



**Announcements for Sunday, May 11, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Justice Sunday – Justice is Planting a Seed" by the Social Action Committee

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

The ALUUC youth are invited to join with the choir during practice beginning this Sunday, May 10, 2014 at 10:00 am. The choir will be practicing a song with the children to be performed at the May 25, 2014 Religious Education Recognition service. Those children who wish to be involved are asked to also join choir practice on May 18th and May 25th. Feel free to contact me with any questions at dre@aluuc.org. Thank you. Marla Johnson, DRE

Effective immediately per the ALUUC Board of Directors, only authorized staff and committee chairs are allowed to use the office and minister's computers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Envelopes are provided today for those who generally donate cash. Please put your name on the envelope so that we can properly credit your donation.

The next **Adult RE / COSMOS** gathering is Tonight, May 11! Come to Rev. Woulfe's house at 7:30 pm and bring a dish to share. The show starts at 8:00 pm and we'll discuss the episode afterwards. Please RSVP.

Please help stack chairs after the service today in preparation for the Labyrinth Walk on Friday, May 16 at 7pm.

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

Rev. Woulfe will be on vacation May 13 through May 18. Please contact Paul Oakley, Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko for any pastoral care or concerns during that time.

The *Illinois Times* has requested that ALUUC members write more letters to the editor. They are looking for superior commentary.

Paul Oakley will lead the second half of the adult class **Faith Like a River: Themes from Unitarian, Universalist, and UU History** on 5 consecutive Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning on May 14. Please sign up on the sheet above the drinking fountain. You do not need to have participated in the first half to join this class.

Springfield's 4th annual Pridefest will be held on Saturday May 17. Paul Oakley is coordinating members & friends who want to represent ALUUC & share info about UUism. Paul needs volunteers to sign up for two-hour shifts, especially for set-up at 11:00 a.m. and breakdown at 7:00 pm. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet above the drinking fountain.

Bhikkhu Mahinda invites all to join this year's Buddha Day Celebration ceremony, to be held from **May 13 to May 18, 2014** at the Chanmyay Satipatthana Vihara, 525 Bruns Lane, Springfield, Illinois. The celebration will start at **4:30 AM on Tuesday May 13, 2014** with the following

program. Buddhists all over the world celebrate on the second month of lunar calendar, on this Vesak the Buddha Day, in commemoration of (1) the Birth of the Gotama Buddha, (2) his attainment of the Full Enlightenment, his becoming endowed with Sabbannutta Nana, his becoming a Supremely Self-Enlightened Buddha, and (3) his Passing Away, Mahaparinibbana.

The April meeting of the **Greater Springfield Interfaith Association** will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 11:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m. at the Baha'i House, 1131 South 8th Street, Springfield, IL. The program will be "The Persecution of Religious Minorities". The Baha'is will be providing a lunch so please RSVP to Mary Lou McLaughlin at galwaycounty@comcast.net .

Third Sunday Collection

On **Sunday, May 18** for our Third Sunday collection, and as part of our Justice Sunday program, we will be soliciting items that are needed by area community gardens. A list of the needed items is available on the table outside of the sanctuary.

Justice Sunday – Justice Is Planting a Seed

Growing your own food — and having the resources and opportunity to do so — is a powerful act. This year the ALUUC Social Action Committee will lead the Justice Sunday service on **May 18**. The service will include a presentation, "*Hunger and Obesity: The Cruel Irony of Food Insecurity in America and How Community Gardens Help*" by Dr. Kemia Sarraf, M.D., M.P.H., President and Founder of genHkids Coalition. Dr. Sarraf will be discussing the links between poverty, food insecurity and the public health crisis we face in America today, including an exploration of our current "toxic food environment," and practical solutions that communities can implement to begin correcting the situation. Community Gardens and urban agriculture as a part of local solutions will be explored, and there will be time for Q&A after her presentation.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, May 11	<i>Mother's Day</i>		
	OWL Class	10:00 am	Channing
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott
	Adult Religious Education: COSMOS	7:30 pm	Martin Woulfe's home
Tuesday, May 13	GSIA Meeting	11:45 am	1131 S 8 th St.
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday, May 14	UU History Class II	7:00 pm	Channing
Thursday, May 15	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, May 16	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, May 17	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 18	Choir Practice	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	OWL Class	10:00 am	Channing
	Third Sunday Collection		
	Potluck	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 pm	Fuller
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 pm	Alcott