



**Announcements for Sunday, November 24, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "My Favorite Scriptures" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

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

UUSC-UUA Joint Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund: Thanks to many of you who donated generously last Sunday to this relief fund, but if you were not able to contribute last week or would like to contribute again, be sure to write UUSC on the Memo line of your check.

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' 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.

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" rehearsal (parents will be notified if their child requires a costume) 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 *****

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 Sedaris.

"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.

Prayer Vigil for Just Comprehensive Immigration Reform

The Faith Coalition for the Common Good will host a prayer vigil in front of Congressman Aaron Schock's Springfield office on 6th and Monroe, Monday, November 25, from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please plan to join us and invite others to attend as well! Please refrain from leaving trash or blocking pedestrian traffic. Contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant for more information.

Next Sunday, December 1 will be a Change for Change collection. The Social Action Committee has selected the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery as the December Change for Change recipient. Community volunteers started the Crisis Nursery in 1989. Its mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing emergency, temporary care, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for children who may be at risk or whose parents are experiencing some type of crisis. Services provided by Crisis Nursery staff include in-home parent education classes, monthly parent support group meetings and crisis counseling. Families receive follow-up home visits, advocacy and referrals to other needed services such as drug or alcohol abuse treatment, medical, food, clothing and shelter. As with the care of the children, the family support services are free.

The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on December 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's 7901 Hunt Road. Everyone is welcome. Call the Buchloh's at 585-1944 if you have any questions.

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.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Nov. 24	Music Committee Meeting	12:00 pm	Fuller
	Personnel Committee Meeting	12:00 pm	Emerson
	GSIA Thanksgiving Service	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday, Nov 25	Humanist Group	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Nov. 26	Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
	Book Discussion Group	*7:30 pm	1800 Hastings
Wednesday, Nov 27	"What Moves Us" Adult Ed class	6:00 pm	Channing
	Hanukkah Begins		
Thursday, Nov. 28	THANKSGIVING DAY		
Friday, Nov 29	"After Thanksgiving" potluck & games	1:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, Nov. 30	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec. 1	Change for Change collection	10:30 am	
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 pm	Emerson

*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.