



**Announcements for Sunday, July 24, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Eco Camp 2016 Graduation" by EcoCamp Campers & Staff.

Happening Today

ECO Camp: We won't have campers until tomorrow, but our camp week begins TODAY! If you are able, please stay after services to help us clean up and clear away so we can start the magic for our fourth annual Harry Potter inspired Eco Camp. We need to move and rearrange furniture, clear out RE classrooms, hang up decorations, begin prepping food, and many other tasks. Please stay and help us get a great start on the 2016 Stewards of the Earth Eco Camp. Thank you.

Coming Soon

Humanist Group: The July book, *The Future of the Mind* by Michio Kaku will be discussed July 25 at 7:00 PM at ALUUC. "Facts to ponder: there are as many stars in our galaxy (about 100 billion) as there are neurons in your brain; your cell phone has more computing power than NASA had when it landed Apollo 11 on the moon. These seemingly unrelated facts tell us two things: our brains are magnificently complex organisms, and science fiction has a way of becoming reality rather quickly. **This deeply fascinating book** by theoretical physicist Kaku explores what might be in store for our minds: practical telepathy and telekinesis; artificial memories implanted into our brains; and a pill that will make us smarter. He describes work being done right now on using sensors to read images in the human brain and on downloading artificial memories into the brain to treat victims of strokes and Alzheimer's. SF fans **might experience a sort of breathless thrill when reading the book**—This stuff is happening! It's really happening!—and for general readers who have never really thought of the brain in all its glorious complexity and potential, the book could be **a seriously mind-opening experience.**" - **Booklist.** Email Vi Lanum and/or Susan Solon at humanistgroup@hotmail.com for more information about the meeting.

The Book Discussion Group: Join us at 7:30 pm on Tuesday July 26 at Barbara Moore's home, 1800 Hastings Road. At the July 26 meeting of the ALUUC Book Club we are scheduled to read, *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. (The Corrigan book was scheduled for June, originally, but the meeting was cancelled because several people couldn't come. If we decide to read the Corrigan book at a later time we will notify members and put a notice in the bulletin.) If you have questions, call Barbara Moore at 523-6241.

From the Green Sanctuary Committee: Come help weed the ALUUC prairie. Every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, the Green committee is sponsoring a weeding party to remove Canada goldenrod, thistles, etc. from the ALUUC prairie. (Previously we met on Thursdays.) All are welcome. Long pants, socks, gloves, hats and insect repellent are recommended. Bring weed whackers or loppers if you have them.

Phil Anderson, Board President, will give a presentation regarding ALUUC at a dinner meeting of the Optimist Club at MCL on August 15, 6 PM. All are invited.

The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on August 4 at the ALUUC church at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons room. We need a few volunteers to come 15 or 20 minutes early to set up the Commons as we need to have the set up done by 7:00 for our group and so the noise of the setup will not interfere with the meditation group. (Note the change in location for this August meeting.) Everyone is welcome. Call Kurt DeWeese at 546-5834 if you have any questions. (Note that a meditation group meets at the same time in the church sanctuary so please go directly and quietly to the Commons room. Even if the sanctuary is dark and quiet, it will be occupied with the meditation group)

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, July 24	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Eco Camp Setup	12:30 PM	ALL Rooms
Monday, July 25	Eco Camp	9:30 AM	ALL rooms
	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, July 26	Eco Camp	9:30 AM	All rooms
Wednesday, July 27	Eco Camp	9:30 AM	All rooms
	Weeding Party	6:30 PM	ALUUC prairie
Thursday, July 28	Eco Camp	9:30 AM	All rooms
Friday, July 29	Eco Camp	9:30 AM	All rooms
Saturday, July 30	Zen Group Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	*Eco Camp Day of Action	8:00 AM	Farmers' Market
Sunday, July 31	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	SAC Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller

*Off Site

Happening Elsewhere

Delores Martin and the Springfield Race Unity Committee invite you to a reception for Mr. Brian Grimm, director of the Racial Taboo Initiative, at the Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Avenue on Sunday, July 24 at 5:00 p.m. He will share the status of several additional **documentaries: Race and Religion, Race and Public Education and Race and the Media/Police.** He is also working on a fourth film entitled Paradise Principals that asks the question, "What was gained and lost as a result of desegregation?" We may have an opportunity to screen part of it and offer input. This gathering is open to the public; please consider attending and inviting friends.

The Jewish Community Relations Council is pleased to co-present **Amy-Jill Levine, "Agreeing to Disagree: How Jews and Christians Read the Bible Differently"** on Thursday, August 25, 2016, 7 pm, Westminster Presbyterian Church (533 S. Walnut). RSVP for the lecture by Wednesday, August 17, to 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org. Dr. Levine is a prolific author and the recipient of numerous grants and honorary degrees. Her books include: *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, and *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*. Dr. Levine describes herself as a "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible belt." Her scholarship is combined with a commitment to eliminating anti-Jewish, racist, sexist and homophobic theologies.