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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.

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Visit us at www.unitylincoln.org,

email office@unitylincoln.org,

or phone (402) 476-6887

www.unity.org/prayer/request-prayer

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.

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Beloved Community,

We had a wonderful time together August 16th as we met outside and everyone shared what has been going on. Living in a time of pandemic makes it mandatory to think each step through. Our time together was just that, thoughtful and careful and safe. If you weren't here, we missed you and hope you will feel safe to join us next time. However, we do understand completely!

I am sorry to say that we were not awarded the Templeton Technology Grant that we were hoping to receive from UWM. It would have supported our internet and online service, much of the equipment is borrowed. We are disappointed, but we will try again next year.

The Board of Trustees has been meeting by Zoom on its regular schedule. This month will be an exception as many vacations are happening. The Board will meet September 17th, Thursday, by Zoom. As always, there is a procedure for you to present to the Board, you just need to let us know ahead of time – call or email Rev. Toni or a board member.

World Day of Prayer is September 10th, just a few days away. Every year it is a wonderful opportunity to join together in prayer. In past years we have taken the pilgrimage to Unity Village, had a sacred ceremony at Unity Lincoln, and joined together in segments of prayer vigil. This year, several of us will join in online prayer vigil, taking a segment of time. I hope you will join together with us in a self-directed vigil experience. You can find guidance online at unity.org/worlddayofprayer. Please read the article you will find elsewhere to see other activities you can engage in. People from all over the world will be joining together in prayer. Join with us and help make the world a better place.

Unity is founded in prayer. I am pleased to share that lead by Paul Fox the Unity Lincoln Prayer Chaplain Team has restarted our Sunday Silent Unity mini-service at noon in the upper room. Prayer partners join together reading the Silent Unity service that is shared every week at Unity Village at 11 AM on Thursdays. The service takes 10 to 15 minutes. You can join with it on Zoom. To participate, give Paul a text or call or call the office for information.

We will celebrate our Pet Blessings Service as we usually do this year – only online and virtually to keep everyone safe. Our beloved pets are important to us and we want to appreciate them and wrap them in our love. More details will be available soon.

Mark your calendar! Please plan to join us again September 20th at 3 PM when we meet again safely in the great outdoors!

Remember that you are now invited to join us on Sunday morning at 10:30 AM service by appointment. We have space for 6 people to sit separately with us during service. Rev. Evan & I would love to have your company! Just call ahead and let Rev. T. know.

I hold you folded in prayer. Be wonderfully blessed and if you have any questions or needs, please let us know.

Love & blessings,

Rev. Toni

World Day of Prayer 2020: From Fear to Faith

Join together with Unity Lincoln to participate in Unity World Day of Prayer during the 24-hour Prayer Vigil and Meditation. The vigil at Unity Village begins Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:00 p.m. (CT) and closes at 8:00 pm Thursday. Today send your name and prayer requests to Silent Unity via mail or email. At Unity Lincoln we will also submit names and requests that you share with us and send them to Silent Unity to be held in silent prayer for 30 days and during the vigil in the Prayer Chapel.

Thursday, September 10th, 2020 is World Day of Prayer. It is celebrated throughout the Unity Movement and beyond as a day of prayer and commemoration. This year with everything else, it will be a virtual celebration.

Ways that you can participate in the Days' activities are to submit a prayer request and light a virtual candle. Go online to light as many virtual candles as you'd like throughout the time period. Look at the map to see how many candles have been lit in Lincoln and elsewhere. You can join online for the events at Unity Village throughout the day and evening. Follow our hashtag #WDOP20 and join us at the Unity Facebook page to connect with our reflection questions and watch live events. Observe the day as a sacred day of prayer wherever you are.

You are always welcome to attend the event at Unity Village, however, wear a mask and observe social distance. The grounds are always peaceful, prayerful and beautiful for World Day of Prayer. You will find an agenda for events on the web page so you don't miss anything. Talk to Rev. Toni if you have any questions.



World Peace Meditation

I had a friend, back in the 1990's, who often wore a t-shirt with the motto, "Visualize Whirled Peas". It always made me laugh, but recently it came to mind and I had a different reaction. Take a moment and actually visualize whirled peas; what do you see? A field of swirling green, the color of life, of growth, of expansion? Watch it spin and as it does, watch it spread until it fills your field of vision. Is it not beautiful, vibrant, and peaceful? Is this not a wonderful metaphor for oneness, wholeness, unity of mind and heart?

