



**Announcements for Sunday, March 29 2015  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Easter and Passover" by Paul Oakley

**\*\*\* HAPPENING TODAY\*\***

**Pledge Drive 2015-2016:** Today, March 29, is the official start of the Pledge Drive for the ALUUC that enables the development of the annual budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015. All members and friends of ALUUC are encouraged to make a monetary pledge to be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or in a lump sum to share in the operating costs of our religious community. Pledge kits will be distributed containing a special Pledge Brochure together with a green Pledge Card that should be filled out and returned to Kurt DeWeese, to a volunteer canvasser, deposited in the special Pledge Box located in the church foyer, or mailed to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Kurt DeWeese, Pledge Drive Chair. All pledges should be submitted by April 12, 2015. For more information, contact Kurt DeWeese at 494-1705 or [kidi71@aol.com](mailto:kidi71@aol.com).

In December, the congregation voted to support Paul Oakley's ordination with two other churches. The board has allocated a \$500 contribution (the same as was given to Lynnda White). Additional private donations are being accepted. Please annotate Paul Oakley-ordination in the memo line of your checks.

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

**Kids Club/District 12**

Kids Club will meet April 3, 2015 at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the church for an April Showers themed evening. District 12 will meet during the same time for a game night. Please, RSVP for both to Marla Johnson, DRE at [dre@aluuc.com](mailto:dre@aluuc.com).

**The Membership Committee** is compiling a list of babysitters which will be available for members & friends - if you would like to have your name added, please contact Susan Solon.

**The Personnel Committee will be conducting evaluations** of some ALUUC staff in March. We will distribute evaluation forms to the congregants that each employee works closest with for their input. If you are given an evaluation form, please complete and insert in the box on the desk in the foyer by April 1, 2015. Contact the Personnel Committee chair, Dianne Roberts, if you have questions.

For the Sunday, April 5 Change for Change, we will be collecting funds for the [UUSC Blue Buckets campaign](#). Communities throughout the world are dealing with threats to their water access as a result of climate change. While climate change may be affecting communities in different ways, the common thread is that the most successful solutions are community-based and community-led. ALUUC will join other UU congregations in raising money to help families near Kenya's Kakamega rain forest and in other places to protect their water supply.

**NEWS COVENANT GROUP:** The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Linda and Frank Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. Everyone is welcome. Call Frank or Linda at 529-3235 if you have any questions.

**Let Freedom Ring!** Members of the **Conversation on Race** group are organizing an event on Thursday, April 9 at 2:30 pm. This event will commemorate the death of Abraham Lincoln 150 years ago and the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., forty-seven years ago – recognizing that the work undertaken by these two honored men is not finished. The group will gather at Lincoln's home and proceed to the Old State Capitol. At 3:00 PM, the marchers will join with students from select schools in District 186 to ring bells reminding us to "let freedom ring."

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, March 29	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Pledge Drive begins	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Bylaws Committee meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller
Monday, Mar 30	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
Wednesday, Apr 1	April Fools' Day		
Thursday, Apr 2	News Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Kopecky home
	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, April 3	Good Friday		
	Kids Club/District 12	6:00 PM	Commons
Saturday, Apr 4	Zen Meditation	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Apr 5	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change donations	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	11:45 AM	Fuller

**\*\*Happening Elsewhere \*\***

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Defenders of the Innocent Event**, Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 5:30pm at Erin's Pavilion. Featured are special guest Jennifer Thompson and North Carolina exoneree Ronald Cotton, whose lives are forever connected by a shocking crime and devastating miscarriage of justice. The book title about this event is available at [www.pickingcottonbook.com](http://www.pickingcottonbook.com). Visit [www.uis.edu/innocenceproject](http://www.uis.edu/innocenceproject) or contact Larry Golden at [lgold1@uis.edu](mailto:lgold1@uis.edu) or call 217-206-6569.

**On the 150th Anniversary of Lincoln's Assassination, Smithsonian Channel(TM) Revisits a Moment That Forever Changed American History in "Lincoln's Last Day" Premiering Monday, April 13th at 8PM ET/PT** Through a rare collection of personal artifacts connected to the Lincoln assassination, the special unravels the movements of each player in the deadly plot.

***Mourning Father Abraham: Lincoln's Assassination and the Public's Response.***

Presented by UIS in cooperation with the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition and support from The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation. April 30, 2015 – 7:00 PM at Brookens Auditorium, UIS. Speakers include Dr. Michael Burlingame, "Lincoln as Father Figure; Dr. Louis P. Masur, "Lincoln's Last Speech and the Problem of Reconstruction"; and Dr. Martha Hodes, "Shock and Fury, Gloom and Glee: Personal Responses to Lincoln's Assassination". No reservations needed. Doors open at 6PM.