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*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.*

November 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

November 2021

MINISTER'S LETTER

Hello, Dear Ones,

By now, most of you have heard that our beloved minister, Rev. Toni Stephens Coleman died on Sunday, October 24th, after a long struggle with pancreatic cancer. Everyone who knew Toni would miss her. She touched many lives in profound and meaningful ways.

Toni had been the senior minister of Unity Lincoln church in Lincoln, Nebraska, since January 2014. Among her many accomplishments while your minister, she was instrumental in moving the congregation from our old facility on 31st st. to our current building. Toni would often tell me how much "I love my people!" meaning you, the congregation of Unity Lincoln.

We will scatter some of Toni's ashes at the church among our roses Friday, November 5th at 4 PM. Other ashes will go to the award-winning rose garden at Unity Village (a Unity tradition.) Instead of flowers, send memorial gifts to: Unity Lincoln, P.O. Box 30209, Lincoln, NE 68503, or [PayPal.me/UnityLincoln](https://www.paypal.com/UnityLincoln).

The arrangements with the crematory included Toni's fingerprint. I intend to have it framed and hung at the church as a reminder that Toni's literal and figurative fingerprints are all over Unity Lincoln and our hearts.

Toni and I had several conversations about what lies beyond this life. As with many things, Unity has no doctrine about what happens after death. Many of us believe in reincarnation, but however you say it, Toni knew that life is eternal and upwardly progressive in one form or another. She was not afraid. Unity people frequently use a favorite poem by Unity author James Dillet Freeman called The Traveler. A line from a verse says, "she will find it is not death but dawn."

Unity Lincoln will continue as it has. I have been speaking on Sundays for the last several months as Toni's illness progressed. I have also assumed the more administrative and pastoral duties of the minister. For now, I will continue to work at UNL, but I plan to retire to full-time ministry in roughly one year.

Many of you may also know that my father, Claire Coleman, age 94, died early Wednesday the 27th. Dad had only recently become a part of our Unity family. He had a rich, full life and will be missed.

God speed, Claire and Toni.

I also wish to extend an invitation to a Day-After-Thanksgiving left-overs meal via Zoom on Friday, November 26th at 1 PM. It is a chance to socialize and maybe play a game or two. We will publish the Zoom link in the prior week's Good News email. You can also request the link at office@UnityLincoln.org.

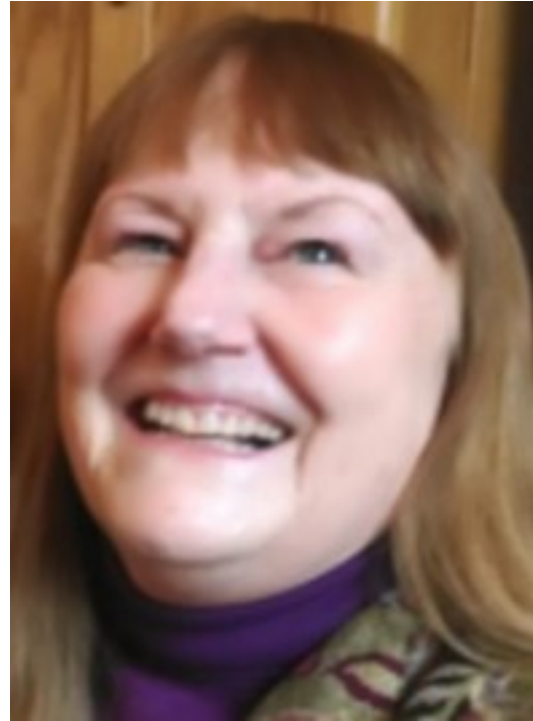
Advent begins Sunday, November 28th. We will gift that day's congregation a copy of this year's Unity Advent booklet, A Christmas to Remember, which we will use on Sundays throughout Advent. If you can't be with us that day, you can order your copy from unity.org/publications/booklets.

Blessings to you all.

Rev. Evan Coleman

Rev. Toni Stephens Coleman

She has put on invisibility.
 Dear Lord, I cannot see—
 But this I know, although the road ascends
 And passes from my sight,
 That there will be no night;
 That You will take her gently by the hand
 And lead her on
 Along the road of life that never ends,
 And She will find it is not death but dawn.
 I do not doubt that You are there as here,
 And You will hold her dear.



