



**Announcements for Sunday, September 1, 2013  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "Water and Stone Communion" by Rev. Martin Woulfe and Paul Oakley*

**\*\*\* Happening TODAY \*\*\***

Today is a **Change for Change** collection. The Social Action Committee has selected **SAME - Springfield Alliance for Marriage Equality** for the September Change for Change Program. SAME is a broad range of diverse local individuals building a cooperative networking group to achieve Marriage Equality for same-sex couples in Illinois. For more information go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/SAMESPRINGFIELD>

**Today is Sundaes Sunday – September 1:** What better way to celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical year than with ice cream covered with your favorite toppings? Stay for this special treat afterwards!

**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held Tuesday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m.

**The News Covenant Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on September 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Linda and Frank Kopecky's, 20 Villa Grove. Everyone is welcome. Call Linda or Frank at 529-3235 if you have any questions.

**Kids Club and District 12** will meet September 6, 2013, 6 pm to 8 pm at the church.

Prepare to share your spiritual insights for the **Water and Stone Communion** on September 8.

TNT Chair, Diana DeWeese, needs 5 volunteers to work Saturday, September 28 for 1 hour at the **AAUW Used Book bag sale**. We will be gleaning books for the TNT sale. Volunteers need to be able to quickly assess the salability of a book - 10 seconds or less. We will be buying 20 bags of books during the bag sale. Contact Diana if you can help with this presale activity.

**The annual Trash & Treasure Sale is coming soon – October 4-6, 2013.**

Be sure to gather up your treasures and be prepared to help during the week (Sept 30 – Oct 5). Use the handouts and your September Focus Newsletter for all the details. Contact Diana DeWeese to volunteer or for questions.



**A Trivia Night to benefit ALUUC** will be held at the church on Friday, September 20th, 2013 starting at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to donate baked goods that will be available for a donation. Also, anyone interested in donating or soliciting items to be auctioned off at the event are welcome to do so. Please contact Kathy Whitworth at 793-9838 with questions or if you are willing to help. We are putting the "fun" back in "fundraiser!!"

### **Foster/Adoption Interest Group:**

Jennifer Manthei would like to start a group at ALUUC for people who were themselves, fostered/adopted; have ever fostered/adopted children; are interested in fostering/adoption; have birth children who are/were fostered/adopted; who have an intellectual or academic interest in fostering/adoption; who might like to provide support for foster/adoptive families. The first meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 12:15 pm in the Fuller Room. (We will need somebody to watch kids during this time, in case you'd like to volunteer!) Contact Jennifer Manthei at [jejuma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jejuma@sbcglobal.net), for more information and enter "All Our Kids" (A-OK) in the Subject line.

**The Flower Committee** would like to have a few more volunteers who can help with picking up and designing floral arrangements for Sunday service. Contact Vi Lanum if you can help.

### **Chalice Lighters: Living our Faith, Igniting Dreams**

The Chalice Lighters program is a way for individual UUs to support projects within the MidAmerica Region. Several times a year, members are asked to contribute \$15 (or more, if they are able to) -- these donations are then pooled into a grant of up to \$10,000 that directly benefit UU congregations – enhancing accessibility, increasing building space, increasing professional leadership, implementing publicity strategies and/or starting a new congregation. A recent Chalice Lighters grant was awarded to ALUUC so that we could hire a Membership Coordinator. If you are interested, please fill out the brochure at ALUUC.

**Deadline for ALUUC Focus newsletter** – Submission deadlines will always be on or near the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month but not on a Sunday. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone would keep in mind the work that goes in to getting the news out to everyone before the next month begins.

### **CIRCLE SUPPERS**

Please sign up to host or be a guest for a Circle Supper Pot Luck. It's great fun and you get to know interesting people from our congregation. The first dinner is scheduled for September 28th. The sign-up sheet is on the wall near the water fountain, or email me, [standen@royell.org](mailto:standen@royell.org). Nancy Standen.

#### **\*\*This Week at a Glance \*\***

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Sept. 1	Change for Change donations	10:30 am	
	Pagan Group meeting	12:30 pm	Emerson
Monday, Sept 2	Dream Group	7:30 pm	*
Tuesday, Sept 3	GSIA Program & Meeting	11:45 pm	Sanctuary
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Sept 5	Buddhist Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	News Group	7:00 pm	*Kopecky's home
Friday, September 6	Kids Club & Dist 12	6:00 pm	Commons
	Wedding Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, Sept. 7	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	Private Rental	1:00 pm	Sanctuary, et al.
Sunday, Sept 8	Potluck	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
	A-OK Meeting	12:15 pm	Fuller

\*Held Off-Site