



**Announcements for Sunday, May 6, 2012  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "Justice is the Human Right to Water" by Social Action Committee*

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

**Change for Change:** The Social Action Committee has selected the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Springfield as the May Change for Change recipient. NAMI Springfield, founded in 1981, is the local affiliate for NAMI in the Springfield area. They are a grassroots, not-for-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness, and the lives of their families and friends. They work together to meet the NAMI mission through support, education, advocacy, and research.

**The Children's Choir will be practicing each Sunday in May at 10:30 am in the Religious Education commons.** The choir will be rehearsing "Spirit of Life" to be performed on May 27, 2012 during the Religious Education service. Below is a link to the words and signs that go along with the song. Practicing with your child would be very helpful as we have only a few Sundays to rehearse. Please contact Marla Johnson at [cre@aluuc.com](mailto:cre@aluuc.com) if you have any questions.

**STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGE DRIVE UPDATE** The **2012-2013 Pledge Drive** is almost over. We have not reached the Minimum Goal of \$178,000. One hundred seven (107) pledges have generated 97% (\$172,700). Additional pledges should be given as soon as possible to Kurt DeWeese.

**A large print copy of the Order of Service is available. Please ask the usher.**

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

**Simple Elegance Supper Club and Detective Agency** will meet Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 PM at the ALUUC kitchen. Time to investigate "Vegetarian Food" as is our theme. Carnivore? Just think "side dish." Meat substitutes? Tofu, tempe, seitan, TVP, etc.? For more information about this covenant group contact Pat Goller (217-787-0687) or just join us at 6 PM on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Bon appetite!

**NEWS COVENANT GROUP** ordinarily meets on the first Thursday of each month. In **May, we will meet on the second Thursday, May 10**, at 7:00 p.m. at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's, 7901 Hunt Road. Call the Buchloh's at 585-1944 if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome.

**Please join us for Game Night this Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**, 6-9 PM at ALUUC. If weather permits we may be able to play some outdoor games. Pizzas and beverages are provided and if you would like too, you may bring a game or a dessert to share. For more information please contact, Randy Pratt at 217-494-5118.

**Next Sunday is Potluck Sunday.** The theme is healthy food and it is Mother's Day. So we suggest you give Mom a break by having all non-moms make something healthy for the potluck. All dishes are welcomed healthy or not. The only requirement is that the food is edible.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:** A Special Meeting of the ALUUC Board of Directors will be held **Monday May 14, 2012** at the ALUUC, 745 Woodside Road, Springfield, Illinois @ 7:00 p.m. to consider the following agenda:

## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

- 1) Review and adopt a Proposed Budget for the ALUUC for 2012-2013;
- 2) Consider Proposed Amendments to the ALUUC ByLaws (Last Amended 6/5/2011);  
and
- 3) Reconsider the Recommendations of the Nominating Committee with respect to the Committee on Ministry to which the Board Consented May 1, 2012.

**Rev. Woulfe would like for a few fathers to volunteer** to participate in the service on Father's Day, June 17, by sharing reflections of their parental experiences. Please talk to Rev. Woulfe if you are interested.

**The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.** Join us on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. Publisher's Weekly says, "Science journalist Skloot makes a remarkable debut with this multilayered story about faith, science, journalism, and grace. It is also a tale of medical wonders and medical arrogance, racism, poverty and the bond that grows, sometimes painfully, between two very different women—Skloot and Deborah Lacks—sharing an obsession to learn about Deborah's mother, Henrietta, and her magical, immortal cells." Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions call Barbara at 523-6241.

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Starting Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Sunday, May 6	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Change for Change donations		
	Children's Choir	10:30 am	Commons
Monday, May 7	Dream Group	7:00 pm	Fuller
Tuesday, May 8	GSIA Mtg.	11:45 am	700 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> St.
	Simple Elegance Supper club	6:00 pm	Kitchen
Wednesday, May 9	Flute Circle	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, May 10	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	News Covenant Group	7:00 pm	7901 Hunt Rd.
Friday, May 11	Game Night	6:00 pm	Commons
	Bridge Group	7:00 pm	1800 Hastings Rd.
Saturday, May 12	Zen Meditation	9:30 am	Sanctuary

### **\*\* Other Items of Interest \*\***

**Save the Date: Springfield Unity Summit, Monday May 7, 2012, 9am-4pm** at the Springfield Hilton Hotel. The Summit is hosted by the Springfield Community Relations Commission & Coalition to Promote Human Dignity and Diversity. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Woulfe or Susan Solon, Membership Coordinator.

**The Phoenix Center is looking for volunteers** to work on May 19 for the Springfield Pridefest. Volunteers would work a two hour shift and will need to attend a brief orientation on May 15 or 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Center (109 E. Lawrence). Contact Laine Tadlock at 341-9192 or at [lainetadlock@yahoo.com](mailto:lainetadlock@yahoo.com).