



**Announcements for Sunday, March 18, 2018**  
**Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

### **Happening Today**

**FY-18 Pledge Status Letters** are available for pickup before or after today's March 18 service. See Penny Wollan-Kriel.

Please join us after the service for a potluck. All are welcome.

### **Coming Soon**

**Save the Date!** The **FANTASY AUCTION** is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we *always* have a great time. It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 24, 2018** - so mark your calendars now! If you enjoy planning big events, we would welcome your help. Please contact our Co-Chairs, **Gwen Childs and Kim Villanueva**, to volunteer.

**Eco Camp 2018 planning has begun!** Our free summer ecology camp for youths (ages 5-12) is happening July 23-27. Interested in helping with the camp? Contact [ecocamp@aluuc.org](mailto:ecocamp@aluuc.org). Our next planning meeting will be March 22 at 7pm.

**Humanist Group:** Facilitated by Phil Anderson, the ALUUC Humanist Group will meet at 7 PM on March 26 to discuss Dr. John Bargh's new book *Before You Know It: The Unconscious Reasons We Do What We Do*. "Telling personal anecdotes with infectious enthusiasm and disclosing startling and delightful discoveries, Dr. Bargh takes the reader into his labs at New York University and Yale where he and his colleagues have discovered how the unconscious guides our behavior, goals, and motivations in areas like race relations, parenting, business, consumer behavior, and addiction. Because the unconscious works in ways we are completely unaware of, *Before You Know It* is full of surprising and entertaining revelations as well as tricks to help you remember to-do items, shop smarter, and sleep better." Questions? Contact Sarah Iaiennaro at [humanistgroup@aluuc.org](mailto:humanistgroup@aluuc.org).

The March meeting of the **Book Group** will be Tuesday March 27 at 7 pm. "A Walk in the Wild" by Bill Bryson will be discussed.

**Embrace New Beginnings! Join the ALUUC Pagan Group for Ostara**, or the Spring Equinox Gathering, on Sat. March 31, at 6 pm. Set up will begin at 5 pm. We will have a ritual dedicated to new beginnings. We'll also have a potluck dinner so be sure to bring a dish to share. Drums and other instruments are always welcome. For more information, please contact Tracy Zieber at [pagangroup@aluuc.org](mailto:pagangroup@aluuc.org)

**Are you going to GA? Registration is open.** Go to [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) for hotel reservations and attendance registration. There are also scholarship funds available, especially for people of color or other marginalized identities. Apply for scholarships no later than March 31, 2018.

## Hike - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10AM - Sangamon Valley Trail

Join the Green Sanctuary for a hike on the new extension of the Sangamon Valley Trail. We'll do a section that includes two bridges, one over the Sangamon River and another over Cantrall Creek, which will put us at eye level with the tops of some of the trees. Total hike is approx. 5 miles. Let's meet at the Cantrall Creek Rd parking lot and walk about 2.5 miles south to the Sangamon River bridge and then turn back. The trail is paved but has some hills, so I'll rate it easy to moderate. Note: Dogs and kids OK. Bikers welcome but you're on your own :-).

Uncertain if Port-a-potties at parking lot, will let you know next update. Questionable weather? Confirm with Jim Curran, 770-316-4723 or [jim.curran2@gmail.com](mailto:jim.curran2@gmail.com).

Hey, take a hike! Articles:

<http://www.sj-r.com/news/20170825/new-section-of-sangamon-valley-trail-should-open-in-october>

<http://www.sj-r.com/news/20171114/6-mile-extension-of-sangamon-valley-trail-officially-opens-thursday>

### This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, March 18	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group Mtg.	12:30 PM	Alcott
	Pathways Class #1	12:30 PM	TBA
	Religious Ed Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Social Justice Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
Monday, Mar 19	Pathways Class 2 & 3	6:00 PM	Fuller
	Covenant Group (Monday)	7:00 PM	Channing
	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, Mar. 20	A Course in Miracles (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Barton
	Covenant Group (Tuesday)	7:00 PM	Channing
Wed., March 21	IAG Cooking Class	10:00 AM	Kitchen
	*Men's Group	6:30 PM	TBA
Thursday, March 22	Membership Committee Mtg.	6:00 PM	Fuller
	Eco Camp Meeting	7:00 PM	Barton
	Covenant Group (Thursday)	7:00 PM	Channing
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, March 23	Fantasy Auction Set-up	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 24	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Fantasy Auction	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 25	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Program Committee Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller

### Happening Elsewhere

**IL Bicentennial Series - 2/18/2018 - 10/21/2018, 2 pm, IL State Museum:**

**March 18** - "This Land Was Your Land: Native Americans, Globalization and Treaties," by Dr. Michael Wiant.