On Stewardship:

Does anyone remember the time when the parking lot consisted of tons of gravel? How about a time when volunteers signed up to clean the church on Saturdays? Or when adults needed to commit to watch the young children on Sundays? Perhaps you remember when, had you missed a sermon, you had to rely on verbal reports instead of a CD recording? *

Tally these changes, and dozens more that I could name, and you will know the meaning of the word transformation. Next, consider the pace of this transformation – it seems astonishing. This is all the more true because these changes were not directed by a deus ex machina, nor by Boston. Rather, this transformation has come to pass because you have taken matters into your own hands. You have been dedicated leaders and powerful stewards.

What does powerful stewardship look like? Here’s one example, reported to me this very evening. I’m told that one of our new members was excited to fill out her first pledge card, declaring “Now I feel like an official member!” Would that we all felt such enthusiasm for pledging!

How might we all feel like "official members"? Recognize that this is a purely voluntary association. Come as often as you can. Join a group. Pledge. Invite a friend. Have fun. Enjoy Bonnie’s music; sing. Cultivate your spirituality, intellect and ethics. In short, to paraphrase Emerson, "grow your soul."

Where will this all end? It depends, I suppose, on where we choose to stop. Stewardship offers so many opportunities for growth and transformation. As it is with individuals, so too is it with institutions – for is not the latter the sum of the former? May we be reminded of the minister, who, when asked where Universalists stood, jubilantly declared that “Universalists don’t stand, they move.” And movement, after all, is a sign of life.

* Now of course, the campus includes an extended parking lot, a Garage Mahal, solar panels, etc. CDs almost seem quaint today - one can view a sermon

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March is here and hopefully with Spring around the corner that will mean a break from the chill and snow of winter. Even the Membership Committee is giving themselves just a wee break this month as we help concentrate on the considerable congregational efforts involved with the upcoming Choir Retreat, and the Fantasy Auction. We will not hold a Pathways to Membership class for March, but rest assured it will be back again in April.

The Membership Committee is proud to introduce our newest members; Kathy Miller, Renika Singletary, Sarah Thomas, Lesley Everhart, Upasana Nanda, Dennis Thread, Sabrina Vining, Aileen Portugal, Elizabeth Sommer Lampe, Richard Herndon, Maria Britton-Sipe, Robert Sipe, and Carol Andrew. The ALUUC will officially welcome our newest members in a ceremony during the March 17 service.

Speaking of welcoming, sometimes it's easy to feel a bit overwhelmed when a person is new to a congregation (or even if they're not!), but it's sometimes the simplest of gestures that can go the longest way towards helping others truly feel as if they are a part of the ALUUC sacred space. A genuine smile and a hearty "Good morning" is a great start to anyone's day. Perhaps offer to help someone with coffee hour beverages or snacks to find a comfortable chair, and then offer conversation; you can always discuss the finer points of the sermon topic to get started.

ALUUC is the place for people - the best, in my opinion - but you can learn for yourself by meeting and greeting at any one of our events in the upcoming month. Or be an official ALUUC Usher or Greeter. Please contact Membership Coordinator Tracy Zieber at welcome@aluuc.org for more information.

For more information about Pathways to Membership, please contact either the Membership Coordinator, Tracy Zieber at welcome@aluuc.org or Rev. Martin Woulfe at minister@aluuc.org

Tracy Zieber, Membership Coordinator welcome@aluuc.org

MINISTER’S OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Off
Tuesday - 10:30 - 3:00 pm
Wednesday - 10:30 - 2:00 pm
Thursday - 10:30 - 3:00 pm
Friday - 10:30 - 3:00 pm
Saturday - Sermon Preparation Day
Sunday - Available after coffee hour
Please call to schedule an appointment during evening hours.
Sunday Morning Services
10:30 am

March 3, 2019
The Faith We Sing, Rev. Jason Shelton
Music gives voice to our deepest longings and shapes our understanding of the deepest truths. Unitarian Universalism is experiencing an explosion of new music for our congregations and choirs, which says something about our health and vitality as a faith movement. We'll explore music's role in shaping and transforming our communities with Rev. Jason Shelton, one of our leading composers and musicians.

Change for Change, Sung Milestones, Birthday Song

March 10, 2019
The Importance of Being Kind, not Nice, Rev. Martin Woulfe
The phrase “loving-kindness” is often used in Christianity and Buddhism – how is this different from merely “being nice?” In what ways is Kindness a spiritual pathway? Where does it lead?

