



**Announcements for Sunday, July 21, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "Linking Neil Peart to UUism" by Jerrid Foiles

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

Habitat for Humanity Dedication Ceremony: Please join your friends from ALUUC & other faith traditions as we formally dedicate the "House of Shalom" today, July 21 at 2 pm. The address is 100 Lakebrook Court, Springfield (near Washington Street)! If you would like to bless the homeowner, Debbie Weiner, with a housewarming gift at the dedication, she is registered at Kohl's.

Today is the Third Sunday collection. In accordance with our first principle, ALUUC helps various charities in the Springfield area with donations of needed items. Today's recipient is the American Red Cross. New items used for comfort kits at disasters are requested: soaps, shampoos, conditioners, hand lotions, etc., similar in size to those in hotel rooms. Contact Marla Johnson or Victoria Vincent if you have questions.

Would you like to be more connected to this community? We are looking for Kitchen Coordinators and Team Leaders to assist in various activities, events and committees. Please see Michael Plog, Susan Solon or Rev. Woulfe if you would like to volunteer.

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

FREE ECOLOGY DAY CAMP for kids ages 5-12 years old.

ALUUC's Earth University—Eco Kids DAY CAMP begins July 29th and runs through AUGUST 4TH. All week will see kids involved in various nature, green tech, land stewardship and crafty activities, games and lots of summer fun.

- **LUNCH AND SNACKS** will be served daily by Vicki Lock and her ambitious crew. Many volunteers are still needed to prepare, serve and contribute items for lunch and snacks. To volunteer to help on ALUUC DAY—TUESDAY or on any other day call Vicki at 494-0300.
- **ACTION AT THE MARKET:** Saturday August 3rd is ACTION DAY for campers. Activist Campers will be educating shoppers at Springfield's Downtown Market about the use of one time plastic bags and demonstrating how to make quick shopping bags out of repurposed tee shirts. Look for a surprise visit from the BAG MONSTER! Join us from 9-Noon in the Artisan Area of Downtown Springfield Farmer's Market.
- **GRADUATION:** Sunday August 4th is graduation and celebration. Please join us during Sunday Service for a look at some of what we have been learning during the week and see kids receive their diplomas from Earth University. Celebration will follow during coffee hour.
- **DONATIONS:** Eco camp is still in need of your donations so lessons in repurposing and recycling can be demonstrated daily at camp. If you have any of the following please bring them for use during camp week: Poster board and sticks for placard handles, sidewalk chalk, clean cotton tee shirts, fabric markers, puffy fabric paint, Velcro dots, paper towel rolls, aluminum foil, clear packing tape, clean milk jugs, clean pizza cartons, small plastic jars with lids (e.g. peanut butter, nutella), Gallon Milk Jugs. Recyclable paper plates, cups and utensils.
- **VOLUNTEER:** It is not too late to volunteer to help out at camp as food server, snack maker, crafter, roving helper or game player. Whether for a couple of hours or a couple of days,

don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this amazing week of ecology minded activities, social outreach and all round fun. Call Pat Goller, 494-1162.

YOGA CLASS: Unfortunately, the Yoga Class has been canceled. Amanda and her husband have sold their home quicker than expected and are moving away.

The Book Discussion Group Join us on July 23, 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. A review on *Bookbrowse.com* says "Life of Pi is at once a realistic, rousing adventure and a meta-tale of survival that explores the redemptive power of storytelling and the transformative nature of fiction. It's a story, as one character puts it, to make you believe in God". The book received the Mann Booker prize in 2001. Future books we will read include *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver; and *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

Marriage Equality Meeting: Join Us for the initial SAME meeting on Marriage Equality next Wednesday, July 24th at 7 pm at ALUUC. Supported by the ALUUC Social Action Committee, there are many of us who want to help get Marriage Equality passed....let's do it together! Eleven local individuals just created **SAME** = Solidarity Alliance for Marriage Equality ... a new Springfield area marriage equality alliance to do just that! We will network together on specific ideas that will move us forward on organizing for Marriage Equality in the Springfield area. We have a new **SAME** Facebook Group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/610480562318710/> We are ready to get to work! Are you? And bring a friend.

Drum Circle Workshop: Do you want to play in a drum circle, but are wondering how to fit into one? Join us at ALUUC on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. to learn drum circle etiquette, plus some easy, fun rhythms! We can continue the fun by planning to hold monthly drum circles! Peggy Patty has presented drum workshops locally and across the Midwest for the past thirteen years for women's conferences, cancer centers etc. Donations are accepted with a portion of the proceeds going to ALUUC. Contact Peggy, if you have questions at earthbeat3@wildblue.net.

Vi Lanum is looking for additional members to join **The Flower Committee**. A Flower Arranging Class will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 from 5-6 PM at Fifth Street Flower Shop, 739 S. Fifth Street. Patrick O'Connor will teach design elements using your own small to medium vase or basket. All ALUUC Members & Friends are invited to attend. Cost is \$20.00 which includes instruction and flowers. All monies will go directly to Fifth Street Flower Shop. Questions may be addressed to flower@aluuc.org.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Tuesday, July 23	Eco Camp Meeting	6:30 pm	Fuller
Wednesday, July 24	Marriage Equality Meeting	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, July 25	Buddhist Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Men's Group	7:30 pm	Emerson
Saturday, July 27	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Monday, July 29- Friday, August 2	Earth University Eco Camp	9:00 am	Various rooms