



**Announcements for Sunday, May 10, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "On Good and Evil" by Paul Oakley.

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

Pledge Drive 2015-2016: The Pledge Drive continues. Additional pledges are needed if we are going to maintain quality programming, pay down the mortgage by 2017 and provide living wages for our staff. There are too many Members who have not yet submitted a pledge for the next fiscal year that supports the ALUUC budget for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015. Pledge cards and a brochure providing information about our budget needs and other pledging guidance are available. Pledge cards should be filled out and returned to Kurt DeWeese, or mailed to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Kurt DeWeese, Pledge Drive Chair, or let Kurt know by email at kidi71@aol.com or phone 546-5834.

Memorial contributions on behalf of **Ken Sibley** (8/8/23--3/25/2015) and **Clara Lily White** (7/11/23--3/30/2015) may be made to the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 745 Woodside Rd., Springfield, IL 62711. Please make checks payable to the "ALUUC" indicating on the Memo line that it is a Memorial for Ken or Clara Lily.

UUSC-UUA Response to Earthquake in Nepal

On April 25, communities in Nepal, India, and Bangladesh suffered a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake. So far, reports reveal that more than 7,000 people have died and thousands more are injured or missing. UUSC President Bill Schulz and Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President Rev. Peter Morales have issued this joint statement in response to this tragedy: The devastating earthquake in Nepal has resulted in a growing number of victims and widespread destruction of property, including some of the world's greatest heritage sites. This tragic disaster, in a country where 25% of the population already lives at or below the national poverty line, reminds us of life's fragility and our human obligation to respond with generosity and compassion to those who suffer. [That is one reason that UUSC and the UUA are launching a special joint appeal for Nepal relief work.](#) As is our practice with international disaster relief, UUSC will take the lead in distributing funds where they can do the most good, directing support toward people who are left out of mainstream relief efforts. UUSC and the UUA are already establishing on-the-ground partnerships and projects to support these communities. We are keeping the people of Nepal and the affected region in our hearts and prayers. Please be generous with your support.

[Donate to the UUSC-UUA Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund today](#) at www.uusc.org

Please help stack chairs after the service in preparation for the Labyrinth Walk on Friday.

**** COMING SOON ****

A representative from B.F. Edwards will be at ALUUC at 6 pm on Tuesday, May 12. Craig Schermerhorn will discuss the ALUUC endowment fund and savings investment performance. Contact Dianne Roberts at 483-1336 or treasurer@aluuc.org for more information.

A Celebration of Life service for Judith Butler (formerly Schmidt) will be held on Saturday, May 16th at Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. Sixth St. Family visitation will start at 1pm, friends at

2pm, with the funeral starting at 3pm. Judith was a member of ALUUC for seven years until she moved to Wisconsin last July to be near her daughter's family.

Sign up to show your PRIDE! Volunteer for a two hour shift at the ALUUC booth at Springfield Pridefest on Sat. May 16, anytime from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm. Come help ALUUC and the Welcoming Congregation support the LGBTQ community by participating in one of Springfield's most fun and beloved events! For more information please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at 217-801-7926 or email tracyzieber@gmail.com

Marina V Concert: May 16, 2015, 8:00 PM, \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. See her website for details: <http://www.marinav.com/events.php> or contact Susan Solon.

The Book Discussion Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on May 26 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride. A New York Times Book Review of this book says, "Suffused with issues of race, religion and identity. Yet those issues, so much a part of their lives and stories, are not central. The triumph of the book--and of their lives—is that race and religion are transcended in these interwoven histories by family love, the sheer force of a mother's will and her unshakable insistence that only two things really mattered: school and church...it is her voice—unique, incisive, at once unsparing and ironic—that is dominant in this paired history, and its richest contribution....The two stories, son's and mother's, beautifully juxtaposed, strike a graceful note at a time of racial polarization." Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

Ordination: Former Intern and Sabbatical Preacher Paul Oakley will be ordained in a 4pm service on Sunday, May 31 at First Unitarian Church of St. Louis, 5007 Waterman Boulevard, St. Louis. If you are planning to attend and need a ride or are driving and have room for riders, please contact Office Manager Cheryl Wycoff at office@aluuc.org. Cheryl will maintain a list of attendees so that riders and drivers can connect.

General Assembly is June 24-28, in Portland Oregon. If you are going and want to be a delegate, please contact Michael Plog by email (president@aluuc.org) or telephone (793-2509) before 3:00pm this Tuesday.

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

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Room</u> |
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| Sunday, May 10 | Mother's Day Choir Rehearsal | 9:20 AM | Sanctuary |
| Monday, May 11 | Chalice Circle | 6:30 PM | Channing |
| Tuesday, May 12 | Investment Meeting Board Meeting | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | Commons Fuller |
| Wednesday, May 13 | UU History (SS&DD) | 7:00 PM | Channing |
| Thursday, May 14 | Meditation | 7:15 PM | Sanctuary |
| Friday, May 15 | Labyrinth Walk | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary |
| Saturday, May 16 | Zen Meditation *Old State Capitol Art Fair *Pridefest | 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM | Sanctuary OSC Downtown |
| | Marina V Concert | 8:00 PM | Sanctuary |
| Sunday, May 17 | Choir Rehearsal | 9:20 AM | Sanctuary |

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