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message at: 402-476-6887. You  
are important to us and we want  
to be able to better serve you.

*The light of God surrounds us  
The Love of God enfolds us  
The Power of God protects us  
The Presence of God watches  
over us.  
Wherever we are ...God IS  
And all is well.*

Blessings To:

*July 2017*

**OUR CORE VALUES**

**LOVE**

We are a nurturing community connecting  
with all from caring hearts and  
compassion.

**SPIRITUALITY**

We consciously connect with Spirit and  
allow it to guide us. We affirm this  
Divinity within all creation.

**JOY**

We delight in and encourage our deeply  
centered happiness.

**GRATITUDE**

We recognize, rejoice in, and give thanks  
for all of God's gifts.

**INCLUSIVENESS**

We embrace each person as a unique  
expression of God.

**OUR VISION FOR UNITY LINCOLN**

- **We have a beautiful facility that is receptive and responsive to the needs and desires of our congregation.**
- **We have an abundance of resources to accomplish our mission with ease.**
- **We support a minister who exemplifies the Unity Principles and our Core Values, with the capacity to recognize and maximize the strengths and talents of congregants and stimulate individual spiritual growth.**
- **We have an equally shared, healthy, and productive relationship between the congregation, board, and minister resulting in effective governance of our community.**
- **We provide transforming and positive programs for people of all ages for increased spiritual development.**
- **We practice our spiritual awakening through service and action within the congregation, community, and beyond.**
- **We are well-known in the Lincoln area as a healthy, thriving, spiritual community that welcomes all.**

**Daily Inspiration: Dial-A-Prayer**  
(402) 476-7172

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*July 2017*

**MINISTER'S LETTER**

Dear Beloved Community,

*"All growth and unfoldment from atom to sun  
is based upon the law of soul urge. The  
hungering for God that is felt by man in his soul is  
really God hungering to express through man."  
Dynamics for Living by Charles Fillmore.*

Here at Unity Lincoln we have a "soul urge" as  
Fillmore calls it. It is spurred on by a  
deteriorating building, a shrinking membership,  
and other physical manifestations. God is  
hungering to express in and through us to bring  
forth a healthy appropriate spiritual home and to  
move forward to live our vision and mission.

Another quote by Fillmore from the book:  
"Every adverse situation can be used as a spur to  
urge one to greater exertion and the ultimate  
attainment of some ideal that has lain dormant in  
the subconscious." Please focus your prayer  
power in the direction of manifesting our new  
home. Affirm with us: "As God in Action - We  
Manifest a New Home for Unity Lincoln."

Elsewhere in your newsletter there is an  
article about Kris Thaller. She offers three traits  
necessary to soar to success: first, say YES. To be  
successful we must be willing to "say yes."  
Second, "allow others to help and support you."  
And third, "manage yourself and use your energy  
wisely." This is the road map we need to move  
forward and MOVE.

We have looked at two large homes that could  
feasibly serve as our next church home. We  
could meet in either the first weeks/months then  
adapt them for our growth. Consensus of the  
Board is split. Perhaps neither is our ideal next  
home, perhaps these places are stepping stones  
moving us toward the perfect place. The  
question is: will we say "Yes" when we find the  
perfect place? Or will we be stuck in our  
insecurity and desire for a guarantee in some  
form? Friends, our guarantee is our Faith. (As  
with so many things, the only mistake we can

make is to do nothing.)

Have we pursued answers to the questions the  
Board members have about each place? Has  
anyone asked for people to help and support the  
decision? And, are we using our energy wisely?

We have spent many human hours and dollars  
these past months dry-vacuuming,  
dehumidifying, disinfecting and otherwise  
dealing with the wet basement. Every time it  
rains the basement is soaked. The space is not  
appropriate for children. It is becoming  
inappropriate for books and people. It is difficult  
to plan anything.

Now is the time for Unity Lincoln to manifest  
its new home. It doesn't need to be everything  
we ever wanted in a church home. It needs to be  
safe, dry, handicap accessible and have options  
to grow and develop.

Lincoln needs the spiritual gifts offered  
through Unity. There is much to be  
accomplished by our presence in the community  
as a safe, educational spiritual home for people.  
It is so important for children to be offered the  
teachings and principles of Unity. God is  
hungering to express through us in a more  
expansive way. Please commit to help us  
manifest our new home. Cut & post our  
affirmation where you will see it many times a  
day and affirm with us: As God in Action - We  
Manifest a New Home for Unity Lincoln.

Blessings, ~ Rev. Toni

**As God in Action -  
We Manifest a New Home  
for Unity Lincoln.**

# I AM

by Georgia Feiste

I love these two words. They are so very powerful, so very life giving, so calming. When I have trouble sleeping, I often close my eyes and think part of the Psalm as a mantra.

