



Announcements for Sunday, March 17, 2019
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Next Sunday's service is "When the Formerly Religious Rediscover Religion" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

In response to the January program survey results, we invite you to greet only those nearest you during the service, and greet others during the social hour. After the service, please leave your hymnals on the front row chairs to prevent congestion at the entry doorway.

Giving O' The Green Luncheon on **March 17** immediately following the Sunday service to kick off to the annual stewardship campaign. Food will be provided for the luncheon hosted by Tina Bennett and Cathy Brookshire, Stewardship Co-chairs.

Save the Date! The **FANTASY AUCTION** is **Saturday, March 23, 2019!** It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is always fun and lively! Bring your friends! **Tickets are available for sale after the service.** Please buy your tickets ahead of time. We also need donations of goods or services, finger foods & volunteers! If you would like to help out in any way, please contact our Co-Chairs, Anna Sabin and Marissa DeWeese, at auction@aluuc.org or 618-798-0579.

Rev. Woulfe will be taking pictures for an updated church directory. If you'd like to add or update your photo, please see Rev. Woulfe after the service. All family and friends are especially welcome.

Coming Soon

12th Annual Defenders of the Innocent Event: The Illinois Innocence Project's Annual Defenders of the Innocent Event, will be on Saturday **March 30** and will be featuring The Exoneree Band. An anonymous friend of ALUUC has sponsored a table at the Illinois Innocence Project's Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 30. There are a limited number of free places available; if you would like to attend, please contact Rev. Woulfe ASAP. **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 5:00 p.m. - Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres, 6:00 p.m. - Dinner and Program.

Faith Coalition for the Common Good: 10th Anniversary Breakfast Thursday March 21, Westminster Presbyterian Church. Serving begins at 7:15am, Breakfast ends at 8:30am. This is an opportunity to meet other supporters of social justice, to learn about the ongoing work of the Faith Coalition, and to get involved. There is no charge for the breakfast, but attendees will be asked to invest in this very important work! If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Woulfe, or contact the Faith Coalition at 217-544-2297 or email fccg2208@gmail.com.

Food Pantry Items Still Needed: Please continue to bring in non-perishable foods and household goods during March. Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations will benefit the Kumler Pantry. Please contact Tracy Zieber at 217-801-7926 or tracyzieber@gmail.com for more information. You can do a world of good right in your own neighborhood!

Registration is open for the 2019 MidAmerica Regional Assembly to be held in St. Louis, at the Marriott St. Louis Airport Hotel, on April 5-7, 2019. Details are via the link provided below including pricing, hotel information, schedule, workshops and volunteering information,

registering, and much more: <https://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra> The Keynoter will be UUA President, [Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray](#). Join us to explore, share, and worship with fellow UUs.

A Statewide UU Justice Gathering will be held on Friday, April 5, 1-5pm at the First Unitarian Church, 110 E. Third St, Alton, IL. Please contact Debby Hagan at 217-741-5726 or at ktaylor821@aol.com if you are interested in participating.

Learn about systemic racism at a powerful series of workshops RIGHT IN OUR BUILDING!!!! Apr 11 – 13, 2019, **Understanding and Analyzing Systemic Racism – ALUUC** (Day 1: 6-9p, Day 2: 8:30a-6p, Day 3: 8:30a-4:30p, <http://crossroadsantiracism.org/training/workshops/> Please join us. Monetary assistance available. Contact Nancy Derrig at nderrig@msn.com

Women’s Weekend, May 17-19, 2019. **Toddhall Retreat Center in Columbia, IL** www.eliotwomensweekend.com **Registration available from March 17 – April 14, 2019.** The long tradition continues – Eliot Unitarian Universalist Chapel sponsors a time of relaxation, rejuvenation, and illuminating workshops to feed the mind, body and spirit. See the poster on the bulletin board near the kitchen door for details.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, March 17	St Patrick’s Day		
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Stewardship Kickoff Luncheon	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
	RE Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Social Justice Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Berkley
	Covenant Group	12:00 PM	Alcott
Monday, March 18	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
	Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Tuesday, March 19	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Berkley
	Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Wednesday, Mar 20	IAG Cooking Class.	10:00 AM	Kitchen
	Facilities Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	Berkley
Thursday, Mar. 21	Meditation	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Membership Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	Fuller
Friday, March 22	Fantasy Auction Set-up	2:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 23	Fantasy Auction Set-up	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Fantasy Auction	6:00 PM	Sanctuary/commons
Sunday, March 24	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

Happening Elsewhere

On March 22 at 7:30 p.m. the Illinois Symphony Orchestra will perform at First Presbyterian Church with **Clayton Penrose-Whitmore** as violin soloist. Since Clayton grew up in our Congregation, we certainly should be interested in this concert. The program consists of music by Milhaud, Saint-Georges (Violin Concerto #9), and Haydn.