



**Announcements for Sunday, November 25, 2018
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Colors of Christmastide" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

The Social Justice Committee's Winter Warming Center dinners for the homeless begin Sunday, November 25. We need six volunteers for serving, for each of our five designated nights this winter. Please contact Michelle Green (mgree1@uis.edu) if you can volunteer from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. on any of the following Sundays: **November 25; December 23; January 27; February 24; or March 24**. Your teenagers are welcome. Thanks again to the very generous ALUUC members who contributed in order to fund the dinners this season!

Coming Soon

The ALUUC Humanist Group will meet Monday, November 26, at 7 PM at ALUUC to discuss psychologist Irene Pepperberg's book *Alex & Me: How a Scientist and a Parrot Discovered a Hidden World of Animal Intelligence - and Formed a Deep Bond in the Process*, facilitated by Stu Jacobson. "Alex is the African gray parrot whose ability to master a vocabulary of more than 100 words and answer questions about the color, shape and number of objects garnered wide notice during his life as well as obituaries in worldwide media after his death in September 2007. Pepperberg, who teaches animal cognition, has previously documented the results of her 30-year relationship with Alex in *The Alex Studies*....It is a moving tribute that beautifully evokes the struggles, the initial triumphs, the setbacks, the unexpected and often stunning achievements during a groundbreaking scientific endeavor spent uncovering cognitive abilities in Alex that no one believed were possible, and challenging science's deepest assumptions about the origin of human cognitive abilities." ~ Publishers Weekly. Questions? Please contact Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

The ALUUC Book Group will meet on Tuesday, November 27 at 7 PM in the Channing Room. Join us as we discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals - in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country - Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong

Change for Change – December 2: Children's BORDER CRISIS CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND
"Innocent children are forced to flee their homes due to violence, gangs and crushing poverty in Latin America. After a dangerous journey, thousands of children seeking asylum are separated from their parents when they reach the US border. That's why we're working to help protect children, uphold their rights and meet their critical immediate needs. Our teams in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico are addressing the root causes of the crisis through education, protection and peace-building programs." More information at <https://support.savethechildren.org> Please make checks to ALUUC with "children" noted. *Thank you for your most appreciated and needed generosity.*

The News Group will meet on the first Thursday in December (December 6) at 7:00 p.m. at the church. If you have any questions, check with Frank Kopecky or Kurt DeWeese.

Tickets to the Frontiers MLK Breakfast are now on sale - please see Rev. Woulfe. The breakfast will be on January 21; sales end in late December & in an important change, there will no longer be tickets sold at the event itself. There will be ten people seated at each table; each ticket is \$25. First come, first, served!

Shop Your Values

Better World Shopping Guide (6th edition) (2017) by Ellis Jones (www.betterworldshopper.com) grades companies on 5 issues: human rights, the environment, animal protection, community involvement and social justice. The more people that get and use this book, the more we support companies that are using ethical business practices. At \$10.00 they make terrific stocking stuffers! Get yours at the **ALUUC Dec. 7-8 Arts & Crafts Fair**.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Nov 25	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, Nov 26	Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Channing
	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Commons
Tuesday, Nov 27	A Course in Miracles Class	6:00 PM	Barton/Berkley
	Book Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Thursday, Nov 29	Membership Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	Fuller
	Meditation	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Saturday, Dec 1	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec 2	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Covenant Group	12:00 PM	Alcott

Happening Elsewhere

The St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church's Annual Holly Fair & Bake Sale is Saturday, December 1, 10am-3pm. Greek food and pastries are available to eat in or take out. Includes soup, Italian beef, gyros, spinach pie, baklava and more! The church is located at 1600 S. Glenwood.

Holidays at the White House: A Presidential Christmas. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, November 16 through January 6, free with museum admission. 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.