



**Announcements for Sunday, November 30, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Circuit Riding Into the Future" by Rev. Lynnda White

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

The Welcoming Congregation Committee is still collecting surveys. If you have not yet filled one out and returned it, we can make one available to you. It's very important that everyone complete and return their surveys. For more information please contact Tracy Zieber-Minks or Meg Evans.

Annual Glove, Mitten, Hat and Scarf Tree: Once again, we are collecting gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for Contact Ministries and Kumler Outreach Ministries. Please bring new gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to ALUUC **TODAY, Nov. 30, and the next two Sundays December 7 and 14** and hang them on the tree! If you are a knitter, you might think of making a hat or two for the tree. If you would prefer to make a financial contribution, please place your check in the offering (make check payable to ALUUC with Mitten Tree in the Memo line).

UUSC Holiday Cards: This year the ALUUC Social Action Committee will be selling UUSC Holiday cards. Debby Hagan is chairing this effort. The cards will be sold **TODAY Nov. 30, and December 7, 14 and 21** after the morning service. The designs include Blue Dove, Good Tidings, Holiday Assortment, Holiday Children, and many more. Check them out at <http://uuscfundraising.myshopify.com/collections/holiday-cards>. All proceeds from sales support UUSC's work (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee).

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

The youth have been rehearsing for the upcoming **Holiday Pageant** on Sundays during regular RE Class time. In order for the youth to be ready for the pageant, it is important for them to be in attendance on Sundays. Thank you. Please see Marla Johnson, DRE with any questions.

The next meeting of the **Greater Springfield Interfaith Association (GSIA)** will be Tuesday, December 2 at the Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 South Douglas, at 11:45 a.m. The topic will be "Conversations on Race." All are invited. Attendees are asked to bring their own brown bag lunches.

The Book Club meeting originally scheduled for November 25 has been changed to Tuesday, December 2nd. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will be discussing *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. The January selection is *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, by J.K. Rowling. If you have any questions, call Barbara at 523-6241.

The News Covenant Group meets on the first Thursday of the month. Join us on December 4 at 7:00 PM at the home of Renata and Heiko Buchloh's (585-1944). Everyone is welcome.

The **Kids Club/District 12** Christmas Party will be held Friday, December 5, 2014 at the church. Children grades K-8 can join us for food, fun, and games! RSVP to Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org.

Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping! – Our **2nd Annual Homemade – Handmade Craft Fair** will be Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10 AM - 3 PM at ALUUC. If you would like to be a vendor, information is on the ALUUC home page. A link to this year's flyer is on the ALUUC home page. For more information, contact Eugena Austin or Diana DeWeese. Please note date change.

Our **2nd Annual Homemade-Handmade Craft Fair** on Saturday, December 6 will be from 10 AM to 3 PM at ALUUC. A sample of items for sale includes hats, scarves, jewelry, fused glass, seasonal centerpieces, baby toys, tote bags, and note cards plus baked goods and more!

Next Sunday, December 7, will be a **Change for Change collection**. Funds will be collected to support the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. 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 include parent education classes, group support meetings and crisis counseling. All services are free.

Nursery Assistant Job Opening:

The Nursery Assistant is responsible for assisting the Nursery Lead, Amanda Metcalf, with providing quality childcare for children in the nursery. The nursery at ALUUC is equipped and provided for children too young (under age 3) to participate in the regular Religious Education classes offered during Sunday Services. The Nursery Assistant reports to the Nursery Attendant and the Director of Religious Education. If you are interested in applying, please contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org. Salary will be discussed during an interview for the position.

Volunteer Teachers Needed: Volunteer Teachers needed in the Religious Education Program. There is still a need for volunteer teachers for the Pre-K/K, 3rd/4th grade, and the 7th/8th grade classrooms. Please contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org for details.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Nov 30	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Monday, Dec 1	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Dec 2	*GSIA Meeting	11:45 AM	Douglas Ave UMC
	*Book Group	7:30 PM	Barb Moore's home
Wednesday, Dec 3	*Minimum Wage Rally	10:30 AM	Capitol Rotunda
Thursday, Dec 4	*News Covenant Group	7:00 PM	Buchloh's home
	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Dec 5	Kids Club/District 12	6:00 PM	Commons
Saturday, Dec 6	Homemade/Handmade Craft Fair	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec 7	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Holiday Cards & Mitten Tree	11:30 AM	
	Pagan Planning Meeting	12:30 PM	Emerson

*Off-site

****Happening Elsewhere ****

Mark your calendars: Winter Womanspirit 2015, February 6th – 8th, 2015 at Lake Country UU Church, Hartland, Wisconsin. More information on registering is at www.womenandreligion.org