Traditional Milestones, Time Change

March 17, 2019
Celtic Spirituality Revisited, Rev. Martin Woulfe
On this day - which commemorates the death of the legendary St. Patrick – what are some of the enduring lessons of Celtic spirituality? How are Celtic paganism & Christianity alike, and how have they informed one another? Who are the great saints and seers who still inform our notions of spirituality?

New Membership Welcoming Ceremony, Pledge Drive Kick-Off

March 24, 2019
When the Formerly Religious Rediscover Religion, Rev. Martin Woulfe
Leaving the religious tradition of one’s early years can be traumatic, akin to a divorce. It can prove difficult to place one’s trust in a different faith – and yet, it does happen. What can be healed and what cannot? What might be incorporated from the old, and what is likely to be rejected?

March 31, 2019
Homelessness in Springfield in 2019, Erica Smith, Executive Director, Helping Hands
“Helping Hands is more than just a shelter. We also offer supported housing, money management assistance, and many services in between. We try to reach out to everyone, in every stage of need."

April 7, 2019
New Currents Within Liberal Religion, Rev. Martin Woulfe
Some religious traditions disdain “innovations” - ours, on the other hand, welcomes and celebrates much that is new. What are some of the recent innovations within liberal religious theology, worship and practice?

Change for Change, Birthday Song

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

March 3 - Sung Milestones
March 10 - Traditional Milestones
Looking ahead to March - in like a lion? Out like a lamb? Or just another month of “Let’s have an ice storm in the morning and a spring thaw in the afternoon!”? Whatever March sends us, we have great things in store for the RE program.

One of the more exciting things comes from our Senior Youth Group. They’re beginning a book study of *The Hate U Give*. A number one book on the *New York Times* bestsellers for young adults list, Angie Thomas’s novel promises rich discussions on topics of concern to all UUs. Of the book, *Atlantic* magazine says “As the sole witness to her friend Khalil’s fatal shooting by a police officer, [the book’s protagonist] Starr is overwhelmed by the pressure of testifying before a grand jury and the responsibility of speaking out in Khalil’s memory. The incident also means that the carefully built-up boundary between Starr’s two worlds [the affluent, private, majority white school she attends and the impoverished majority black neighborhood in which she lives] begins to crumble.” The text, told in Starr’s engaging first person narrative, engages with many levels of social justice issues, and should provide SYG with an excellent platform from which to discuss issues ranging from cliques and peer pressure to oppression and systemic racism.

Pre K-8th students have a treat coming up, as well. On March 17th, we’ll be viewing the film *An American Tail*, as a whole group (complete with movie munchies), and we ask that parents/guardians drop their children off at RE right at 10:30 am. The movie is an hour and twenty minutes long, so we’ll be dismissing RE at 11:50 am that day. The following week, March 24th, we have activities based on the movie viewing, so if your child(ren) can’t make it to the 17th, if they can watch the movie at home with you, that would be very helpful for them if they attend on the 24th. *An American Tail* is available on Netflix or for $3.99 rental on Amazon, and it looks like most Springfield video outlets rent it as well.

As a wrap up to February, we had entirely too much fun making Valentine’s Day gifts for our friends and families. I hope you were on the receiving end of the gifts, as sharing and caring were big parts of our February curriculum.

As we look ahead to March, I’m reminded of Ogden Nash’s observation “Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year.” May the winds and the taxes be gentle with you all.

Thanks, Pat Woods, Director of Religious Education, dre@aluuc.org
Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Voices!

ALUUC Fantasy Auction
March 23, 2019

6:00-9:30pm

Inspiring Women’s Voices
Live Entertainment
Silent & Live Auctions

Raffles
Appetizers
Beverages

Tickets - $25 per adult
$10 for children 12 and under
Child care not provided

For ticket and donation information
www.aluuc.org/2019auction
Eco Camp 2019 News

The preparation for Eco Camp 2019 is beginning! Our next planning meeting will be Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 pm at ALUUC.

All are welcome to attend! If you have any questions, please contact ecocamp@aluuc.org.

Read more about Eco Camp at www.aluuc.org/eco-camp

*Mark Your Calendars: Eco Camp 2019 will be July 22-26, 2019.

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MARCH FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who brought in food and household donations for our February food drive. Our amazing volunteers dropped off all items at the First Presbyterian Church so the donations could be properly sorted, packaged, and guaranteed to a place of need.

That is round one down. March -- here we come!

As it stands now, those in the state of IL who receive food assistance benefits, or SNAP, will receive those benefits for both March and April, but again, for May and beyond, there is no guarantee. And again, this is where we're hoping you can be superheroes. There's still plenty of time to bring in cans and boxes of in-date non-perishable foods, and common household and hygiene items. These things can seem like the ordinary to someone whose needs are routinely met - but for those who are in need, the ability to cook a simple meal and wash a load of laundry seem like a luxury.

