



**Announcements for Sunday, November 19, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The UU Traveling Chalice" by various presenters.

Happening Today

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR: We need cookie bakers! The Arts & Crafts Bake Sale on December 9 is critical to the success of our holiday fundraiser. Volunteer opportunities include the bake sale, set up on Friday, December 8 and clean up on Saturday, December 9 after 3:00 PM. Sign up today after the service.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us for the **November Pathways classes.** Session 1 takes place TODAY- Sunday, Nov. 19, directly following services. Sessions #2 & #3 will be on Monday, November 20, at 6 PM. Please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe at minister@aluuc.org, or Tracy Zieber at welcome@aluuc.org **Recycling request of newer members:** If you are no longer using the multi-pocket folders from Pathways classes and could return them, it would save a significant cost to our budget. Thank you!

GSIA Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19 - 7 pm "Honoring Our Heritages"

All members and friends are invited to attend the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service, which will be held on Sunday, November 19 at the African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave, Springfield, IL 62702. A collection will be received to benefit the Museum. Refreshments will follow.

Coming Soon

Exploring Our UU History Class: How familiar are you with the major figures and events of the Unitarianism and Universalism? In this class, you will explore some of the defining moments of our particular liberal tradition – including the importance of Miguel Servetus, the Socinians, Transcendentalism, Humanism, the three main branches of Universalism and more! The remaining dates are 11/22, 11/29 and 12/6. The class will meet in the Commons area from 6-8pm. The November 22 class topic is on transcendentalism. Please let Rev. Woulfe know if childcare is needed. (minister@aluuc.org)

Chery Miller is pleased to announce that the Individual Advocacy Group (IAG) is teaching culinary skills in partnership with ALUUC in our kitchen, beginning November 8, 10am-2pm, every Wednesday in November. IAG is a non-profit agency serving adults with developmental disabilities. Trained staff will be on hand to teach, support and coach the individuals they serve. ALUUC can be involved by sponsoring a day in the kitchen (\$20), sponsoring a meal (\$30) and participating in a class. Please contact Chery Miller to learn more at 217-638-1661.

Seeking newsletter co-editor: Our fabulous co-editor Marissa DeWeese is taking a break from the ALUUC Focus. Beginning with the January issue, we're looking for someone to take her place. The newsletter is currently created in Publisher software and training will be provided if needed. Please contact Marissa, Rev. Woulfe or Kim Villanueva for more information.

Humanist Group: On November 27, at 7:00 pm at ALUUC, Mark Hansen will facilitate the Humanist Group's discussion of *Dream Hoarders: How the American Upper Middle Class Is Leaving Everyone Else in the Dust, Why That Is a Problem, and What to Do About It*. "There's a

hidden force shaping our politics, says author Richard Reeves, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and it's hidden in plain sight.” -- from Richard Reeves’ May 31, 2017 interview with NPR. For more information, contact Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

Book Group: The next meeting of the Book Group will be Tuesday, November 28 at 7 PM in the Fuller Room. We will be reading *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. There will be no December meeting. The January read will be *A Rule Against Murder* by Louise Penny. Please join us in these interesting reads. Contact Penny Wollan-Kriel at bookgroup@aluuc.org for more information.

The Program Committee will meet after the December 10th service in the Fuller room to discuss topics for summer speakers. ALUUC attendees are welcome to join us or submit ideas to program.com@aluuc.org.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Nov. 19	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pathways Session #1	12:00 PM	Commons
	RE Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Social Justice Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Barton
	*GSIA Thanksgiving Service	7:00 PM	1440 Monument Ave.
Monday, Nov 20	Pathways Sessions 2 & 3	6:00 PM	Fuller
	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, Nov 21	A Course in Miracles Adult RE	6:00 PM	Barton
Wed., Nov. 22	UU History class (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Commons
Thursday, Nov. 23	THANKSGIVING		
Friday, Nov. 24	Leftovers Day	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Nov. 25	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Nov. 26	Choir rehearsal	9:30 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
*Off Site			

Happening Elsewhere

Holiday Market at Lincoln Memorial Garden: Lincoln Memorial Garden kicks off the Holiday Season with an annual market featuring unique hand-crafted items perfect for Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts and decorations. The special holiday sale offerings include centerpieces, swags, wreaths and one-of-a-kind Christmas tree ornaments. www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org/
November 17 – 19, 2017.

Holidays at the White House: This exhibit, using materials from the Eisenhower, Kennedy, Clinton and George W. Bush Presidential Libraries and Museums, gives a glimpse of how some of our Presidents and their loved ones enjoyed the holidays in the White House. From family photos to White House invitations, from Christmas cards to colorful decorations for the tree, these treasured items from presidential collections give us a taste of what it is like to celebrate this joyous season with America’s First Families. Nov 17 through January 7th, 9am – 5pm at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Free with museum admission.