Recently, the local leader of a large diocese declared that those politicians who had supported the reproductive rights legislation would be refused communion by those churches wherein he had a say. It was of course a pro forma declaration, since the individuals in question may receive the sacraments in their home churches, in a diocese to the North. However, that same person chose Pride Month to reiterate that LGBTQI people would be refused burial rites by the priests under his charge. This is more serious, because it in effect excommunicates a person during their hour of utmost need. To me, that seems both tragic and misguided, to say the least. When a loved one dies, their family usually does not have the luxury to travel to a different, more sympathetic diocese for a funeral service. Plus, it is the custom of the human family to lay their loved ones to rest among the generations that have already passed before. Since this declaration was timed to coincide with Pride Month, it struck me as an unnecessary insult. I responded by reaching out to my clergy colleagues and wrote the following letter to the editor, which was published in the Illinois Times and the State Journal-Register. Sadly, the initial online comments were disparaging. Happily, one additional colleague has stepped forward to offer her services. I have also contacted several funeral homes and notified their Directors of our availability.

As the minister of a local congregation that has long welcomed and affirmed members of the LGBTQI community, I was encouraged to see the huge crowds at the recent Springfield Pridefest. The presence of so many thousands, including Governor Pritzker and Mayor Langfelder, underscores that our LGBTQI family members, neighbors, and friends have finally earned a fuller acceptance within society. Thank God for that. On the other hand, even today, there are a few faith leaders who cannot conceive that an LGBTQI person is also made in the image of God. Personally, I cannot think of a less compassionate response to a family that is already grieving. I am reminded how, when I first arrived in Springfield, a woman called me and asked if I would conduct her brother’s funeral. Her brother had committed suicide and the family minister had sternly refused to offer any assistance, pronouncing that the man “was in hell, so why bother?” Needless to say, I officiated that memorial service and refused payment. With respect to those LGBTQI individuals who might face a similar rebuff from their home churches, I and several other local clergy have agreed that we will conduct a
Despite all the rain, summer is officially underway. And while the Membership Committee is taking a small break on one or two activities, we're going full steam ahead on others. As you've probably heard, we won't be meeting for Pathways to Membership in July, but please be sure to see us for Pathways on Aug. 11th and 12th. We even have the dates for Sept picked out already, so we're working ahead.

Have you looked around at the name badges lately? Do you notice anything different about them? We've started offering pronoun stickers for our guest name tags, and if you don't already have preferred pronouns on your permanent name tag I would be happy to make them for you. If you prefer, you can always ask for a sticker for your permanent name badge instead. The inclusion of preferred pronouns is so important because it shows a truly welcoming atmosphere for people who may not have always felt welcomed -- or even safe -- into all parts of their community. All genders are valid, and willingness to show our pronouns is just one more way to show our PRIDE for being a Welcoming Congregation.

We have a wonderful group of ushers and greeters every Sunday. If you haven't been among them -- or even if you have but would like to have a gentle reminder -- a person can always contact me to sign up for any month. If you know your schedule for several weeks or even months in advance, I would be more than happy to work you into the usher and greeter schedule. Let everyone see your smiling face on a Sunday morning!

Can you believe it's been three years since we've had our last photo directory? Time flies! We've gained a lot of new members since then, and this would be the perfect opportunity for both new members and established members to submit a new picture of themselves. If you have a picture you would like to use you can just send it to welcome@aluuc.org. If you would like a new picture taken, just let me know and I can take one for you when I see you on a Sunday.

And be sure to come out for the July 4th S'mores and Fireworks party. This will be a simple, BYOB and lawn chair affair. We can share some s'mores and the pretty lights in the night sky as we celebrate Independence Day and ALUUC Fellowship. For more information about this, or anything in this month's article, please contact the Membership Committee chairs at membership@aluuc.org or you can contact the Membership Coordinator, Tracy Zieber, at welcome@aluuc.org.

Tracy Zieber, Membership Coordinator welcome@aluuc.org

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**Membership Committee Update**

Join us every Sunday morning after service for coffee and conversation!

