



**Announcements for Sunday, March 30, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: Fantasy Auction Sermon by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** 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.

Plan to attend the UUSC Get-Together this Sunday: As part of UUSC's Justice Sunday 2014 program, ALUUC will be hosting a live-webinar TODAY, 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

***** COMING SOON *****

The COSMOS party has been rescheduled to Monday night March 31, at the home of Angela & Martin Woulfe, starting at 7:00 pm for episode 2 and 8:00 pm for episode 4; please RSVP by calling 726-8281. Please bring a dish or drink to share.

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, or speak to a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee for more information.

The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on April 3rd at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's at 7901 Hunt Road. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions call Renata or Heiko at 585-1944.

Kids Club: Kids Club will be held Friday, April 4, 2014 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the church. The theme for the evening will be The Hunger Games. District 12 will meet on the same evening at the same time to view "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire". Please, RSVP for both at dre@aluuc.org.

Facilities Workday: It's finally Spring! That means it's time for a workday at ALUUC. Join us on **Saturday, April 5, at 11:30 am** (please eat an early lunch before you come) and plan to wrap up by about 4 pm. Then everyone is invited to come over to the Childs House, 1314 W. Lake Shore

Drive--in your work clothes--to relax together. As usual, you are welcome to bring a beverage or snack. **New friends are always welcome to join our crew!**

CONsciousness 2014: We Need Fabric

Eliot's Senior High Youth are eagerly preparing for the spring Youth Conference (CON), which is April 11-13. A part of CON activities includes a social justice project. This year's project is blanket-making for the Ronald McDonald House, and we need YOUR help. **In order to create these blankets, we need donations of fleece by the yard, or gift cards to stores where fleece can be purchased (Hobby Lobby, Michaels, etc.).** No amount of fleece is too large or small. Our youth will be participating in this project when they attend CONsciousness 2014. Donations can be dropped off to the Senior Youth Group on Sunday. Contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org with any questions.

Join your fellow UU's as we advocate for **Economic Justice for All!** ALUUC's Social Action Committee in conjunction with the UUANI (UU Advocacy Network of Illinois) is inviting UU's around the state to join the campaigns to raise the minimum wage and to create a more fair state income tax. Here are ways you can help! Sign a Postcard for your Legislator at Coffee Hour, come to the Decatur Town Hall Meeting on Thursday April 17th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at the Old King's Orchard Community. Center, 815 N. Church Street, or plan to join us at a Rally at the Capitol in May supporting raising the minimum wage. Contact Peggy Patty or Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant for more information.

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

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Room</u> |
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| 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 |
| Tuesday, April 1 | Choir rehearsal | 6:30 pm | Sanctuary |
| Wednesday, Apr 2 | UU History Class | 6:00 pm | Channing |
| Thursday, Apr 3 | Meditation | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary |
| Friday, April 4 | Kids Club & District 12 | 6:00 pm | Commons area |
| Saturday, April 5 | Zen Meditation | 9:00 am | Sanctuary |
| Sunday, April 6 | Change for Change donations | 10:30 am | |
| | Senior Youth Group | 12:00 pm | Alcott |
| | Pagan Group Meeting | 12:30 pm | Emerson |

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

How "Smart" are YOU? Join a Trivia night hosted by SpringfieldTrivia.com at University of Illinois Springfield. Proceeds benefit the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. \$10/person, 8-10 people per team. Fewer than 8 on your team? We'll add UIS students to fill your table! April 12, 7 pm trivia begins; doors open at 6 pm. At Sangamon Auditorium lobby (PAC building). Cash bar and soda for sale. Free snacks or bring your own food, too. To reserve your table, call 206-6058 or email oodrsvp@uis.edu. 50/50 raffle. Cash prizes for top 3 teams.

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, contact Diana DeWeese at kidi71@aol.com or see the UUA bulletin board.