



**Announcements for Sunday, May 1, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Face of Mental Illness" by Tracy Zieber-Minks.

### **Happening Today**

Today, May 1, 9:30 – 10:15 AM, ALUUC member Fred Dietz will offer a special adult religious education session in the Barton classroom. His topic will be "New Thoughts on Spirituality".

**Change for Change collection today, May 1:** The *Committee for Children* is an incorporated 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity that was organized in 1977 by a group of concerned citizens interested in reducing child abuse and neglect – a major problem in the Springfield area. For over 30 years the Committee for Children has operated multiple programs aimed at reducing child abuse by easing stress on families and children. Currently the major emphasis of the *Committee for Children* is operating the **Someone Special Program** which fulfills children's wishes to participate in an extra-curricular activity that their families would not otherwise be able to afford. Some of the activities sponsored include music lessons, gymnastics, summer camp, karate, football and other sports activities and camps. Children are referred by local schools and social service agencies such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Parent Place and the YMCA, and all referrals are anonymous. The children must be school-aged and in the Springfield school district. The Committee for Children is an all-volunteer organization and 100% of all donations go directly to sponsoring children. Currently, our very own ALUUC member Alison Stachera is the Committee President.

**Pledge Drive 2016-2017: The Official Pledge Drive has ended!** The Pledge Drive began April 2. In the last **three** weeks we have collected **95%** of our goal. We have **5% to go**. Calls are being made to those members yet to pledge. If you have not pledged your giving intentions yet, it is not too late. Your help is needed. **All members and friends of ALUUC** are encouraged to participate to help meet the *goal for quality programs, fair compensation for employees and health insurance for the minister*. **Help us get to 100%.** A brochure and blue cards are available from Delinda Chapman after the service in the hallway. Completed cards can be returned to Delinda by placing in the special box located on the table in the church foyer, or **emailing your amount to Delinda, [delindac@gmail.com](mailto:delindac@gmail.com), or mailing to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Delinda Chapman. For more information, contact Delinda Chapman.**

### **Long Range Planning Update**

The Long Range Planning Committee is creating provocative propositions (strategic plans) from the cottage group input. The congregation will be invited to provide feedback on the propositions and suggest specific goals to implement them in the future.

### **Coming Soon**

**Greater Springfield Interfaith Association:** On May 3, from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm, ALUUC member Vinnie Gupta will host the May gathering at his home. The program will feature a vegetarian potluck meal and the topic will be "Buddha's Birthday Celebration." All are invited to participate.

**The News Covenant Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us at **7:00 p. m. on May 5** at Frank and Linda Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. Everyone is welcome. Call Frank or Linda at 529-3235 if you have any questions.

**FACILITIES SPRING WORK PARTY!** The Facilities Committee is hosting a **Work Party** on **Saturday, May 14th, starting at noon.** We will be tackling a number of minor inside and outside clean-up tasks, and when we are done, we will head for the Childs' house, 15 Forest Ridge, to relax and enjoy each other's company. Come dressed to work, and bring along a snack and beverage for the party afterward—no need to change clothes. This is a good way to get to know people while doing something important for ALUUC. New recruits will be warmly welcomed! If you have questions, please contact Gwen Childs or Kurt DeWeese at [Facilities-Com@aluuc.org](mailto:Facilities-Com@aluuc.org).

**Springfield PrideFest.** - May 21, 12-10 pm, Downtown Springfield (on Capitol between 4th & 6th). Free, but bring money for food & drinks. **ALUUC will have an informational booth there—we need volunteers!** Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts to setup and share information about ALUUC and UUism. If you are interested in representing ALUUC for a shift or two, please contact Rev. Woulfe or email him at [minister@aluuc.org](mailto:minister@aluuc.org). For more information about PrideFest, go to [www.springfieldpride.org](http://www.springfieldpride.org).

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, May 1	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Fuller
	Adult RE Session	9:30 AM	Barton
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
Tuesday, May 3	*GSIA Potluck & Meeting	11:45 AM	Vinnie Gupta's
Thurs., May 5	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., May 7	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 8	Mother's Day		
	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	
	OWL Recognition		

\*Takes place offsite.

### **Happening Elsewhere**

**Springfield Public Library:**

On **May 4th @ 3:30 p.m.** in the **Carnegie North** room, **Pre K - 5th graders** can get **Jedi training** and **create Star Wars themed crafts**. For more information please contact the Youth Services department at (217) 753-4900 x5612.

The **Liturgical Arts Festival** runs from Friday, **April 29** through Saturday, **May 7**. The exhibit is open to the public the entire week of the festival. For more information, including the schedule, go to [www.lafspringfield.org](http://www.lafspringfield.org)