



**Announcements for Sunday, September 11, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Paths of Politics & Faith" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

ALUUC CHOIR REHEARSALS Began!! Would you like to be part of our congregation's music ministry? Come to our choir's rehearsals as we prepare to sing for Sunday services. We need all voices—sopranos, altos, tenors, basses—as we sing in harmony. We will be rehearsing at **9:15 am each Sunday in the Fuller room**. Our commitment in choir is a joy, knowing that the music is a type of "prayer" for our congregation. Please join us and if you have further questions, feel free to contact Kathy Schultz at choir@aluuc.org.

ALUUC's Religious Education program is excited about a brand new fall season! Even though the RE year has already started, parents should register all new and returning students. You can do so by visiting the ALUUC website and filling out the electronic registration form and photo permission slip, or please see Caitlin McDonald or Tracy Zieber Minks for paper copies. For more information contact cre@aluuc.org or re@aluuc.org, or call [217-801-7926](tel:217-801-7926).

A Committee Fair will be held after services TODAY, September 11. This is a good opportunity to meet people and to support the work of the congregation.

Please return any hymnals that have been removed. A significant deficit has been identified and we've run short on recent Sunday mornings.

Join the Green Committee after services TODAY- September 11 to collect seeds from Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary with Vern LaGessee and the Friends of the Sangamon Valley. Some of these seeds will be used to enhance the diversity of the ALUUC prairie. We will gather at 1:00 pm in the parking lot. Long pants, socks, hats, insect repellent and water are recommended.

Office Manager **Cheryl Wycoff** will be on vacation this week. Please send your Sunday Announcements for September 18 to Rev. Woulfe at minister@aluuc.org.

Coming Soon

Please join various faith & civic leaders at 11 am on Monday, September 12 at the Lincoln statue near the State Capitol building for a rally & walking vigil in support of the National Day of Moral Action. Highlights will include a reading of the **Higher Ground Moral Declaration**, which holds that the deepest public concerns of our society are not just political issues but moral issues. This event will be held in concert with other rallies in other state capitols across the nation. We anticipate that we will be joined by UUs and others from across Illinois. For further information, please contact Rev. Woulfe.

Couples Enrichment Group (CEG): From Intern Minister Paula Brayden - My first offering within small group ministry will be a **Couples Enrichment Group (CEG)**. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, starting **September 14, 2016** through **May 24, 2017**. 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. The group will meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Channing room from 7-8:30 pm**. Please email me at intern@aluuc.org if you would like to sign up. It is my hope to have a steady group of couples wishing to participate, so feel free to come and see if this might be for you.

Pathway Sessions is a special series for people interested in membership at ALUUC. The next series will be held on **Wednesday, September 14 at 7-10 pm (session 1)** and **Wednesday, September 21 at 7-9 pm** (double session of #2 & #3) Please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe (minister@aluuc.org) if you would like to attend. Child care is available upon request.

Join the Fun! Roy Zimmerman "This Machine" Concert, Thursday, September 15, 7pm at ALUUC. \$18. "This Machine" is ninety minutes of Roy Zimmerman's hilarious, rhyme-intensive original songs. "Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful and heartfelt form of expression," says Roy, "because in calling out the world's absurdities and laughing in their face, I'm affirming the real possibility of change." YouTube links: "Religious Freedom (To Burn Our Own Witches)" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MH7-GKiQXNE>.
 "To Be a Liberal" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3qgiNPVpSM>
 "My Vote, My Voice, My Right" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-X-uBlqeVM>

The Book Discussion Group meets on September 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. Call Barbara at 523-6241 for questions. We will be discussing *The Immortal Irishman* by Timothy Egan. A *GoodReads* review says. "From the National Book Award-winning and best-selling author Timothy Egan comes the epic story of one of the most fascinating and colorful Irishman in nineteenth-century America. Thomas Francis Meagher led a failed uprising against British rule, for which he was banished to a Tasmanian prison colony. He escaped and six months later was heralded in the streets of New York — the revolutionary hero, back from the dead, at the dawn of the great Irish immigration to America."

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Sept 11	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 PM	Channing
	Committee Fair	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Finance Committee Mtg.	12:15 PM	Emerson
	Movie Night <i>Magnificent 7</i>	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, Sept 12	*Moral Declaration Day of Action	11:00 AM	State Capitol
Tuesday, Sept 13	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Barton
	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Wednesday, Sept 14	Weeding Party	6:30 PM	ALUUC prairie
	Pathways to Membership #1	7:00 PM	Fuller
	Couples Enrichment Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Thursday, Sept 15	Roy Zimmerman Concert	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Sept 16	Labyrinth Walk	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Sept 17	Zen Group Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Mabon ritual	5:00 PM	Outside or Commons
Sunday, Sept. 18	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Potluck	12:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 PM	Channing
	RE Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller

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