects of prejudice. In these times, the theater continues to provide a much needed platform for communities to come together, to introduce children to the story and its themes of courage, tolerance and justice. There is a place for you. Please consider becoming involved. Questions? Call Phil Funkenbusch at 632-2490 (h), 785-6085 (o), or 414-5268 (c) or email: phildean5@att.net.