I recently posted the following comment on my Facebook page: "Today is one of the days when I am so proud to be a UU minister. I am so grateful that I could have a role in their wedding. Two amazing women. With Aileen Portugal and Isabel Verano."

The response to this particular post has been quite impressive and prompted me to think about the recent past and my role as an officiant. It is, after all, June, the traditional month for weddings. I have officiated nearly two hundred nuptials since 1990 and approximately 27 have been for same-sex couples. Our ALUUC Officiants have conducted perhaps a dozen more.

Before Marriage Equality passed in Illinois, sympathetic clergy like myself could conduct "Holy Unions" that carried no legal protections to the couple. Later, due to changes in the law, we were able to offer ceremonies that were recognized by the state - but not quite equal. When Illinois finally legalized same-sex weddings on June 1, 2014 - five years ago - my colleagues and I within the state received a surge of requests, which we cheerfully accommodated. Now, the phrase "same-sex" wedding is becoming outmoded - a wedding is a wedding. There may still be some within the larger community who raise their eyebrows in surprise, but that number is dwindling. Surveys show that younger people, of all denominations, overwhelmingly accept the right of couples to marry regardless of their genders. I suppose that the situation was not unlike that for Baby Boomers in the aftermath of "Loving v the State of Virginia" with respect to interracial couples.

One of the readings for this most recent wedding was unusual. It was not drawn from scripture, nor for your standard collection of love poetry. The reading was the final paragraph of the majority decision in the landmark case known as Hodges v. Obergefell, and written by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy:

"No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases
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Sincerely, Rev. Martin Woulfe, minister@aluuc.org

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Tracy Zieber, Membership Coordinator welcome@aluuc.org

COFFEE HOUR

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.

FLOWERS

June 2 - available
June 9 - available
June 16 - available
June 23 - available
June 30 - Penny Wollan-Kriel

As always your tax-deductible $25 donation is payable the week before the Sunday requested. Thank you!

Vi Lanum, Flower Committee, flower@aluuc.org
Sunday Morning Services

10:30 am

June 2, 2019

**UU Values and Ethics**, Rev. Martin Woulfe

Religious liberals sometimes refer to a "constellation of values" that guide our decision making and our relationships. Is this a relative, or a fixed, constellation? Does this make things easier or more difficult than the values promoted by traditional faiths, which are often based on an interpretation of Scripture?

*Change for Change*

June 9, 2019

**Flower Communion**, Rev. Martin Woulfe

Join us as we gather together to celebrate the many gifts that we give to one another and have received in turn. Please bring a flower to share with another in this most colorful communion service.

*Sung Milestones, Annual meeting will follow the service.*

June 16, 2019

**Faithful Journeys**, Rev. Martin Woulfe

It used to be that when summer arrived, UUs would scatter to the four directions and the energy of each faith community as a whole would come to a standstill. While that is no longer the prevailing model - it remains true that many of us will explore other activities in different locations. In what ways do we carry the seeds of our faith with us? How might we frame our adventures into stories that we can share when we gather for the Water & Stone Communion?

*Traditional Milestones*

June 23, 2019

**Love Thy Neighbor in All Religions**, Rev. Patricia Caley

“All You Need Is Love”, “It’s easy,” claim the Beatles. In fact most religious traditions encourage and even demand that we love one another. Seems like a good idea, so why don’t we?

June 30, 2019

**Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful**, Rev. Kalen Fristad

Teaching eternal damnation is harmful. Teaching universalism leads to equality, respect, love and dignity for all.

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.

**Milestones**

The Program Committee is pleased to share that Milestones will be included during the following worship services during June.

**June 9** - Sung Milestones

**June 16** - Traditional Milestones
The 2020 budget year pledge drive has come to a close. We came very close but did not make our goal of $220,000. We want to thank everyone who made a pledge. We appreciate your dedication to our UU congregation. Before too long we will be sending out confirmation letters to everyone who pledged just to be sure that we got it right.

If you did not made a pledge but still want to, you can! The pledge drive is officially closed because we need a dollar amount to work out the 2020 year budget. There are still pledge cards and brochures at the church or you can email in a pledge to office@aluuc.org.

Again, we want to thank everyone. I hope you enjoyed our luncheon pledge drive kick-off as much as we did. We are looking forward to another great year supporting the cause of liberal religion in Central Illinois.

