

Unity Lincoln
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Blessings To:

*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.*

September 2021

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.

Please join us at [Facebook.com/UnityLincoln](https://www.facebook.com/UnityLincoln)

Or Unity Lincoln [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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.



1941 N. 68th
Lincoln, Nebraska

September 2021

MINISTER'S LETTER

Beloved Unity Family & Friends,

Greetings to you all! The past month has been filled with challenge and dynamic events. To begin with, the Covid pandemic has taken a serious turn and we are all called to do our parts to protect, serve and defend in according to Divine Wisdom. In Unity we teach that God's Law – Divine Law – is constant, unchangeable and observed by both creator and created. **Law is.** That means that organisms are also included within the Law.

This said, it is for us to be as wise as possible. We know so much more than we knew a year ago! We now have vaccines and wise processes. So – friends, let's use what we have learned. Get vaccinated. Please stay home if you are not vaccinated (enjoy church online). Stay home if you are not feeling well. Wear a mask. Stay a safe distance away from people not in your "pod." As of right now we are still meeting in person for Sunday service, but we are aware that Lincoln is in the orange range. There are local churches with sick people and closed. Please follow the recommended instructions to help people stay well.

You may have missed me in the past few Sundays. On some days I have been home and on some I have been present but not on the platform. July 27th I had a small stroke. I am recovering and busily in speech therapy; as you can see I have made strides, but some words bobble me. Unity Lincoln is blessed to have our Associate Minister, Evan Coleman who has stepped in to serve. All is in Divine Order.

As we are held in a kind of holding space due to Covid-19-D, perhaps it is a good time to look at who we are – Unity Lincoln – A Spiritual Community. In the coming months we are going to look at who we are, review and refresh who we aspire. Join together to look forward to Unity Lincoln's goals and future vision. To begin, in 2011 our community was called Christ Unity Church. Christ Unity, encouraged by the national Unity leadership, launched a team to discern our congregation's core values. The stated intention was to know themselves better, both individually and as a faith body, to give a touchstone to guide actions, and also to give Christ Unity a means to say to the world who we are and what we're about.

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Six people — Georgia Feiste, Paul Fox, John Jones, Kristin Heslop, Janet Carlson, and Kathy Hutchinson became the “core of the core” team. You may remember these folks and know the ones who are still active today. The team delved deep into what they knew about their fellow members’ beliefs, the church’s history, the face Christ Unity had presented to the world, the worship practices and more. The Core Values which are posted in the beginning of every newsletter: Love, Spirituality, Joy, Gratitude and Inclusiveness are the concepts which were evolved through the six months that develop. You might wonder how it took such a long period of time? It was a deep spiritual study and perspective. Join us next month to read more about the team’s work in discerning the Core Values.

Please connect with each other. Love each other. Send a call to a friend, phone, just connect. If you need a number, let me know. Hold yourself, Unity and your friends in prayer. Find the wonderful activities available to participate at Unity Lincoln in this newsletter and World Day of Prayer. I send my love to you!

Rev. Toni

World Peace Meditation

Violence is the physical out-picturing of fear.

Fear is the emotional out-picturing of a belief in the illusion of separation.

Let us dispel the illusion of separation by embodying the Truth of Oneness and Peace, and all will be revealed, recognized, and real-ized.

If this resonates with you, please take 15-20 minutes to take these thoughts into your consciousness and allow them to become your own. As we dispel our individual belief in separation, we raise the consciousness of the human race to that of Oneness, and peace happens.

Love and blessings,

Rev. Sharri



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 Marshall, AR 72650
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Magic Pennies Report

Keep it up!
 You're doing great!



Magic Pennies Accounting

2016	\$132.22
2017	\$615.80
2018	\$290.31
2019	\$226.06
2020	\$7.21
2021	272.00
Total thru July 2021	\$1543.60

Okay, so the 2021 competition is over. But we're still collecting!

*Not everything that can be counted is of value,
 &
 not everything of value can be counted.*

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

Celebrate!!!
 Our online count has gone
 Over 1000

Finances- 2021

Total July Income:	\$ 6,086
Total July Expense:	\$ 5,980
Net:	\$ 106
Tithes Given	\$ 541
Classes:	\$ 119
Building Fund:	\$ 150

BOARD MEMBERS



Connie Rose,
President



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Vice-President



Paul Fox,
Treasurer



Adeline Mickens,
Secretary



Janet Carlson,
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Kathy Hutchinson,
Member-at-Large

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 Hospitality—Dee Tonniges, Liane Schmidt
 Leadership/Coaching—Kris Thaller
 Licensed Unity Teacher—Rev. Evan Coleman
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 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
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 Minister—Rev. Toni Stephens Coleman
 Associate Minister—Rev. Evan Coleman
 Speaker—Rev. Fred Berry
 Music Director—Rev. Evan Coleman
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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

To unsubscribe from this Newsletter

Write to us at the above address, or email office@unitylincoln.org. Please refer to the printed Newsletter in your note, with your name and address for confirmation.

It's Time!! School Supply Collection



Help support students at Park Middle School starting back to school. Have fun shopping for much appreciated paper, art supplies & other cool stuff to give.

Remember when? I love pencils, pens and papers! One of my favorite things about going back to school was having new supplies! To me they were very beautiful! I can smell the new pencil and the ink on the paper.

