



**Announcements for Sunday, April 21, 2013
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday: "Coming Out as a Religious Liberal" by Rev. Martin Woulfe

***** HAPPENING TODAY *****

Pledge Drive 2013-2014 Report. The Stewardship Campaign set a record in terms of the amount pledged by 101 Members and Friends (approximately \$180,000). There are still a significant number of Members and Friends who did not pledge. The ALUUC Finance Committee will now develop a proposed budget taking into consideration anticipated pledge revenue and other income (e.g., plate collections, fund raising, facility rental, interest income and other contributions). The Board of Directors will review that budget at its next meeting May 7th and the Treasurer must post the Proposed Budget for 2013-2014 in a prominent place of the church building 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation scheduled for June 2, 2013. Additional pledges are welcome and must be submitted to Kurt DeWeese as soon as possible.

The Committee on Ministry (CoM) is conducting a Minister survey this year. Completed surveys should be returned to ALUUC by today - Sunday, April 21st.

Surveys were handed out to attendees at the service on April 7 and mailed out to ALUUC members/friends who were not in attendance. If you did not receive a survey and would like to participate, please contact Dianne Roberts.

Today is a Third Sunday Collection. The recipient today is Ronald McDonald House. "The RMH program provides a 'home-away-from-home' for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost. The Houses are built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on healing their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. We believe that when a child is hospitalized the love and support of family is as powerful as the strongest medicine prescribed." From the Ronald McDonald website. To help the RMH program here in Springfield, **on MAY 19** we will be collecting toilet bowl brushes (the kind with the stand), sugar packets, artificial sweetener packets, and other things. See the list in the Sunday bulletin on May 5th.

There is an opening in the nursery and anyone interested should contact Marla Johnson at dre@aluuc.com.

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

The Humanist Group will be discussing *A General Theory of Love* by Thomas Lewis, MD; Fari Amini, MD; and Richard Lannon, MD. Trina Meek will lead the discussion. The group will meet on Monday, April 22 at ALUUC, at 7:00 p.m. Susan Solon will moderate.

Eco Camp has found its official name. Eco Camp Earth University (E.C.E.U) is coming to ALUUC, July 29-August 2, 2013! Check us out on Facebook and watch for future announcements regarding registration.

The Book Discussion Group meets on April 23rd, 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss "A Separate Peace" by John Knowles. In a 2001 article in the New York Times William H. Holan says, "*A Separate Peace*, which is set in the fictional Devon School during World War II, explores themes of loyalty, cruelty, betrayal and original sin. *A Separate Peace* won the William Faulkner Foundation Award and the Rosenthal Award of the National Institute of Arts and Letters." (Note: though this book was originally scheduled for March & was moved to April.) Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have questions call Barbara Moore at 523-6241.

On May 4, we will celebrate **Cinco de Mayo** at ALUUC! Also known as the Fantasy Auction, this is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. We need more donations!! Just in: Julio Barrenzuela will be here to lead the entertainment! Highlighted donations so far include four tickets to a Cardinals vs. Mets game, a Mississippi river boat cruise and a Moroccan dinner. Much more information will be coming soon. Please contact Linda Quigley or Phil Anderson for details and to find out how you can help.

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

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, April 21	Choir Practice	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	3 rd Sunday Collection	10:30 am	
	Committees Meet	11:45 am	various rooms
	Movie Night – Life of Pi	6:00 pm	Commons area
	<i>No Ordinary Time</i> Book Group	6:30 pm	Channing
Monday, April 22	New to UU Class	7:00 pm	
	Humanist Group	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Covenant Circle	6:00 pm	Channing
Tuesday, April 23	Men's Group	7:30 pm	Fuller
	New Jim Crow book group	7:00 pm	Fuller
Wednesday, April 24	Meditation	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, April 25	Zen Group	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 27	Choir Practice	9:15 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 28			

****Other Items of Interest****

On Sunday, May 5, 2013, AthletiCare will be hosting its 10th Annual Try the Tri. The 5 mile out and back course will take place through Southern View on the frontage road near AthletiCare/Fit Club South; Kimble Street; St Joseph St; and Second Street just past South Wind Park. The race includes one loop around the paved park path and returns, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and should last until 9:00 a.m. Please take alternate routes or slow down and watch for cyclists.

Margo Stipe, Curator of Collections at Taliesin West, will present a program on **Frank Lloyd Wright and Japan**, Wednesday, April 24, 7 PM at the Springfield Art Association, 700 N. 4th Street, Springfield, IL. This event is free and open to the public. Inquiries to the Dana-Thomas House Foundation office @ 217.788.9452.