



**Announcements for Sunday, September 15, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "Oneness – Why Does it Matter?" by Paul Oakley

***** Happening TODAY *****

ALUUC will hold a **special congregational meeting** immediately following the service today, September 15. The only agenda item will be to give approval for spending more than \$5,000 on Paul Oakley's stipend as a Ministerial Intern, assuming fund-raising activities exceed the \$5,000 amount. We will not know the total amount by September 15--donations will be sought from members and friends, grant opportunities will be explored, and some special (as yet unknown) fund-raising events may take place. Please be sure to stay for this special meeting.

YOU ARE INVITED: To the **Religious Education Open House** directly following services and the congregational meeting today in the RE Commons. The Religious Education Committee is hosting this activity, including coffee hour.

The **Social Action Committee** members meet today Noon – 1:30 in the Fuller room to discuss plans for 2013-2014. Contact: Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant at dcg5512@yahoo.com or 968-5583 for more information.

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

The annual Trash & Treasure Sale is coming soon – October 4-5, 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!!

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. If you are interested, please fill out the brochure at ALUUC.

The next **Prairie Grapevine Concert** will feature Dan Keding, storyteller of international acclaim, known for folktales, boyhood stories, ghost stories and dark tales, is here on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for ALUUC members are \$8 and \$25 for families.

A Committee Fair will be held next Sunday, September 22, after the service. This is your opportunity to learn about and get involved with one or two committees that pique your interest.

Annual Prayer for the International Day of Peace: Hearing Our Truths, Engaging Our World: Join the Grassroots Interfaith Team for the annual Prayer for the International Day of Peace. The brief morning service will be on Wednesday, September 18, 7:30 am to 7:50 am in Enos Park, Seventh and Enterprise. This service is open to the public. For more information, contact Sr. Marcelline Koch, 787-0481.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on September 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. Everyone is welcome. We will be discussing *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions. The October selection is *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. (Note that the author will be speaking at the auditorium of the University of Illinois, Springfield on October 7 at 7 pm. Call 206-6160 for free tickets if you would like to attend.)

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, Nancy Standen at standen@royell.org.

Ready to get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping? ALUUC will be hosting a **Handmade Holiday Craft Fair** on Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 10am – 3pm. All items offered will be homemade or handcrafted. Are you crafty or an artist and have items you would like to sell? Or know someone who might be interested? We need Vendors! Contact Diana DeWeese or Eugena Austin for more information and to reserve your spot today!

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Sept 15	Third Sunday Collection	11:45 am	Sanctuary
	Special Congregational Meeting	12:00 pm	various
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	Commons
	Religious Education Open House	5:00 pm	Woulfe home
	Spanish Club *	7:00 pm	Commons
Monday, Sept. 16	PFLAG Meeting	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Sept 17	Prairie Grapevine Concert	6:30 pm	Commons
Wednesday, Sep 18	Drum Circle	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Sept 19	Buddhist Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, Sept. 20	Trivia Night	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Saturday, Sept. 21	Zen Meditation Group	12:00 pm	Commons
Sunday, Sept 22	Committee Fair	6:00 pm	Commons
	Movie Night		

*Held Off-Site

****Other Items of Interest ****

The Race Unity Task Force is holding a meeting September 20th at 7:00 pm at the Baha'l Center, 1131 S. 8th Street. All are welcome to attend.

UU Women's Connection Fall Retreat - "Singing in Sacred Circle" is October 18-20 on the shores of Lake Michigan at DeKoven Retreat Center in Racine, WI. For more information go to the UU Women's Connection Website: www.uuwomensconnection.org or if you would like to go and want to carpool, contact Diana DeWeese.