



**Announcements for Saturday, March 19, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Affirming the rights of conscience & the democratic process"
by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

Please join us after the service today for a potluck. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share or a small monetary donation.

Pathways to Membership: Pathway Sessions is a special series for people interested in membership at ALUUC. The next series will be held on **TODAY, March 19, after the service** (session #1) and **Monday, March 20 at 7 pm** (sessions #2 & #3). Please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe (minister@aluuc.org) or Tracy Zieber Minks (welcome@aluuc.org) to attend. Child care is available upon request. Today's Session #1 **Seeds: Sharing Our Stories.** This session focuses on sharing important themes and stories from our own life stories, with a special emphasis on our faith journeys. Monday, **March 20, Session #2 Roots: An inside scoop on UUism and ALUUC.** This session is intended to present and discuss various themes and developments within UUism as a whole and ALUUC in particular. Session #3 **Branches: Fostering Growth & Creating Connections.** This session is an opportunity for newer people to meet some of the leaders and mentors within the congregation, to discuss how one might become more active and engaged!

The Program Committee will meet TODAY- Sunday, March 19 at Noon in the Alcott Room to continue working on the Summer Schedule. Anyone interested in joining the Committee is welcome.

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).

The March 28 re-organization meeting for the **ALUUC Book Group** is cancelled. The group will be on indefinite hiatus. In the meantime, continue to read, read, read.

Sign up for Circle Suppers April 8, either as a guest or a host. Look for the signup sheets or go to www.aluuc.org/circle-dinner to sign up online.

Next Sunday is Movie Night! 5:00 PM - *Queen of Katwe*, "Phiona Mutesi (Madina Nalwanga), a Ugandan girl living in a slum in Katwe, learns to play chess and becomes a Woman Candidate Master after her performances at World Chess Olympiads." 124 minutes, rated PG. All are welcome! There will be subtitles for those who have a hearing impairment.

2017 UUA General Assembly News: New Orleans, June 21-25! Please note that **GA Registration** opened 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. For more information and to register, go to www.mwls.org

Humanist Group: Our ALUUC Humanist Group emphasizes dignity, equality, and social justice for all individuals. On Monday, March 27, 2017 from 7:00-8:30 PM, George Oravis will review the book *The Secret History of Wonder Woman* by Jill Lepore. The creators of the Wonder Woman fictional hero inspired and empowered 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 Iaiennaro 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 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	
	Program Committee	12:00 PM	Alcott	
	Pathways to Membership #1	12:00 PM	Commons	
	Monday, March 20	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
		Pathways to membership #2&3	7:00 PM	Fuller
Tuesday, March 21	A Course in Miracles Adult RE	6:00 PM	Barton	
	Eco Camp Meeting	6:00 PM	Fuller	
Thursday, March 23	*Drum Circle	6:30 PM	DeWeese studio	
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary	
Saturday, March 25	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary	
Sunday, March 26	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller	
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary	
	Movie Night, “Queen of Katwe”	5:00 PM	Sanctuary	

*Off Site

Happening Elsewhere

Phillip Anderson, ALUUC Board President, will speak at the Frontiers International luncheon on March 24, 2017, 12 Noon, at Chesapeake. 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**. For more information, call or email Larry Golden at (217) 206-6569 and LGOLD1@uis.edu.