If you are interested in helping out with Coffee Hour on Sunday, go to aluuc.org/kitchen to sign up or contact email@aluuc.org.
Sunday Morning Services

10:30 am

July 7, 2019
Living and Working with Disabilities, David Munroe, Independent Living Coordinator, Springfield
Mr. Munroe will give a presentation on his work at the Springfield Center for Independent Living, his life before working there, and how working there made recovery from an accident easier. He will talk about the different ways people with a variety of disabilities find and maintain their independence.

Change for Change

July 14, 2019
Implicit Bias: Where Did That Come From?, Joanna Cooley, Ex Dir., The Phoenix Center
Implicit biases are pervasive, unconscious beliefs that often do not align with our declared beliefs. They are divisive, create exclusion and lead to an US vs. THEM mentality. Good news – they can be unlearned.

July 21, 2019
Discovering My Next Assignment, Peggy Dyson
Some people are blind from birth, and others lose vision as they age. The Education Center helps change the lives of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

July 28, 2019
Eco Camp: Protecting Our Planet and Having a Blast!, Eco Camp Staff & Campers
In this Eco Camp Graduation Service, we relive the camp experience of 70 campers, 20 junior counselor "prefects" and the many, many volunteers. Campers learn about ecology and environmentalism from guest presenters in our community, with experiences both in and out of the classroom. They also have a lot of fun! Campers (and families) are invited to participate in this Sunday Graduation & Celebration at ALUUC.

August 4, 2019
The Fair Tax, Jim Dixon, Labor Activist and Community Organizer

Senior Youth CREDO Statements
Several graduating Seniors have volunteered to offer their "Credo Statements" to the congregation, over the course of several Sundays. We are excited to welcome these individuals who have, in many instances, grown up within the ALUUC community - they will articulate what they have come to believe, how our community has influenced them, and what their plans are after high school.

FLOATERS

July 7 - available
July 14 - available
July 21 - Sandra Creasey
July 28 - available
As always your tax-deductible $25 donation is payable the week before the Sunday requested. Thank you!

Vi Lanum, Flower Committee, flower@aluuc.org
Summer brings many things to our congregation, and it’s no different in your Religious Education program. The summer adventure for 1st-8th graders is underway, and your RE Committee has been scaffolding the future of RE here at ALUUC.

Our summer program, as we’ve previously announced, focuses on Creative Exploration. We kicked off the summer with 25 students attending our Observation in Nature/Reverse Image Spray Painting workshop, in which students roamed the ALUUC property, thoughtfully looking for things they found beautiful. Then, they brought samples back to the tables and make reverse images from them, resulting in some delightful artwork. We’ve also explored clouds & the weather cycle, and plastics in the ocean & how we might minimize the amount of plastic we contribute to the problem.

As for the evolution of RE program, we have been meeting to plan the pilot year of Spirit Play for our students in Pre/K-3rd grade, though the ages are flexible. Students who aren’t quite ready to be in a Montessori-focused classroom may remain in our nursery, while students who are ready to go to a more traditional classroom structure can make the jump to our (3)/4-5 classroom.

Spirit Play is a unique, Montessori based approach to Unitarian Universalist Religious Education. Spirit Play classrooms are defined by the following elements:

1) **Freedom**: Children are free to move about their environment and choose their activities after the initial lesson. What they create during their work time is up to them, they are taught that they may respond to the lesson in anyway that is meaningful to them.

2) **Spiritual Practice and Ritual**: Every moment of the Spirit Play experience is highly structured and ritualized, from entering the classroom at the beginning of class to listening to the story to rolling out the rugs children work on. Class itself is a spiritual practice, an experience of sacred space and action.

3) **Creativity and Artistic Expression**: Children are given the opportunity to explore the lesson in an artistic medium of their choice, whether it’s markers, paints, or clay. Spirit Play teaches that art is a form of spiritual exploration; another attempt to understand and express the human experience.

4) **Storytelling**: Each lesson is comprised of a story, told by one of the two adults in the room. Stories are one of the most powerful spiritual experiences for children; many adults still recall stories and books they heard as children. The stories have a variety of messages and themes, usually focused on Unitarian Universalism, and afterwards, students are given a chance to reflect on the meaning and power of what they’ve heard.

