



**Announcements for Sunday, November 3, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "Covenant? What does that mean?" by Paul Oakley

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

Did you remember to set your clock back 1 hour??

Today, November 3 is a "Change for Change" collection. Let's do it again! Last year, thanks to the generosity of ALUUC members, the Holiday Party for children in foster care through CYFS (the Center for Youth and Family Solutions) was a ROARING SUCCESS! Gifts of good quality—that actually matched the children and teens' wishes—and a lively party helped make a very difficult season far more cheerful for these young people and their foster families. Please help make the magic again through contributions to Change for Change and other means (see the Newsletter for details).

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

The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on November 7 at Frank and Linda Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. Call the Kopecky's at 529-3235 if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome.

Do you support marriage equality? ALUUC is sponsoring TWO People of Faith Vigils in the Capitol Rotunda! On Tuesday and/or Wednesday, drop by the Rotunda between 10 am and 2 pm to join People of Faith from across Illinois. On Wednesday, Lieutenant Governor Shelia Simon will offer brief remarks at 12:30 pm. Plus, hear the special musical program at NOON on Wednesday in the Rotunda featuring members of ALUUC! See Peggy Patty for more details.

The 2013 Holiday Pageant committee is looking for talented children who would be willing to perform for the pageant this year. Vocal, instrumental, or other performances are welcome. Rehearsals begin in November and will be held each Sunday during the regular RE class time. A "dress" rehearsal will be held Saturday, December 14th (time to be decided). The Holiday Pageant will be held Sunday, December 15. Those children interested should contact Kathy Schultz or Marla Johnson, DRE. The committee is also looking for volunteers interested in helping with rehearsals, costumes, etc. Please contact Kathy or Marla.

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. Any interested in writing an essay should contact Tom VonDeBur at tvondebur@aol.com or call 725-4284.

One or two **volunteers** are needed as backups for copying & folding on Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please call Cheryl Wycoff at 585-9550 or email her at office@aluuc.org.

There will be an **ALUUC Group Photo** here on November 17 immediately after the service.

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.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Nov. 3	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 am	
	Personnel Committee Meeting	12:00 pm	Emerson
Monday, Nov. 4	Dream Group	7:00 pm	*
Tuesday, Nov. 5	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Nov. 7	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	News Group	7:00 pm	*Kopecky home
Friday, Nov. 8	Game Night	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, Nov. 9	Zen Meditation	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, Nov. 10	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
	A-OK Group Meeting	12:15 pm	Fuller
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 pm	Emerson

*Event is off site.

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

Winter Woman Spirit 2014 Wisdom for the Journey: Sign up now for a weekend with Sue Monk Kidd, February 7 through February 9th at DuPage UU Congregation. Registration is open now at <https://www.regonline.com/w2014>. Posters are on the CMwD bulletin board and by the kitchen door.

Now Open! Simply Fair, Simply Right. Simply Fair is the place for shopping that helps others. They have products from 38 countries and 183 vendors. Purchases help disadvantaged men and women have a better life by getting a fair price for their hand-made artisan items. Products include coffee, chocolate, home décor gifts, food gifts, jewelry and much more! <http://www.simplyfairtrade.com> The store is located at 2357 W. Monroe in Springfield.

CLYBOURNE PARK by Bruce Norris at UIS Studio Theatre

Directed by Eric Thibodeaux-Thompson

Performances: NOVEMBER 8 – 10 & 14 – 16 2013

Winner of the 2011 Pulitzer Prize and the 2012 Tony Award, Bruce Norris' CLYBOURNE PARK is a play which takes on the provocative issues of race, political correctness, and the changing social landscape in America, while still managing to make us laugh along the way. Act One takes place in 1959, in Chicago's Clybourne Park neighborhood, as the community responds to a black family buying a house there. Act Two takes place in 2009, in the same house, as the next generation of this black family struggles to hold on to its sense of identity.