Announcements for Sunday, March 8, 2020
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Next Sunday’s service is “The Joy of Irish Blessings” by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

Did you remember to reset your clock FORWARD one hour??

Rescheduled Women’s March on International Women’s Day March 8th
March 8th Sunday – 3pm - Women’s March Old State Capitol in front of the Lincoln statue. Also please wear your ALUUC t-shirt!

March 8th Sunday, UU the Vote Postcard Party 3/8, after the service.
Join us for treats as we write postcards with polling place information. Materials provided.

Thank you to Phil Anderson and Bob Croteau for installing new lighting in the Sanctuary!

Coming Soon

Save the Date:
March 15th Sunday, Souls to the Polls
In our UU tee shirts, we plan to early vote after cake and coffee. Rides will be arranged. Group photo with our Banner at 12:30p. Please sign up today or next week if you are coming.

Save the Date! The annual ALUUC Stewardship drive will kick off with a luncheon after service on Sunday, March 22, 2020.

The next 2020 Eco Camp planning meeting is Thursday, March 26th at 6:30pm at ALUUC. All are welcome to attend, including people who have never helped at Eco Camp before! Questions? Contact ecocamp@aluuc.org. More about Eco Camp at aluuc.org/eco-camp (which links to https://www.aluuuc.org/eco-camp)

The ALUUC Covenant Groups have a few openings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings
If you are new to ALUUC or finding it challenging to feel “at home” here, consider joining a covenant group. These small groups of 7-10 individuals provide a wonderful opportunity to meet others and to feel a sense of belonging. Each covenant group meets twice a month to share specific topics such as belonging, appreciation, music and meaning, acceptance and beauty. These groups are open to friends as well as members. As the name suggests, each covenant group develops agreements as to how members will be in relationship with one another. Important aspects of covenants include a commitment to be present at each meeting, confidentiality, and avoiding both advice-giving and dominating group sharing. Active or “deep listening” is relatively unique feature of covenant groups. Members learn to listen in order to really hear what another is saying, rather than in order to respond with their own ideas. If you are interested in joining either the Tuesday or Thursday covenant groups please call Stu Jacobson as soon as possible at 494-5410 or text him at the same number. Find more information at www.ALUUC.org/CG
**A Session on Forgiveness: Simon Wiesenthal’s *The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness* Discussion Group**

Simon Wiesenthal was known internationally as a Holocaust survivor who devoted his life to finding and bringing former Nazis to justice and educating the world about the horrors of the Holocaust. In the book, Wiesenthal narrates an experience he had while imprisoned in a concentration camp: he was taken to the bedside of a dying SS man who confessed his participation in atrocities against Jews and wanted Simon’s forgiveness. At the end of the narrative, Wiesenthal poses a question to the reader: what would you have done? Over time, people from around the world and from many different backgrounds and experiences have responded to his question. In this five-week discussion group, we will read and respond to the narrative and then discuss the responses to it and explore the “possibilities and limits of forgiveness” in our world, our communities, and our own lives. We will meet at ALUUC on the following Monday evenings from 6-8 pm: March 23rd, March 30th, April 13th, April 27th, and May 11th. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the lobby before or after service, or email Cara at cara.swafford@llcc.edu if you are interested in participating. We will discuss the narrative, “The Sunflower” at our first meeting.

**A change to the Sunday Morning Service: On March 29 Rev. Wesley McNeese will speak. The topic will be “An Apostate’s Creed”.

Members and Friends of ALUUC are reminded that there are multiple venues for receiving news and reminders, one of which is a Facebook Group. If you are on Facebook and have not joined the group, please send a request to the private group listed as Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Please contact Rev. Woulfe if you have questions.