



**Announcements for Sunday, May 22, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The end of civilization as we know it (*and do we care?*)" by Rev. Tom Burdett

### **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 **six** 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.**

If you are making payments towards your FY-17 pledge, please be sure to write "FY-17 Pledge" on the Memo line of your check. Thank you!

**Julio Barrenzuela** will offer a short presentation on his recent salsa and social justice initiatives. After the service today, join him in the Barton room at 12:15 p.m. Julio is a recent graduate with a master's degree in Media for Social Justice from Woodbury University in Burbank, CA.

**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.

### **Coming Soon**

**Sacred Conversations on Race (+ACTION)** This series will conclude on **May 23 at 6 pm at Union Baptist Church.** This spring this series, sponsored by the Faith Coalition for the Common Good (FCFCG), took place in Springfield at ALUUC, Union Baptist Church, Cabrini Catholic Church and Calvary Baptist Church, as well as around the country. Originally begun by the United Church of Christ, this program was used in Ferguson, Missouri. **If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact: Rev. Woulfe at [minister@aluuc.org](mailto:minister@aluuc.org).**

**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.

**Bikes N' Roses at ALUUC Monday, May 23:** **Bikes N' Roses** is a not for profit group dedicated to raising awareness about the over use of prisons. Seventeen motivated young people and five chaperones will ride bicycles from Chicago to Springfield to urge Illinois lawmakers to invest in youth, not prisons. The group will **ride their bikes to ALUUC May 23**. Several members will host a potluck dinner and discuss some of the issues that they hope to raise. They will spend the night at ALUUC before continuing their journey in the morning to speak to Illinois lawmakers. Please visit their website for more information: [www.bikesnroses.org](http://www.bikesnroses.org). If you would like to be involved, please contact Phil Anderson at [president@aluuc.org](mailto:president@aluuc.org) or 638-7374.

**\*\*\* 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.

**The News Covenant Group will meet at ALUUC on June 2 at 7:00 PM in the Commons area.** This location is a change from the usual private homes. The July 7 meeting will be a potluck at the home of Frank and Linda Kopecky, 20 Villa Grove. Everyone is welcome to participate. Call Frank or Linda at 529-3235 if you have questions.

**This Week at a Glance**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, May 22	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service & RE Recognition		
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Movie Night: <i>Star Wars 7</i>	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Salsa Update from Julio	12:15 PM	Barton
Monday, May 23	*Sacred Conversations on Race	6:00 PM	Union Baptist Church
	Bikes N' Roses dinner & overnight	6:30 PM	Commons
Tuesday, May 24	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Eco Camp Meeting	6:30 PM	Fuller
	Book Discussion – <i>Just Mercy</i>	7:30 PM	Sanctuary
Thurs., May 26	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., May 28	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Women's Red Tent	1:30 PM	Commons area
Sunday, May 29	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary

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