“Be still and know that I AM God.” I have never found a saying that works as well to ease my mind, settle my soul, and allow me to sleep the sleep of a child.

Each day I journal, and one of the sections of my morning meditations begins with “I AM.” This last week or so has been difficult for me and my family. So, I have been concentrating on this particular meditation in relation to Who I Want to Be in life, more than Who I AM - and yet I keep coming back to the thought that I must declare the I AM in order to bring it forth.

I AM blessed to be the hands and feet of God.

I AM blessed with words and actions expressing Spirit's thoughts and ideas of love and creating beauty.

I AM blessed to be growing as a wise woman, supporting and encouraging those around me, and occasionally inspiring.

I AM blessed to be spouse, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister.

I AM blessed to be an artist in so many ways, painting what I love to look upon and writing about my daily thoughts and reading.

I AM blessed to be a rebel, seeking truth and justice for all through peace and love.

I AM grateful for all that is, and blessed with the abundance of my life.

Close your eyes, take a deep breath. How are you blessed this moment, right now?

With love, ~ Georgia



## From Unity Worldwide Ministries and its EarthCare Ministry Team

“Unity stands with those who support the Paris Climate Accord, and like millions of others, we know our choice is made relevant through the amalgamation of individual action. Each of us can do our part, on small scales and large, and together, we can make a difference. No political action can prevent or hinder the positive impact of global citizens who are committed to the care of our earth.”

From the EarthCare Team in 2015, Unity commits to “advancing the growth of environmental consciousness and right action.” Please join us as we affirm our interconnectedness and our collective power to affect positive change.

For more information go to: <http://www.unityworldwideministries.org/earthcare>. We at Unity Lincoln have installed all LED and low energy lights and fixtures. Our HVAC units are maintained and monitored. We recycle paper and other materials. We strive to do our part in loving sacred service.

## August 21<sup>st</sup> Solar Eclipse Party

Let's view the solar eclipse together at Unity Lincoln!

Lincoln is in the path of totality for the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017!

Let's get together in the garden. Special live music starts at 11:00 am. The eclipse begins at 11:37 with it reaching totality at 1:02 pm. Observers in Lincoln will see approximately 1 minute, 24 seconds of totality!

Carol Cunningham and Janet Carlson have gotten eclipse glasses to protect our eyes - you MUST have them to safely view the partial phases! Bring your picnic lunch to eat here. We will have water and sweets for dessert. Our party is posted with the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. Bring your friends.



## Convention Report

Rev. Toni attended Unity's People's Convention in San Antonio, TX, June 12<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>. If you were at church service Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> you heard an overview of the high points of the week. Inspiring keynotes were presented by speakers, Father Gregory Boyle, Founder and Director of Homeboy Industries and Shariff Abdullah, Director of the Commonway Institute, one of the world's foremost peacemakers today as well as notable Unity Ministers and personalities. All speakers shared the common theme of dealing with change and challenges today with love, compassion, creativity and imagination.

The theme this year was *Keep Unity Wide Open - Freed by Truth, Moving with Spirit*. Discussions and trainings ranged from dealing with change to technology. Many topics were pertinent to what is happening here at Unity Lincoln.

Next year Convention will be in the Kansas City area with Opening Celebration at Unity Village. Mark your calendar for the second week in June, 2018.

## Finances- May 2017

Total Income:	\$ 4,750
Total Expense:	\$ 6,149
<b>Net:</b>	<b>(\$ 1,399)</b>

### Sources of Income\*-

Service Love Offerings:	\$ 3,768
Classes:	\$ 53
SCRIP Prosperity:	\$ 96.20

\*not intended to equal Total Income shown above

## BULLETIN BOARD

### New Members

Would you like to be a member of Unity Lincoln? We invite you to join us! Returning to Unity Lincoln after a time away? We welcome you back! Kindly RSVP to Unity Lincoln (402) 476-6887 or [minister@unitylincoln.org](mailto:minister@unitylincoln.org).

### Talk to the Board

If you would like to present an item to the Board of Trustees in person, please let a board member know. The Board will then reserve the first 10 minutes of its next monthly meeting to listen to you.

### Email List

If you would like to receive emails of breaking news and last-minute schedule changes, send an email to us at [office@unitylincoln.org](mailto:office@unitylincoln.org) and ask to be added to our weekly email list.

### Online Tithing

You can contribute to Unity Lincoln online via the [www.unitylincoln.org](http://www.unitylincoln.org) PayPal account. Log onto <https://www.paypal.com> and send your contribution directly to the Church's Online PayPal account by whatever method you like — credit card, checking account, or savings. Click on "Friends & Family" to waive the Paypal fee so that your entire gift goes to UL.

