



**Announcements for Sunday, May 13, 2012  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "Prayer Without Ceasing" by Lynnda White*

**\*\*\* HAPPENING TODAY \*\*\***

**The Children's Choir will be practicing each Sunday in May at 10:30 am in the Religious Education commons.** The choir will be rehearsing "Spirit of Life" to be performed on May 27, 2012 during the Religious Education service. Below is a link to the words and signs that go along with the song. Practicing with your child would be very helpful as we have only a few Sundays to rehearse. Please contact Marla Johnson at [cre@aluuc.com](mailto:cre@aluuc.com) if you have any questions.

**Today is Potluck Sunday.** The theme is healthy food and it is Mother's Day. So we suggest you give Mom a break by having all non-moms make something healthy for the potluck. All dishes are welcomed healthy or not. The only requirement is that the food is edible.

**STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGE DRIVE UPDATE:** The 2012-2013 Pledge Drive has generated \$173,437, or 98% of the Minimum Goal. New, renewed, or revised pledges may yet put us over the top. Please contact Kurt DeWeese for additional pledging.

**A large print copy of the Order of Service is available. Please ask the usher.**

**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** A Special Meeting of the ALUUC Board of Directors will be held Monday evening, May 14, 2012, at the ALUUC, 745 Woodside Road, Springfield, Illinois @ 7:00 p.m. to consider the following: (1) Review and adopt a Proposed Budget for the ALUUC for 2012-2013; (2) Consider Proposed Amendments to the ALUUC ByLaws (Last Amended 6/5/2011); and (3) Clarification of the Nominations/Appointments to next year's Committee on Ministry. Contact Kurt DeWeese for more information.

**The next New to UU class will be held Monday, May 14, 2012 at ALUUC.** If you would like to know more about Unitarian Universalism, please see Susan Solon or sign up on the sheet above the drinking fountain.

**Rev. Woulfe will be on vacation May 15 – 20, 2012.** Volunteers are needed to help Lynnda White set up the labyrinth for the **Labyrinth Walk** on Friday, May 18 at 7:00 pm. Pastoral care concerns should be directed to Delinda Chapman or Jodi Perko during his absence.

**Office Manager, Cheryl Wycoff, will be out of the office on Thursday, May 17.** Please try to send announcement contributions to her by early Wednesday morning.

**Fair Trade Products Sales:** The ALUUC Social Action Committee (SAC) will be selling Fair Trade products (coffee, teas, cocoa, and chocolate bars) on Sunday, May 20. The purchase of fair trade goods through the UUSC Coffee Project benefits agricultural cooperatives through UUSC's Small Farmer Fund. UUs have the highest participation rate of any denomination in Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program!

**The Third Sunday project on May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Ronald McDonald House.** We will be collecting paper products and recyclable items such as pop tops, cell phones and ink cartridges.

**The Humanist Group** regularly meets on the fourth Monday of the month, but due to Memorial Day, will meet on the THIRD Monday in May – May 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the ALUUC Sanctuary. James Custer will review David Brooks' *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character and Achievement*. Additional background information can be found at <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/13/books/review/book-review-the-social-animal-by-david-brooks.html?src=recg&pagewanted=all> For more information, see the May Newsletter or contact Carol Floyd about the Humanist Group at 787-1174 or [HumanistGroup@aluuc.org](mailto:HumanistGroup@aluuc.org)

**The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.** Join us on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. Publisher's Weekly says, "Science journalist Skloot makes a remarkable debut with this multilayered story about faith, science, journalism, and grace. It is also a tale of medical wonders and medical arrogance, racism, poverty and the bond that grows, sometimes painfully, between two very different women—Skloot and Deborah Lacks—sharing an obsession to learn about Deborah's mother, Henrietta, and her magical, immortal cells." Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions call Barbara at 523-6241.

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Starting Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Sunday, May 13	Mother's Day		
	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Children's Choir	10:30 am	Commons
Monday, May 14	Healthy Foods Potluck	11:45 am	
	Special Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Fuller
	New to UU class	7:00 pm	Channing
Tuesday, May 15	Prairie Grapevine Concert	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, May 17	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, May 18	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, May 19	Zen Meditation	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 20	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Third Sunday collection		
	Children's Choir rehearsal	10:30 am	Commons

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

**The Phoenix Center needs volunteers** to work on May 19 for the Springfield Pridefest. Volunteers would work a two hour shift and will need to attend a brief orientation on May 15 or 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Center (109 E. Lawrence). Contact Laine Tadlock at 341-9192 or at [lainetadlock@yahoo.com](mailto:lainetadlock@yahoo.com) or talk to Lynnda White.

**Prevent Child Abuse Illinois** is looking for teen or adult volunteers to help with the carnival games area of their Illinois Walk For Children event in Lincoln Park on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 10 a.m. to noon. Spiderman is the special guest and this should be a fun children's event for all. Plan to attend even if you can't volunteer. Please contact Mary Salisbury, ALUUC member, at 522-1129 (PCA Illinois) or 787-6592 (home).