



**Announcements for Sunday, September 8, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "The Giving Tree, Revisited" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** Happening TODAY *****

Foster/Adoption Interest Group: Jennifer Manthei is starting a group at ALUUC for people who were themselves, fostered/adopted; have ever fostered/adopted children; are interested in fostering/adoption; have birth children who are/were fostered/adopted; who have an intellectual or academic interest in fostering/adoption; who might like to provide support for foster/adoptive families. The first meeting is today, Sept. 8 at 12:15 pm in the Fuller Room. (We will need somebody to watch kids during this time, in case you'd like to volunteer!)

Please help stack the chairs after the potluck in preparation for the Labyrinth Walk on 9/13.

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

New to UU Class: Have you been attending ALUUC and feel this should be your "spiritual home"? Would you like to learn more about UUism and this congregation? Please sign up for an informal session on Monday, September 9, 7 pm and meet other new people, as well as Rev. Woulfe and our Membership Coordinator, Susan Solon. All are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the water fountain. Child care will be provided upon request.

ALUUC will hold a **special congregational meeting** immediately following the service on September 15. The only agenda item will be to give approval for spending more than \$5,000 on Paul Oakley's stipend as a Ministerial Intern, assuming fund-raising activities exceed the \$5,000 amount. We will not know the total amount by September 15--donations will be sought from members and friends, grant opportunities will be explored, and some special (as yet unknown) fund-raising events may take place. Please be sure to attend this special meeting.

The annual Trash & Treasure Sale is coming soon – October 4-5, 2013.

Be sure to gather up your treasures and be prepared to help during the week (Sept 30 – Oct 5). Use the handouts and your September Focus Newsletter for all the details. Contact Diana DeWeese to volunteer or for questions.



A Trivia Night to benefit ALUUC will be held at the church on Friday, September 20th, 2013 starting at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to donate baked goods that will be available for a donation. Also, anyone interested in donating or soliciting items to be auctioned off at the event are welcome to do so. Please contact Kathy Whitworth at 793-9838 with questions or if you are willing to help. We are putting the "fun" back in "fundraiser!!"

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. A recent Chalice Lighters grant was awarded to ALUUC so that we could hire a Membership Coordinator. If you are interested, please fill out the brochure at ALUUC.

A Committee Fair will be held next Sunday, September 15, after the service. This is your opportunity to learn about and get involved with one or two committees that pique your interest.

Annual Prayer for the International Day of Peace: Hearing Our Truths, Engaging Our World: Join the Grassroots Interfaith Team for the annual Prayer for the International Day of Peace. The brief morning service will be on Wednesday, September 18, 7:30 am to 7:50 am in Enos Park, Seventh and Enterprise. Participants are invited to bring a reading on peace, not necessarily from a holy book; as well as an optional small token of peace to be shared. This service is open to the public. For more information, contact Sr. Marcelline Koch, 787-0481.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on September 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. Everyone is welcome. We will be discussing *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions. The October selection is *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. (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.)

CIRCLE SUPPERS-- Please sign up to host or be a guest for a Circle Supper Pot Luck. It's great fun and you get to know interesting people from our congregation. The first dinner is scheduled for September 28th. The sign-up sheet is on the wall near the water fountain, or email me, standen@royell.org. Nancy Standen.

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. The Keynote speaker will be Shelley Graff - feminist singer, songwriter, guitarist and Singing in Sacred Circle facilitator. For more information go to the UU Women's Connection Website: www.uuwomensconnection.org or if you would like to go and want to carpool, contact Diana DeWeese.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Sept. 8	Potluck	12:00 pm	Sanctuary
	A-OK Meeting	12:15 pm	Fuller
Monday, Sept. 9	New to UU Class	7:00 pm	Channing
Tuesday, Sept 10	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Fuller
	Buddhist Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Sept 12	Labyrinth Walk & Oneness Blessing	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, Sept. 13	Zen Meditation Group	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Saturday, Sept. 14	Wollan-Gibbons Memorial	2:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Zimmerman Concert	8:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, Sept 15	Third Sunday Collection		
	Special Congregational Meeting	11:45 pm	Sanctuary
	Committees Meet	12:00 pm	various
	Spanish Club *	5:00 pm	Woulfe home

*Held Off-Site