- Tina Bennett and Cathy Brookshire
## ALUUC 2019 Nominating Committee Slate

**Committee on Ministry**—*Members are appointed by the Nominating Committee*

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| Nominees for 1-year Director terms* | |
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*to fill the unexpired Director terms of Marsh Wijetunge*

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| Diane Roberts 2016-2019 | |
| Lara Quivey 2017-2019 | |
| Marsh Wijetunge* 2018-2020 | *Resigned early, remainder of term to be filled |

*We appreciate your willingness to serve our congregation!*
It is the fate of English teachers everywhere to have an appropriate quotation for any occasion, and June (and Pablo Neruda) definitely inspires me. His observation that “Green was the silence, wet was the light, the month of June trembled like a butterfly” captures my joy and anticipation as we begin the summer season of faith development for our youth.

Before looking at what’s coming this summer, I’d like to share some interesting data from the RE survey we conducted. Based on our survey data, just under half of the people who responded do not have children, which is something important to note in terms of demographics; and, of the 54.1% of people who do have children, only 13.5% attend every week. On the other end of the spectrum, only two children never attend, but you can see from the graph how following a curriculum that scaffolds upon what has happened the week before, the “Traditional Sunday School” model that we have used for years, isn’t meeting the faith development needs of our students. Your RE Committee is discussing the survey and considering the implications of the data to plan where we should be going in the future. Look at next month’s newsletter article for more information.

We wrapped up the RE “regular season” in May with the RE Appreciation Ceremony (sadly, no pictures, because it happened AFTER the newsletter due date!). However, we have some lovely pictures of the gifts our youth made for the teachers to share with you. The “tulip bouquets” were made by the SYG; the “sparkling sunflowers” came from the Pre K/K class; the “dotty flowers” were created by the 1-2 graders; the sunflowers sprang from the 3rd-5th graders, and the “fork flowers” originated with our 6-8th graders. It was a fitting culmination to this year’s curriculum of caring for ourselves and others. The youth certainly are taking great care of the volunteer teachers who take such excellent care of them!

Coming this summer are three months of Creative Expression. We invite volunteers to take on a Sunday and guide our youth as they explore areas of their creative selves they might not be aware they enjoy. Ideally, we would like ten congregants to prepare a “drop-in” RE activity for each of the summer Sundays. We envision topics such as theatrics, cartooning, drumming, puppetry, folk culture, photography, music, etc. See something you might like to take on? Have an idea we’ve overlooked? Please talk to Pat Woods on Sunday, via phone or email dre@aluuc.org

Pat Woods, Director of Religious Education, dre@aluuc.org
Our Eco Camp committee is planning up a storm for ALUUC's free ecology camp for children, which will take place NEXT 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.

Volunteers Needed!
We will need lots of volunteers before and during camp - if you can help out in any way, please sign up! We have many different opportunities that our UU community can help:

- planning, 2 meetings in June!
- setting up on Sunday afternoon
- helping with Registration on Monday,
- assisting during the lunch hour either in the Kitchen or on the Playground during the week,
- Donating supplies, food, or funding,
- Teaching a class,
- Assisting a class,
- Taking part with our Friday "Hogsmede" Party
- Cleaning up on Friday afternoon
- Helping at our Saturday Action on the Downtown Springfield Farmers Market.

We will be passing around signup lists during services, will have an online volunteer registration form at www.aluuc.org/eco-camp, and look for an email later this month with more details and links!

For more information about how you can volunteer, contact Phil Anderson at eco2019volunteer@aluuc.org. If you are more interested with helping with the food and/or the kitchen during Eco Camp, then contact Elaine Orr at eco2019food@aluuc.org.

*Save the Date* - we will have an Eco Camp Kickoff Party on July 13th at Kent & Gwen Childs' home.

Registration is Open to the Public!
If you have a child or teen interested in being a Camper or Prefect (our teen counselors), don't delay -- spots fill up quickly. Registration forms can be found at www.aluuc.org/eco-camp
If you have any questions about registration, please contact Diana DeWeese at eco2019register@aluuc.org. Campers can be 5-12 years old (5 year olds must be going into the 1st grade this August) and prefects are 13-18. More information at www.aluuc.org/eco-camp.

Our next planning meetings will be:

-- Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary,
-- Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30pm in the Fuller Room.
All are welcome to attend!