Christina Raison, one of our volunteer teachers, has a deep background in Spirit Play from a previous UU congregation, and she will be the lead teacher in our Spirit Play PreK-3 classroom. All teachers working with this classroom will take training to ensure they are prepared for the shift to Spirit Play. Once we have a verified training date, we’ll post that on the ALUUC Facebook page and website.

Our other age classes (3)-5 and 6-8 will engage with World Religions this year, broadening their understanding of our world and the wide array of people who inhabit it.

SYG will meet twice more over the summer, on July 14th and August 4th, for popcorn and discussions of videos on the topics of Why Teens Confess to Crimes They Didn’t Commit (July) and Teens Who Are Changing Their Communities (August).

As always, our primary concern is providing a safe, supportive environment for our UU youth, enabling them to grow spiritually, intellectually, and physically while they make friends and discover what being a UU means for them. Wishing you a less wet July! Please talk to Pat Woods on Sunday or via phone or email dre@aluuc.org.

**Pat Woods, Director of Religious Education, dre@aluuc.org**
ALUUC's free ecology camp for children will take place THIS MONTH!!! At Eco Camp, campers and teen counselors learn about environmentalism and working together through workshops and various activities - with a little Harry Potter magic thrown in! This year, we will focus on what we can do to protect the different realms of the Earth such as land, sea, and the sky.

**Eco Camp Kick Off Party - July 13, 2019, 4-8pm**
At Kent and Gwen Childs’ home

Let's give Eco Camp 2019 a fun start with a barbecue and pool party on Saturday, July 13, from 4 pm to 8 pm at Kent and Gwen Childs’ home. We will be providing the hotdogs and hamburgers (and the fixin's) and tea and lemonade. You are welcome to bring a side dish to share, and other beverages. The Kick-Off is open to everyone, including camper families.

**Eco Camp functions because of LOTS and LOTS of VOLUNTEERS!!!**

There are many opportunities to help out an Eco Camp - in many cases the time commitment is only an hour (or two). We need people to help with:

- Setting up on Sunday afternoon - We provide lunch!
- Helping with Registration on Monday - talk to Diana DeWeese (eco2019register@aluuc.org)!
- Assisting during Lunch Hour - EITHER in the Kitchen - talk to Elaine Orr at eco2019food@aluuc.org - OR on the Playground during the week - talk to Phil Anderson at eco2019volunteer@aluuc.org and/or Marissa DeWeese at eco2019teen@aluuc.org.
- Donating supplies, food, or funding - $50 sponsors 1 child's Eco Camp experience!
- Assisting a class - talk to Diana or Marissa
- Taking part with our Friday "Hogsmede" Party - talk with Phil or Elaine
- Cleaning up on Friday afternoon - We'll provide snacks and beverages
- Helping at our Saturday Action on the Downtown Springfield Farmers Market - we provide water, shade, and sunscreen!

We have an online volunteer registration form at www.aluuc.org/eco-camp#volunteer, and a clipboard sign up sheet at ALUUC.

**Your support allows us to offer this wonderful camp for free.**

If you would like to sponsor a child, we estimate that $50 will sponsor one camper; we welcome donations of any amount to support Eco Camp! Because Eco Camp is free, this allows us to reach deeper into the Springfield community so more children may have the opportunity to learn about good stewardship of the Earth. Please give generously. We will use your contribution to educate the environmental stewards of tomorrow.

To contribute financially or sponsor a child, contact eco2019volunteer@aluuc.org.
We will be accepting donations for Eco Camp after church services. You can also mail your donation to ALUUC, 745 Woodside Road, Springfield, IL 62711. Write Eco Camp in the memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact ecocamp@aluuc.org
From Your ALUUC Board President

I will be taking over as the President of the ALUUC Board on July 1, 2019. I sincerely thank our outgoing President, Kim Villanueva, for all of her service over the last 2 years. Being President requires countless volunteer hours and we all appreciate it.

