



**Announcements for Sunday, March 23, 2014  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "Feet Planted on Solid Ground, Preparing Our Future" by Paul Oakley*

**\*\*\* Happening TODAY \*\*\***

Effective immediately per the ALUUC Board of Directors, only authorized staff and committee chairs are allowed to use the office and minister's computers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Envelopes are provided today for those who generally donate cash. Please put your name on the envelope so that we can properly credit your donation.

**REMINDER:** Please remember not to apply tape to walls, desks, windows and doors unless you contact the Facilities Committee first. The glue on most kinds of tape will remove surfaces, such as paint, varnish and energy saving window treatments.

**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

**Humanist Group:** The Humanist Group emphasizes core values such as dignity of the individual, equality, and social justice. We discuss a variety of topics including morality/ethical values, humanism as way of life, separation of church and state, science/evolution/neuroscience, behavioral economics and bi-partisan politics. On March 24th at 7:00 pm, the topic will be a discussion of the book *God is Red: A Native View of Religion* by Vine Deloria Jr. First published in 1973, this seminal critique of the anthropocentrism and transcendence inherent in Christianity is starkly contrasted with the interconnectedness of Native religion. Deloria details (with no small amount of humor) the differences in economic and environmental informed by those divergent religious views. If you have questions about this group, email Susan Solon and/or Vi Lanum at [humanistgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:humanistgroup@hotmail.com) .

The **Book Discussion Group** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on March 25th at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy. Mark Knoblauch in a review on Booklist says, "Echoing some themes from his earlier novels, Conroy fleshes out the almost impossibly dramatic details of each of the friends' lives in this vast, intricate story, and he reveals truths about love, lust, classism, racism, religion, and what it means to be shaped by a particular place, be it Charleston, South Carolina, or anywhere else in the U.S." Future books we will read include *Orphan Train*, by Christine Baker Kline; *Flashback*, by Nevada Barr; *In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke; and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sedaris. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

**UUSC Get-Together**

As part of UUSC's Justice Sunday 2014 program, ALUUC will be hosting a live-webinar on Sunday, March 30 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Join us as we participate with UU's across the country for a compelling conversation with several food sovereignty experts, including Wendy Flick, manager of UUSC's Haiti Program; a UUSC partner in Haiti; and Fred Pearce, author of *The Land*

Grabbers. UUSC's Get-Together includes a live interview and interactive discussion with the panel of experts. Refreshments and discussion follow the webinar. For more information, contact Deborah at [dcg5512@yahoo.com](mailto:dcg5512@yahoo.com)

**The Green Sanctuary Committee** invites you to join us in Environmental Lobby Day on April 3, 2014. The goal of the event is to speak with State Legislators about important environmental issues of the day and build forward momentum for environment-friendly policies. Springfield's annual Environmental Lobby Day is organized by the Illinois Environmental Council -- an umbrella group for green groups in Illinois. They ask that volunteers register in advance so they can plan staffing and lunch. Call Meg Evans Lazare at [217-553-2995](tel:217-553-2995), or speak to a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee for more information.

**A COSMOS** party will be held at the home of Angela & Martin Woulfe, starting at 7:30 pm on Sunday, March 30; please RSVP by calling 726-8281. Please bring a dish or drink to share.

**\*\*This Week at a Glance \*\***

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, March 23	Music Group Mtg.	12:00 pm	Fuller
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott
Monday, Mar 24	Humanist Group	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Mar 25	Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
	Book Group	7:30 pm	*1800 Hastings
Thursday, Mar 27	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Men's Group	7:30 pm	Fuller
Friday, Mar. 21	Labyrinth Walk	6:00 pm	Commons area
Saturday, March 29	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Racial Equity Workshop II	1:30 pm	Commons
Sunday, March 30	Pledge Drive Kick-off		
	Personnel Committee Mtg.	12:00 pm	Barton
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott
	Social Action Webinar	3:00 pm	Sanctuary

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

**The Springfield American Civil Liberties Union and Liberty Brew & View** present a free showing of "*The House I Live In*", a highly acclaimed film to educate our community about America's failed "war on drugs." A lively and open discussion will follow, led by noted criminal attorney Michael Costello. March 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at Capital City Bar & Grill – City Nights Theater (Capital City Shopping Center, 3149 S Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield).

**The UU Women's Connection Spring Conference** is scheduled for June 6-8, 2014 in Princeton, IL. For more information, go to [www.womensconnction.org](http://www.womensconnction.org), contact Diana DeWeese at [kidi71@aol.com](mailto:kidi71@aol.com) or see the UUA bulletin board.