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## MINISTER'S LETTER

Beloved Unity Family & Friends,

Greetings to you all!

After a long summer season we now come into fall. Most of us now recognize that the world is changing, the season is changing, everything is changed around us and we have to adjust to everything. Human beings have had to adjust before – before in times our earliest species have had to adjust three early ice ages. It is part of our evolution as spiritual beings that have developed changes. Today come we have into time to evolve again. The biggest changes to be aware today are that we have meddled with the world. Going through this coming process calls us to evolve our next spiritual evolution and grow next into the next (as yet unknown) possibilities. Hold the highest Truth you can know for those all around you. Pray, hold the vision, and act where you see your way clearly.

After prayerful consideration, your Board of Trustees discerned to stop our monthly Pot Lucks. We know how important this meal is to the church community however, it is too risky at this time with the orange status of Covid pandemic in Nebraska. We pray that the time to resume this activity is close at hand. We are still meeting in our Sunday services, wearing masks and staying socially distant. We pray that everyone is vaccinated.

We are busily working to collect School Supplies for Park Middle School. It is so easy to put a few back-to-school items in your shopping cart and bring them to the church. If you plan to contribute supplies, please get them to us soon. As we move into November and Advent the church will shift the focus of our giving.

The Baby Photo Contest is ongoing. We were planning to conclude this game at our September pot luck, but again, all pot lucks are on hold. We will find another opportunity to have fun. There have been many late submissions, so 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 are invited to guess who is which baby.

The church grounds have never looked better. Mickey, several volunteers, some designated gifts of funds, and payed contractors have weeded and mulched. It looks wonderful and should be much easier to maintain. It is a wonderful transformation! Take some time to walk around the property and enjoy the flowers and grounds. You will be glad that you have!

Looking to see you soon,

Rev. Toni

Blessings To:

«FirstName» «LastName»

«AddrLn1»

«City» «State» «ZipCode»

*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.*

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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.

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](http://www.unitylincoln.org),

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or phone (402) 476-6887

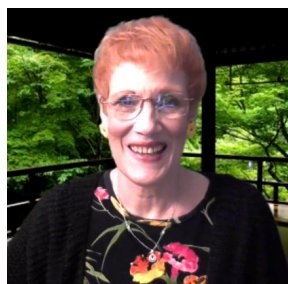
[www.unity.org/prayer/request-prayer](http://www.unity.org/prayer/request-prayer)

### 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.

**Unity Lincoln Annual Selection Meeting – October 17<sup>th</sup> – Outside**

It's time for our membership meeting to select incoming Board of Trustees. We will join outside in the big tree Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. As usual we will be invited to conduct our church business. We know that the weather will be lovely; however, if there is any problem, we will reschedule the following week, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.



**Guest Rev. Sharri Johnson Talks at Unity Lincoln – October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Rev. Sharri Johnson speaks with UL on: **The Gifts of Presence** with us Sunday morning. Most of you know that Sharri was a Unity Lincoln member before becoming ordination as a CSL (Center for Spiritual Living) minister. She established The One Heart Retreat Center in Marshall, AR and is a regular contributor of The World Meditation with our newsletter. Rev. Sharri is a guest speaker serving numerous online spiritual communities and has a weekly blog as well as serving several spiritual formats.

**World Peace Meditation**

This reminds me of that little poem by the ever-popular Anonymous, hold a few moments to remember the trust of God active in our lives.

**"Broken Dreams"**

As children bring their broken toys  
 With tears for us to mend,  
 I took my broken dreams to God  
 Because God is my friend.  
 But then instead of leaving God  
 In peace to work alone,  
 I hung around and tried to help  
 In ways that were my own.  
 At last, I snatched them back and cried,  
 "How can you be so slow?!?"  
 "My child," God said, "what could I do –  
 You never did let go!"

What are you holding onto that you could turn over to God with TRUST?

Love and blessings, Rev. Sharri



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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
<b>Total thru July 2021</b>	<b>\$1543.60</b>

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:	\$ 5694
Total Expense:	\$ 6329
<b>Net:</b>	<b>\$(636)</b>
Tithes Given	\$ 494
Classes:	\$ 150
Building Fund:	\$ 150

**BOARD MEMBERS**



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Member-at-Large

**Ministry Team Leaders:**  
 Hospitality—Dee Tonniges, Liane Schmidt  
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 Carol Cunningham  
 Worship Leaders—Fred Berry, Merry Ford, Kris Thaller, Rene Eveland

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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](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.

**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](mailto:minister@unitylincoln.org). Some services by fee and some on a love offering basis.

