



**Announcements for Sunday, June 23, 2013  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "US Supreme Court Decision Re: Civil Rights for Same-Sex Marriages" by Peggy Patty*

**\*\*\* HAPPENING TODAY \*\*\***

Please remember to take home your dishes. There are several items in the kitchen left from previous events. Also, please check the coat rack down the hallway. There are several coats that have been here for months.

A church flower vase has been removed and needs to be returned to ALUUC. It is a tall, clear crystal and was taken about a month ago. Please contact the Flower Committee Chair Vi Lanum or email her at [flower@aluuc.org](mailto:flower@aluuc.org).

**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

**Free Earth University Ecology Camp: EU at UU**

**REGISTER FOR CAMP TODAY:** Diana DeWeese will be taking registrations for Ecology Camp today in the sanctuary during coffee hour. Stop by her table to register your children or grandchildren. Eco Camp is for children ages 5 to 12 and runs July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>. Camp will provide 5 full days of activities, crafts, nature and green tech, land stewardship and many other surprises. A 6<sup>th</sup> optional day on Saturday will have children and councilors at the Farmer's Market demonstrating about local and global WATER issues. Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a graduation program and celebration during Sunday Service. There are a limited number of spaces...so don't delay. If you would like to be a Junior Councilor, ask Diana how to register. Junior councilors must be at least 13 and have their parent or guardian's permission. **PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP:** Since this is a free camp for children from the community as well, we ask that you be generous with your scholarship donations. \$35 will provide this camp experience for one child whose parents may not be able to afford any other summer camp experience for them. Why not make it possible for three children to attend with a \$100 tax-deductable donation? Make checks payable to ALUUC, write "Eco Camp" in the memo and give them to Phil Anderson. **FOOD/SNACK DONATIONS:** Vicki Lock will be asking for help with lunches and snacks for the camp week, as well. Why not work with another family or with committee members to provide and/or serve lunch? Call Vicki at: 217-494-0300. Thank you to all who have already volunteered as we reach out to train activists to help our hurting world. There are many ways, large and small to help with camp. If you haven't volunteered yet and want to, call Pat Goller, 217-494-1162

**The Humanist Group** will be discussing the book "*Why Does the World Exist? An Existential Detective Story*" by Jim Holt. The book purports to answer the literal question of why there is \*something\* rather than \*nothing.\* Susan Solon will lead the discussion. The group will meet on Monday, June 24 at ALUUC, at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions about the group, please contact Frank Kopecky ([f.kopecky@comcast.net](mailto:f.kopecky@comcast.net)) or Carol Floyd ([HumanistGroup@aluuc.org](mailto:HumanistGroup@aluuc.org)).

**The Pagan Group** will have a Planning Meeting on Sunday, July 7, at 12:30pm. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Tracy Zieber-Minks at 217-329-2255 or email at [aluucpagans@gmail.com](mailto:aluucpagans@gmail.com).

**The Book Discussion Group** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us 7:30 p.m. on June 25th at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed. An Amazon book review says, "At age 26, following the death of her mother, divorce, and a run of reckless behavior, Cheryl Strayed found herself alone near the foot of the Pacific Crest Trail--inexperienced, over-equipped, and desperate to reclaim her life. *Wild* tracks Strayed's personal journey on the PCT through California and Oregon, as she comes to terms with devastating loss and her unpredictable reactions to it." Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions. Future books we will read include "The Life of Pi" by Yann Martel; "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver; and "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo.

**The Springfield Chapter of the ACLU** will hold a community educational program on marriage equality at 7 pm on June 27 at ALUUC. Participants will include a Chicago ACLU attorney who's an expert on the bill pending in the IL General Assembly, a local gay couple who are a party to the pending lawsuit, and a local attorney to facilitate the program. This program is open to all members and friends of ALUUC.

**Date Saver:** June 29, 7:00 pm. Summer Music Extravaganza at ALUUC. This special concert will feature: Bonnie Ettinger, Brooke Thomas and the Blue Suns, Mike Burnett and Luke Turasky. Advance tickets are on sale after church and members are urged to take tickets to sell to your friends. This is a benefit for ALUUC and the Family Service Center -- and **"You don't want to miss it!"**

**The ALUUC Dream Group** will hold its monthly meeting on Monday July 1st at 7 PM. This is an opportunity for folks to discuss their dreams in a relaxed, friendly and informal setting. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information about the group and meeting location please contact Phil Gregg at 483-5109 or [gregg\\_phil1@msn.com](mailto:gregg_phil1@msn.com).

**The News Covenant Group** will meet on Thursday, July 11 for a potluck. (Note, this is a one time change from our usual first Thursday meeting date.) Join us at 6:00 p.m. at Linda and Frank Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. The Kopecky's will provide a main course. Bring a dish to share if you can. A discussion of the news will follow. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, call Frank or Linda at 529-3235

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Starting Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Sunday, June 23	Morning Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
Monday, June 24	Humanist Group	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, June 25	Covenant Circle	6:00 pm	Channing
	Eco Camp Planning Meeting	6:30 pm	Fuller
	Book Group	7:30 pm	1800 Hastings
Thursday, June 27	ACLU Meeting	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Men's Group	7:30 pm	Emerson
Saturday, June 29	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Summer Music Extravaganza	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, June 30	Morning Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary