



**Announcements for Sunday, October 12, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Refugees – Suffer the Little Children?" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

Stay after the service today for the "**Local Harvest**" **potluck**. Please bring a dish using something local, either from your garden or from local farmers. Please let Fellowship Chair Randy Pratt know what you plan to bring. Email him at Fellowship@aluuc.org .

The Religious Education Committee will have laptops available in the RE Commons today, October 12, following services. The laptops are being provided for those parents who would like the opportunity to register their child for the RE Program online and would like some help.

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

New to UU Class: Have you been attending ALUUC and feel this should be your "spiritual home"? Would you like to learn more about UUism and this congregation? Please sign up for an informal session on **October 13th at 7 pm** and meet other new people, as well as Rev. Woulfe and our Membership Coordinator, Susan Solon. All are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the drinking fountain. Child care will be provided upon request.

The Religious Education Open House will be held next Sunday, October 19, 2014 in the RE Commons immediately following services. Coffee hour will be held in the RE Commons, also. Please join us in welcoming our RE teachers. Contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org with any questions.

CHALICE CIRCLE: There is still time to join the **Chalice Circle** (discussion group) on "**The Sustainable Soul: Eco-Spiritual Reflections and Practices**" by Rebecca James Hecking. You may purchase the book at the UUA bookstore (link: <http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=3500>), but the chapters are very short and the exercises can be provided ahead of time by email. Please join us on Monday October 20 at 6:30PM in the Channing room at ALUUC. Light snacks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Solon at welcome@aluuc.org.

Many thanks to all who worked at, donated to, and/or shopped at the annual **Trash & Treasure Sale!** We made over \$5,000, and had a fun and busy time. We still have some large items left, which we will be advertising in a "Virtual TNT Sale". There will be more information at a later time. Thank you again!

Pagan Group: Please come join the Pagan Group for a **Samhain Silent Dinner** on Sat. Nov. 1, at 5:00 pm. During this pot luck dinner we observe a period of silence in which we honor those who have passed away by inviting the ancestors to dine with us once more. Similar traditions go back in many different world cultures for thousands of years. Bring a family recipe and come join us for this sacred dinner. Because we will be observing at least a 45 minute period of strict silence, we ask that all participants be on time, and be 13 years of age or older. For more

information and to RSVP please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at 217-801-7926 or email aluucpagans@gmail.com

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet Monday, October 27 at 7:00 pm in the ALUUC Sanctuary; Dave Evans will review the book, *It's Even Worse Than It Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided with the New Politics of Extremism* by Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein followed by discussion. This book, following up their earlier book on Congress (*The Broken Branch*), centers the current problem of intractability in Congress in the adoption of parliamentary tactics in a presidential system where such tactics necessarily thwart its function. Check the October newsletter for more information about the book.

Book Discussion Group: Join us on October 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss ***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society***. Steve Davis's review in *The Guardian* says, "The zany title of Mary Ann Shaffer's first and, alas, last novel derives from an invented book club on the island of Guernsey in the Second World War. The club is invented by the resourceful character Elizabeth McKenna, who, bumping into a German patrol after curfew with a crowd of revelers makes the society up on the spot. In reality, the tipsy party had been consuming forbidden roast pig at Amelia Maugery's. This is less a historical novel than a bibliophilic jeu d'esprit by an ex-librarian and bookseller, posthumously published, and completed by her niece Annie Barrows." Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping! – Our **2nd Annual Homemade – Handmade Craft Fair** will be Saturday, November 8, 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. Please print copies and post in local businesses or send the link to your friends! For more information contact Eugena Austin or Diana DeWeese.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Oct 12	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, Oct 13	Columbus Day Holiday		
	New to UU Class	7:00 PM	Channing
Tuesday, Oct 14	ALUUC Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, Oct 15	Drumming Circle	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Adult RE – Cosmos	7:00 PM	Fuller
Thursday, Oct 16	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Oct 17	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Oct 18	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Oct 19	Third Sunday collection		
	RE Open House	11:45 AM	Commons area

****Happening Elsewhere ****

The Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum (SIAAHM) will host its 3rd Annual Fundraising Gala, "Honoring Our Heritage," on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at the Springfield Hilton Hotel. See the Social Justice bulletin board for more information or call Doug King at 494-1405.