



**Announcements for Sunday, June 7, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The 'New' Battles Over Religious Freedom" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

For the Sunday, June 7 **Change for Change**, we will be collecting funds for the Veterans Build for the Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. Delinda Chapman, SAC Committee member, represents ALUUC as a member of the Habitat Interfaith Relations Council. Delinda shared that Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has four builds scheduled for 2015. One of these is the Veterans Build. This rehab, for a Springfield vet's home, is awaiting \$50,000 financial support before the project can begin. Your generous support for this effort would be very much appreciated. The SAC will also be asking for your support to participate in these four Habitat builds. Look for details in future newsletters and Sunday announcements.

June 7 is ALUUC's Annual Meeting. Please attend the Sunday morning service and stay for the meeting. The annual meeting agenda calls for congregational votes on the new board and congregational committee members, the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016 beginning July 1, 2015, and proposed changes to the ALUUC Mission Statement and Bylaws. A motion for approval of expenses for Rehabilitation of the Courtyard Entryways and Sidewalks will also be presented. Questions on these important issues are encouraged prior to the annual meeting and can be directed to Kurt DeWeese finance@aluuc.org for the Budget and Courtyard project, and to Dianne Roberts treasurer@aluuc.org for the proposed changes to the Mission Statement and Bylaws

Registrations are flooding in for Eco Camp 2015! We are over halfway to our goal for campers and youth counselors. If you haven't registered your child for Eco Camp - now's the time to get it done! Eco Camp is a free, week-long day camp that starts July 27 at Abraham Lincoln UU Congregation located at 745 Woodside Road. Campers who are 5 years old will be accepted if they will be in First Grade in August 2015. Campers who are over 12 years old can register as youth counselors. This year's theme is "Mysteries of the Web". For more information about the camp and to download the registration form and photo permission form go to www.aluuc.org or call 217-585-9550.

NEIL CARTER "SKEPTIC WITH A DRAWL" 6 PM Sunday June 7 at ALUUC.

With the Springfield Area Freethinkers as sponsor, Neil Carter will speak at 6 PM Sunday June 7 at ALUUC. He blogs at Godless in Dixie: Skeptic with a Drawl and was recently profiled by CBS Sunday Morning. Neil is a teacher, tutor, speaker, and writer from Jackson, MS, and brings a deep understanding of the religious conservatism of the Bible Belt and the Deep South. He has had both evangelical salvation as well as deconversion experiences. There is no entry fee.

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

The next New to UU Class is Monday, June 8 at 7PM at the ALUUC. Contact Susan Solon, Membership Coordinator at welcome@aluuc.org to sign up and if you have questions.

Game Night: Friday, June 12, 6:00 – 10:00PM at ALUUC. Weather permitting, we'll grill outside, have a bonfire and play outdoor games. If raining, we'll stick to board games inside. In either case, come on out and enjoy a relaxing evening!

Kids Club/District 12 will not be meeting in June and July.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road at 7:30 p.m. June 23rd. We will be discussing *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. An article in *Kirkus* quoting from an interview with the author says, "*The Invention of Wings* tells the entwined stories of Sarah and Hetty 'Handful' Grimke, the 10-year-old slave Sarah's parents gave their daughter for her 11th birthday. Though Handful was created from Kidd's imagination, she is based on the fact that Sarah's parents gifted their daughter a slave. Sarah tried to return the 'present,' i.e. Handful, but her parents ignored the attempt. So, in an act that defied her mother, father, the law and her rector, in the novel, Sarah teaches Handful how to read. Sarah's father is indignant: 'There are sad truths in our world, and one is that slaves who read are a threat. They would be abreast of news that would incite them in ways we could not control,' he tells Sarah. 'Yes, it's unfair to deprive them, but there's a great good here that must be protected.' 'But Father, it's wrong!' Sarah cries. Over the next 35 years of Sarah's and Handful's lives, Kidd details the violence and evil that human beings perpetrate on other human beings, all in the name of God." Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

General Assembly is June 24-28, in Portland Oregon. If you are going and want to be a delegate, please contact Michael Plog by email (president@aluuc.org) or telephone (793-2509) before 3:00pm this Tuesday.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, June 7	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Annual Membership Meeting	11:45 AM	Sanctuary
	Neil Carter "Skeptic with a Drawl"	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, June 8	New to UU Class	7:00 PM	Channing
Thursday, Jun 11	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, June 14	Game Night	6:00 PM	Outdoors
Saturday, Jun 13	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, June 14	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
	Movie Night "Pride"	5:00 PM	Commons

****Happening Elsewhere****

In Lincoln's Time Exhibition, Featuring Artwork by Prairie Art Alliance Artists
Exhibition: May 1 - June 18, 2015, Prairie Art Alliance Gallery in the Hoogland, 420 S. 6th St. The Prairie Art Alliance artists have been encouraged to take inspiration from the life and time of our 16th president and his impact today. Come visit the exhibition to see our artists' take on the theme as well as reading about "Art in Lincoln's Time".