



**Announcements for Sunday, March 24, 2019
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Homelessness in Springfield in 2019" by Erica Smith.

Happening Today

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fantasy Auction a big success!

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.

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

LAST CALL: 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.

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!

The ALUUC Humanist Group meets at **7 PM on Monday, March 25**, at ALUUC. Craig Bailey will facilitate a discussion of presidential historian Jon Meacham's book *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*. "If the vitriol of today's political rhetoric has you thinking the United States is at its lowest point, Jon Meacham is here to remind you that the nation has weathered ugly chapters before. He is not Pollyanna, but he thoughtfully walks us through Reconstruction, the anti-immigrant movement in World War I and the strength of the KKK, the McCarthy era, and LBJ's push for civil rights. These eras were chaotic – and challenged the core values of American democracy – but presidents found a path forward for the country with hope prevailing over fear." - Edith Chapin, executive editor, NPR News. Questions? Please contact Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

The ALUUC Book Group will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 PM in the Channing Room. Our March selection is: ***Behind the Walls*** by our own Elaine Orr. Elaine will join us for our discussion and her insights into writing mysteries. We welcome anyone to join us whether you

have read the book selection or not. For questions, email Penny Wollan-Kriel at bookgroup@aluuc.org

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.

Only 7 spots left. Join other ALUUCers as we embark on a journey to bring ourselves and our community back into “right relations” with a “transforming” workshop **HERE IN OUR BUILDING!!!!** Apr 11 – 13 come to Understanding and Analyzing Systemic Racism, (Day 1: 6-9p, Day 2: 8:30a-6p, Day 3: 8:30a-4:30p), <http://crossroadsantiracism.org/training/workshops/> Please join us. Contact Nancy Derrig, nderrig@msn.com to get the \$305 group rate.

Next Sunday: **Change 4 Change - Thank you for your most appreciated and needed generosity.** April 7: Springfield Immigration and Advocacy Network (SIAN). SIAN is presently assisting Springfield area immigrants interned by ICE (U.S. Immigration & Custom Enforcement) and federal authorities. SIAN has an urgent need for resources (money, food, clothing, etc.) for these families. SIAN is people from diverse cultural backgrounds, faiths and organizations united to educate and work with leaders, community members and institutions to bring support to our immigrant communities facing crises due to present government policies & actions. SIAN supports immigrant & refugee advocacy and contributes to a Springfield in which **ALL** feel included, safe, valued, and welcome. Contact Larry Golden at lgold1@uis.edu, 217-553-7171, or Meg Evans megevanz@hotmail.com for more information or to help. **Please make checks to ALUUC with SIAN noted.**

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, March 24	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, March 25	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, March 26	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Berkley
	Book Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Wednesday, Mar 27	IAG Cooking Class.	10:00 AM	Kitchen
Thursday, Mar. 28	Meditation	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Saturday, March 30	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 31	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group	12:00 PM	Alcott

Happening Elsewhere

Remember to vote in the upcoming election April 2nd. Offices up for election are city, village, school boards, park district, Lincoln Land Community College trustees and SMEAA board. You may also vote early at the Sangamon County Courthouse. Dates for early voting and other election information can be found at sangamoncountyclerk.com or on flyers in the foyer.