



Announcements for Sunday, March 18, 2012



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Next Sunday, March 25, 2012: "Aesop v. the Bible" by Rev. Woulfe

*** HAPPENING TODAY ***

PLEDGE DRIVE begins TODAY! Now is the time to celebrate ALUUC. Please review the insert and fill out your card after the service today!

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. 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.

Tonight is Movie Night. Come join in to watch *The Way*, a poignant 2010 film starring Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. The film begins at 6:00pm in the RE Commons area. Refreshments will be served.

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 ***

The Simple Elegance Supper Club and Detective Agency will meet on Wednesday, March 21st 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.

Humanist Group meets Monday, March 26 at 7:00 pm in the ALUUC Sanctuary. Stu Jacobson will review the book *Darwin's Dangerous Idea* by Daniel Dennett. A brief summary of the book and links to criticism and reviews can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Darwin's_Dangerous_Idea Contact Carol Floyd or email her at HumanistGroup@aluuc.org for questions about the group.

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 *

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, March 18	Choir Practice	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	various
	Movie Night	6:00 pm	Commons
Wednesday, March 21	Simple Elegance Supper Club	6:00 pm	Kitchen
Thursday, March 22	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, March 23	Bridge Group	7:00 pm	1800 Hastings Rd.
Saturday, March 24	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary

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

The Springfield Parks Foundation and the Springfield Park District once again are partnering to provide the **Jefferson Park Community Garden** for the 2012 season! The community gardens are in Jefferson Park - near Harbauer and Washington in northwest Springfield. The plots get full sun and have rich soil. The Park District has installed a water spigot to help get the gardens started and keep them going during the hot summer months. Each plot is 10 ft x 20 ft and can be reserved for a nominal fee of \$10 for the season. There are only 10 plots this season. To reserve a plot for the 2012 season please complete and mail in the following form <http://springfieldparksfoundation.org/pdf/2012jp.pdf> . Or visit the Springfield Park Foundation's website <http://www.springfieldparksfoundation.org/communityGarden.aspx> . For additional info or questions please email info@springfieldparksfoundation.org

UUSC is having its first online auction! The goal is to raise \$12,000 for UUSC's work by offering supporters a unique selection of gifts and services. To help UUSC advance human rights around the world, please [place a bid in the auction](#), which is now officially open! The auction items include the following: (a) Paintings and sculpture created by Haitian youth from the Association for the Promotion of Integral Family Healthcare (APROSIFA), a UUSC partner in Port-au-Prince, Haiti; (b) A place on a UUSC or UUSC-UUA service-learning trip to Haiti — a life-changing experience; (c) *The King Legacy*, a seven-book collection about the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a must-have published by the Unitarian Universalist Association's Beacon Press; and (d) Many more gifts and services selected especially for UUSC supporters! **They also are auctioning off a private lunch or dinner with President Bill Schulz at General Assembly 2012 in Phoenix, Ariz.** Bidding on all items closes on March 29, 2012. [Go here to bid in the auction: http://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?vhost=uusc](#) Please take this unique opportunity to choose compassionate consumption, win a gift for yourself or a loved one, and further human rights.