



**Announcements for Sunday, May 15, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Further Reflections on Religious Enrichment" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

### **Happening Today**

**Pledge Drive 2016-2017: The Official Pledge Drive has ended!** Thank you very, very much to everyone who has made their pledges to date! In the last **five** weeks we have collected **97%** of our goal. **We have 3% to go.** If you have not pledged your giving intentions, 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 make sure we can light the chalice when we reach 100%.** Pledges 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.**

**Stay for the Potluck and Color with Friends:** Color designs by local artists and other general designs on Sunday, May 15 during the potluck, which will be setup in the Commons area. Free, supplies are provided. Hosted by Rhiannon Gurley of Our Vibrant Community.

**Julio Barrenzuela** will offer a short presentation on his recent salsa and social justice initiatives during the potluck. Bring your plate and join him in the Fuller room.

Please help stack chairs today after the potluck in preparation for the **Labyrinth Walk** on Friday, May 20, at 7:00 PM.

### **Coming Soon**

Please join us in a new local drive to **collect & deliver water to the residents of Flint, Michigan**, headed by the Islamic Center of Springfield. From Dr. Ali M. Nizamuddin, Associate Professor of Political Science, UIS: "All water donations will be taken to the Broome Center which is the primary supplier to the people of Flint. We will load the trucks on Friday from 2 to 8 PM May 20th. Please arrange for your donations to be dropped off at the Mosque at 3000 Stanton from 2 to 8 please."

**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 several more 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).

### **UUANI (UU Advocacy Network of Illinois) Congregational Action Leaders**

UUANI works "to build our collective power to act effectively for justice by building relationships within our congregations and with other congregations." Their major issue areas for this year are

Environmental Justice, Economic Justice, and Racial Justice. This is the group that organized UUs from across the state to come to Springfield for the Marriage Equality Rally (and we all know how that turned out!) **ALUUC needs a volunteer to be our liaison to this vibrant group.** It involves wonderful, informative conversations with other socially active Illinois UUs by conference call 6-8 times per year. You would not have to join the Social Action Committee (although you are most welcome), but would need to keep SAC informed about UUANI activities around the state. Talk to Nancy Derrig or contact her by email at [SAC@aluuc.org](mailto:SAC@aluuc.org).

**Movie Night at ALUUC — *Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens* — May 22 at 5 pm**  
 In the 7th film of the *Star Wars* saga, “30 years after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, the galaxy faces a new threat from the evil Kylo Ren (Adam Driver) and the First Order. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence. 136 minutes. Popcorn & light refreshments are provided, along with subtitles for those who are deaf or have a hearing impairment.

**Humanist Group:** On **Monday May 23 at 7 pm at ALUUC**, David Johnson will review *Franco ‘Bifo’ Berardi – Heroes: Mass Murder and Suicide*. Berardi is an Italian postmodernist philosopher concerned with the effect of what he calls "financial capitalism" upon people's mental health. You might say that he is psychoanalyzing the modern world.

**\*\*\* SPECIAL BOOK DISCUSSION MEETING \*\*\***

**Open to All:** The **ALUUC Book Discussion Group** invites all members/friends to join us for the May book selection, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. The discussion session will be held in the **ALUUC Sanctuary** on **Tuesday, May 24 from 7:30-9:30 pm**. This book is the **UUA 2015-16 Common Read** selection. Each year's Common Read is chosen by a committee including both headquarters and field staff of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). By reading and discussing the same book in a given time period, a Common Read can build community in our congregation and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations. Following on the heels of our recent Sunday service on the work of the Illinois Innocence Project, this book speaks to justice, mercy, and compassion, themes of concern to us as Unitarian Universalists and as human beings.

**This Week at a Glance**

| <u>DATE</u>    | <u>EVENT</u>                    | <u>Time</u> | <u>Room</u>  |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sunday, May 15 | Choir Rehearsal                 | 9:20 AM     | Sanctuary    |
|                | Sunday Service                  | 10:30 AM    | Sanctuary    |
|                | Potluck                         | 12:00 PM    | Sanctuary    |
|                | Color with Friends              | 12:00 PM    | Commons area |
|                | News from Julio                 | 12:15 PM    | Fuller       |
| Monday, May 16 | PFLAG Meeting                   | 7:00 PM     | Commons area |
| Thurs., May 19 | Meditation Group                | 7:15 PM     | Sanctuary    |
| Friday, May 20 | Labyrinth Walk                  | 7:00 PM     | Sanctuary    |
| Sat., May 21   | Zen Meditation                  | 9:30 AM     | Sanctuary    |
|                | *Springfield PrideFest          | 12:00 PM    | Downtown     |
| Sunday, May 22 | Choir Rehearsal                 | 9:20 AM     | Sanctuary    |
|                | Social Action Committee Mtg.    | 12:00 PM    | Fuller       |
|                | Movie Night: <i>Star Wars 7</i> | 5:00 PM     | Sanctuary    |

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