



**Announcements for Sunday, May 3, 2015**  
**Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Nurturing With Pride" by Paul Oakley.

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

**Pledge Drive 2015-2016:** The Pledge Drive continues. Additional pledges are needed if we are going to maintain quality programming, pay down the mortgage by 2017 and provide living wages for our staff. There are too many Members who have not yet submitted a pledge for the next fiscal year that supports the ALUUC budget for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015. Pledge cards and a brochure providing information about our budget needs and other pledging guidance are available. Pledge cards should be filled out and returned to Kurt DeWeese, or mailed to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Kurt DeWeese, Pledge Drive Chair, or let Kurt know by email at [kidi71@aol.com](mailto:kidi71@aol.com) or phone 546-5834.

For the Sunday, May 3 **Change for Change**, we will be collecting funds for Fishes & Loaves Outreach Ministry (FLOM). FLOM was established in 1999 as a charitable nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. For the past 16 years, they have administered multiple adult literacy programs—known collectively as The Springfield Literacy Project—including programs funded by Illinois State Library grants. They offer a relaxed, informal environment that appeal to our target audience, who typically are averse to more formal classroom settings. They value each participant's life experience and encourage the individuals enrolled in the program to be self-directed learners. FLOM relies on financial support from diverse funding sources including grants, donations, and fundraising.

**Greater Springfield Interfaith Assoc.(GSIA)** is having a vegetarian potluck and Buddha Nirvana Commemoration at the home of Vinnie Gupta, 3505 Deer Run Dr. Springfield , Il. 62711 at 11.45 AM on May 5, 2015. All the members of SZC are invited. Those planning to attend should RSVP ASAP so that we may make adequate arrangement. Call Vinnie at 546-5877 or 622-7118 (cell). All are welcome.

**Memorial contributions** on behalf of **Ken Sibley** (8/8/23--3/25/2015) and **Clara Lily White** (7/11/23--3/30/2015) may be made to the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 745 Woodside Rd., Springfield, IL 62711. Please make checks payable to the "ALUUC" indicating on the Memo line that it is a Memorial for Ken or Clara Lily.

**UUSC-UUA Response to Earthquake in Nepal**

On April 25, communities in Nepal, India, and Bangladesh suffered a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake. So far, reports reveal that more than 5,000 people have died and thousands more are injured or missing. UUSC President Bill Schulz and Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President Rev. Peter Morales have issued this joint statement in response to this tragedy: The devastating earthquake in Nepal has resulted in a growing number of victims and widespread destruction of property, including some of the world's greatest heritage sites. This tragic disaster, in a country where 25% of the population already lives at or below the national poverty line, reminds us of life's fragility and our human obligation to respond with generosity and compassion to those who suffer. [That is one reason that UUSC and the UUA are launching a special joint appeal for Nepal relief work.](#) As is our practice with international disaster relief, UUSC will take the lead in distributing funds where they can do the most good, directing support toward people who are left out of mainstream relief efforts. People and communities whose

rights will be most at risk in the wake of the disaster will include people living in remote areas; women and children; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; people who do not have recognized citizenship; indigenous people; Dalits; elderly people; and people living with disabilities and HIV/AIDS. UUSC and the UUA are already establishing on-the-ground partnerships and projects to support these communities. We are keeping the people of Nepal and the affected region in our hearts and prayers. Please be generous with your support.

**[Donate to the UUSC-UUA Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund today](http://www.uusc.org)** at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org)

**Marina V Concert:** May 16, 2015, 8:00 PM, \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. See her website for details: <http://www.marinav.com/events.php> or contact Susan Solon.

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**The News Covenant Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2015 at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's. 7901 Hunt Road. Everyone is welcome. Call the Buchloh's at 585-1944 if you have any questions.

**Sign up to show your PRIDE!** Volunteer for a two hour shift at the ALUUC booth at Springfield Pridefest on Sat. May 16, anytime from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm. Come help ALUUC and the Welcoming Congregation support the LGBTQ community by participating in one of Springfield's most fun and beloved events! For more information please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at 217-801-7926 or email [tracyzieber@gmail.com](mailto:tracyzieber@gmail.com)

**DATE SAVER: Journeys of the Spirit, featured keynote speaker Marsha Forrest, UU WOMEN'S CONNECTION Spring Conference on June 5-7, 2015, Pilgrim Park, Princeton, IL 61356.** For more details, see the website at <http://www.uuwomensconnection.org/>

**\*\*This Week at a Glance \*\***

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, May 3	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM	Barton
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
Monday, May 4	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
Thursday, May 7	*News Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Buchloh's
	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, May 9	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Beltane	5:00 PM	Commons
Sunday, May 10	Mother's Day		
	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary

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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.