



**Announcements for Sunday, June 22, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "James Meredith and the Walk Against Fear" by Cathy McKamey

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

Stay today and **help Michael Plog celebrate his birthday** with a catered lunch. You do not need to bring anything.

If you are pre-paying your FY2014-2015 pledge, please write "FY-15 Pledge" on the Memo line of your check.

Third Sunday collections will continue to be received today, June 22, 2014. The collections will go to benefit the ALUUC 2014 Eco Camp: Guardians of the Orb. The requested items are as follows: 5x7 flat canvas, origami paper (any color), Crayola brand craft clay (air dry), yarn fibers, pipe cleaners, used/CLEAN t-shirts of all sizes and white jute string (various thicknesses). There is also still time to sponsor campers at \$30 each. Thank you.

Parents: art work has been left behind by some of the children after the end of the RE year. I have placed the art work on the credenza in the RE commons. You are free to look through what is there and take home any treasures. I will have to clear the art work away after Sunday, June 22, 2014. Thank you. Marla Johnson, DRE.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget News: The ALUUC narrowly approved the Annual "**Challenge**" Budget for 2015 at the Annual Meeting June 8, 2014. Successful implementation will require regular fundraising and additional revenue. Several Members have increased their initial 2015 Pledge. Some new pledges have been made. There has also been a special donation intended to cover the cost of programming during the period of Rev Martin Woulfe's Sabbatical Leave from January 1 through June 30, 2015. Pledge Chair Kurt DeWeese reminds every Member and Friend that such increases and special donations are always welcome. If all 225 ALUUC Members provided \$1 per week, \$5 per week, \$10 per month, or more, the Annual "**Challenge**" Budget for 2015 may be met. Kurt DeWeese, Chair, ALUUC Finance Committee.

Flower Donations: There are several Sundays available for flower donations in July. Please sign up on the list above the drinking fountain. Also, after much deliberation, the Flower Committee has decided to implement a few changes. In an effort to make our sanctuary a welcoming place, the flowers will stay on the altar after Sunday service. Some arrangements may be used for ministerial type purposes, such as taking the flowers to a member in hospice care. In the past, we have sent flowers home with the donor but this has proven to be unsatisfactory as one of a kind vases have returned dirty, broken, damaged and in several cases not at all. We appreciate the loving support of the congregation in our spiritual practice.

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

Eco Camp 2014: Guardians of the Orb registration is now open! The registration form can be found on line at www.aluuc.org or register your child today after services. There will be a table set up in the sanctuary for those wanting to get their child registered. Also, consider sponsoring a child

at camp this year. Scholarships are available so that some campers are able to attend for free. Providing Eco Camp does cost about \$30 a camper. Generous donations in the past have assured a wonderful week for all. Camp will be at ALUUC July 28 through August 1, 2014. Marla Johnson, DRE

Rev. Woulfe will be attending the UUA General Assembly June 23 through 29 and will return on June 30. Please contact Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko for any pastoral cares or concerns.

Humanist Group: On June 23rd at 7 pm, Al Pieper will review [*Freethinkers: A History of American Secularism*](#) by Susan Jacoby. This book provides a strong counter to the backlash against secularism and champions the legacy of secular activism. From removal of the word "God" in the U.S. Constitution, to abolitionism, suffragism, civil liberties, civil rights, and feminism, the history of secular humanism in America is both broad and deep---and a powerful model for the rest of the world. For a review by the American Humanist Association, visit: <http://www.americanhumanist.org/hnn/archives/?id=186&article=13>. If you have questions about this group, email Susan Solon and/or Vi Lanum at humanistgroup@hotmail.com.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke. Next month (July, 2014) we will discuss, *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sedaris. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions call Barbara Moore at 523-6241.

The Pagan Group will host a Summer Solstice Celebration on Sat. June 28 (changed from the original June 21st date) at 6pm, with a set up time of 5pm. Come join us as we welcome Summer with ritual, drumming, chanting, a Sun Piñata, a fun craft, and a wonderful potluck dinner. We hope to see you there! For more information please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at 217-329-2255 or aluucpagans@gmail.com

The News Covenant Group will meet Thursday, July 10, 2014. This is a one-time departure from our usual first Thursday meeting date. We will meet at Frank and Linda Kopecky's for an (optional) boat ride, cookout and discussion. If you want to participate in the boat ride, come at 5:30. The cookout will start around 6:00. The Kopecky's will provide meat and a beverage. Bring a dish to share if you wish. Everyone is welcome. Their address is 20 Villa Grove. Call Frank or Linda at 529-3235 if you have any questions.

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. Please talk to Rev. Woulfe if you're interested in participating or contact John Record at jrecord29@gmail.com, or 414-1772.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday June 22	Michael Plog Birthday Luncheon	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday, June 23	Humanist Group	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, June 24	Eco Camp Meeting	6:30 pm	Fuller
Thursday, June 26	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 pm	Fuller
Saturday, June 28	Zen Meditation	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Litha	6:00 pm	Commons, Kitchen