



**Announcements for Sunday, November 29, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Spiritual Lessons from Annie Dillard" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

Happening Today

The Holiday Pageant rehearsals are today during regular Religious Education time. Children will leave service after the Story for All Ages.

Thank you to those who've made donations towards the accessible doors project. Anyone who wishes to make donations, which are appreciated, can write "Accessible Doors" on the memo line of their checks or on a donation envelope.

Donations are still being taken for the Holiday Party on December 13th at ALUUC sponsored by the Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS) and ALUUC. Gift cards for teens and unwrapped toys for younger children are both appreciated. To make a monetary donation towards gifts and supplies, make the check to ALUUC with CYFS Party noted.

Who are all these new people? Let's find out together! ALUUC is looking for a small team to create a new photo directory. We have the software. After the service today, Angela Aznarte, Martin Woulfe and Jim Curran will be taking photos of all members and their families. We also need to update contact information. Can you help? Please contact Rev. Woulfe.

Coming Soon

A New Policy on Sunday Announcements: The Program and Religious Education committees have been exploring ways for the children to spend more time in religious education activities. They benefit from the classes and interacting with each other, and the forty-minute lessons teachers work so hard to prepare can be fully presented with a few extra minutes. To provide for an adequate amount of time for Religious Education, starting in December, there will not be community announcements from the pulpit or during Milestones. Only those announcements that relate to the work or activities of this congregation will be read. Announcements for community events/activities disguised as Milestones will be discouraged. Everyone is encouraged to send community announcements to the ALUUC Office by Wednesday of each week for inclusion in the written Announcements.

The Book Discussion Group has postponed the November meeting to Tuesday, December 1. It will be at Barbara Moore's home and *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr will be reviewed.

The News Covenant Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on December 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Kay and Roger Ryan's, 2716 Wordsworth Drive in Springfield. This home is located on Springfield's west side between Koke Mill and Archer Elevator Road north of Hedley Drive. Call Roger or Kay if you have any questions. His cell phone is 622-0695. Everyone is welcome.

Next Sunday, December 6, there will be a “Change for Change” collection. **The Change for Change will go to Contact Ministries of Springfield** whose homeless shelter provides immediate relief to women with children. In addition to shelter, it provides life's basic needs: food, clothing, personal care items, laundry facilities, transportation, and telephones to make appointments. Supportive services provided include employment assistance, budgeting, family literacy, parenting classes, tutoring and case management with a goal of finding and maintaining permanent housing. Referrals are made for daycare, treatment centers, adult education, and other mainstream resources. They also work with District 186 to make sure school-age children are attending classes. Please be generous in this season of giving (and the end of the tax year). Checks can be made out to ALUUC with Contact Ministries noted.

The Pagan Group will have a planning meeting on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 12:30 in the Fuller Room. Come share your ideas for the upcoming Yule and for 2016. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at [217-801-7926](tel:217-801-7926), or email aluucpagans@gmail.com for more information.

If you would like to serve as a **Sunday Greeter**, please see Dianne Roberts or Susan Solon. Newer members are especially encouraged to give this a try.

Please remember to let the office know if you've moved, changed your phone number or email address. Send your updated information to Cheryl at office@aluuc.org.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Nov. 29	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Dec. 1	Book Group	7:30 PM	Barb Moore's
Thurs., Dec. 3	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Dec. 4	*Kids Club/Dist 12	7:00 PM	Kerasotes YMCA
Sat., Dec. 5	Arts & Crafts Fair and Santa	10:00 AM	ALUUC
Sunday, Dec 6	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change Collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
	Holy Family Inclusive Mass	4:00 PM	Sanctuary

*Off site

Happening Elsewhere

The Alternative Holiday Fair will be held on Friday, December 4 - 4 PM to 8 PM and again on Saturday, December 5 - 8 AM to 2 PM At the First Church of the Brethren, 2115 Yale Blvd. The Fair features fair trade goods which support economic justice for artisans. Peace and justice groups will be on hand to sell their own fundraising items. Baked goods and meals served both days For info call 523-5212