



**Announcements for Sunday, May 24, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Which is it: the Best or Worst of Times?" by Rev. Lynnda White.

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

Registration is now open for Eco Camp 2015 -- a free, week-long day camp from July 27 to July 31 at Abraham Lincoln UU Congregation located at 745 Woodside Road. Campers must be 5 and older. This year's theme is "Mysteries of the Web". For more information about the camp and to download the registration form and photo permission form go to www.aluuc.org or call 217-585-9550. **Today, after Sunday Service, there will be an informational table where you can pick up forms, sign up to volunteer during Eco Camp, or make a donation to support Eco Camp.**

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 or phone 546-5834.

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.**

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 *****

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

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. 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 attend the Sunday morning service and stay for the meeting. The annual meeting agenda calls for congregational votes on the new board and congregational committee members, the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016 beginning July 1, 2015, and proposed changes to the ALUUC Mission Statement and Bylaws. A motion for approval of expenses for Rehabilitation of the Courtyard Entryways and Sidewalks will also be presented.

Items pertaining to the Annual Meeting are posted on the bulletin board across from the restrooms. Information about the nominations of officers and amendments to the mission statement and bylaws have been included in the May newsletter and congregational emails. Questions on these important issues are encouraged prior to the annual meeting and can be directed to Kurt DeWeese finance@aluuc.org for the Budget and Courtyard project, and to Dianne Roberts treasurer@aluuc.org for the proposed changes to the Mission Statement and Bylaws.

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) 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, Mar 24	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day		
	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, May 26	*Book Group	7:30 PM	Barb Moore home
Thursday, May 28	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
	Men's Group	7:30 PM	Fuller
Saturday, May 30	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 31	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary

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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. 6th
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".