



## Announcements for Sunday, March 11, 2012



### **Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

*Next Sunday, March 18, 2012: "Ethnicity & Faith" by Rev. Woulfe*

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

**Did you set your clocks ahead by one hour? Remember "Spring Forward".**

**A new printed ALUUC Directory is in the planning stages.** Please review your personal information as it appears in the online version so that corrections can be made before printing begins. A few printed copies are available for those without web access. If you don't know the password for the online version, please call the office or ask Rev. Woulfe or our webmaster Carol Kneeder.

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

For its March concert the Prairie Grapevine Folklore Society presents one of its favorite attractions, Sparky and Rhonda Rucker, a duo who perform throughout the U.S. and overseas, singing songs and offering stories in the American folk tradition. Sparky, a renowned singer, musician, and historian, has been performing for over forty years, and accompanies himself on banjo, bottleneck blues guitar, and spoons. Rhonda provides harmonies, and is an accomplished piano, banjo, harmonica and bones player as well. Their visits to Springfield are always a highlight of the concert season. DATE & TIME: Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 7:30 P.M. LOCATION: ALUUC; DONATION: Adults - \$10; Seniors - \$9; Members (of PGMFS & ALUUC) - \$8; Students - \$5; Families - \$25. For additional information contact the Prairie Grapevine website at [www.prairiegrapevine.org](http://www.prairiegrapevine.org); or call (217) 454-0178.

**Kids in the Religion in Life class - Don't forget class on Wednesday night, March 14, at 7:00 pm! This is the last class!**

**March 17, 2012- Pledge Drive Reception at 6 PM, followed by the St. Patrick's Day Coffee House.** The Pledge Drive Reception is hosted by Kurt DeWeese. Immediately following the reception is the Coffee House, 7-9:30 PM. We are looking for performers for the Coffee House. If you are interested in performing please contact Randy Pratt, 494-5118 or see him after today's Service. Both the Reception and the Coffee House will be in the Sanctuary.

**Third Sunday will be collecting donations for the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery for the month of March.** Since 1989, the nursery has been providing emergency, temporary care, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for children who may be at risk or whose parents are experiencing some type of crisis. Children ages birth through six years are cared for in a loving and homelike atmosphere free of charge by child care workers and loving volunteers. In addition to the emergency care of young children, an extensive series of support services is available to help a family through their crisis. To find out more about the nursery, visit their website at [www.miniobeirne.or](http://www.miniobeirne.or). And/or speak with Marla Johnson and Victoria Vincent after services on Sunday. **Wish List:** Items desperately needed this month: copy paper; Enfamil Lipil; Juicy Juice; Liquid hand soap; Liquid Lysol; Size 3 diapers. Also needed are: dish soap; laundry detergent; masking tape; Pledge; tall kitchen trash bags; and gallon size Ziplock bags.

**The Simple Elegance Supper Club and Detective Agency** will meet on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-9pm at the ALUUC kitchen. The theme for this meeting is Irish food. For more information, contact Pat Goller at 217-787-0687.

**The Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on March 27 at 7:30 p.m.** at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions. We will be discussing "Hurry Down Sunshine" by Michael Greenberg. The publisher says, "'Hurry Down Sunshine' is an extraordinary family story and a memoir of exceptional power. In it, Michael Greenberg recounts in vivid detail the remarkable summer when, at the age of fifteen, his daughter was struck mad. It begins with Sally's sudden visionary crack-up on the streets of Greenwich Village, and continues, among other places, in the out-of-time world of a Manhattan psychiatric ward during the city's most sweltering months. It is a tale of a family broken open, then painstakingly, movingly stitched together again." Future books we will read include: "All the Little Live Things" by Wallace Stegner; "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks", Rebecca Skloot; "Faith of My Fathers", John McCain; and "Unbroken", Laura Hillenbrand.

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Starting Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Sunday, March 11	Choir Practice	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Monday, March 12	New to UU Class	7:00 pm	Fuller
Tuesday, March 13	Prairie Grapevine Concert	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday, March 14	Religion in Life class	7:00 pm	Fuller
Thursday, March 15	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, March 16	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 17	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	St Patrick's Coffee House	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 18	Choir Practice	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	various

**\*\* Other Items of Interest \*\***

**Tax Help for 2011 Available.** IRS-Trained VITA volunteers will be available by appointment at the Chatham Area Public Library District on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ending April 14th. Individuals are encouraged to make their appointments as soon as all of their tax documents are available. Please call Mary Alyce Keith (483-4643) to schedule an appointment.

**Presidential Museum speaker on Civil War-era Feminists:** Two prominent Civil War-era feminists will be the subjects of Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Matteson's discussion at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum as part of Women's History Month. The presentation about "Little Women" author Louisa May Alcott and feminist journalist Margaret Fuller will be held in the museum's Union Theater at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 15. It is free and open to the public. There will also be a "Teacher Talk" event from 6 to 6:45 pm on March 15 in the A. Lincoln Presidential Library. It is free and open to educators of all levels. Call to reserve a spot at either the Teacher Talk event and the presentation at the museum at 558-8934.