



**Announcements for Sunday, March 9, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "Are Some Places More Sacred than Others?" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** Happening TODAY *****

Say 'YES' to ALUUC Circle Suppers in March and April. The information is on the table next to the name tag rack. Please fill out the form to host and/or attend these dinners and place it in the box on that table. For more information talk to Susan Solon or contact Nancy Standen, 217 381 3468, or email standen@royell.org. Information is also listed on Facebook; type in ALUUC Circle Suppers March 2014 or check the Event Calendar for March 29.

Key security is an ongoing issue at ALUUC, and to help us keep current with key holders, a new form has been implemented. Peggy Patty will be checking with key holders today to get signatures and key numbers. If you have not been contacted personally, please call or email Cheryl Wycoff at the office and make arrangements to sign for your keys or to return them.

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

REMINDER: Please remember not to apply tape to walls, windows and doors unless you contact the Facilities Committee first. The glue on most kinds of tape will remove surfaces, such as paint, varnish and energy saving window treatments.

New to UU Class: Have you been attending ALUUC and feel this should be your "spiritual home"? Would you like to learn more about UUism and this congregation? Please sign up for an informal session on Monday, March 10 at 7 pm and meet other new people, as well as Rev. Woulfe and our Membership Coordinator, Susan Solon. All are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the drinking fountain. Child care will be provided upon request.

St Patrick's Day is Coming!

We will be celebrating here at ***Loch Springfield Pub on March 15th***, but we won't be ***"Bringin' in the Green"*** unless we start ***"Bringin' in the Donations"*** *right away!* There are donation forms on the foyer table for your items and services, and volunteers will be asking for donations of GREEN finger food.

Please join the fun as we fill our Pot O' Gold!

Gwen Childs and Victoria Vincent are selling admission tickets, which are \$20 each.



ALUUC Drum Circle for Joyful Adult Drummers

Join us for the Joy of Rhythm Drum Circle on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the ALUUC Sanctuary. Beginners welcome! Contact Peggy Patty or Diana DeWeese.

Humanist Group: The Humanist Group emphasizes core values such as dignity of the individual, equality, and social justice. We discuss a variety of topics including morality/ethical values,

humanism as way of life, separation of church and state, science/evolution/neuroscience, behavioral economics and bi-partisan politics. On March 24th at 7:00 pm, the topic will be a discussion of the book *God is Red: A Native View of Religion* by Vine Deloria Jr. First published in 1973, this seminal critique of the anthropocentrism and transcendence inherent in Christianity is starkly contrasted with the interconnectedness of Native religion. Deloria details (with no small amount of humor) the differences in economic and environmental informed by those divergent religious views. If you have questions about this group, email Susan Solon and/or Vi Lanum at humanistgroup@hotmail.com .

The **Book Discussion Group** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on March 25th at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy. Mark Knoblauch in a review on Booklist says, "Echoing some themes from his earlier novels, Conroy fleshes out the almost impossibly dramatic details of each of the friends' lives in this vast, intricate story, and he reveals truths about love, lust, classism, racism, religion, and what it means to be shaped by a particular place, be it Charleston, South Carolina, or anywhere else in the U.S." Future books we will read include *Orphan Train*, by Christine Baker Kline; *Flashback*, by Nevada Barr; *In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead*, by James Lee Burke; and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sedaris. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Mar 9	Daylight Savings Time begins	2:00 am	
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	Committee on Ministry Meets	12:00 pm	Fuller
Monday, Mar 10	New to UU Class	7:00 pm	Channing
Tuesday, Mar 11	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Fuller
Wednesday, Mar 12	"What Moves Us" part II	6:00 pm	Channing
Thursday, Mar 13	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, Mar. 14	Kids Club	6:00 pm	Commons area
Saturday, March 15	Fantasy Auction	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 16	Third Sunday donations		
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	Various
	SAC Meeting	12:00 pm	Fuller
	Movie Night	6:00 pm	Commons area

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

The film, *Girl Rising*, is a culmination of research by a team of former ABC News journalists who set out to investigate how to end global poverty. Their conclusion was pretty simple - educating girls is the highest return investment you can make in breaking cycles of poverty. The film highlights the stories of 9 girls from different parts of the world, including Ethiopia, Kabul, Cairo, etc. and their struggles to get a basic education. The stories are narrated by Salma Hayek, Anne Hathaway, and Meryl Streep, among others. The times of the showing of the film are: March 9 at 2 pm, Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church (corner of Douglas and Governor Streets) and March 11 at 7 pm, Brookens Auditorium, UIS. Please mark this on your calendars to come, be inspired and realize the power of girls to change the world.