



**Announcements for Sunday, September 25, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "New Trends within Unitarian Universalism" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

ALUUC CHOIR REHEARSALS have begun!! Would you like to be part of our congregation's music ministry? 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! Please note that 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 new directory is nearing completion! Please stay for photos after the service today. Some of you need to replace an old photo and some of you have none at all. Please see Rev. Woulfe for a directory photo. The new directory is scheduled for publication in October.

Coming Soon

Humanist Group: On **Monday, September 27 at 7 pm**, Kim Efird will review the Humanist Group's September book selection, Bill Bryson's *One Summer: America 1927*: "It was a summer when Lindbergh flew, the Yankees soared, the Midwest rains flowed, Al Capone reigned, and America prospered — a summer that was vibrant and wild and only two years from Depression and despair. It was a time of character and insights into the American character, of spicy murder and saucy music. It was 1927, and in *One Summer*, Bill Bryson recounts a remarkable period in America's passage."— [Boston Globe](#). If you have questions about this group, email Sarah Iaiennaro and/or Vi Lanum at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

Couples Enrichment Group (CEG): Intern Minister Paula Brayden is offering a small group ministry that will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month **in the Channing room from 7-8:30** starting **September 14, 2016** through **May 24, 2017**. **The group's next meeting will be September 28, 2016.** 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. Please email me at intern@aluuc.org if you would like to sign up.

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 Good Reads* 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."

The News Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome. Join us on October 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commons Room at the church. Come 10 or 15 minutes early and help set up the tables and chairs if you can. Since the Meditation group is also meeting at that time please be quiet as you enter the church and the Commons area. Bring some snacks if you would like. If you have any questions call Frank Kopecky at 529-3235.

Rev. Woulfe is selling tickets for the Faith Coalition for the Common Good's (FCCG) 6th Annual Fall Banquet "***BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES.***" **The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe in Springfield, IL. A reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$40 each and a table of 8 is \$320. William McNary will be guest speaker.** Your ticket purchase supports FCCG and social justice in Illinois. Faith Coalition for the Common Good (FCCG) is a nonprofit, grass-roots organization with 35 institutional members which are faith congregations, nonprofit and union labor organizations. The Faith Coalition, affiliated with Gamaliel of Illinois and National Gamaliel, develops people to become powerful leaders who address issues of injustice and fight for positive systematic change.

Get ready for the UU Women's Connection Fall Retreat at the beautiful DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin. Keynote speaker, Kayta Gajdos, the author of [Quiet Wisdom In Loud Times: Rise of the Wounded Feminine](#) is a renowned psychologist and proponent of women's studies and issues. Kayta will also be offering an additional workshop, and the women's connection will offer retreat workshops focused on both the spiritual and physical aspects affecting women today. Registration will be available online and in our newest edition of the VOW in a couple of weeks. **So save the date for Oct. 14 -16, 2016**, and plan to be at the UU Women's Connection Fall Retreat at the DeKoven Center. For more information, please contact Tracy Zieber Minks or Diana DeWeese. The UU Women's Connection website is www.uuwomensconnection.org

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Sept 25	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 PM	Channing
	Committee Council Meeting	12:00 PM	Commons
	Movie: <i>Frida</i>	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, Sept 26	Humanist Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Sept 27	A Course in Miracles	6:00 PM	Barton
Wednesday, Sept 28	Prairie Weeding Party	6:30 PM	Prairie Garden
	Couples Enrichment Group	7:00 PM	Channing
Thursday, Sept 29	Meditation Group	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, October 1	Zen Group Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Poets & Writers Trivia Night	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday, October 2	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	RE Open House	12:00 PM	Commons