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Mail you send us must include our P.O. Box, as follows:

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Write to us at the above address, or email [office@unitylincoln.org](mailto:office@unitylincoln.org). Please refer to the *printed* Newsletter in your note.

**Earl Ford**

Our friend and member Earl Ford passed quietly at home today, June 30th, with his wife Merry by his side. It ended a long battle with cancer.

When doctors gave him a few months to live, Earl began crafting wind chimes and dream catchers to sell at church for the Building Fund. His gentle humor and wise smile blessed many of us as he served as an usher at Unity Lincoln, blessed people as a secret benefactor when he saw a need and helped with all of our Circulation Days and many other events. We miss you, dear friend, and bless you safely on your way.

Contact Rev. Toni for information about the service or gifts in his name.



**Kris Thaller featured in *Soar to Success Magazine***

The June 2017 cover girl and featured interview in *Soar to Success Magazine* is Kris Thaller.



Kris is a long time Unity Lincoln member, Past President and current Vice President of the Unity Lincoln Board of Trustees. In the article she shares her journey to becoming a Life Coach and helping her clients "Go make it happen!"

She tells how to focus our vision and make it manifest. She says: "When we can focus our energy precisely where it is needed, we're going to get the desired results. Keep it simple. Don't make things harder than they need to be."

Kris is helping guide Unity Lincoln through the process of moving to a new building and re-creating ourselves. She offers three traits necessary to soar to success: first, say YES. To be successful we must be willing to "say yes." Second, "allow others to help and support you." And third, "manage yourself and use your energy wisely."

To learn more about Kris' coaching go to her website: [mycoachingdimensions.com](http://mycoachingdimensions.com). To see a copy of the digital magazine or subscribe to it for free go to: <http://soartosuccessmagazine.com>. Kris is a featured columnist.

**Summer Tithes and Love Offerings**

Unity Lincoln is entirely supported by your tithes and love offerings. As you travel, camp, hike and engage in sports and other activities that take you away over the weekend, please remember to support your church family. Funds can be sent by mail, bank draft check, Paypal (click "Friends & Family"), Amazon Smile (on our website) or delivered under the door! This will help keep the lights on! Thank you.



**John Jones' Book *This I Believe is Manifest!***

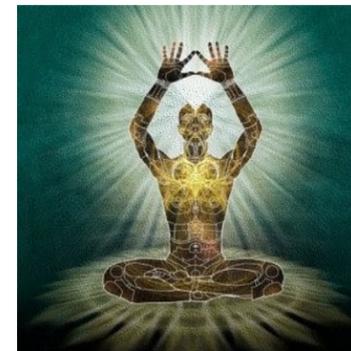
July 23<sup>rd</sup> after service let's help John polish his promotion skills! *This I Believe* contains writings originally published monthly in the Unity Lincoln Newsletter. Our own witty, wise storyteller, John Jones now has the first of two books available.

Here's the fun part - our task, as John's spiritual family and as benefactors of the sales, is to help John learn the ins and outs of promoting the book. All sales of the books benefit Unity Lincoln's Building Fund. Looking ahead to the holidays - it's a beautiful gift book.

Help be a safe test audience on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will hear John talk about his book and coach him in developing his spiel. We may have a mock up interview to review. Get your copy and help him learn to gracefully manage a book signing. Please plan to be present to help.

**Peace Meditation**

You cannot pour anything from an empty pitcher, so today we focus on filling the pitcher. There is in each of us a place so still, so calm, so filled with peace that it cannot be disturbed. Some call it the Secret Place of the Most High. It is



always there; it has always been there; it will always be there. It is the part of a person that is the point of contact with the very god-ness of a human being. It is the place that knows the One. If we allow it, that place can expand to fill our

consciousness. When we are filled with the conscious awareness of the Oneness, peace is the very atmosphere in which we live and the pitcher is full.

I invite you to gift yourself with 15 - 20 minutes to sit with this thought in that still place, feel the pitcher filling and then pour it out to all around you, to the entire human race, to the entire planet, knowing your pitcher is bottomless!

Love and blessings, ~ Sharri Johnson, RScP

**Magic Pennies Report**



Keep it up!  
Great work everybody!