Please bring all March donations to ALUUC. All donated items will be delivered to the Kumler pantry near the end of the month. And as always, monetary donations are certainly welcome March. Please contact Tracy Zieber for more information. Thank you.

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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, March 18 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.
Want to serve the ALUUC Congregation? Interested in being a Service Leader?
There will be a Training and Review session on **Sunday, March 3 at noon** (following the service) in the Berkley Room for anyone interested in acting as a Service Leader. Members and friends from high school age and up are welcome to check out this volunteer opportunity. Commitment is regular church attendance and being Service Leader about 4-6 times a year. If interested, please contact Rev. Martin Woulfe (uurevmartin@gmail.com) or Penny Wollan-Kriel.

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**ALUUC Annual Meeting June 9th After Service**
In order to be eligible to vote at the ALUUC annual meeting, you must have signed the Membership Book prior to March 11. If you are interested in joining before that date, please contact Tracy Zieber or Martin Woulfe.

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**GSIA Greater Springfield Interfaith Association Meetings**
**March 5, 2019 at 11:45 am - 1:30 pm**

Members and Friends of ALUUC are invited to join with the Interfaith Community on **Tuesday, March 5** as GSIA hosts a conversation on "Innovations in Worship." Participants will gather at the Chatham United Methodist Church (104 W Chestnut St, Chatham, IL 62629) from 11:45 am - 1:30 pm.

Please bring your own lunch; some refreshments will be provided by our host.

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**Spring forward**
**on Sunday, March 10th**
Daylight savings time will begin at 2:00 am

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**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.

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**FLOWERS**

**March 3** - Penny Wollan-Kriel
**March 10** - available
**March 17** - Flower Committee
**March 24** - available
**March 24** - 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
Sunday Service SJ Moment lets you know what you can do to promote social justice.

Anti-racism Sub-Committee is now the Racial Justice Project
We meet on the second Sunday of the month, noon, in the Berkley Moore room (was Barton Room). We are open to all and need your input and ideas. Please join us.

Next meeting March 10th. Please contact Nancy Derrig for more information.

RIGHT IN OUR BUILDING!!!! April 11 – 13, 2019, Understanding and Analyzing Systemic Racism
ALUUC (Day 1: 6-9p, Day 2: 8:30a-6p, Day 3: 8:30a-4:30p) “Participants will build a common definition of racism and explore the historic development of institutional racism in the US. They will examine ongoing realities of racism including the identity-shaping power racism has on People of Color and White people; explore racism’s individual, institutional and cultural manifestations; and consider the link between racism and other forms of oppression. A strategic methodology to dismantle racism will be introduced, focusing specifically on applying principles of organizing and social/cultural change.” Please join us. Monetary assistance available. Please contact Nancy Derrig before registering to get the $305 rate.

UU MidAmerica Regional Assembly, “Intersectionalities, Marriott St. Louis Airport Hotel, April 5 -7. Presentations and workshops will explore identities we encounter and embody, the challenges of social inequality and tools and skills we need to work more effectively with one another, as well as the general “nuts and bolts” of congregational life. Rev. Susan Frederick Gray will speak on Friday evening. $210
https://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/workshops

Change 4 Change  -  Thank you for your most appreciated and needed generosity.
March: Fund to sponsor our own ALUUC members to attend CROSSROADS TRAINING. (see above) This could be you. http://crossroadsantiracism.org/mission
Please make checks to ALUUC with Crossroads noted in the memo line.
Contact Nancy Derrig or assistance to attend. (Thanks Tracy Zieber)

February raised $638.95 for 1st PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY which “provides groceries to our neighbors in need; no referral is required.” Donations still accepted with checks to ALUUC with First Pres. Food Pantry noted in the memo line.
For more information visit their website at http://crossroadsantiracism.org/mission.

Save the Date for Social Justice Actions and Meetings
Saturday, March 16, 6:30-9:00pm: Help Needed: A Mental Health Crisis in the Criminal Justice System presented by the UU Prison Ministry of Illinois. Evanston UU Church
Tuesday, March 26: Springfield Advocacy Day for racial and economic issues.
Friday, April 5, 1:00-5:00pm: UUANI Statewide Justice Gathering Alton
Thursday, May 9: Environmental Advocacy Day in Springfield.
(Thanks to Debby Hagan & UUANI)

Serving Warm Meals on Cold Nights
ALUUC again served meals at Helping Hands Winter Warming Center. Thanks to all who donated and/or volunteered, especially those families who sponsored a meal ($325). A very special thanks to Michelle Green, the organizer of it all. Donations accepted for next year by a check made out to ALUUC with WWC noted in the memo line.

