



**Announcements for Saturday, March 26, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Raising Awareness of Bias and Rising Up"
by Kelly Wickham Hurst

Happening Today

The Program Committee will meet TODAY- Sunday, March 26 at Noon in the Fuller Room to continue working on the Summer Schedule. Anyone interested in joining the Committee is welcome.

Today 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.

Coming Soon

Pledge Party! Kent & Gwen Childs are hosting a "Beer, Brats and Beethoven" party at their home on Saturday, April 1, 4-6pm. Pledging for fiscal year 2018 (beginning July 1) will create the budget for next year's operating expenses. Please RSVP to Kent at khchilds1@aol.com or Gwen at gmchilds50@aol.com.

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.

Next Sunday, April 2, will be a **Change for Change** collection for **Being Black at School**. This national nonprofit advocacy organization's mission is "to utilize data and policy analysis to foster a movement for schools that are safer and more equitable for Black students."

Donations are also most welcome by check made out to ALUUC with BBS noted.

The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the Channing room. Call Kurt Dewese at 494-1705 (cell) or Frank Kopecky at 638-3913 (cell) if you have any questions.

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. The deadline is March 31.

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 Iannaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org for more information.

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

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, March 26	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Movie Night, "Queen of Katwe"	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, March 27	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, March 28	A Course in Miracles Adult RE	6:00 PM	Barton
Thursday, March 30	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, March 31	*Spring Youth CON		Peoria
Saturday, April 1	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	*Spring Youth CON		Peoria
	*Pledge Party	4:00 PM	Childs' home
Sunday, April 2	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller

*Off Site

Happening Elsewhere

Make Your Reservations – 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**. The event will feature New York Exoneree Yusef Salaam and his mother, Sharonne Abdus-Salaam, who never stopped fighting to prove his innocence. For more information, call or email Larry Golden at (217) 206-6569 and LGOLD1@uis.edu.