



**Announcements for Sunday, May 8, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Bathroom Issue" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

Happening Today

Pledge Drive 2016-2017: The Official Pledge Drive has ended! The Pledge Drive began April 2. In the last **three** weeks we have collected **96%** of our goal. We have **4% to go**. Calls are being made to those members yet to pledge. 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 get to 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, or mailing to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield 62711, ATTN: Delinda Chapman. For more information, contact Delinda Chapman.**

Coming Soon

FACILITIES SPRING WORK PARTY! The Facilities Committee is hosting a **Work Party** on **Saturday, May 14th, starting at noon**. We will be tackling a number of minor inside and outside clean-up tasks, and when we are done, we will head for the Childs' house, 15 Forest Ridge, to relax and enjoy each other's company. Come dressed to work, and bring along a snack and beverage for the party afterward—no need to change clothes. This is a good way to get to know people while doing something important for ALUUC. New recruits will be warmly welcomed! If you have questions, please contact Gwen Childs or Kurt DeWeese at Facilities-Com@aluuc.org.

Please join us in a new local drive to **collect & deliver water to the residents of Flint, Michigan**. This one is headed by the Islamic Center of Springfield. Per Dr. Ali M. Nizamuddin, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois Springfield: "All water donations will be taken to the Broome Center in Flint which is the primary supplier to the people of Flint. We have begun collecting and we will take it over to Flint on May 21 (Saturday). We will load the trucks on Friday from 2 to 8 PM May 20th. Please arrange for your donations to be dropped off at the Mosque at 3000 Stanton on May 20th from 2 to 8 please. Anyone who wishes to donate can drop their supplies on this day and between these times." Water donated here at ALUUC will be picked up prior to the May 20 date.

Springfield PrideFest. - May 21, 12-10 pm, Downtown Springfield (on Capitol between 4th & 6th). Free, but bring money for food & drinks. **ALUUC will have an informational booth there—we need volunteers!** Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts to setup and share information about ALUUC and UUism. If you are interested in representing ALUUC for a shift or two, please contact Rev. Woulfe or email him at minister@aluuc.org. For more information about PrideFest, go to www.springfieldpride.org.

Color with Friends: Color designs by local artists and other general designs on Sunday, May 15 during the potluck. Free, supplies are provided. Hosted by Rhiannon Gurley of Our Vibrant Community.

UUANI (UU Advocacy Network of Illinois) Congregational Action Leaders

UUANI works “to build our collective power to act effectively for justice by building relationships within our congregations and with other congregations.” Their major issue areas for this year are Environmental Justice, Economic Justice, and Racial Justice. This is the group that organized UUs from across the state to come to Springfield for the Marriage Equality Rally (and we all know how that turned out!) **ALUUC needs a volunteer to be our liaison to this vibrant group.** It involves wonderful, informative conversations with other socially active Illinois UUs by conference call 6-8 times per year. You would not have to join the Social Action Committee (although you are most welcome), but would need to keep SAC informed about UUANI activities around the state. Talk to Nancy Derrig or contact her by email at SAC@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*. The Humanist Group emphasizes core values such as dignity of the individual, equality, and social justice. We discuss a variety of topics including morality/ethical values, humanism as way of life, separation of church and state, science/evolution/neuroscience, behavioral economics and bi-partisan politics. Questions? Email Vi Lanum and/or Susan Solon at humanistgroup@hotmail.com.

*** 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.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, May 8	Mother's Day		
	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	
	OWL Recognition		
Tuesday, May 10	ALUUC Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Thurs., May 12	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, May 13	Game Night	6:00 PM	Commons area
Sat., May 14	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Facilities Work Day	12:00 PM	ALL Areas
	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 15	RE Committee Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Potluck	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Color with Friends	12:00 PM	Sanctuary