This is the time of the year when classroom supplies are available everywhere – and cheap! So indulge your senses and memories by selecting a pile of school supplies to gift to Lincoln kids. The past few of years have been really hard for our kids, let's shine some light! You'll find a box to receive your gifts near the entry. Remember what it was like to be a kid and experience your new school supplies!



Baby Photo Contest

Bring a baby picture of yourself – *don't tell anyone who it is!* Put your name on the back and give to Rev. Toni who will put a number on the front and post on a bulletin board. People will be invited to guess who is which baby and write on a slip of paper to submit. Contest will close September 19th at the Pot Luck.



New Members are gathering to join Unity Lincoln.

Talk to your minister or a Board member for information.

Basic benefits of attending Unity Lincoln include:

- Fellowship activities – pot lucks, films, discussions, music, hugs, friendship, family sharing and other intangible benefits of value.
- Learning and sharing – book studies, discussions, exploring ideas and finding new ideas, a safe environment, a broad circle of study.
- Spiritual growth and pastoral care – exploring spirituality, prayer and meditation practice, focus on healing work, mind, body and spirit, pastoral care services, including hospital and home visits, weddings, memorials, funerals, christening, etc.
- Weekly and special church services with spiritual enrichment, annual holiday rituals, celebration and sharing.
- Counselling – spiritual support services by appointment.

Membership information:

There are two main levels of attendance at Unity Lincoln, a congregant and an Active Member.

An Active Member is a person who has spent time with the minister and teachers to learn about Unity and Unity Lincoln to join the membership at a deeper level. An Active Member explores basic books, metaphysics and other materials to become specifically conversant in Unity Principles. They develop a familiarity and comfort level with Unity ideas and grow love in the community. Often because the Active Member is already part of the spiritual community of Unity Lincoln, the additional study time required to complete the process takes two or three hours of studying specific Unity Lincoln and specific Unity Organizational material. At the end, new memberships are welcomed into the Unity Lincoln community by the Minister and Board of Trustees, presented to the congregation and are asked to sign a membership card to accept membership.

An Active Member can vote on all issues concerning Unity Lincoln in accordance with the bylaws. Issues include but are not limited to hiring a minister, purchasing or selling property, and other concerns.

Unity Lincoln is incorporated according to the laws of the State of Nebraska and governed by the church Bylaws, Board of Trustees and the Minister.

Mark your calendars!

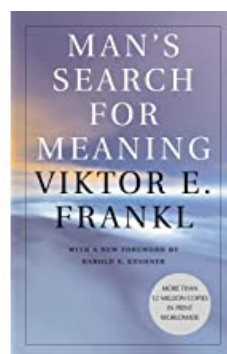
Annual World Day of Prayer



September 8–9, 2021 join us online for the 28th annual World Day of Prayer! Around the world, we will gather to affirm: *No matter the circumstances, all is well with my soul.*

This year you will need to register at worlddayofprayer.org. There are many activities available including access in the Zoom room where all English online events will take place. (At another site you may find the Spanish room.) As in past years there are many prayer activities, speakers and glorious music.

Adeline's Book Club New Book Begins September 14th



Man's Search for Meaning is a worldwide best-selling book, describing the author's life in Nazi death camps and the spiritual survival lessons he derived from that experience. In the book, Frankl argues that humans cannot avoid suffering, but instead can make a choice to cope with suffering and find its meaning. His theory is called logotherapy which suggests that the primary drive in life is to find meaning, not pleasure or other things.

After a short break, the group will discuss the book beginning on September 14, 2021 at 6PM central. To join Adeline's Book Club, simply log on to Zoom: Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84229477289>. Or use the Zoom Meeting ID: 842 2947 7289.

No book club class Sept. 7th

Annual Selection Meeting – October 17th

Hello, everyone –

The Nominating Team — Mickey Seefeld, Nancy Swarts and Janet Carlson — are delighted to announce that the following four people have agreed to serve on the Board that will be selected in October:

- Adeline Mickens Berry
- Nancy Swarts
- Kris Thaller
- Jim Wilson

Watch for their photos, bios and additional information in the October Newsletter. Thanks so much to Mickey and Nancy. We had a great team meeting with wonderful results!

Cheers,

		<h1>September 2021</h1> 				
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Landscaping Team 11-4	2	3	4
5 Friendship Sunday 9:00 am – 9:55 am Metaphysics 10:30 am – Service "A Deep Phonebook" Silent Prayer 12:00	6	7 NO Friends Book Club This evening	8 Unity World Day of Prayer  Landscaping Team 11-4	9 Unity World Day of Prayer 	10	11
12 Friendship Sunday 9:00 am – 9:55 am Metaphysics 10:30 am – Service "Happy Monk" Silent Service 12:00	13	14 Friends Book Club <i>Man's Search for Meaning</i> Viktor Frankl 6:00 pm	15 Landscaping Team 11-4	16	17	18 Garden Group 9am to Noon
19 Friendship Sunday 9:00 am – 9:55 am Metaphysics 10:30 am – Service "A Mysterious Connection" Silent Service 12:00 Pot Luck	20	21 Friends Book Club <i>Man's Search for Meaning</i> Viktor Frankl 6:00 pm	22 Landscaping Team 11-4	23	24	25
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