



**Announcements for Sunday, November 17, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "Thanksgiving" by Rev. Martin Woulfe & Paul Oakley

***** Happening TODAY *****

UUSC-UUA Joint Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund

The loss of life and devastation in the Philippines from Typhoon Haiyan are truly staggering. UUSC has close ties to the Philippines and has activated emergency response efforts. We are launching a joint special appeal for Philippine relief efforts with the UUA, and will distribute funds where they can do the most good. [We need your immediate support to help our friends in the Philippines and address this humanitarian disaster. Your donation will immediately be directed to our Philippine relief efforts.](#) UUSC has a distinctive role to play even as other organizations spring into action. Our focus will be on those survivors most likely to fall through the cracks of traditional rescue and relief efforts. Thousands of families are at acute risk because of geography, ethnicity, religion, or other factors that create barriers to accessing help. UUSC has a long history of work and solidarity with the Philippines. We will work directly with our established partners on the ground in the areas most affected by the typhoon. Please be assured that your emergency donations will make a critical difference, especially for those most in need in devastated communities. **Please help today. The sooner we can act, the more lives we will save.** And please keep the stricken people in the Philippines in your thoughts and prayers.

TODAY: There will be an ALUUC Group Photo here immediately after the service.

Rehearsals for the holiday pageant continue today through December 8. The children will leave service at the regular Religious Education class time. A special "dress" (parents will be notified if their child requires a costume) rehearsal is scheduled for **Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm** here at the church. Please mark your calendars. Contact Kathy Schultz, Choir Director or Marla Johnson, DRE with any questions.

***** COMING SOON *****

Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast - Tuesday, 11/19, 7:30 am at the Hilton

Every year, members of Springfield's various faith traditions gather in advance of Thanksgiving to share a breakfast and celebrate the diversity to be found among us. This year, for the first time, Rev. Martin Woulfe was on the steering committee. While November 19th is a work day, it is anticipated that hundreds will gather. Rev. Woulfe has reserved a table for members of ALUUC; the cost per ticket is \$20; if you would like to purchase a ticket, please see him.

The Greater Springfield Interfaith Association - GSIA Thanksgiving Service:

The GSIA will hold its 2013 worship service in celebration of Thanksgiving at ALUUC on Sunday, November 24 beginning at 7 pm. This annual event brings together representatives from many local communities's various faith traditions. The last time this was held here was in 2003. Our choir will participate, along with Rev. Woulfe & Paul Oakley. Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments afterwards & to help clean up. If you can help, please notify Rev. Woulfe.

Essay Contest: Vinod Gupta has donated \$250 as a prize for an essay contest, which is open to students ages 12-18. The theme will be "Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr - Me? What can I do to carry on their legacy today?" Possible subject matter: school bullying, gang violence, gun

control, war, etc. Essays are due by Sunday, December 15, 2013, and the prize will be awarded on Sunday, January 19, 2014 in recognition of Martin Luther King Day on the 20th. Try to keep the essays around 1000 words. Anyone interested in writing an essay should contact Tom VonDeBur at tvondebur@aol.com or call 725-4284.

The next meeting of the **Humanist Group** will be November 25th at 7:00PM in the ALUUC Sanctuary. Vi Lanum will be reviewing the film "Swing Vote" (2008; starring Kevin Costner), using the film as a stepping-off point to discuss voter apathy; the role of the media in elections; the effect of lobbyists, polling, "spin doctors", market research, crisis management, and other aspects of the modern election process. "Swing Vote" is the story of a presidential election that comes down to one man (Costner). For a brief review by Roger Ebert, see: <http://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/swing-vote-2008>; for a trailer, see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWodSDYgfXA>.

The Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday. Join us on November 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road, to discuss *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have questions. Future books we will read include *Dear Life: Stories* by Alice Munro, *The Centaur* by John Updike, *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy, *Orphan Train* by Christine Baker Kline, *Flashback* by Nevada Barr, *In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead* by James Lee Burke, and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* by David Sidaris.

"Day After" Thanksgiving Gathering: The ALUUC is again hosting a Post-Thanksgiving meal and afternoon social time for Members and Friends and their families on Friday, November 29, beginning @ 1:00 p.m. We will be sharing leftovers, watching movies, playing board games, or doing puzzles or crafts. It will be a potluck, so bring a dish or dessert to share. Any questions, contact Diana or Kurt DeWeese at 546-5834.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Nov 17	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	Third Sunday Collection		
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	various
	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 pm	Fuller
	Movie Night, "The Impossible"	6:00 pm	Commons
Tuesday, Nov. 19	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast	7:30 am	*Hilton Hotel
	Private Rental	4:30 pm	Channing
	Prairie Grapevine Concert	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Nov 20	"What Moves Us" Adult Ed class	6:00 pm	Channing
	Drumming	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Nov. 21	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Men's Group	7:30 pm	Emerson
Saturday, Nov. 23	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, Nov. 24	Music Committee Meeting	12:00 pm	Fuller
	Personnel Committee Meeting	12:00 pm	Emerson
	GSIA Thanksgiving Service	7:00 pm	Sanctuary

*Event is off site.

****Other Items of Interest****

A Classical Guitar Concert by Phillip Hemmo will be held at Lincoln Library in the Carnegie room, on November 25 at 7:00 p.m. Visit his website at www.philhemmo.com.