



**Announcements for Sunday, September 4, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Water & Stone Communion" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

Today, September 4, is our **Change for Change Collection**. The recipient is Springfield-based International Assist Medical Missions or IAMM. Sandy Hudgins Brewer gave a presentation several weeks ago on IAMM, which she and Dr. Michael Brewer founded. Sandy and Michael have attended and supported ALUUC for many years. IAMM has deployed medical missions in Haiti, Nigeria, Nicaragua and other Central American countries.

ALUUC CHOIR REHEARSALS Began!! Would you like to be part of our congregation's music ministry? Come to our choir's rehearsals as we prepare to sing for Sunday services. 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! 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).

Please return any hymnals that have been removed. A significant deficit has been identified and we've run short on recent Sunday mornings.

Coming Soon

Greater Springfield Interfaith Association: GSIA will meet Tuesday, September 6, 11:45 AM – 1:30PM at the Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation - MCLI Schnirring Board Room on the second floor, 228 W. Miller St. Please note that this particular event will last until 2:00 pm. Why the extension? Our hosts will be offering a guided tour of the MCLI starting at 1:00 pm; you will get to see a state of the art learning environment, including the simulated apartment, ambulance and surgery suite. We will have time to meet, greet & eat before our tour. Please bring your lunch or you can pick up something from the "Food for Thought Café" on the first floor of the MCLI.

A Committee Fair will be held after services on Sunday, September 11. This is a good opportunity to meet people and to support the work of the congregation.

Join the Green Committee after services on September 11 to collect seeds from Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary with Vern LaGessee and the Friends of the Sangamon Valley. Some of these seeds

will be used to enhance the diversity of the ALUUC prairie. We will gather at 1:00 pm in the parking lot. Long pants, socks, hats, insect repellent and water are recommended.

Please join various faith & civic leaders at 11 am on Monday, September 12 at the Lincoln statue near the State Capitol building for a rally & walking vigil in support of the National Day of Moral Action. Highlights will include a reading of the **Higher Ground Moral Declaration**, which holds that the deepest public concerns of our society are not just political issues but moral issues. This event will be held in concert with other rallies in other state capitols across the nation. We anticipate that we will be joined by UUs and others from across Illinois. For further information, please contact Rev. Woulfe.

Couples Enrichment Group (CEG): From Intern Minister Paula Brayden - My first offering within small group ministry will be a **Couples Enrichment Group (CEG)**. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, starting **September 14, 2016** through **May 24, 2017**. 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. The group will meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Channing room from 7-8:30 pm**. Please email me at intern@aluuc.org if you would like to sign up. It is my hope to have a steady group of couples wishing to participate, so feel free to come and see if this might be for you.

SAVE THE DATE: Roy Zimmerman "This Machine" Concert, Thursday, Thursday, September 15, 7pm at ALUUC. \$18. "This Machine" is ninety minutes of Roy Zimmerman's hilarious, rhyme-intensive original songs. "Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful and heartfelt form of expression," says Roy, "because in calling out the world's absurdities and laughing in their face, I'm affirming the real possibility of change." YouTube links: "Religious Freedom (To Burn Our Own Witches)" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MH7-GKiQXNE>
 "Everybody Is Everybody Else" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNMRBaM9q9k>
 "To Be a Liberal" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3qgiNPVpSM>
 "My Vote, My Voice, My Right" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-X-uBIqeVM>

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Sept 4	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Change for Change Donations	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller
	Senior Youth Group Movie	5:00 PM	Commons
Monday, Sept 5	LABOR DAY		
Tuesday, Sept 6	GSIA Lunch Meeting	11:45 AM	228 W. Miller
Wednesday, Sept 7	Men's Group	6:00 PM	Commons
	Weeding Party	6:30 PM	ALUUC prairie
Thursday, Sept 8	Meditation	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Sept 9	Game Night	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Sept 10	Zen Group Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday, Sept. 11	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM	Fuller
	Senior Youth Group	12:00 PM	Channing
	Movie Night	5:00 PM	Sanctuary