



Announcements for Sunday, September 18, 2011



Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Next Sunday, September 25, 2011: "Acceptance and Encouragement"
By Rev. Martin Woulfe

*** HAPPENING TODAY ***

PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE IN FLOWER DONATION PROCEDURES

The ALUUC Board of Directors unanimously adopted a policy (September 6, 2011) that changes the way in which anyone makes future donations of flowers. Effective immediately the ALUUC will follow a **PAY AS YOU GO** process. Donations of funds for flowers must be made either in advance or at a time of purchase of the flowers for use at a specific worship service or other function, rather than by submission of requests or pledges for which payments may be made later. A donor may make other arrangements to provide the flowers directly at the appropriate time for the intended worship service or other function. Checks made out to the ALUUC indicating "Flower Donations" in the Memo Line, by notation on the donation envelope, or by some other attached note, should cover the cost of the flowers. Also indicate if the donation is intended for a particular worship service or other function. Any questions or comments about this policy or procedure should be addressed to Kurt DeWeese, President of the ALUUC Board of Directors.

New to UU Classes: A class is scheduled for today, September 18 at Noon and again Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism, please add your name to signup sheet hanging above the drinking fountain.

Please remember to check the Lost & Found box across from the coat rack. Items left behind will be placed in the Trash & Treasure Sale. Check the kitchen too!

*** COMING SOON ***

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet on Monday September 26 at 7 pm in the ALUUC sanctuary. Matthew Vernau will review the book **The Believing Brain** (by Michael Shermer). Shermer integrates neuroscience and the social sciences to explain how irrational beliefs are formed and reinforced while leaving us confident our ideas are valid. [Shermer](#) provides real world examples of how this process operates from politics, economics and religion to conspiracy theories, the supernatural and paranormal. [For information please contact Carol Floyd or \[HumanistGroup@aluuc.org\]\(mailto:HumanistGroup@aluuc.org\)](#)

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 pm on September 27 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer. L.D. Meagher in a CNN review says, "*Under the Banner of Heaven*" is a provocative book. It raises some very uncomfortable questions, not only about

Mormon fundamentalists, but about religion in general and religious zealots of all stripes.” Everyone is welcome. Future books to be read include: *Howard’s End*, by E.M. Forster; *The Johnstown Flood*, by David McCullough; *The Abstinence Teacher*, by Tom Perrotta; and *My Name is Mary Sutter*, by Robin Oliveira. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

It’s Trash & Treasure Sale Time! Our largest fund raiser of the year is just around the corner – **October 7 & 8**. Now is a great time to clear out your garages, basements, closets & cupboards, and to invite your neighbors to do the same. Gather your stuff but DON’T bring it to ALUUC yet! We do not have storage. Donation cards are on the foyer table. Please take at least one card & share it with someone outside the congregation. Please help! Our goal this year is \$10,000. For more details, please contact Victoria Vincent, TNT Chair, 793-1163 or Victoria.vincent@comcast.net.

Please post flyers about the Trash & Treasure Sale at your workplace, supermarket, school or anywhere else that has a bulletin board. Pick up flyers on the table in front of the Sanctuary doors.

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, Sept 18	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am	Sanctuary
	RE Open House	12:00 pm	RE Commons
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	Various
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Prairie Grapevine Concert	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Sept. 22	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, Sept. 24	ZEN Group	9:30 am	Sanctuary

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

The Sangamon County Association for Home & Community Education is holding an Annual Craft & Food Festival Saturday, September 24, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the U of I Extension Building #30 at the State Fairgrounds. Enter Gate 11 or 7, admission & parking are free. See the Community bulletin board for more information.

There will be a book signing at UIS by Jimmy Creech, former minister who was defrocked for marrying same sex couples, on Tuesday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Public Affairs Center (PAC), rooms C/D. *Adam’s Gift: A Memoir of a Pastor’s Calling to Defy the Church’s Persecution of Lesbians and Gays* is a moving story and an important chapter in the unfinished struggle for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil and human rights. The event includes opening remarks from Chancellor Koch, a question/answer session, the book signing and a catered reception.