



**Announcements for Saturday, March 5, 2017  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Affirming the Acceptance of One Another" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

### **Happening Today**

**The Change for Change collection** TODAY, March 5, will benefit the **Illinois Innocence Project** (IIP). The IIP is dedicated to releasing innocent men and women imprisoned in Illinois for crimes they did not commit. We advocate on behalf of this silenced population by researching and investigating claims of innocence, and providing legal representation and other assistance to prove credible claims of actual innocence. The Project reviews over 300 requests for help from Illinois inmates each year. Undergraduates at the University of Illinois Springfield, and law students from the state's three public law schools, work alongside and at the direction of IIP attorneys to review, evaluate and, where strong evidence of actual innocence exists, investigate and legally pursue claims of innocence. To date, the **Illinois Innocence Project** has been intimately involved in the freeing of nine innocent individuals who were wrongfully imprisoned in Illinois.

### **Coming Soon**

***The 2017 Fantasy Auction invites you to celebrate our diversity... "Welcome to America" Saturday, March 11th from 6:00-10:30pm, \$25.00 per person*** Tickets are on sale **NOW** at Sunday Services (check or cash), **ONLINE\*** at [www.aluuc.org/tickets](http://www.aluuc.org/tickets), or at the door on the night of the event. There will be a silent auction, live auction and raffles! **Your ticket price includes:** Live entertainment! Delicious international appetizers and desserts! **(FOOD DONORS - please bring your donations to ALUUC by 6:00pm on that Saturday!)** Also included are soft drinks and coffee, cash bar for wine or beer. ***This really fun event is a fundraiser that supports our congregation.*** We are still accepting donations - please donate interesting, quality items and services! You can help make this evening a success! Contact Phillip Anderson, Gwen Childs or Debby Hagan for more information at [fantasyauction@aluuc.org](mailto:fantasyauction@aluuc.org) for more information, or if you have a donation you would like to make.

**The News Covenant Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Join us on Thursday, March 2nd, 2017 at the church in the Channing Room. If you have any questions call Kurt DeWeese 494-1705 (cell) or Frank Kopecky 638-3913 (cell).

**The Greater Springfield Interfaith Association (GSIA)** will meet on Tuesday, March 7, from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 West Washington. Fr Kevin Laughery & Rev. Martin Woulfe will share insights into St. Patrick, Saint Brigid & Celtic Spirituality. Please bring your own lunch.

**The Green Sanctuary Committee** will meet at 12pm in the Barton room every second Sunday beginning March 12 through June. Contact Jim Curran at [greensanctuary@aluus.org](mailto:greensanctuary@aluus.org) if you have questions.

Interested in reading? Want to read a variety of books from classics to best-sellers? Want to meet with members and friends in a casual group? Then join the **ALUUC Book Group**. A reorganizational meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 PM in the Fuller Room at ALUUC. Hope to see you there. For questions, call or text Penny Wollan-Kriel at 217-725-5157 or email at [pennywolla@aol.com](mailto:pennywolla@aol.com)

**2017 UUA General Assembly News: New Orleans, June 21-25!** Please note that **GA Registration** opens 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. Wolfe 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. Since 2009, they've offered Midwest Leadership School for Youth (ages 14-18) in tandem with our Adult School. It will challenge and train Unitarian Universalist youth in three areas: [Leadership Skills Development](#); [Worship](#); and [Religious Values & Heritage](#). For more information and to register, go to [www.mwls.org](http://www.mwls.org)

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, March 5	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	RE Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
Monday, March 5	Casimir Pulaski Day		
Tuesday, March 7	*GSIA Meeting	11:45 AM	1615 W. Washington
	A Course in Miracles Adult RE	6:00 PM	Barton
Thursday, March 9	Drum Circle	6:30 PM	DeWeese studio
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 11	Fantasy Auction	6:00 PM	ALUUC
Sunday, March 12	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Green Sanctuary Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
	Understanding the Bible Adult RE	12:00 PM	Emerson

### **Happening Elsewhere**

Phillip Anderson, ALUUC Board President, will speak at the Frontiers International luncheon on March 24, 2017, 12 Noon, at Chesapeake. He will be the guest of Vinnie Gupta. His topic will be "How ALUUC Serves the Public." Lunch is \$12. All are invited. Please RSVP by email to [asrandolphjr@att.net](mailto:asrandolphjr@att.net) if you will attend.

**Mark Your Calendars – 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. Stay tuned for sponsorship opportunities and online registration (\$100 suggested minimum donation). For more information, call or email Larry Golden at (217) 206-6569 and [LGOLD1@uis.edu](mailto:LGOLD1@uis.edu).