



**Announcements for Saturday, March 12, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Affirming the Acceptance of One Another" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

Did you remember to set your clock forward one hour??

Please help stack chairs after the service today in preparation for the Labyrinth Walk on Friday, March 17.

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet today at 12pm in the Barton room. The committee will continue to meet every second Sunday through June. Contact Jim Curran at greensanctuary@aluus.org if you have questions.

Coming Soon

Religious Education: Our 7 & 8 grade RE class is collecting items for the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. If you would like to donate any of the items below, please bring them to ALUUC by April 2nd. If you have any questions, please see Tabitha Bernhardt, 7/8 RE teacher or Pat Marshall, DRE. Wish List Items: Shop 'n Save gift cards, Wal-Mart gift cards, Cake frosting, Diapers size 5 & 6, Easter candy & toys, Gerber Graduates – Lil' Crunchies, Gerber Graduates - yogurt melts, Lysol Disinfectant Concentrate, Spaghetti Sauce, Underwear (toddler sizes).

Interested in reading? Want to read a variety of books from classics to best-sellers? Want to meet with members and friends in a casual group? Then join the **ALUUC Book Group**. A reorganizational meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 PM in the Fuller Room at ALUUC. Hope to see you there. For questions, call or text Penny Wollan-Kriel at 217-725-5157 or email at pennywolla@aol.com

2017 UUA General Assembly News: New Orleans, June 21-25! Please note that **GA Registration** opens on **March 1, 2017**. The early registration fee is \$360 per adult. After May 1, it goes up to \$415. This date is important especially if you want to reserve a hotel room – Hotel reservations will be available via the GA Housing Reservation System also beginning **March 1**. Rev. Woulfe recommends that you reserve your room first – sometimes all UUA reserved rooms are claimed within 24 hours; rates will vary according to the location. There will also be a limited number of opportunities for home hospitality.

The UUA Midwest Leadership School will be held July 9-15 in Decorah, IA. Midwest Leadership School is a weeklong intensive experience designed to engage participants in all aspects of leadership in a Unitarian Universalist faith community. Since 2009, they've offered Midwest Leadership School for Youth (ages 14-18) in tandem with our Adult School. It will challenge and train Unitarian Universalist youth in three areas: [Leadership Skills Development](#); [Worship](#); and [Religious Values & Heritage](#). For more information and to register, go to www.mwls.org

Humanist Group: Our ALUUC Humanist Group emphasizes humanitarianism as a way of life with core values of dignity, equality, and social justice for all individuals. We routinely discuss

matters of morality/ethical values, separation of church and state, science/evolution/neuroscience, behavioral economics and occasionally non-partisan politics as it relates to the human spirit. On Monday, March 27, 2017 from 7:00-8:30PM, George Oravis will review the book *The Secret History of Wonder Woman* by Jill Lepore. The creators of the Wonder Woman fictional hero used the comic book media to inspire and empower young women to succeed and to work for equal rights. In Jill Lepore's riveting work of historical detection, Wonder Woman's story provides the missing link in the history of the struggle for women's rights—a chain of events that begins with the women's suffrage campaigns of the early 1900s and ends with the troubled place of feminism a century later. Contact: Vi Lanum or Sarah Iannaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org for more information.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, March 12	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Green Sanctuary Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
	Understanding the Bible Adult RE	12:00 PM	Emerson
Tuesday, March 14	A Course in Miracles Adult RE	6:00 PM	Barton
	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, Mar 14	*Men's Group	6:30 PM	TBA
Thursday, March 16	Membership Committee Mtg.	6:00 PM	Fuller
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, March 17	St Patrick's Day		
	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 18	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Kids Club	5:00 PM	ALUUC
Sunday, March 19	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 PM	
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
	Adult RE/Understanding Bible	12:00 PM	Emerson
	New Members	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Pathways to Membership #1	12:00 PM	Commons

*Off Site

Happening Elsewhere

Phillip Anderson, ALUUC Board President, will speak at the Frontiers International luncheon on March 24, 2017, 12 Noon, at Chesapeake. He will be the guest of Vinnie Gupta. His topic will be "How ALUUC Serves the Public." Lunch is \$12. All are invited. Please RSVP by email to asrandolphjr@att.net if you will attend.

Mark Your Calendars – IIP Defenders of the Innocent Event! The **Illinois Innocence Project** will host its annual Defenders of the Innocent Event on Saturday evening, **April 29, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Springfield**. The event will feature New York Exoneree Yusef Salaam and his mother, Sharonne Abdus-Salaam, who never stopped fighting to prove his innocence. Watch for sponsorship opportunities and online registration (\$100 suggested minimum donation). For more information, call or email Larry Golden at (217) 206-6569 and LGOLD1@uis.edu.