**Magic Pennies Accounting**

10/29/16	\$55.90
11/30/16	\$62.59
12/26/16	\$13.73
1/30/17	\$79.44
2/28/17	\$58.60
3/31/17	\$62.39
4/27/17	\$86.48
5/30/17	\$27.84
6/30/17	\$57.90

\$504.87



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- Worship Team — Kris Thaller
- Worship Leaders — Fred Berry, Annie Nuss, Merry Ford, Kris Thaller, Carol Cunningham

**Staff:**

- Rev. Toni Stephens Coleman, Minister
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**This I Believe**

by John Jones



A couple of years ago, when I went to my 60th high school reunion, I was sort of perplexed to find that things had not stopped changing in what used to be my hometown. Since I was in high school the town has grown from less than 1000 people to over 20,000 and is still growing. My senior class numbered 22. The senior class of 2015 numbered 325, but there's still only one motel in town and they keep changing the street system so that it's harder to get to. When I first approached Gardner from the west the highway runs next to the BNSF railroad track. There was a mile long train of nothing but flat cars. Each flat car was stacked two layers high with 50 foot steel shipping containers. Are things better now? Maybe. Or are they not as good? Maybe, but perhaps they are just different. In another 60 years they will be more different.

One thing has stayed the same and if it ever changes I think it will only be for the better. This is our capacity for love and caring. Any minor differences have been settled or just disappeared. No cliques, just a bunch of old folks remembering the best times. It hasn't happened before, but several of us spent time compiling pictures or clippings for the benefit of the others. A lot of love in that gathering.

One thing stands out as very special. There was a young man, a junior when we were freshmen, named Kenny Moll. Kenny wasn't a delinquent, but he sort of pushed the envelope a bit. I don't remember him dating Patty Andrews in school, but they've been married over 50 years. Patty was one of these folks who is involved - four years in basketball, glee club, cheerleader, etc. A few - maybe 20 years ago she started using a cane to help get around. I never heard of the cause of this, and she continued showing up for all of the reunions with Ken, who we sort of adopted into our class. At our 60th reunion Pat was in bad shape. She was confined to a wheelchair, could hardly speak or move her arms, but Ken was always with her - feeding her, pushing her chair to where ever conversations were going on and never complaining or complaining for Pat. Somehow in his 20s, Ken had gotten into real estate and done very well through the years. Judging from his care for Pat, I doubt if the thought ever crossed his mind to reject her when she got so bad. Ken is one of those special people that we can hold up as a good example for everyone. His life has changed so much over the years from a person who had a good shot at seeing a correctional facility to a well off retired realtor and loving husband. As our lives change and we grow older it's nice to know that even though change is always happening, love goes on and it's always good.

Peace, love, & blessings, ~ **John**

**Share Your Gifts**  
by Annie Nuss

Share your gifts from God.  
Honor God's presence within you. Be  
Aware of God's insightfulness.  
Reach within yourself for spiritual  
Enlightenment. God is  
  
Your source of evolvment.  
Open your thoughts to God. God  
Understands your own inner  
Reasoning. Be forever

Guided by God's eternal grace. Your  
Inspiration is given to you  
From God. Believe in your  
Treasure of talent. Always  
Share your gifts from God.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>2</b> <i>Friendship Sunday</i> <b>9:00 am – 9:55 am</b> <b>Metaphysics</b> with Evan Coleman, LUT <b>10:30 am - Service</b> talk: <b>High Hopes</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>Prayer Service</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Happy July 4th	<b>5</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>Prayer &amp; Brown</b> <b>Bag Lunch</b>  <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>A Course In</b> <b>Miracles</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <i>Friendship Sunday</i> <b>9:00 am – 9:55 am</b> <b>Metaphysics</b> with Evan Coleman, LUT <b>10:30 am – Service</b> talk: <b>Why Unity?</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>Board of Trustees</b> <b>meeting</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>Prayer &amp; Brown</b> <b>Bag Lunch</b>  <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>A Course In</b> <b>Miracles</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <i>Friendship Sunday</i> <b>9:00 am – 9:55 am</b> <b>Metaphysics</b> with Evan Coleman, LUT <b>10:30 am – Service</b> talk: <b>Wholeness</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>Pot Luck Lunch</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> <b>Heartland Light Circle</b> (non Unity event)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>Prayer &amp; Brown</b> <b>Bag Lunch</b>  <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>A Course In</b> <b>Miracles</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>Ministers Planning</b> <b>Team meeting</b>  <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>Friendship Sunday</i> <b>9:00 am – 9:55 am</b> <b>Metaphysics</b> with Evan Coleman, LUT <b>10:30 am – Service</b> talk: <b>2 and 2</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>John Jones &amp;</b> <i>This I Believe</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>Prayer &amp; Brown</b> <b>Bag Lunch</b>  <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>A Course In</b> <b>Miracles</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <i>Friendship Sunday</i> <b>9:00 am – 9:55 am</b> <b>Metaphysics</b> with Evan Coleman, LUT <b>10:30 am – Service</b> talk: <b>Greater Things</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>Town Hall meeting</b>	<b>31</b>					~Child Care available - Sunday's 9:00 am – 11:30 am