If this resonates with you, I invite you to take 15-20 minutes to contemplate this image, and then carry it with you into your day. Whenever you feel distressed or concerned over the state of the world, smile and visualize whirled peas!

Love and blessings,
Rev. Sharri



One Heart Retreat Center
185 White Acres Lane
Marshall, AR 72650

National Election Day

It is critically important to prepare to VOTE. Be registered. Decide if you are going to vote by mail or make the trip to the polling place and vote in person. This year especially it is important to plan ahead. If you need help call the office and leave a message. Rev. Toni will see that you are supported.

Magic Pennies Report



Keep it up!
You're doing great!

Magic Pennies Accounting

2016	\$132.22
2017	\$615.80
2018	\$290.31
Jan-June 2019	\$117.30
July-Dec 2019	108.76
January 2020	\$7.21
	\$1271.60

Unity Lincoln logo t-shirts

now available-see Rev. T
Teal with embroidered white logo -
\$18 each M, L, XL
(others can be ordered pre-pay)
(note on check: T for Building Fund)



Monthly Attendance

	Ave./Sunday

Finances- 2020

Total Income:	\$ 7010.52
Total Expense:	\$ 6282.25
	Net \$728.57
Tithes Given	\$ 525
Classes:	\$ 65
Building Fund:	\$ 380

BOARD MEMBERS



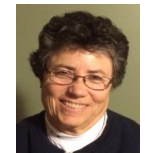
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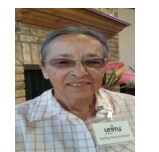
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BULLETIN BOARD

New Members

Would you like to be a member of Unity Lincoln? We invite you to join us! Are you returning to Unity Lincoln after a time away? We welcome you back! Kindly RSVP to Unity Lincoln (402) 476-6887 or 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 and ask to be added to our weekly email list.

Online Tithing

You can contribute to Unity Lincoln online via the 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.

Ministerial Services Available

Personal and family services including the rituals: marriage, christening, baptism, blessings of various kinds as your heart directs. Memorial services. Counselling by appointment. Call: 402-432-8108. Email: minister@unitylincoln.org. Some services by fee and some on a love offering basis.

When you write to us

Though we are located at 1941 N. 68th St., mail you send us must include our P.O. Box. Send mail to: Unity Lincoln P.O. Box 30209 Lincoln, NE 68503

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Hospitality—Dee Tonniges, Liane Schmidt
Leadership/Coaching—Kris Thaller
Licensed Unity Teacher—Rev. Evan Coleman
Music—Rev. Evan Coleman
Prayer—Connie Rose
Recording Team—Paul Fox, Bob Kaenel, Connie Rose, Janet Carlson, Adeline Mickens
SCRIP—Paul Fox
Website—Paul Fox, Rev. Evan Coleman
Worship Team—
Carol Cunningham
Worship Leaders—Fred Berry, Merry Ford, Kris Thaller, Rene Eveland

Staff:

Minister—Rev. Toni Stephens
Coleman
Associate Minister—Rev. Evan Coleman
Speaker—Rev. Fred Berry
Music Director—Rev. Evan Coleman
Pianist—Svetlana Yashirin
Office—Sharyl Klawitter

Annual Selection Meeting – Sunday, October 18th

It's pretty easy to serve and it's interesting. Look at the people who are serving on the Board. Can you see how their world is expanding as they move into service? The first year is mostly what we call "shadowing" which is following the others. It is an opportunity to work and grow closely together.

To date, no one has agreed to serve. We really need YOU to step into service. You will find it very rewarding.

Unity Lincoln's Board of Trustees is more important than ever during this time of Covid-19. Serving on the Board of Trustees is an honor and a privilege. It is stepping up into leadership in your church family and it is expanding your spiritual growth as you work closely with a dedicated group of people on the same path.

In accordance with the Bylaws of Unity Lincoln, the Nominating Team will be inviting several qualified people to be candidates to stand for service on the Board. When you are called, please go to your heart and if you are led to be nominated, please immediately contact Rev. Toni or Adeline Mickens about the requirements. We will get you a candidate packet. There are two openings on the board each year.

