



**Announcements for Sunday, July 27, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Lessons from EcoCamp" by the Religious Education Committee

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

SPECIAL APPEAL: Ministerial Services

Special donations are needed to cover costs of programming and other Ministerial services during the period of Rev. Martin Woulfe's Sabbatical Leave from January 1 through June 30, 2015. The ALUUC Program Committee is scheduling services for 2014-15, including contracting for Sunday sermons by guest ministers or other speakers. Additional professional duties beyond Sunday sermons will also be required. Special donations now will ensure quality professional services for the full year. Please consider making a donation to ALUUC for "Sabbatical Programming".

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

Eco Camp needs adult volunteers for Hogsmeade. Have you ever dreamed of walking Diagon Alley? or Shopping at Borgin & Burkes, Olivander's, and Florean Fortescue's Ice Cream Parlor? If you have, this is your opportunity to do so. Guardians of the Orb needs adult volunteers to work during Hogsmeade on Friday, August 1, 2014 beginning at 12:30 pm and after 3:30 pm for clean up. Those interested in volunteering contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org. Thank you.

Guardians of the Orb Ecology Day Camp begins tomorrow with full days of ecology lessons and fun with a Harry Potter twist through Friday. Thank you to all the volunteer planners who made this dream real. We are training-up Earth activists, so don't miss the Saturday, August 2 Eco Camp ACTION at Springfield's Downtown Farmer's Market, 4th and Adams Streets, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30p.m. The Bag Monster makes a re-appearance. Did you know that most families use 550-700 one-time use plastic bags per year? Market Bags will be given away and volunteers will demonstrate how to make them from repurposed t-shirts.

The News Covenant Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on August 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's, 7901 Hunt Road. Everyone is welcome. Call Renata or Heiko at 585-1944 if you have any questions.

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet Monday, July 28 at 7:00 pm in the ALUUC sanctuary. Susan Solon will review the book, *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert followed by discussion. Kolbert's book posits that we are in the midst of a sixth global mass extinction, and that this time, human beings are the cause. For the NYT book review, visit: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/16/books/review/the-sixth-extinction-by-elizabeth-kolbert.html>. For an NPR audio of an interview with Kolbert, visit: <http://www.npr.org/2014/02/12/275885377/in-the-worlds-sixth-extinction-are-humans-the-asteroid>. For questions about the Humanist Group, please email humanist-group@hotmail.com.

A workshop on “**Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism**” will be held July 28-30 at Sangamon County Health Dept, sponsored by the Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism, a regional partner with Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training. This workshop will take a deeper look at historical and current racism and lays the foundation to address racism in institutions and in the larger society. More details are posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen door. Please talk to Rev. Woulfe if you’re interested in participating or contact John Record at jrecord29@gmail.com, or 414-1772. An interview conducted by WUIS is posted here: <http://wuisnews.wordpress.com/2011/09/21/springfield-group-works-to-dismantle-racism/>

For the Sunday, August 3 **Change for Change**, we will be collecting funds to support the [Illinois Coalition for Community Services](#) (ICCS). ICCS is a private non-profit grassroots organization that exists to help Illinois communities develop and sustain helpful local programs for children, youth, and families. On Sunday, August 17, for our Third Sunday collection, we will be soliciting items for the organization; a list of the needed items will be available on the table outside of the sanctuary.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, July 27	Sunday Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Eco Camp Set-up	12:00 pm	RE area
Monday, July 28	EcoCamp	8:00 am	Commons
	Humanist Group	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, July 29	Eco Camp	8:00 am	Commons
	Welcoming Congregation Meeting	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday, July 30	EcoCamp	8:00 am	Commons
Thursday, July 31	EcoCamp	8:00 am	Commons
	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, August 1	EcoCamp	8:00 am	Commons
Saturday, Aug 2	Zen Meditation	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Eco Camp ACTION	9:00 am	Farmers’ Market
Sunday, August 3	Sunday Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 pm	Emerson

