



**Announcements for Sunday, October 23, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "ALUUC's Strategic Vision" by the Long Range Planning Committee.

### **Happening Today**

**TODAY:** The Long Range Planning Committee will share our strategic plans during today's service. Our consultant, Steve Mennerick, will join us as we share our strategic plans with the congregation as a whole and share goals from the board, staff and committees. From now until October 30, congregation members and friends will have the opportunity to **contribute additional goals to achieve our Strategic Visions.** The committee will merge your goals with other goals; the result will be **specific goals for each strategic vision that will be considered for action over the next 5-10 years.** We look forward to hearing your ideas!



**Please check your photo and personal information for the upcoming Member & Friend Directory.** If you haven't checked your photo or contact information, please do so ASAP. Any changes on your contact info, please send to Cheryl at [office@aluuc.org](mailto:office@aluuc.org). Any changes to your photo, please contact Rev. Woulfe. You can go to the online photo direction on the church website <http://www.aluuc.org/togetherweshare/wp-content/uploads/ALUUC-photo-directory-2017v2.pdf> and click on Photo Directory. The password is welcome2017.

**Please sign up for the Autumn round of Circle Suppers,** which will be held at various homes on Saturday, November 12. This is a great way to meet one another – newer members and friends are especially encouraged to participate.

### **Coming Soon**

**The Humanist Group** will meet on **Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7 pm in the ALUUC Sanctuary,** Carol Floyd will review *Grace Without God: The Search for Meaning, Purpose and Belonging in a Secular Age* by Katherine Ozment. For questions go to [humanistgroup@aluuc.org](mailto:humanistgroup@aluuc.org). <http://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-06-230511-4>

Senator Dick Durbin will be here Wednesday, October 26, at 7pm, to speak to the local chapter of **Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America** which works for common sense gun laws. All are welcome to attend. There is no entrance fee. For more information about the group, see <https://momsdemandaction.org/>

**Couples Enrichment Group (CEG):** Intern Minister Paula Brayden is offering a small group ministry that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month **in the Channing room from 7-8:30 pm** now through **May 24, 2017. The group's next meeting will be October 26, 2016.** This is a group for people in committed relationships, married or not, who want to have some dedicated time together to work on communication and to meet other couples who want the same. Whether your relationship has just begun or you've been married for years, we all want a healthy, mutually satisfying relationship with the one we love. I invite you to come check it out. Please email me at [intern@aluuc.org](mailto:intern@aluuc.org) if you would like to sign up.

**Book Discussion Group:** Join us on October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions. We will be discussing *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. A GoodReads review says, "Revisiting the beloved characters and setting of Marilynne Robinson's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Gilead* and *Home*, a National Book Award Finalist, *Lila* is a moving expression of the mysteries of existence that is destined to become an American classic."

**Appeal for leftovers! The ALUUC Craft Fair** will be held in early December. This is a great opportunity to fund raise for ALUUC. To that end, a bunch of us who sew are joining together to make products to sell. Several of our projects require "tarn" (yarn made from old t-shirts) and traditional yarn. If you have old t-shirts, yarn or other craft material you could donate, we would love to put it to good use for ALUUC. The t-shirts can be stained, with holes, and in poor shape. We will be cutting them up. The yarn can be large or small amounts. We can recycle almost anything. Questions? Call or email Victoria: [victoria.vincent@comcast.net](mailto:victoria.vincent@comcast.net) or [217 793-1163](tel:2177931163).

**The Pagan Group will host its annual Samhain Silent Dinner** on Sat. Nov. 5 promptly at 7pm in the ALUUC commons. Set up will begin at 6pm. This is the Pagan Group's biggest event of the year, honoring the coming dark, the Ancestors, and the Beloved Dead. The event is potluck so we ask that everyone who attends to please bring a special dish to share. We also invite you to bring photos and mementos of your loved ones to place on the special altar. All ALUUC members, friends, and visitors are welcome, but please be aware that for this event we hold an hour of silent meditation and contemplation during the shared meal, so we ask parents to use their best judgments about their young children attending. Alcohol will also be served during the meal for those wish to partake. In order to RSVP for the Samhain Silent Dinner, or to request more information, please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at 217-801-7926 or email [aluucpagans@gmail.com](mailto:aluucpagans@gmail.com) We welcome you to the table for our most sacred ritual of the year; please join us.

Please note that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors for November has been moved to Wednesday, November 9.

### This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, October 23	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck	Noon	Sanctuary
Monday, October 24	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, October 25	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Barton
	Book Group	7:30 PM	Moore home
Wednesday, Oct 26	Couples Enrichment Group	7:00 PM	Channing
	Sen. Durbin on Gun Sense	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Thursday, October 27	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, October 28	*Vinnie Gupta's birthday party	5:00 PM	Kumler UMC
Saturday, October 29	Zen Group Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Women in the Red Tent	1:30 PM	Commons
	Private Rental/ Wedding	3:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, October 30	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Costume Parade!	11:30 AM	Sanctuary

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