



Announcements for Sunday, November 20, 2011



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Next Sunday, November 27, 2011: *"The Truth Beyond the Blackboard"* by Rev. Tom Burdett

***** HAPPENING TODAY *****

Parents: Rehearsals have begun for the Holiday Pageant and will continue during the regular Sunday morning religious education time. There will be one Saturday Dress Rehearsal the day before the pageant (times to be announced later). The children will be placed into four groups. The pre-K/K will be in their own group and will get to use their special talents in the pageant. The older children will be in Groups 1, 2, and 3. A few children may get dual roles and be working in more than one group. Your children will be made aware of which group(s) they are in. The rehearsal schedule will go as follows: Nov. 13, Group 1; Nov. 20, Group 2; Nov. 27, Everyone; Dec. 4, Group 3; Dec. 11, Everyone for a run through; SATURDAY Dec. 17, Everyone for a Dress Rehearsal; and Dec. 18 -Performance. All children will have activities on every Sunday especially on those dates that your child(ren)'s group is rehearsing. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at cre@aluuc.org. Thank you. Marla Johnson, CRE.

Circle Dinners Announcement

Circle Dinners are lots of fun and a great way to get to know others better. Circle Dinners are potlucks organized by the hosts in their homes. If you would like to host a Circle Dinner or be a guest at one, please contact Diana DeWeese at 546-5834 or email at kidi71@aol.com. You can also sign up to be a host or a guest by filling out the reservation form at church on the clipboard in the hall by the water fountain.

ALUUC Directory for 2012

The new electronic Members Directory is available for download on the website on the Members page. The new directory is generated from our PowerChurch software, eliminating duplicate data entry and ensuring more accurate and timely updates of member and friend information. The password for the new directory has been changed from the previous password. Please contact Cheryl office@aluuc.org or Carol webmaster@aluuc.org to receive the new password.

Photo request: Please email individual or family photos to Cheryl office@aluuc.org and watch for the Directory updates.

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

If you would like to learn more about UUism and this congregation, please sign up for the next **New to UU class, Monday, November 21st at 7pm** on the sheet posted above the drinking fountain. Meet other new people at this informal session. Child care is provided if requested.

"Racism & Redemption in the Cinema" Please join Rev. Woulfe on the remaining two Wednesdays in November (11/23 and 11/30) to view different films that look at racism in American society. The November 23rd film will be "Do the Right Thing" and November 30th will be Mississippi Masala." Discussions will follow each film.

The Book Group will meet on November 22 at 7:30pm at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. The group will discuss "The Johnstown Flood" by David McCullough. Everyone is welcome. Future books we will read include "The Abstinence Teacher" by Tom Perrotta and "My Name is Mary Sutter" by Robin Oliveira.

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet Monday, November 28 at 7:00pm at ALUUC. Mark Hanson will review the book *The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable* (2d Ed. 2010) by Nassim Nicholas Taleb. A "black swan" is a highly improbable event which is mostly unpredictable, carries a massive impact; and after the fact, we concoct an explanation that makes it appear less random and more predictable than it was. Background: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_black_swan_theory . For questions, call Carol Floyd at 787-1174.

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, Nov 20	Choir Practice	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Committees Meet	11:45 am	Various rooms
	Interfaith Service	6:30 pm	321 S. 7 th St.
Monday, Nov 21	New to UU Class	7:00 pm	Fuller
Tuesday, Nov 22	Book Group	7:30 pm	1800 Hastings
Wednesday, Nov 23	Adult RE	6:00 pm	Commons
Thursday, Nov 24	THANKSGIVING		
Friday, Nov 25	Leftovers Day	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Saturday, Nov 26	Zen Meditation	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, Nov 27	Choir Practice	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Movie Night	6:00 pm	RE Commons

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

ALUUC members were involved in efforts in the early 2000s to establish a local contra dance group, which included holding some dances at ALUUC. **The Prairieland Dance Center in Illiopolis has begun offering a contra dance** one Saturday a month. If you are interested in supporting this new effort to establish such a group, please contact Tom Clark at 726-5560 or taconsulting1@yahoo.com.

The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter is in critical need of volunteer drivers for their Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for the upcoming winter months. You can volunteer according to your schedule and convenience; each route only takes an hour or less. You can volunteer for just the winter or beyond. If you are interested, contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant at dcg5512@yahoo.com.

A seven-day Vipassana Retreat conducted by The Buddhist Temple, located at 525 Bruns Lane will be held November 20 – 27. This is free and open to the public. This meditation is one of the most powerful & helpful techniques for stress reduction and sharpening your mind. For more information, go to www.chanmyayusa.org and click on Events.

A workshop on **Bullying in the 21st Century** will be held November 29th at 6:00 pm at Springfield High School. See the Community bulletin board.