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SJC Regular Meetings
We usually meet the 3rd Sunday, 12 noon in the Berkley Moore room (was Barton Room).
Next meeting March 17th. 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

Springfield Immigration and Advocacy Network (SIAN)
SIAN is “Advocates from diverse cultural backgrounds, faiths and organizations who are taking action at the local level to educate leaders, community member and institutions to bring support to our immigrant communities and to promote positive change. SIAN is presently working to help immigrants in the Springfield area who have recently been picked up and interned by ICE (U.S. Immigration & Custom Enforcement). Contact Larry Golden for information or to help. (Thanks to Larry Golden)

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 8:00 - 10:00 am or 2:00 – 4:00 pm; 10:30 am – 1:30 pm weekends and holidays. 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.helpinghandsofspiringfield.org/, click the meal train picture; select & book a date. Or call 522-0048 ext 5; Brandy.
(Thanks to Delinda Chapman)

Local Contacts For Social Justice
UUANI (UU Advocacy Network of Illinois)

Statewide gathering in Alton on April 5 (before the start of Regional Assembly in St Louis). 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.

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.
Faith Coalition for the Common Good (FCCG)
This is local association 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](http://www.faithcoalition-il.org) or Shelley Heideman at 544-2297. Go to [http://faithcoalition-il.org/what-we-do/](http://faithcoalition-il.org/what-we-do/) for a meetings calendar under News and Events. There is strength in numbers and diversity folks.

**Faith Coalition 10th Anniversary Breakfast Thursday March 21**
Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Serving begins at 7:15am.
- Breakfast ends at 8:30am.

This is an opportunity to meet other supporters of social justice within Springfield, to learn more about the ongoing work of the Faith Coalition, and to get involved. There is no charge for the breakfast, but attendees will be asked to invest in the Faith Coalition’s very important work! If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Woulfe, or contact the Faith Coalition at 217-544-2297 or email fccg2208@gmail.com.

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12th Annual Defenders of the Innocent Event
The Illinois Innocence Project’s Annual Defenders of the Innocent Event, will be on Saturday March 30 and will be featuring The Exoneree Band.

Please contact Courtney Reed at creed21@uis.edu for more information.

*Notice Regarding the Innocence Project Banquet*
An anonymous friend of ALUUC has sponsored a table at the Illinois Innocence Project’s Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 30. There are a limited number of places available; if you would like to attend, please contact Rev. Woulfe ASAP.

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Larry Golden Honored by UIS
On February 23, Larry Golden was recognized by UIS with a Distinguished Alumnus award in recognition of his lengthy involvement with the Illinois Innocence Project.

The Illinois Innocence Project works to bring justice to the wrongfully convicted.

To learn more about the Illinois Innocence Project visit their website at [www.uis.edu/illinoisinnocenceproject/](http://www.uis.edu/illinoisinnocenceproject/)
Ryan Croteau Becomes Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Ryan Croteau as he received his Eagle Scout pin at a ceremony held on February 10.

The Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. Requirements include earning over 21 merit badges, demonstrate Scout Spirit, follow Scout Law, Service, and Leadership.

Ryan with Bob and Becky Croteau

Vinnie Gupta Volunteers in Malawi

Vinnie Gupta has donated food and volunteered to help feed over 400 needy children at the Ministry of Hope’s Orphanage in Matapila, Malawi, Africa.

The Ministry of Hope has 6 centers that help provide lunch to over 4500 children in Malawi and also assists them with their after-school programs. They support students in High School and College and are looking for supporters to partner with them in championing the girls’ education program. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Vinne Gupta.

You can learn more about the Ministry of Hope at their website www.ministryofhope.org.

The Vagina Monologues was featured at the Hoogland on February 22 and 23. Among the cast were three members of ALUUC: Pam Kirchner Daniel, Shatriya Smith, Brie Urbanec and Buffy Lael-Wolf. Proceeds from the show benefited the local Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault, as well as Eve Ensler’s V-Day foundation spotlight on Women in Prison, Detention Centers, and Formerly Incarcerated Women.
Committees and Groups at ALUUC and Lifespan RE for Adults

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 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.

Questions? Please email acim@aluuc.org.

