



**Announcements for Sunday, November 26, 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.

**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 11/29 and 12/6. The class will meet in the Commons area from 6-8pm. The November 29 class topic is on Universalism in North America. Please let Rev. Woulfe know if childcare is needed. ([minister@aluuc.org](mailto: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](mailto:humanistgroup@aluuc.org).

**Book Group:** The next meeting of the Book Group will be Tuesday, November 28 at 7 PM in the Channing Room. We will be reading *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Anyone who's read the book but is not a regular member of the group, is welcome to attend.

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](mailto:bookgroup@aluuc.org) for more information.

**Remember when you are gift shopping**, ALUUC is listed on the Amazon Smile site as a charitable organization. If you click on ALUUC, we receive funds from your online shopping. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smiles purchase to the charitable organization of your choice.

**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](mailto:program.com@aluuc.org).

Harry Potter is a beautiful story of finding community and believing in yourself. Harry is an orphan and **Our Vibrant Community is hosting a benefit at ALUUC** to provide art programs to foster families. Join the magic of costume contest, wizardry stations and Platform 9 3/4 photo booth on Saturday, Dec. 2, 6-9pm. Tickets are \$20. ALUUC members get \$2 off online [tiny.cc/HPotterOVC](http://tiny.cc/HPotterOVC) use code: Supporters See Rhiannon Gurley for more information.

### This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Nov. 26	Choir rehearsal	9:30 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, Nov 27	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Nov 28	A Course in Miracles (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Barton
	ALUUC Book Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Wed., Nov. 29	UU History class (Adult RE)	6:00 PM	Commons
Thursday, Nov. 30	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Dec. 2	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Harry Potter Fest	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec. 3	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary

\*Off Site

### Happening Elsewhere

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 5pm at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Free with museum admission.