Our life did not begin with birth,
 It is not of the earth;
 And this that we call death, it is no more
 Than the opening and closing of a door—
 And in Your house how many rooms must be
 Beyond this one where we rest momentarily.

Dear Lord, I thank You for the faith that frees,
 The love that knows it cannot lose its own;
 The love that, looking through the shadows, sees
 That You and he and I are ever one!

Best Choice Label Time Approaching

Now's the time to clip Best Choice bar-codes labels (SKUs) from the cans in the cupboard and bring them to Unity Lincoln! It is not too early! Please have all SKUs brought to church by the end of November. Best Choice labels need to be trimmed, counted, packaged and mailed in before the end of the year. Our goal is 1000 SKUs, and your's will put us over the top. The Save-a-Label program will only accept Best Choice and Clearly branded UPC symbols. You will find the container for SKUs in the fellowship room; you can mail them in or contact the office, we can pick them up.



Magic Pennies Report

Keep it up!
 You're doing great!



Magic Pennies Accounting

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| 2016 | \$132.22 |
| 2017 | \$615.80 |
| 2018 | \$290.31 |
| 2019 | \$226.06 |
| 2020 | \$7.21 |
| 2021 | 272.00 |
| Total thru | \$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 Income: \$ 6684
 Total Expense: \$ 6737
Net: \$(52)

Tithes Given \$ 513
 Classes: \$ 175
 Building Fund: \$ 150

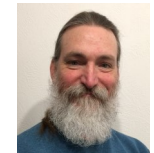
BOARD MEMBERS



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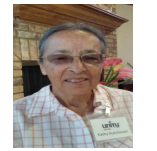
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Ministry Team Leaders:

- Hospitality—Dee Tonniges, Liane Schmidt
- Leadership/Coaching—Kris Thaller
- Licensed Unity Teacher—Rev. Evan Coleman
- Music—Rev. Evan Coleman
- Prayer—Paul Fox
- Music Team—Evan Coleman, Paul Fox, Janet Carlson
- SCRIP—Paul Fox
- Website—Paul Fox, Rev. Evan Coleman
- AV Tech Team—Paul Fox, Evan Coleman, Josh Winkelmann
- Garden Team—Mickey Seefeld, Nancy Swarts
- Usher/Greeter Team—Mickey Seefeld, Fred Berry, Connie Rose, Carol Cunningham, Janet Carlson, Kris Thaller
- Recycling Team—Kathy Hutchinson, Jim Wilson
- 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

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.

Inclement Weather Policy

Unity Lincoln now has an "Inclement Weather Policy." The Board of Trustees has selected First Plymouth Church downtown to determine our closing status during the winter.

Go to <http://www.1011now.com/weather/closings> Sunday morning or other typical church day. Check the list of closings for First Plymouth Church. If they are closed, we are closed.



Annual Selection Meeting

Unity Lincoln held its annual selection meeting on a beautiful fall day under the colorful Maple tree. The yard and gardens were gorgeous with the help of the volunteers. It was wonderful seeing everyone and sharing and catching up. Fred Berry opened the meeting with a lovely prayer. We elected our new board members, Nancy Swarts and Jim Wilson, for three-year terms, and Kris Thaller and Adeline Mickens Berry, for 2-year terms. Rev. Evan closed the meeting with a prayer of gratitude. Rev. Toni shared wise words about the grieving process we have all experienced during the last 18 months. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend. It was great seeing you all.

Don't forget!
Daylight saving time ends
Sunday, November 7th.
Don't be late for church!



World Peace Meditation

Peace is the effect of relaxing into Divine Presence, realizing wholeness as our nature recognizing Oneness as the Truth of who we are.

That's all there is to it. Permanent peace is that simple – AND that easy.

You need only activate it in your own heart, and the effect WILL spread unstopably.

If this resonates with you, please take 15-20 minutes to sit with this message, relaxing into it, feeling the natural flow, embodying its Truth.

Love and blessings,
Rev. Sharri



One Heart Retreat Center
185 White Acres Lane
Marshall, AR 72650
(501) 825-0108

SCRIP

Have you heard the word – the word about **SCRIP**? And that word (well, words) is (are) **PAY IT FORWARD!** Each time you purchase a gift card thru **Unity Lincoln** our community receives a donation. Use scrip cards to:

- buy groceries or medications,
- buy gas or tools,
- give as a present to someone special (*Perfect Christmas Gift*),
- buy an airline ticket,
- or pay for that vacation rental.