The qualification to serve on the board is to be a member in good standing with a minimum of six months in membership. If you want to be on the Board, please contact us right away.

Personal Items in the Church

We are currently creating an accurate inventory for our church. We are grateful and blessed by people who are sharing things at church. There is no need to do anything except please identify items (you may want to put little freebee address stickers on a hidden part) and let us know that they are yours. This will help should there be any insurance claim needed. Notify Liane or Rev. T.

Opportunities to Serve

Beginning around this time of the year, Unity Lincoln has traditionally embarked on a series of opportunities to be of service in our community. To date our collection of school supplies for Park Middle School has been disappointing. If you would like to gift the kids, now is the time to do it. With each item we send love, support and prayers for children to succeed. Whether students are in class rooms or learning from home, they need supplies and support. Call Rev. Toni to

set a time to deliver your supplies to the church or bring them by on Sundays from 9 AM to 1 PM or Fridays 10 AM to 3 PM.

Mid-September we will shift to collecting pet supplies for Lincoln's no-kill pet shelters. Supplies will bless The Cat House and the Lincoln No-Kill Dog Rescue. They appreciate metal bowls, clean bedding and towels, and unopened food. Did you know that dogs love peanut butter? We kick off the Pet Support Project on our Pet Blessing Day. This year it is October 10th. We will start at 1pm. It will be a virtual Blessing Service if need be.



Download from Dreamstime.com

Celebrate Floral Blessings!

Friend of Unity Lincoln, Eunice Cernohlavek, contacted us this week to offer a grand gift! Eunice is a member of the Lincoln Iris Club and she is planning to update her plantings of special irises and other flowers in her garden. It seems that there is only so much space.

Mickey has met with Eunice to take delivery. We are holding them in a safe place where they won't cook as we move through this hot, hot week. It will be good to have many hands to take on the task of planting. There will be bulbs to share too.

Since this just happened, the plan is not complete. I'm sure that as Wednesdays are the usual garden work days they will be busy, however, it would be good to connect with Mickey to get the "plan." Envision the beautiful plantings for next year!

Beloved Community – First Outdoor Service

Unity Lincoln had its first outdoor church service August 16th at 3 PM. What a great time we had! Pastor Fred Berry welcomed everyone. President of the Board Adeline Mickens did the **Daily Word** beautifully for us. Rev. Evan played music and Rev. Toni shared a talk about The Beloved Community and our part of it. Paul Fox provided a sound system and took photos.

There were 20 of us present visiting and catching up over these 6 months! We all wore masks and kept our 6 feet and more apart. We had a lovely place to sit and cool drinks to sip. All in all it was a lovely experience.

September 20th we will do it again at 3 PM. We will all stay healthy and get to see each other. The first get-together went so well, we'll do it again – masks, social distance, cool treat and good company. If you have any questions, please call.



PEACE – A Global Vision

There is a movement that I think we might all want to be part of:

PEACE on Earth in our Lifetime!

This Is An Invitation To Anyone Who Lives On Precious Planet Earth.

Consider this:

- World Peace will be a wonderful legacy to bequest to our children.
- How will you live now to ensure PEACE is possible in our lifetime?
- What will you tell the children about how PEACE happened?
- On the 10th anniversary of PEACE what will you have discovered?
- Are you willing to be one of the ones who...

Shifts the world to PEACE? Yes, we CAN do it!

Even though none of us knows how to accomplish this,

And we know we cannot do it alone,

We know we can do it together; and it will be our finest moment.

In fact, the way it can happen is when we become peaceful ourselves.

You can take that first step right now. When we step into PEACE, it ripples out from each of us and finds its way into our homes, businesses, churches, communities and organizations.

Then it rolls out across the land engaging students, parents, neighbors, and schools, grandparents, businesses, governments and the entire world.

Following the law of creation, PEACE is our native state, and it comes into form naturally when we are expressing it.

Be PEACE 1st.

Peace and Unity Quotes

No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. *Nelson Mandela*

There is beauty and power in unity. We must be united in heart and mind. One world, one people. *Lailah Gifty Akita*

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures. *John F. Kennedy*

One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means. *Martin Luther King Jr*

*With World Day of Prayer fast approaching remember to keep peace and unity for our world in your thoughts. We may feel alone and isolated with the pandemic but together in prayer we can do all things for the betterment of our world.

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