If you have any questions, please contact ecocamp@aluuc.org
Nonviolence is the term more commonly used in place of the older word pacifism. In a nutshell, nonviolence is the pursuit of change through peaceful protest, in the hope of creating a society in which we live harmoniously with those we oppose. Mahatma Gandhi was the first person in recorded human history to promote nonviolence on a wider political scale, rather than the acts of individuals alone. Gandhi gave the concept the name Satyagraha, meaning devotion to truth. Throughout history, nonviolence has been interpreted and used differently by various individuals. For Gandhi, it was the three pillars: Satya to use honesty and fairness; Ahimsa the refusal to harm others; and Tapasya to self-sacrifice. For the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., who greatly admired Gandhi, it was the six principles against the triple evils of poverty, racism, and militarism. Nonviolence has been an effective tool of change as far back as 494 B.C. when the plebeians of Rome went on strike. In 1940, nonviolent action was taken to save Jews from persecution and again in 1989 when struggles began to end dictatorship in Czechoslovakia, the same methods in different times and circumstances.

Practicing nonviolence begins with knowledge and mindfulness; gathering all the information you can find on the issue to understand all sides of the argument; making sure there is no misunderstanding when addressing others, and that there is no hidden motive to your words; being truthful, and therefore credible, will gain you sympathy and support for your mission. A major component of nonviolent action is looking at the positive side of everything possible, even the words of your opponent. Conflict is an unavoidable fact of human life. There are, however, two types of violence: passive and physical. Killing is a choice, and we can have revenge or we can have change, but having both is not a viable option. Life is seldom fair, as we see in the fact that the price of peace is always paid by those who fight for it and may deserve it most. But to create a new better society, that society must include all, even old enemies. This illustrates the fifth of Dr. King's six principals: “Nonviolence chooses love not hate.”

Nonviolence requires courage. One must realize that bringing change will come at a cost of physical, mental, and emotional pain and still be strong enough to pursue it. Many have suffered in the name of freedom, but, in the long-term, measurable societal progress is made. There is never a guarantee that nonviolence will work in all situations, but the alternative is oppression or even war. In war there is always a winner or loser, and one side will always lose. But in nonviolent battles, the idea is that no one will win or lose because only the situation itself changes, and there is a world of difference between the two. One of the reasons nonviolent protest is effective is because the oppressed are united and their oppressors are divided. Peaceful protests are some thing anybody can do no matter how old or young, rich or poor, educated or uneducated. This often forces the oppressor to negotiate. During the year-long bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, for example, they could not keep the Black citizens from walking rather than taking the bus, as they were not doing anything illegal. Using violence on innocent people would have divided the white community even further. Seeing as the bus drivers couldn't support themselves without the income the Black community provided, simply walking forced the change in policy.

Practicing nonviolence is not always as easy as it sounds, and it can be difficult not to feel hate toward those with whom you disagree or those who are trying to hurt you. Each human is unique with different views, that has to be respected. To destroy another person is to destroy someone who can never be replaced. This is why having self-restraint and self-discipline is important to leading a nonviolent life. As someone who does martial arts I understand the need for those two values, and although the entire point of martial arts is to protect yourself through violence, it differs from actually living a violent life. Self defense is
protect yourself from the actions of a lone individual, whereas nonviolence can combat injustice on a larger scale involving entire populations. Although many people have said otherwise, nonviolent action is still frequently used today. Protest marches are a popular tool to make the voice of the public heard on important issues, especially following the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Boycotts of companies allow people to use their purchasing power to affect the policies of large corporations. When the picketing of veterans' funerals by an organization called Westboro Baptist Church outraged observers, people transformed themselves into angels, using large costume wings to hide the offensive signage and angry faces from the bereaved. This still and silent act of defiance is a good example of how nonviolence is used by ordinary citizens every day.

UUA General Assembly - June 19 - 23, Spokane, WA

The Unitarian Universalist Association will hold its 2019 General Assembly on June 19-23 in Spokane, WA. At this year’s General Assembly we will explore the power, possibility, purpose, struggle and joy of finding the path forward together as Unitarian Universalists. Attendees will leave inspired, with the tools needed to carry on the work into their own congregations and communities. Join us as we work for collective liberation inside and outside our faith.

Please go to https://www.uua.org/ga for details about Registration, which is currently open, plus Housing options, the Schedule of Events, etc. Among the many special events will be the Ware Lecture, delivered by Richard Blanco who was selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history. Richard Blanco is the youngest and the first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role.

All ALUUC members are welcome to attend; if you would like to represent ALUUC as one of our 6 credentialed delegates, please contact Kim Villanueva at president@aluuc.org.

SUMMER MUSIC

Choir music has ended for this liturgical year. There will not be rehearsals again until the end of August. However, for the summer months, the congregation is invited to come early on Sundays for short hymn sings. Please arrive at 10:15 a.m. to sing our favorites as well as learn some new songs!