I thought it might be helpful to know a little more about me before I begin my service. I have been a member of ALUUC for almost 30 years and a past-President in 2003. I recently retired from over 35 years as an attorney with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office running the Consumer Protection Division. It was a short-lived break. In March, I accepted an appointment by the Governor to head up a state agency: the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. I say this as an appeal to all congregants to lend a hand this year as I will be very busy. I would appreciate all the volunteers I can bring in!

So, my four children and five grandchildren (and Jim) keep asking me why I am trying to do both of these jobs at the same time. Because I believe that ALUUC is moving into an exciting time of growth in all the major areas of congregational life:

1. Social justice programs including a new and overdue Racial Justice Project to educate the congregation concerning systemic racism,
2. Increased staffing, including the hiring of a part-time sexton to assist with facility maintenance to reduce the burden on volunteers,
3. Expansion of ministry staff through the hiring of short-term intern minister in training and part-time associate minister to assist with social justice projects, concentrate on congregational community health, and fill in when Reverend Martin Woulfe takes his sabbatical,
4. Improved inter-congregant relationships through covenant groups and fellowship activities,
5. Exploration of new ways to engage our youth in religious education,
6. Continued commitment to a green sanctuary through the addition of new solar panels and the adopt-a-prairie program,
7. A new ride-service plan for those in need of transportation from the Pastoral Committee and volunteers Dianne Roberts and Anna Sabin,
8. And a possible expansion of our facility through the construction of a dedicated space for Sunday Service which allows us to concentrate the use of the Fellowship Hall for the greater community as well as ALUUC events.

We have a team of dedicated volunteers that have already stepped up thus far to serve on the Board and as Committee Chairs. I want to thank them and to encourage others to consider how you might serve. At a later time, I am going to list all of those serving on Committees beyond the Chair role and highlight what these Committees do so that we can all appreciate the amount of volunteer time that is donated to ALUUC all year long.

Board Members and Officers:

**Vice-President:** Gwen Childs
**Treasurer:** Tina Bennett
**Secretary:** Elaine Gambiani (new)
**Board member:** Alison Stachera
**Board member:** Bob Croteau
**Board member:** Bonnie Ettinger
**Board member:** Michelle Green (new)
**Board member:** Dennis Rumme

**ALUUC Board Meeting**
The next ALUUC Board of Directors meeting will be at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 10th.
Future meetings will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

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**Board member:** Larry Muir

**Committee Chairs:**

- **Electronics and Communications:** Marissa DeWeese, Elaine Gambiani, Cherly Wycoff and Carol Kneedler
- **Facilities:** Kurt DeWeese, and Larry Muir, a new Co-Chair! Thank you! And thank you to Gwen Childs for serving.
- **Fellowship:** Chair- TBD;
- **Fellowship Subcommittee:** Covenant Groups-Stu Jacobson
- **Finance:** Kurt DeWeese
- **Green Sanctuary:** David Cation and Tony Gambiani - new Chairs, thank you! And thank you Jim Curran for serving.
- **Membership:** Carol Kneedler and Dianne Roberts
- **Pastoral Care:** Jodi Perko and Delinda Chapman
- **Personnel:** Dianne Roberts
- **Program:** Eric Stachera- a new Chair! Thank you and thank you Elaine Orr for servicing as Chair.
- **Religious Education:** Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant
- **Social Justice:** Nancy Derrig and Meg Evans.
- **Racial Justice Project:** a new Committee and new Chairs-Lisa Udel and John Record
- **Welcoming Congregation:** Meg Evans and Tracy Zieber
- **Fundraising:** Anna Sabin has volunteered to chair the Fantasy Auction again and hopefully Diana DeWeese and Gwen Childs will continue to organize the Fall Craft Fair! Thank you

**Committee on Ministry:** Jodi Perko

**Nominating:** Michael Plog

**Endowment:** Roger Powers

**EcoCamp:** Phil Anderson, Dianna DeWeese, Marissa DeWeese, and Elaine Orr

A big thank you to Kim Villanueva for volunteering to chair the Ad-Hoc Part-time Associate Minister Search Committee!!

Thank you to all the volunteers. If you are interested in serving in some capacity, please let me know.

*Deb Hagan, ALUUC Board President, president@aluuc.org*
ALUUC Social Justice Committee (SJC) Update

Sunday Service SJ Moment lets you know what you can do to promote social justice.

