



**Announcements for Sunday, July 31, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Radical Hospitality" by Rev. Marcia Curtis.

Coming Soon

Next Sunday, August 7: Change For Change in August will go to a new UU project in **Illinois – prison ministry**. "As we explore and support the Black Lives Matter movement, one critical area for action is mass incarceration, the impact of incarceration on families, prison conditions and collateral consequences. Most prison ministries are evangelical or Catholic. This leaves out people whose beliefs do not conform to these faith traditions, who have had negative experiences with faith leaders on issues of domestic violence or childhood sexual abuse, and who are gay, lesbian or transgender. There is a need for liberal spiritual development among prisoners and people returning from incarceration. This summer we're launching the UU Prison Ministry of Illinois in two state prisons. The UU Prison Ministry attempts to create a spiritual space where all people can come as they are and be affirmed in the inherent worth and dignity, no matter their identities or past harm they may have caused. Our monthly services and bi-weekly covenant groups will share a Unitarian Universalist approach to life and faith. The Prison Ministry will connect UUs to local and state-level policy initiatives that seek to build a world community of peace, liberty and justice for all." You can also donate on our Faithify page at the following link: <http://www.faithify.org/projects/unitarian-universalist-prison-ministry-of-illinois/> Your donation is tax-deductible through our fiscal sponsor, the Unitarian Church of Evanston. (From Dale Griffin and the ministry team.)

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.

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)

Equality IL at the State Fair: Members & friends of ALUUC & PFLAG-Springfield are invited to volunteer at the Equality IL booth at the IL State Fair. Last year, volunteers assisted with collecting signatures on behalf of Marriage Equality; this year, we will assist with Voter Registration. Four volunteers per shift are asked to staff the booth throughout the day: each shift will last four hours (10 am – 2 pm; 2pm – 6 pm; 6pm – 10pm). Volunteers will be given a free pass to the fair and a free meal. All volunteers who want training on the registration

process should please stop by the booth and they will give you an in-person run-through. If interested, please contact Rev. Woulfe ASAP.

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.

Pathway Sessions is a special series for people interested in membership at ALUUC. The next series will be held on Monday, August 22 at 7-10 pm and Monday, August 29 at 7-9 pm (double session of #2 & #3). Please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe (minister@aluuc.org) if you would like to attend. Child care is available upon request.

Choir Rehearsals will begin Sunday, August 28, 9:15 AM in the Fuller classroom.

The Book Discussion Group will meet August 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff. *An Invisible Thread* tells of the life-long friendship between a busy sales executive and a disadvantaged young boy, and how both of their lives were changed by what began as one small gesture of kindness. "A straightforward tale of kindness and paying it forward in 1980s New York . . . For readers seeking an uplifting reminder that small gestures matter." (*Kirkus Reviews*) Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241, or email book-group@aluuc.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Roy Zimmerman will be here to perform on Thursday, September 15 at 7pm. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$18.

This Week at a Glance

DATE	EVENT	Time	Room
Sunday, July 31	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	SAC Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, Aug 3	Weeding Party	6:30 PM	ALUUC prairie
Thursday, Aug 4	News Group	7:00 PM	Commons
	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Aug 6	Zen Group Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Aug 7	Change for Change	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Social Action Committee	12:00 PM	Barton

Happening Elsewhere

Meet General Grant: He will talk of his childhood and the influence of his father, his West Point experiences, his early career and concluding with his time in Springfield at the Old State Capitol where he is commissioned Colonel of the 21st Illinois Infantry at the start of the war. Every Wednesday and Friday at 11:00 AM through August 12 in the Old State Capitol. Call 217-785-7960 for details. Free.

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