



**Announcements for Sunday, September 29, 2013  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "The Spirituality of Archibald MacLeish" by Rev. Martin Woulfe*

**\*\*\* Happening TODAY \*\*\***

**Donations for the Ministerial Intern stipend** will continue to be accepted through the end of September. The last day for collection is TODAY -- September 29, 2013.

**The annual Trash & Treasure Sale is next week!!**

October 4-5, 2013.

Be sure to gather up your treasures and be prepared to help during the week (Sept 30 – Oct 5). **Drop off begins today!** Use the handouts and your September Focus Newsletter for all the details. **"Worker bees" are still needed!!** Contact Diana DeWeese to volunteer or for questions.



**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

The **News Covenant Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on October 3rd at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's, 7901 Hunt Road. Everyone is welcome. Call Renata or Heiko at 585-1944 if you have any questions.

A **Change for Change** collection is scheduled for Next Sunday, October 6. The Social Action Committee has selected the Central Illinois Food Bank (CIFB) for the October Change for Change Program. In recognition of Food Day and the Place at the Table event, we will be collecting funds to support this very worthwhile organization. The CIFB collects donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, distributors, and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need. Central Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, and is a United Way certified agency.

**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.

**CIRCLE SUPPERS--** Please sign up to host or be a guest for a Circle Supper Potluck. It's great fun and you get to know interesting people from our congregation. The next dinner is scheduled for October 19. If you are interested in the October Circle Suppers, please sign up now. The sign-up sheet is on the wall near the water fountain, or email Nancy Standen at [standen@royell.org](mailto:standen@royell.org).

The **Book Group** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on October 22nd at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. A review in the Seattle Times says, "As good a reporter as she is, Boo is an even better storyteller.... Boo's writing skills are such that she can render even a dirty slum lovely ("The pale sun lent the sewage lake a sparkling silver cast"), and on a deeper level, extract sublime irony from a seemingly straightforward news story." (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.) Bring suggestions for future books for the group to discuss. Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara Moore at 523-6241 if you have any questions.

Vinnie Gupta, member of the ALUUC Social Action Committee, is participating in the **CROP Hunger Walk** on October 6, 2013. Anybody who wants to make a pledge or donation may contact Vinnie Gupta at 217-622-7118, or [vkuptamm@yahoo.com](mailto:vkuptamm@yahoo.com). Checks may be made payable to CROP Hunger Walk.

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 29	Choir Practice	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	Trash & Treasure Drop-off	12:00 pm	
Monday, Sept. 30	Trash & Treasure Setup	12:00 pm	various rooms
Tuesday, Oct 1	Trash & Treasure Setup	12:00 pm	various rooms
Wednesday, Oct 2	Trash & Treasure Setup	12:00 pm	various rooms
Thursday, Oct 3	Trash & Treasure Setup	12:00 pm	various rooms
	*News Covenant Group	7:00 pm	Buchloh's home
Friday, Oct 4	Early Bird Sale	7 – 10 am	various rooms
	T & T Sale	5 – 8 pm	various rooms
Saturday, Oct. 5	T & T Sale	8:00 am	various rooms
	Sale Cleanup	1:00 pm	various rooms
Sunday, Oct 6	Change for Change		
	New to UU Class	12:15 pm	
	Pagan Group	12:30 pm	Emerson

\*Held Off-Site

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

**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](http://www.uuwomensconnection.org) or if you would like to go and want to carpool, contact Diana DeWeese.