SJC has Birthed The Racial Justice Project
This project meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm, ALUUC and is open to all. We can use input and ideas. Please contact co-chairs John Record or Lisa Udel at rip@aluuc.org if you would like to join us.

Change 4 Change - Thanks for your most needed generosity.

July: The Outlet was founded in 2004 in Central Illinois. “It is our mission to help young fatherless youth ages (8-22) develop the ability and skill to be capable of making responsible life decisions, holding real and meaningful spiritual values, explore their gifts, talents, and realizing their dreams and aspirations. We will raise up quality leaders who will serve their generation and those to come. We welcome all brothers regardless of race, creed, color, or religious affiliation. https://theoutletillinois.org/about-us/
Please make checks to ALUUC with The Outlet noted in the memo line.

June: Wooden It Be Lovely, a ministry of Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church. Their mission is to offer hope and employment to mothers healing from lives of poverty, addiction and abuse. The mothers are employed to refurbish and sell donated wooden furniture alongside church and community volunteers while their young children are cared for onsite. This transitional employment empowers mothers to move towards lives of economic stability and enhanced well-being for themselves and their children. https://www.woodenitbelovelydaumc.com/
Please make checks to ALUUC with Wooden It Be Lovely noted in the memo line.

SJC Regular Meetings
We meet the 3rd Sunday at 12 noon in the Berkley Moore room. Next meeting is July 21st. All are welcome; we need you and welcome your concerns and ideas.
Be the change you want to see.
Nancy Derrig (socialjustice@aluuc.org) and Meg Evans, SJC Co-chairs

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELPING HOMELESSNESS

St. John’s Breadline 430 N. 5th St., Springfield, IL 62702, (217) 528-6098
Volunteers provide and serve meals weekdays 7:30 - 10:00 am or 1:30 – 4:00 pm; Shifts are also available Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm. Groups welcome. http://cc.dio.org/programs/st-johns-breadline

Helping Hands 1023 E. Washington Springfield, IL 62703, (217) 522-0048
Provide a meal: http://www.helpinghandsofspringfield.org/, click the meal train picture; select and book a date. Or call 522-0048 ext 5; Brandy. (Thanks to Delinda Chapman)

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LOCAL CONTACTS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

**Springfield Immigration and Advocacy Network (SIAN).**
SIAN is presently assisting Springfield area immigrants interned by ICE (U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement) and federal authorities. SIAN has an urgent need for resources (money, food, clothing, etc.) for these families. SIAN is people from diverse cultural backgrounds, faiths and organizations united to educate and work with leaders, community members and institutions to bring support to our immigrant communities facing crises due to present government policies and actions. SIAN supports immigrant and refugee advocacy and contributes to a Springfield in which ALL feel included, safe, valued, and welcome. Contact Larry Golden or Meg Evans for more information or to help.

**UUANI (UU Advocacy Network of Illinois) uuani@uuani.org**
Through Actions of the Week, over the past 2 years, nearly 1000 Illinois UUs have sent messages to elected officials to advocate for our UU values. UUANI is launching a program to create a Social Justice Leadership Corps, with teams from congregations participating in a 6 month program to develop our capacity for spiritually grounded and strategically effective action. Please contact us at uuani@uuani.org if you are interested or would like to nominate someone."

Our connection to this group is Deb Hagan.
More information and/or Email alerts www.uuani.org or www.facebook.com/UUANI.

**Faith Coalition for the Common Good (FCCG)**
This local association made of faith-based organizations (including ALUUC) and labor unions provides opportunities to work on Antiracism, Immigration, and Homelessness with people of different faith traditions. The work is done by 4 task forces: Education, Jobs and Economic Equity, Civic Engagement & Policy Involvement, and CUJO (Citizens United for Justice & Order). ALUUC members on these task forces would love to have you join them. www.faithcoalition-il.org or Shelley Heideman at 544-2297. Go to http://faithcoalition-il.org/what-we-do/ for a meetings calendar under News and Events.