HUMANIST GROUP

The ALUUC Humanist Group’s January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. We will circle back to that month’s book selection at our March meeting (starting at 7 PM on Monday, March 25, at ALUUC). Craig Bailey will facilitate a discussion of presidential historian Jon Meacham’s book The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels. “If the vitriol of today's political rhetoric has you thinking the United States is at its lowest point, Jon Meacham is here to remind you that the nation has weathered ugly chapters before. He is not Pollyanna, but he thoughtfully walks us through Reconstruction, the anti-immigrant movement in World War I and the strength of the KKK, the McCarthy era, and LBJ's push for civil rights. These eras were chaotic – and challenged the core values of American democracy – but presidents found a path forward for the country with hope prevailing over fear.” - Edith Chapin, executive editor, NPR News

Questions? Please contact Sarah Iaiennaro at humanistgroup@aluuc.org.

NEWS GROUP

The News Group will meet on its regular first Thursday of the month schedule, Thursday March 7th at 7:00 pm in the Channing Room. We discuss whatever is in the news from local to international. There is no set agenda. We would encourage others to join us. For more information contact Frank Kopecky, Kurt DeWeese, or email newsgroup@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.
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The ALUUC Book Group will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 PM in the Channing Room.

Our March selection is: *Behind the Walls* by our own Elaine Orr. She will have her book available for purchase during the next month. Elaine will join us for our discussion and her insights into writing mysteries.

April - Jackie Jackson will now join us in April for her second rescheduled date. *Stories from the Round Barn* will be discussed as well as Jackie telling us stories from other of her Round Barn writings.

May - The May selection is: *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole.

June - June’s Selection will be *Fantasyland, How America Went Haywire* by Kurt Anderson. This book moved from April to June when we re-scheduled Jackie Jackson.

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

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 starting in for about two hours each meeting.

The spring groups are currently running through the end of May; most will either not meet or meet a few times socially during summer. The groups will start again in fall, when new members will have an opportunity to join existing or new groups. 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.

2019 Membership Directories are updated

The Online Membership and Photo Directories have new passwords for 2019. The new passwords have been emailed out. Contact webmaster@aluuc.org for more information.
**Fellowship Events**

**Game Night March 8th at 6pm**

Come out for a night of fun, food, and of course, games!

Pizza will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own sides, snacks, drinks, and games!

**Movie Night - Theater Outing to See *Captain Marvel***

A group will be going to see "*Captain Marvel*" in theaters on opening weekend (March 8 - 10).

If you are interested in joining this group please contact Marissa DeWeese (email@aluuc.org) NO LATER THAN Saturday, March 2nd.

**April - Let's Vote on it!**

**Either: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse or Aquaman**

**Sunday, April 7, 5 pm**

Both of these movies are so FANTASTIC, it was impossible to choose which one! Both have positive messages, absolutely amazing visuals, diverse casts, and above all are a fun time at the movies for all ages!

If you would like to attend, tell your preference to Marissa at email@aluuc.org or when you see her on Sundays.

The final choice will be in April's newsletter.

*Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* is rated PG with a runtime of 117 minutes.

*Aquaman* is rated rated PG-13 with a runtime of 143 minutes.

**Put it on your calendar - Circle Suppers are coming April 26 & 27!**

We need some organizers to help match hosts and guests - are you interested? Contact Marissa DeWeese (email@aluuc.org) or Martin Woulfe (minister@aluuc.org).
Labyrinth Walk
Friday March 15, 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. Woule’s office.

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.

1. Sign up in to your Amazon account using the on smile.amazon.com link.
2. Put your cursor over “Account & Lists” from the navigation at the top of any page.
3. Click on “Your AmazonSmile” from the lists.
4. On the right side of the page, if you have already selected ALUUC, you will see Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Location: Springfield, IL | Year Founded: 1995.
5. If you don’t see this, click on the “Change Charity” button.
6. Below “Or pick your own charitable organization”, type in “Abraham Lincoln Unitarian” (without the quotes) and click Search.
7. Select Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist, and click Select. Every time you make a new purchase on Amazon, be sure to start at smile.amazon.com! Learn more at www.aluuc.org/amazon-smile.

Shop With Scrip

Scrip is a cooperative that allows congregation members to buy gift cards to national retailers at face value. A percentage of each card sold comes back to ALUUC. Gas stations, grocery and clothing stores, drugstores and restaurants are well-represented on the list of 400+ vendors. Scrip gift cards are sent to ALUUC; members then can pick them up and use them. See the list of retailers here at shopwithscrip.com

Go to www.aluuc.org/about-aluuc/members/scrip-program for step-by-step instructions on how to register for this program. Use the code provided by Marissa 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 March 24th, so sign up before then!
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