Summer Sunday services are also opportunities for special music (for the prelude, offertory, or postlude). We encourage those who wish to sing or play instruments to contact Kathy Schultz, Bonnie Ettinger, or Rev. Martin Woulfe so that they can be considered in the order of service.
SJC has Birthed The Racial Justice Project
Co-chairs John Record and Lisa Udel are delighted to announce the formation of this new effort. Thanks to Debby Hagan for her assistance. The 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 join us June 27th.

Change 4 Change - Thank you for your most appreciated and needed generosity.

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.

May: You raised $427.54 for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter is dedicated to assisting high achieving young African American adults in continuing their education at institutions of higher learning. Contributions still most welcome. Please make checks to ALUUC with DSTS noted in the memo line.

Recent ALUUC Social Justice and Racial Justice Activities
Your advocacy matters. There is power in numbers. Thank you to everyone who participated. A special Earth Warrior congratulations to Kitty Wrigley. ALUUC’s Environmental Justice Advocacy Day mission was accomplished! We collected 75 petitions in support of the Clean Energy Jobs Act (SB2132/HB3624). This act promotes clean energy jobs, puts Illinois on the path to 100% renewable energy by 2050, supports local communities to undertake projects in energy and transportation, provides incentives for electric vehicle charging and low-income electric vehicle sharing, and directs the Illinois EPA to prioritize carbon reductions to zero by 2030. Kitty made copies for Gov. Pritzker; Scott Aaseng (UUANI); Senators Steve McClure, Jill Tracy, William Brady, Andy Manar; and Representatives Mike Murphy, Avery Bourne, Sue Scherer, Norine Hammond and Tim Butler. Then I submitted them to the Illinois Environmental Council during Environmental Justice Advocacy Day, May 9 at the State Capitol. Protections Against Toxic Coal Ash Bill (SB9) did, indeed, pass. Coal ash “is a toxic byproduct of burning coal that sits in nearly 80 pits throughout our state. The heavy metals and toxins that leach into water pose a serious threat to public health and our environment.” The bill will protect communities by providing a framework for closing the sites and ensuring community protection in regard to the cleanup cost. And I got a new t-shirt! (Thanks to Lisa Kay Miller for this report and photo)
SJC Regular Meetings
We usually meet the 3rd Sunday at 12 noon in the Berkley Moore room. Next meeting is June 23rd. All are welcome; we need You and welcome your concerns and ideas. Be the change you want to see.
Nancy Derrig 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)

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)
**ALUUC Community**

**Congratulations to our RE Director, Pat Woods for being Honored for Excellence in History Education**

Original article posted by Tara McCellan McAndrew, Correspondent for the SJR

Why you should know her:
Pat Woods, an English teacher at Petersburg PORTA High School, won the Governor’s Award at Illinois History Day in Springfield this month. The day is an Illinois history research project contest for middle and high school students. Winners compete at National History Day.

The Governor’s Award “recognizes a teacher and school that display exceptional dedication not only to Illinois History Day but also to instilling a love of history and learning in students,” according to a press release from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, which helps coordinate the event. Woods has taught for 33 years. Her students have won awards and scholarships at Illinois History Day; six have gone to National History Day.


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**GSIA Greater Springfield Interfaith Association Meetings**

June 4, 2019 at 11:45 am - 1:30 pm

Members & Friends of ALUUC are invited to join with the Interfaith Community on Tuesday, June 4 as GSIA hosts a conversation on “The Boundaries of Inclusivity Within Our Faith Communities.” Participants will gather at the First Congregational Church (2100 S. Bates, Springfield, IL 62707) from 11:45 am - 1:30 pm. Please bring your own lunch; some refreshments will be provided by our host.

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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, June 17 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.
Photos from PrideFest 2019, Downtown Springfield

Springfield Pridefest 2019 was a colorful, welcoming blast! As always, UUs came out to support the local LGBTQIA+ community; we danced, sang, marched proudly in the parade, and gave away lots of candy and informational brochures about ALUUC. Some of us even thought about taking home a new pet. Can't wait until Pridefest 2020!

ALUUC Board Meeting Dates

The next ALUUC Board of Directors meeting will be a transition meeting between the 2018-2019 board and the newly elected 2019-2020 board and officers, starting at 6 PM on Wednesday, June 12.

