



**Announcements for Sunday, July 3, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Journey to the Mexico-Arizona Borderlands" by Jan Droegkamp.

Happening Today

Change for Change: Today, **Change for Change donations will go to Compass.** Compass is a free after-school program for homeless and low-income students of Springfield School District 186. The after-school program includes academics, life skills/enrichment, and a healthy dinner served family-style. Compass works on educating children as whole persons, and recognizes that social, emotional, and life skills contribute to overall well-being and academic success. Compass aims to help all participants perform at or above grade level in school and is sponsored by the Family Service Center, a licensed non-profit social-service agency. Later in July, Molly Berendt from Compass will speak to us about the program.

Coming Soon

NEWS COVENANT GROUP: The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on July 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Linda and Frank Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove for a potluck. Please bring a side dish, a salad or a dessert. The Kopecky's will provide the meat course. Call Linda or Frank at 529-3235 if you have any questions.

The Men's Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays **at 6 pm at ALUUC.** The next meetings are scheduled for **July 6 and July 20.** Please join us for insightful discussion, support and fun. We typically start off with a noncompetitive sports activity (bocce ball or Frisbee golf), then meet in the commons area. Our goal is to meet two Wednesdays per month but sometimes must reschedule, so contact Jim Curran to confirm meeting dates and get on our mailing list (mensgroup@aluuc.org, 770-316-4723). Bring a friend!

Don't miss the **Eco Camp fundraising barbecue and pool party** on Saturday, July 16, from 4 pm to 8 pm at Kent and Gwen Childs' home, located at 15 Forest Ridge, Springfield. Please let the Childs or an Eco Camp staffer know if you plan to come, and bring a side dish to share. The Eco Camp planners are asking for a \$20 donation per family to help sustain the costs associated with putting on the camp each year. This allows us to purchase supplies, materials, and bring in fun and exciting programming. A \$35 dollar donation will sponsor one child to attend our weeklong camp, which is free to all participants, and allows us to reach deeper into the Springfield community so more children may have the opportunity to learn about good stewardship of the Earth. If you would like more information about the fundraising party, or about volunteering for this year's Eco Camp, please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at 217-801-7926 or email cre@aluuc.org

The Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 pm on Tuesday July 26 at Barbara Moore's home, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *Leave Me Alone, I'm Reading* by Maureen Corrigan. An article in the *Detroit Free Press* says "Corrigan is erudite without being the least bit pretentious. Dipping into *Leave Me Alone, I'm Reading* is a little like visiting the friend whose house is always full of books and who always sends you home with one you're excited to read." Future books we will read include *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai, *The*

Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff, *The Immortal Irishman* by Timothy Egan, and *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions, or email bookgroup@aluuc.org.

Nuns on the Bus - coming to Central Illinois! NETWORK's Nuns on the Bus are hitting the road again – daring to call on elected officials and candidates to "Mend the Gaps" in income and wealth inequality in our nation. We will listen to the stories of the gaps that people are experiencing in our society and provide NETWORK's proactive policy strategy that can bridge those divides. Our goal is to bring a politics of inclusion to divided places, change the conversation to mending the vast economic and social divides in our country, and counter political incivility with our message of inclusion. There will be a "Mend the Gap Caucus" on July 12, 7-10pm at the Bloomington-Normal UU Church. The next morning, July 13, at 9am, the Nuns on the Bus are holding a rally at the state capitol in front of the Lincoln statue. The Springfield event is sponsored by the Faith Coalition for the Common Good. Check the July ALUUC Focus for more information.

Summer breaks: The ALUUC Choir is taking the summer off – no choir in June, July and August.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, July 3	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change donations	10:30 AM	
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
Monday, July 4	HOLIDAY		
Tuesday, July 5	Eco Camp Meeting	6:30 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, July 6	Men's Group	6:00 PM	Commons
Friday, July 8	Game Night	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, July 10	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Movie Night, <i>Zootopia</i>	5:00 PM	Sanctuary

Happening Elsewhere

Capital City Celebration, July 2-3. Includes a dog beauty pageant, giant inflatable obstacle courses and a 25-foot tall inflatable rock wall will be available for families free of charge on Sunday, July 3rd from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. Bags Tournament on Saturday afternoon and a CrossFit competition. This year's entertainment lineup includes New City Road and the Shenanigans on Sunday, July 3rd. Before the fireworks, the Springfield Municipal Band will set the tone by performing patriotic music on Sunday, July 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. The Fireworks Extravaganza will begin at dusk on Sunday, July 3rd. - See more at: <http://business.gsc.org/events/details/springfield-jaycees-capital-city-celebration-7244>

The **Springfield Optimist Club** is having a free concert in Douglas Park on July 12, 5 to 8.30 PM, to benefit Camp Coco, the summer camp for children with cancer. Dessert, ice cream and soft drinks will be sold. Desserts are \$ 3 each. Soft drinks and ice cream are \$ 1 each. Contact Vinnie Gupta for more information.