



**Announcements for Sunday, May 20, 2018
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Seeking Balance", by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

With the **Legacy 65 Stewardship Campaign** officially concluded, we want to thank everyone who pledged for the Fiscal Year 2019. We are pleased that we have reached 87% of our goal but we still need to strive to achieve that goal in order to meet the needs of the ALUUC FY19 Budget which begins July 1. That Budget will ensure reasonable and appropriate pay increases for our staff and the funding requests of our committees. If you have not yet turned in your Pledge Card, we would appreciate receiving it as soon as possible. If you are a new member since July 1, 2017 and have not yet pledged, we have been offered an additional match so that your pledged amount can double in value. When turning in your card, please complete the back with a check-off of where you would be interested in/or are currently volunteering. Your financial as well as time commitments to ALUUC are greatly appreciated. Thank you from John Malan and Penny Wollan-Kriel, Co-chairs for the Pledge Drive.

We will be holding **the final edition of Pathways to Membership** for this liturgical year today, May 20th and Monday, May 21st. We will hold *Pathways, Roots: Sharing Your Stories* on Sunday, May 20, at 12:15pm. *Roots: A UU History*; and *Branches: Fostering Growth and Connection* will take place on Monday, May 21 at 6pm. We'll break for the months of June and July, then return to our scheduled Pathways classes for Aug. 5th and 6th. For more information about Pathways to Membership please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe at minister@aluuc.org

In keeping with the Safe Congregation Policy, ALUUC would like to remind all age groups, including parents, that those in any youth programs need to have adults participating or overseeing their activities when using ALUUC's meeting rooms.

TODAY is Movie Night featuring "The Post" at 5:00 PM. In the early 1970s, *The Post* depicts the true story of attempts by journalists at *The Washington Post* to publish the Pentagon Papers, regarding the 30-year involvement of the United States government in the Vietnam War. Starring Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks, Sarah Paulson, and Bob Odenkirk."

Coming Soon

The Humanist group will meet on May 21 due to the Memorial Holiday on May 28. Stu Jacobsen will facilitate our next meeting at **7 PM on Monday, May 21**, featuring a discussion of Daniel C. Dennett's book *'From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds'*. "The human brain is both top-down and bottom-up, the latter reflecting automatic, animal impulses, the former the better angels of our nature. How did that top-down control system grow to dominate, producing what we think of as not just brain, but mind? ... Dennett defends the human mind as the chief feature distinguishing our kind from other animals; after all, he notes, we are aware of bacteria, whereas other animals are not, and 'even bacteria don't know that there are bacteria'" (Kirkus Review). Questions? Please contact Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A SPECIAL INVITE

The members of the Islamic Center of Springfield have invited ALUUC to join them **Sunday, May 27th** to celebrate IFTAR. IFTAR is the communal meal at dusk that marks the end of Ramadan.

The meal is vegetarian and all ages are welcome. Please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe, minister@aluuc.org, if you would like to attend and we can meet as a group outside of the center at 3000 Stanton St, Springfield, IL.

The proposed 2018-2019 budget will be posted by Friday, May 25, on the hallway bulletin board. Be sure to watch for it in preparation for the June 10 Annual Congregational Meeting.

The News Group ordinarily meets on the first Thursday of each month. However, this June the News Group will not meet until **Thursday, June 14**. Join us on that date at 7 pm at the church in the Channing Room. If you have any questions call Kurt DeWeese at 546-5834, Frank Kopecky at 529-3235 or email newsgroup@aluuc.org

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, May 20	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Program Committee Mtg.	11:45 AM	Darwin
	RE Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Covenant Group Mtg.	12:00 PM	Alcott
	Social Justice Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
	Pathways to Membership #1	12:15 PM	Commons
	Movie Night "The Post"	5:00 PM	Commons
Monday, May 21	Pathways to Membership	6:00 PM	Fuller
	PFLAG	7:00 PM	Commons
	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Tuesday, May 22	A Course in Miracles (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Barton
	Book Group "Hillbilly Elegy"	7:00 PM	Channing
Wed., May 23	IAG Cooking Class (rental)	10:00 AM	Kitchen
Thursday, May 24	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Saturday, May 26	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Hiking Group – Mystery Hike		TBA
Sunday, May 27	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group	12:00 PM	Alcott

Happening Elsewhere

A special Bicentennial series of programs, "The Culture and Heritage of Illinoisans," began on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, and continues on the third Sunday of every month through October 2018. The series is presented by the Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL) at Lincoln Land Community College in collaboration with the Illinois State Museum and will feature several Road Scholar speakers offered by Illinois Humanities. Reservations are not required.

Location: IL State Museum. Time: 2:00 PM

May 20: *"Binding Our State Together: Canals, Railroads, Postal Services and Roads,"* Dr. Norman Moline

June 17: *"Illinois Antislavery and the Struggle For Freedom,"* Jeanne Schulz Angel