Each time you use scrip, you are helping **Unity Lincoln** financially. Whether it's a gift card to a national box-store franchise, or to a local grocer, or even a prepaid credit/debit card you can use practically everywhere, **Unity Lincoln's SCRIP** program's got you covered - And you help build our Unity Community!

It does take a bit of planning ahead, as we don't keep many of the national vendor cards in stock. Some of the national vendor cards can be available as an e-card (as opposed to a physical card to keep in your wallet), and often available to you within hours of your purchase.

We provide purchasing opportunities in-person on Sundays before & after our Worthship Service, or you could email (office@unitylincoln.org) or call us at 402-476-6887, and arrange for your card purchase.

(For those really in the know, just call Paul – he's even been known to hand-deliver cards!)

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING UNITY LINCOLN!

Friendship Home Food Collection

As we enter boldly into Fall, Unity Lincoln will turn its attention to Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. The focus of our giving in November and December is Friendship Home who helps victims of domestic violence. We will receive food donations and pass them along to Friendship Home. Needed food items include boxed dinners & sides like Hamburger Helper, mac & cheese, Suddenly Salads, and pantry items like pasta, cereal, canned vegetables & fruit, canned meals (ravioli, spaghetti, chili, etc.), sugar and vegetable oil.

Let's come together and collect food supplies to help these folks in our neighborhood!



School Supplies Report

The last few months we have been collecting school supplies for Park Middle School. 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. The items and a monetary donation was delivered on October 22nd, 2021. The principal was very appreciative and shocked with the generosity of our donation. Thank you to those who shared. Supplies collected this year are:

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| Filler Paper –4 | Notebooks—40 | Comp. books—4 |
| Folders—52 | 3ring Binders—2 | Pencil case—4 |
| Back Packs– 8 | Black dry Erase—10pks | Color Dry erase –8pks |
| Colored Markers—4 | Small Highlighters—10 | Elmers Glue—4 |
| Glue Sticks—40 | Notecards—5 | Some Misc. Gifts |
| Band Aids—4boxes | Hand Sanitizer—5 | Bears—5 |
| Combs -2pks | Clorox wipes | Wet Wipes—2 |
| Sticker sheets—4 | Pens—10pks | Pencils—15pks |
| Colored Pencils—17pks | Pencil Sharpener—2 | Ruler |
| Box of 64 Crayons—3 | Box of 24 Crayons—8 | Eraser |
| Music / Craft items | Blue tooth Speakers | |

Leftover Lunch

You and your pod (or family unit) are invited to join together with your Unity Lincoln family to celebrate. Join us at 1:00 PM, the day after Thanksgiving, wherever you are. It has been suggested that you bring something virtually to share – a creative art piece, a song, a poem, a story, a recipe, a dance – something that can be shared on ZOOM. And we will share our dinners in the spirit of breaking bread together.

Everyone has said it doesn't matter if it's a TV dinner as long as it is together.

zoom.us/j/94599298176

CHANGE

Connection within my seeking
Hearth. God always
Answers my prayers; as I gain
Never-ending awareness and
Growth. God faith in me is
Eternal – and something begins to change.


Annie Nuss

RECEIVE

Receive the blessings of God's
Eternal love. The gift of All
Creation is yours. Be
Enlightened through the
Inspiration of God's spiritual
Visioning. God grants you the
Exploration to receive Grace.

Annie Nuss

November 2021

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| 7 <i>Friendship Sunday</i> 9:00 am – 9:55 am Metaphysics 10:30 am – Service <i>Time to Behold</i> Silent Prayer 12:00 End of Daylight Savings Time | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 <i>Friendship Sunday</i> 9:00 am – 9:55 am Metaphysics 10:30 am – Service <i>Living Abundantly</i> Silent Service 12:00 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 <i>Friendship Sunday</i> 9:00 am – 9:55 am Metaphysics 10:30 am – Service <i>All Good Gifts</i> Silent Service 12:00 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Thanksgiving | 26 Leftover Lunch 1PM | 27 |
| 28 <i>Friendship Sunday</i> 9:00 am – 9:55 am Metaphysics 10:30 am – Service Rev. Sharri Johnson: <i>Hope/Faith</i> Silent Service 12:00 | 29 | 30 Friends Book Club New Book <i>The Trip to Bethlehem</i> By Hypatia Hasbrouck | | | | |