



**Announcements for Sunday, May 17, 2015  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Something New, Something Sustaining" by Paul Oakley.

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

Earlier this month Paul Oakley accepted the call to be the next settled minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waynesboro, VA. He and Walter have purchased a house there.  
**Congratulations to Paul.**

**Pledge Drive 2015-2016:** The Official Pledge Drive has ended, but additional pledges are welcomed to ensure that we are going to maintain quality programming, pay down the mortgage by 2018 and provide living wages for our staff. If you have not yet submitted a pledge, or wish to change a pledge for the next fiscal year, please contact **Kurt DeWeese** by email at [kidi71@aol.com](mailto:kidi71@aol.com) or phone 546-5834.

There are quite a few coats and jackets left behind over the last few months. **Please check the coat rack before leaving today** – one could be yours.

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

**Eco Camp Planning Committee** is meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Fuller Room.

**The Humanist Group:** On Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2015 at 7:00 PM, David Johnson will review Bart Ehrman's *How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee*. Among the questions historian Bart Ehrman answers this question: How did the transformation of Jesus occur? These dramatic shifts reveal not only why Jesus's followers began to claim he was God but how they came to understand it. Questions should be addressed Susan Solon or Vi Lanum Co-Chairs. [humanistgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:humanistgroup@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto:office@aluuc.org). Cheryl will maintain a list of attendees so that riders and drivers can connect.

**Save the Date: June 7 is ALUUC's Annual Meeting.** Please make an effort to come Sunday morning and stay for the meeting immediately after the service. Items on the agenda include a proposed change to the Mission Statement, proposed changes to the bylaws, voting in new board and congregational committee members and a proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015. It's important that all ALUUC members participate.

**Fresh flower donations are needed** for June & July; please sign up for a Sunday today. Thank you, The Flower Committee

**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](mailto: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>
Sunday, May 17	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, May 18	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Tuesday, May 19	Eco Camp Meeting	6:30 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, May 20	RE Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	Fuller
Thursday, May 21	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, May 22	Pagan Group	6:00 PM	Commons
Saturday, May 23	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 24	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Recognition of RE volunteers	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

**\*\*Happening Elsewhere \*\***

**In Lincoln's Time Exhibition**

**Featuring Artwork by Prairie Art Alliance Artists**

**Exhibition: May 1 - June 18, 2015**

**Prairie Art Alliance Gallery in the Hoogland, 420 S. Sixth St.**

The Prairie Art Alliance artists have been encouraged to take inspiration from the life and time of our 16th president and his impact today. Come visit the exhibition to see our artists' take on the theme as well as reading about "Art in Lincoln's Time".

**Fixing Illinois' Criminal Justice System**

**Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St.**

**May 20, 2015, 6:00 – 9:00 PM (Free)**

Decades of flawed sentencing laws have swelled the ranks of non-violent offenders in Illinois prisons. The results have included prison overcrowding, strapped budgets, and diminished well-being for current and former prisoners and the public at large. Please join the Charles Koch Institute and the Illinois Policy Institute for an upcoming conversation with esteemed criminal justice experts who will explore these and other important questions. See more details at:

[http://events.illinoistimes.com/events/view/175565/fixing\\_illinois\\_criminal\\_justice\\_system.html](http://events.illinoistimes.com/events/view/175565/fixing_illinois_criminal_justice_system.html)