



**Announcements for Sunday, September 20, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Creating Covenant" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

There will be a **Special Congregation Meeting** after the service today to discuss installation of automatic door openers to make the building more accessible for those with mobility limitations. Any expenditure over \$5,000 must be approved by a vote of the Congregation. Please note that a significant portion of the cost has been pledged already.

Potluck today! Please join us after the congregational meeting for our potluck.

Email change: The Facilities Committee chairs have a new email address. Please contact Gwen Childs and Kurt DeWeese at facilities-com@aluuc.org

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

The Religious Education Committee requests that if your child(ren) is involved with the Religious Education Program, that they be registered. Go here to register: www.aluuc.org/childrens-religious-education-registration-form. Contact Marla Johnson, DRE, with any questions.

The 2015 Trash & Treasurer Sale is October 2nd and 3rd! In preparation for the sale, we need donations of merchandise and volunteer hours. We will start taking donated items on Sunday, September 27th after the service, and will continue to collect items through Thursday, October 2nd. For a list of the items we will and will not take, go online at: <http://www.aluuc.org/TNT.pdf>.

Volunteers are needed for setup the week before the sale (Sunday September 27 – Thursday October 1st), the days of the sale (Friday October 2nd & Saturday October 3rd) and the cleanup after the sale (Noon-4pm). Many hands make light work. To volunteer, see Tracy Anderson, who will be carrying around a clipboard after the service. She can also be reached by phone or at tnt@aluuc.org.

Volunteering at the Trash & Treasure Sale is a great way to meet new people and make new friendships, for both new and old members alike. Also, those who work every 3-hour shift during set-up week, can identify items of interest and purchase them early (once the pricing is complete).

Other ways you can help: Loan a truck, allow for a sign in your high-traffic yard, help haul tables and large donations, save small boxes for moving books or small boxes for jewelry, post fliers, bake for bake sale.

FYI - Notice Humanist Group Meeting Date Change:

On Monday, September 21 at 7:00PM, Mark Palmer will review *So You've Been Publicly Shamed* by Jon Ronson. Ronson explores the resurgence of public shaming via social media and its implications for public life. For the book's website, go [here](#). For an NPR interview, go [here](#). For a book discussion on BookTV on C-SPAN, go [here](#). For information on the author's website, go [here](#). For the NYT review, go [here](#). For an interview with the author on YouTube, go [here](#). This is a change from the previously scheduled date.

The **Book Discussion Group** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on September 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Maureen Corrigan of National Public Radio characterizes the book as "The 'extraordinary' story of a boy, his mother, and a life-changing work of art." Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions call Barbara Moore at 523-6241.

Green Sanctuary Committee Planning Meeting and Potluck: Are you passionate about climate change and environmental justice? The Green Sanctuary Committee provides a path for congregational study and action in response to environmental challenges. Join us! We will have a potluck/planning meeting at Jan Droegkamp's home to review past successes and set new goals. September 22, 2015, 7:00PM. Non-alcoholic drinks provided. Please bring a dish to share and your own wine/beer. Contact Meg Evans Lazare at 217-553-2995 or Art Darken for further information.

UU Women's Connection Fall Retreat, October 9-11, 2015, DeKoven Center, Racine, WI A RED TENT WEEKEND with Dr. Isadora Gabrielle Leidenfrost

During our weekend with Dr. Isadora, we will see her groundbreaking documentary "Things We Don't Talk About" that shows how the Red Tent, a red fabric space, is empowering women. The film documents the things women hide, the things that bring them pain and joy, and for many it is a place to be honest for the first time in their life. "Things We Don't Talk About" seeks to humanize the stories in the red tent — to put a face on the space. Read more at redtentmovie.com. You won't want to miss this! **For more details go to:** <http://www.uuwomensconnection.org/> You can register online or by mail. To register online, go to uuweomensconnection.org and click on the drop down tab RETREATS. For questions, you can ask Tracy Zieber Minks, Buffy Lael-Wolf, Brenda Wade or Diana DeWeese.

Conflict Management Workshops - Save the date: On Saturday morning, October 24, and Sunday afternoon, October 25, the Rev. Barbara Child will be leading workshops open to all members and friends to improve our understanding of conflict in congregations and help us build skills to interact with conflict in ways that honor our congregational Covenant of Right Relations. Rev. Child is a retired UU minister who has many years of experience in helping congregations manage conflict. She will also preach the sermon on Sunday morning, October 25. Please plan to join. More details will follow.

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

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Room</u> |
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| Sunday, Sept 20 | Choir Rehearsal | 9:20 AM | Sanctuary |
| | Special Congregational Meeting | 11:45 AM | Sanctuary |
| | Social Action Committee Meeting | 12:00 PM | Fuller |
| | Potluck | 12:15 PM | |
| Monday, Sept 21 | Pathway to Membership Class 2 | 7:00 PM | Fuller |
| | PFLAG Mtg. | 7:00 PM | Commons |
| | Humanist Group Meeting | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary |
| Tuesday, Sept 22 | *Book Group | 7:30 PM | Barb Moore's |
| Thurs., Sept. 24 | Religion in Life class | 7:00 PM | Fuller |
| | Meditation | 7:15 PM | Sanctuary |
| Sat., Sept 26 | Zen Meditation | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary |
| Sunday, Sept 27 | RE Open House | 12:00 PM | Commons area |
| | RE Committee Mtg. | 12:00 PM | Fuller |