There is strength in numbers and diversity folks. (Thanks Stu Jacobson)

**Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in Illinois**
Moms Demand Action is a program of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun violence prevention advocacy organization in the country. momsdemandaction.org

**Action Illinois**
Local group created to: build a better future for our kids & grandkids; spread positive change in a world of injustice & inequality; move forward with heads high and get our voices heard & rage onward for what is right. https://www.facebook.com/ActionIllinois1.
Green Sanctuary Report

Keeping Our Spaces Green

Our original mission was and still is to keep our sanctuary environmentally friendly. To that end an audit was conducted May 19, 2019, to assess our progress (Meg Evans, Gwen Childs, Kurt DeWeese, Marissa DeWeese)

Positive areas: Lighting is mostly maintained by LED bulbs. Reduced our energy use by 25% through efficiency and solar panels. Recycling process. Use energy savings on dishwasher. Regular cups and glasses used for Sunday coffee hour with disposable paper plates. Thermostat has default settings.

Areas we are investigating: Finish LED lighting throughout. Use of eco friendly products in restrooms. Alternative to bleach for rinsing dishes. Purchasing plates for congregational activities. Alternatives to coffee creamers. Asking renters for better agreements: take out own garbage, use recycled productions. Energy efficient replacement furnace and hot water heater. RE area to have recycling or policy vs. current mixed trash cans. Industrial dish washer.

What can you do?

1. Be aware that currently someone spends a couple of hours a week gathering, washing, sorting and taking your recycled items to a facility to be recycled. This includes digging items out of regular waste baskets.
2. Recycle your Starbucks cups and other plastic items you bring into building. Better yet take home all of your items to recycle like plastic containers, tin foil, etc.
3. If you are hosting a function in the building make sure you have a plan to make it eco friendly. Pay attention to the trash collection at the end of the event.
4. Take home potluck dishes and left over food. Somebody has to clean out fridge and wrestle with crowded counters in kitchen which become unsanitary.

If you are interested in helping with this function of the Green Sanctuary Committee contact Jan Droegkamp jdroe1@uis.edu or David Cation and Tony Gambiani.

ALUUC hosts our local PFLAG chapter (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) on the Third Monday of every month. The next meeting will be held at ALUUC on Monday, July 15 at 7 pm. This is a safe and confidential gathering of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) people, their families, friends and allies to meet and share. This PFLAG group is open to all and welcomes your energy!

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2019, please write a check made out to PFLAG of Springfield for $3 per household and send to Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/PFLAGSpringfieldIL. To contact the group by email: pflag-springfieldil_1@juno.com.
**ALUUC Fellowship Events**

**4th of July - Fireworks Over the Corn with S'mores**

July 4th, 8:00pm

Celebrate the 4th of July at ALUUC as we watch area fireworks from our lawn with s'mores over the campfire and popsicles! Bring your own lawn chairs.

*Note: this is NOT a cookout - just s'mores and frozen treats.*

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**Movie Night: The Man Who Killed Don Quixote**

**Sunday, July 7, 5:00 pm**

"Toby (Adam Driver), a disillusioned film director, becomes pulled into a world of time-jumping fantasy when a Spanish cobbler, Javier (Jonathan Pryce), believes him to be Sancho Panza. He gradually becomes unable to tell dreams from reality."

2 hours, 13 minutes. Ages 15+ (via commonsensemedia.org). Popcorn will be provided, along with subtitles for those who are hard of hearing.

**August's Movie:** *The Favourite*, on Sunday, August 11 at 5:00pm.

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**Fundraise for ALUUC While You Shop!**

**Are you an Amazon customer? You can help ALUUC!**

When Amazon customers shop on smile.amazon.com, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. For example, if you make a $100 purchase, Amazon will donate 50 cents to ALUUC. Every time you make a new purchase on Amazon, be sure to start at smile.amazon.com! Learn more about how to set this up at www.aluuc.org/amazon-smile.

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**Shop With Scrip**

Scrip is a cooperative that allows congregation members to buy gift cards to national retailers at face value, and a percentage of each card sold comes back to ALUUC. See the list of retailers here at shopwithscrip.com

Physical scrip gift cards are sent to ALUUC; members then can pick them up and use them. Digital and Reloadable scrip gift cards are also an option.

