



**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

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.

Please make an effort to clean up and put away when you've used a room or an office. Also, anything you've borrowed from the offices should be returned.

Coming Soon

The News Group will meet on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This is a one-time departure from our usual first Thursday of the month meeting. The change is so that we can discuss the results of the November 10 election at the meeting. Everyone is welcome. Bring treats to eat if you wish. If you have any questions call Frank Kopecky at 529-3235 or Kurt DeWeese at 494-1705.

Couples Enrichment Group (CEG): **Due to a knee injury**, Intern Minister Paula Brayden will not be able to offer this class for the next month or two depending on the prognosis. Updates will be provided.

ALUUC's 4th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be December 2nd and 3rd. We are expanding this very popular fundraiser to include a Friday Night Preview. For just \$10 you will feast on a delicious bowl of soup, homemade bread and a dessert. Afterwards, stroll among the gift-laden booths of our artists and crafters. Saturday the Arts and Crafts Fair will be open to the public. We will be selling yummy baked goods made by our Congregation's finest bakers! Santa and Mrs. Claus will stopping by Saturday afternoon - children of all ages will be able to whisper to Santa their Christmas wishes and parents can take as many photos as they want! Mark your calendars!

Artisans! Crafters! Would you like to help make gift items for ALUUC's own booth at our Fair? Please contact Gwen Childs. Would you like to have your own booth (for a mere \$35) at our Fair? Contact Diana DeWeese.

Appeal for leftovers! **At the ALUUC Craft Fair** 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 or [217 793-1163](tel:2177931163).

Long Range Planning – Submit Your Goals Now

Through Nov 6, we are *accepting long range goals from you* that we will use to create the future of ALUUC. You may post them on the whiteboard at the front of the sanctuary. You may download the **DRAFT goals** and **5 Strategic Visions for ALUUC** from www.ALUUC.org/LRP
Questions? Email plan@aluuc.org

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 judgment 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 We welcome you to the table for our most sacred ritual of the year; please join us.

TIME CHANGE: Next Sunday, November 6, “FALL BACK” Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

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 30	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Costume Parade!	11:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Movie Marathon - <i>Rear Window</i>	3:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, October 31	Halloween		
Tuesday, Nov. 1	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Barton
Wednesday, Nov. 2	Men's Group	6:00 PM	Commons
Thursday, Nov. 3	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Nov. 5	Zen Group Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Facilities Work Day	10:30 AM	Outside & In
	Pagan Samhain	7:00 PM	Commons/kitchen
Sunday, Nov. 6	TIME CHANGE!		
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
	Senior Youth Group Movie	5:00 PM	Channing