



**Announcements for Sunday, October 19, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Varieties of Religious Experiences" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

The Religious Education Open House will be today, 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. There will also be laptops for enrolling children. Contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org for more information.

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

Social Action Committee News: To celebrate Vinnie Gupta's 76th birthday, Vinnie, again this year, is hosting a party for the homeless people in Springfield at Kumler Methodist Church on Carpenter Street on Monday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m. The Social Action Committee is happy to help serve the pizza and refreshments that evening. Email Vinnie at vkuptamm@yahoo.com to wish him "Happy Birthday" and thank him for all he does for the homeless in our community!

CHALICE CIRCLE: There is still time to join the **Chalice Circle** (discussion group) on "**The Sustainable Soul: Eco-Spiritual Reflections and Practices**". You may purchase the book at (link: <http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=3500>); the chapters are 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 questions, contact Susan Solon at [welcome@aluuc.org](mailto:welcom@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!

Hello fellow churchgoers! On November 14-16, the **Senior Youth Group** will be having our con! We need volunteers to monitor teens for night and day shifts. Please speak to Celeste Woulfe, Tom Vaught or Laura Vaught if you wish to volunteer!

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. 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 centers the current problem of intractability in Congress in the adoption of parliamentary tactics. 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. 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.

The **ALUUC Halloween Party** is Friday, October 31st at 7PM. Susan Solon, Martin Woulfe and Randy Pratt need your help with snacks, music and ideas that would be fun for all ages.

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.

Helpful elves are needed to assist with kitchen duties, especially cleanup after services. New members are encouraged to join in – it's a great way to support ALUUC and to get to know others.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Oct 19	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Third Sunday collection		
	RE Open House	11:45 AM	Commons area
	Committees Meet	11:45 AM	various
	Movie Night "Words & Pictures"	6:00 PM	Commons
Monday, Oct 20	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Tuesday, Oct 21	*Conversations on Race	6:00 PM	Calvary Baptist
Wednesday, Oct 22	Covenant Group (SS&DD)	6:00 PM	Channing
	Cosmos - Adult RE	7:00 PM	Fuller
Thursday, Oct 23	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Oct 25	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Oct 26	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Trick or Treat event	11:45 AM	Sanctuary

*Off-site

****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.