Future meetings will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
The News Group will meet **Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 pm** in the Channing Room. The News Group meets monthly to discuss events in the news. There is no specific agenda. We discuss topics brought up by the participants. Last month, for example, we had a lengthy discussion about Ireland, Brexit and the state of politics in Europe. This month there is likely to be a discussion of the numerous persons seeking the presidential nomination. We try to end each meeting by 9 pm. Coffee and refreshments are available. Please feel free to join us as differing and new voices make for a more interesting conversation.

For further information contact Kurt DeWeese, or Frank Kopecky, or email newsgroup@aluuc.org.

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**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 began our study in September of 2016 and have just finished Chapter 30 of the 31 chapter text. We should be finishing the text in July. From that point, we will spend a few weeks reading the Manual for Teachers, which is part of the book. After that, we’ll probably start over from the beginning. This summer would be a really good time to begin the study if you aren't familiar with this philosophy. We meet each **Tuesday at 6 pm** to read and discuss A Course In Miracles. Most weeks, we meet in the Berkley Room but sometimes in Fuller. For more information contact acim@aluuc.org.

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**HUMANIST GROUP**

Since our April discussion was postponed due to illness, we’ll circle back to that book selection for June. Please join the ALUUC Humanist Group at **7 PM, Monday, June 24**, at ALUUC as we discuss the book *Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World*, facilitated by Carol Floyd. In *Winners Take All*, “former New York Times columnist Anand Giridharadas takes us into the inner sanctums of a new gilded age, where the rich and powerful fight for equality and justice any way they can -- except ways that threaten the social order and their position atop it. We see how they rebrand themselves as saviors of the poor; how they lavishly reward ‘thought leaders’ who redefine ‘change’ in winner-friendly ways; and how they constantly seek to do more good, but never less harm....Giridharadas asks hard questions: Why, for example, should our gravest problems be solved by the unelected upper crust instead of the public institutions it erodes by lobbying and dodging taxes? He also points toward an answer: Rather than rely on scraps from the winners, we must take on the grueling democratic work of building more robust, egalitarian institutions and truly changing the world.” ~ goodreads.com review

Please contact Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

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**NEWS GROUP**

The News Group will meet **Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 pm** in the Channing Room. The News Group meets monthly to discuss events in the news. There is no specific agenda. We discuss topics brought up by the participants. Last month, for example, we had a lengthy discussion about Ireland, Brexit and the state of politics in Europe. This month there is likely to be a discussion of the numerous persons seeking the presidential nomination. We try to end each meeting by 9 pm. Coffee and refreshments are available. Please feel free to join us as differing and new voices make for a more interesting conversation.

For further information contact Kurt DeWeese, or Frank Kopecky, or email newsgroup@aluuc.org.
**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

The ALUUC Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, June 25 at 7 PM** in the Channing Room. *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead will be the book selection to be discussed. This was on Barack Obama’s reading list for 2017.

Join us and suggest books for the group to consider for the next few months.

We welcome anyone to join us whether you have read the book selection or not. 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 5 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.

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All groups must reserve their meeting space in advance for meetings and/or events through Office Manager Cheryl Wycoff at office@aluuc.org.
ALUUC Events

Thank you to all who participated in “A Virtual Conversation with Fr James Martin”.

Save the Date: The next Movie Night is Sunday, July 7 at 5pm. The movie will be determined.

ALUUC Welcomed “RiZe Up with Roy Zimmerman” on May 10th

The Final Labyrinth Walk of the 2018-19 Liturgical Year

Friday June 21, 7 - 9 PM

Looking for a quiet yet invigorating spiritual exercise? This unique and ancient pathway offers an opportunity to ground yourself in the present moment & explore the contours of your consciousness. Each walk starts at 7 pm. There will also be an opportunity to receive a Oneness Blessing before and after you walk; those who wish to stay after the walk may join in an informal Vespers service-UU Communion held in Rev. Woulfe’s office.
**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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**Fundraise for ALUUC While You Shop!**

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

When Amazon customers shop on [smile.amazon.com](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com)! Learn more about how to set this up at [www.aluuc.org/amazon-smile](http://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. Gas stations, clothing stores, drugstores and restaurants are well-represented on the list of 400+ vendors. See the list of retailers here at [shopwithscrip.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:scrip@aluuc.org) for more information, and to complete your registration. **Our next order deadline for physical cards is June 23rd.**
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* indicates event takes place off-site.  **Bold** text indicates an ALUUC-sponsored event.  
Check online at [www.aluuc.org/events](http://www.aluuc.org/events) for the most up-to-date calendar.
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