



**Announcements for Sunday, September 6, 2015
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



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

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

Today, September 6th, is a **Change for Change** collection. The September recipient is Helping Hands of Springfield. Founded 25 years ago, Helping Hands has a multilevel approach to dealing with the problem of homelessness. 1) Threshold - Shelter, Supportive Services Program provides an evening meal, a comfortable bed, legal support, mental health services and resource referral. 2) Hearth House - Permanent Supported Housing Program provides subsidized housing and case management support. 3) Stable S.M.I.L.E - Representative Payee Program deals with fiscal responsibility for client funds. 4) SOAR - SSI/SSDI Outreach Access Recovery Program provides case management and assistance for those applying for disability benefits.

***** 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 both items 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, please refer to the flyer that is included in your order of service, and online at: <http://www.aluuc.org/TNT.pdf>.

We need lots of volunteers for the 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 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, get to shop: with every 3-hour shift of volunteer work during set-up week, you can identify items of interest and purchase them early (once the pricing is complete).

****There will be a brief planning meeting on Tuesday September 8th at 5:30 PM at ALUUC in the Fuller Room. Please get involved! Join us and bring your experience &/or ideas!**

Last Chance!! If you're interested in having your youth participate in an evening series for the **Religion in Life Scouting** award, please see Rev. Woulfe. This series is open to all youth ages ten and above. The class will be held on four Thursday evenings beginning September 3rd, 7 – 8:30 pm. The next class is September 10th

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, 30 Trailridge Lane, corner of Washington and Veterans. Park in visitor's lot nearby. 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.

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

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Room</u> |
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| Sunday, Sept 6 | Choir Rehearsal | 9:20 AM | Sanctuary |
| | Sunday Service | 10:30 AM | Sanctuary |
| | Pagan Group Meeting | 12:30 PM | Fuller |
| | Inclusive Catholic Community Mass | 3:30 PM | Sanctuary |
| Monday, Sept 7 | LABOR DAY | | |
| Tuesday, Sept 8 | Trash & Treasures Meeting | 5:30 PM | Fuller |
| | Board Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fuller |
| Wed., Sept 9 | Choir Rehearsal | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary |
| Thurs., Sept. 10 | Religion in Life class | 7:00 PM | Fuller |
| | Meditation | 7:15 PM | Sanctuary |
| Friday, Sept 11 | Game Night | 6:00 PM | Outside or Inside |
| Sat., Sept 12 | Zen Meditation | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary |
| Sunday, Sept 13 | Choir Rehearsal | 9:20 AM | Sanctuary |
| | Committee Council Meeting | 12:00 PM | Commons |
| | Service Leader Training | 12:00 PM | Fuller |
| | Movie Night "Woman in Gold" | 5:00 PM | Commons |