Go to www.aluuc.org/about-aluuc/members/scrip-program for step-by-step instructions on how to register for this program. Use ALUUC’s code to join the ALUUC’s program.

Please contact Marissa DeWeese at scrip@aluuc.org for more information, and to complete your registration. **Our next order deadline for physical cards is July 28.**
Committees and Groups at ALUUC

A COURSE IN MIRACLES RE CLASS

“A Course In Miracles is a self study system of spiritual awakening that teaches the way to inner peace and awakening through the power of love and forgiveness.” - Alan Cohen

We have now finished the Text portion of A Course In Miracles (in only 2 years and 9 months). We have begun studying the Manual for Teachers and two other sections of the Appendix. We expect to start from the beginning in a few weeks.

We meet each Tuesday at 6 pm to read and discuss A Course In Miracles. We meet in the Berkley Room. For more information contact acim@aluuc.org.

HUMANIST GROUP

George Oravis will facilitate the ALUUC Humanist Group’s discussion of the book The Post-American World: Release 2.0 at 7 PM on Monday evening, July 22, at ALUUC. "'This is not a book about the decline of America, but rather about the rise of everyone else.'" So begins Fareed Zakaria's important new work on the era we are now entering. Following on the success of his best-selling The Future of Freedom, Zakaria describes with equal prescience a world in which the United States will no longer dominate the global economy, orchestrate geopolitics, or overwhelm cultures. He sees the ‘rise of the rest’ - the growth of countries like China, India, Brazil, Russia, and many others—as the great story of our time, and one that will reshape the world. The tallest buildings, biggest dams, largest-selling movies, and most advanced cell phones are all being built outside the United States. This economic growth is producing political confidence, national pride, and potentially international problems. How should the United States understand and thrive in this rapidly changing international climate? What does it mean to live in a truly global era? Zakaria answers these questions with his customary lucidity, insight, and imagination.” -- Goodreads

Please contact Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

NEWS GROUP

The News Group will meet Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 pm in the Channing Room. We have moved the date from the first Thursday because of the 4th of July celebration. Please join us in an open discussion of events in the national, state or local news.

All are welcome to attend. For further information contact Kurt DeWeese, Frank Kopecky, or email newsgroup@aluuc.org.
COMMITTEES AND GROUPS AT ALUUC CONTINUED

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The ALUUC Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, July 23 at 7 PM** in the Channing Room. ALUUC Member Rodd Whelpley will join us for a discussion of his Chapbook of poetry, *Catch As Kitsch Can*. Rodd is supplying books for us at $5 each – or borrow one. They will be in the church office. Stop by to get your copy.

We will also suggest books for the group to consider for the next few months. We welcome any and all congregants to join us to hear Rodd talk about his writing of poetry as well as prose. In addition to his poetry, he is author of the out of print book, *Capital Murder*, which takes place in and around our state capital/capitol.

For questions, email Penny Wollan-Kriel at bookgroup@aluuc.org

COMPASSION & CHOICES GROUP

Members and friends of this group are invited to join a meeting at ALUUC on **Wednesday, June 3 at 7 pm** to discuss our efforts to promote a compassionate alternative for terminally ill patients in Illinois. This is the first regular monthly meeting, which will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. We will schedule the next viewing of "How to Die in Oregon."

If you can attend, please notify Rev. Woulfe, so we will know how much snack food to bring. Thank you!

COVENANT GROUPS

Covenant Groups are a great way to get to know other ALUUC members in a group that values listening and deep sharing on a variety of chosen topics. Participants commit to meet regularly: twice a month for about two hours each meeting.

You can sign up for the next set of Covenant Groups that will start meeting in September. There will be a informational open house this fall. To learn more, visit [http://www.aluuc.org/aluuc-covenant-groups](http://www.aluuc.org/aluuc-covenant-groups), contact Stu Jacobson, or email covenantgroups@aluuc.org.

All groups must reserve their meeting space in advance for meetings and/or events through Office Manager Cheryl Wycoff at office@aluuc.org.
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* indicates event takes place off-site.  **Bold** text indicates an ALUUC-sponsored event.

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