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**Adeline Mickens**

I am a seeker and practitioner of Truth and I am so grateful for the opportunity to read, study, practice and apply what I learn. I am one of ten children born to one of the most remarkable women that I have ever known. At 18, my minister suggested I join the Ancient Mystical Order of the Rosicrucian's and later studied with the International School of Metaphysics. I grew up in East St. Louis; earned a BA from Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri, and a MA from UNL. When we moved to Lincoln, over 20 years ago, we looked through the yellow pages for a church to attend. One church mentioned in the ad that they had a metaphysics book store. We knew this was the place. I am a wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, teacher, and friend. I look forward to my next life as a board member.



**Nancy Swarts**

I had a happy childhood growing up in Unity's present home, and attended Bethany Christian Church, just a short walk away. That's one reason Unity feels like home to me.

Outdoors was my favorite place to be, surrounded by any animal my folks would allow me to keep as a pet. Then I got Rheumatic Fever at age 7, and spent the next few years sick, sleeping and homeschooling, bundled up and babied so my heart wouldn't be taxed. No running barefoot in the yard outside. I've never taken a nice day for granted since.

As I transitioned into adolescence, I began to wonder about the universe and our role in it. Interestingly, an assistant minister at church who was our high school Sunday school teacher, encouraged us to question the established Christian teachings. Perhaps Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene, and had a family like any good Jewish man would in those days. Maybe he was less like a god, and instead a really good man who taught people how to love each other.

Several years, and several churches later I landed back "home" with the Unity congregation. Through the years, I'd discovered Hay House and Unity Radio, and though my new thought spiritual quest may be more limited than others, I'm all ears.

My husband Dave and I were blessed with five children and 13 grandchildren, with two more on the way. We live on a farm near Palmyra where we enjoy horses, ponies, a donkey, cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, pigeons, dogs, cats, and any other little critter the grandkids may want to catch and release.



**Kris Thaller**

Kris Thaller became a Unity Member in 1999. She first heard of Unity when her parents invited her to come to the Unity Church in Omaha. She wasn't all that intrigued about it and did not appreciate all the hugging. But as time went by she started a Quest to find out what she really believed. Time went by and her mom suggested that she go visit the Unity Church in Lincoln. The moment she stepped into Christ unity Church she knew she had found a home that fit her. Kris has been on the Board off and on ever since. Kris is a Certified Professional Life Coach and was trained by Dr. Maria Nemeth ' The owner of the Academy For Coaching

Excellence. She has retired as a Coach but still loves the opportunity to coach someone if the opportunity Arises.



**Jim Wilson**

Jim Wilson is the youngest of seven children. His parents were in Christian ministry, and the family moved from Ceresco, Nebraska to Saskatoon, Canada when he was six. Jim received degrees from Chicago's North Park University and Loyola University. He has also lived in Wisconsin and Washington State. In 2015 Jim moved back to Ceresco. He has worked in several fields, and spent several years as a political activist. Jim has also been blogging since 2000.

Jim was introduced to New Thought principles in the mid-00's, and his interest deepened in 2017. The next year he discovered Unity Lincoln during an online search for like-minded people, and became a member in 2019. Jim's been a regular in Evan's Metaphysics class and Adeline's Book Club. He also enjoys watching sports, long walks, and listening to paranormal podcasts.

**Unity Lincoln Receives \$1,000 Award From UWM**

“Dear Friends of Unity Worldwide Ministries,

Recently your ministry applied to be considered for one of our matching Audio Video Sub-Grants and after much review of the 70+ applicants, we are thrilled to let you know that your ministry is being awarded financial support toward up-leveling your AV program in the amount \$1,000.

We look forward to seeing the ways that your ministry is able to share the Unity message with more people as a result of your AV project. We are grateful to support you with funds, made available by the Templeton Foundation.”



**Parliament of the World's Religions.**

Unity cofounder Charles Fillmore attended the first convening of the Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893. Today, Unity minister Rev. Charline Manuel serves on the Board of Trustees of the Parliament. The 8th Parliament of the World's Religions, hosted for the first time virtually, will take place October 16–18, 2021. The theme is Opening Our Hearts to the World: Compassion in Action. Luminaries this year include His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso; Dr. Jane Goodall, Eboo Patel, Zerbanoo Gifford, Grandmother Flordemayo, Rev. Dr. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam, Marianne Williamson, Karen Armstrong, and many more.

**The Five-Step Prayer Process**

1. Relaxation—releasing physical and mental tension
2. Concentration—gentle focusing of the mind
3. Meditation—puts you in contact with the Silence
4. Realization—deep inner knowing of the Truth and that our prayers and answered —“the gift”
5. Thanksgiving—being grateful before the answer appears in the manifest realm

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 <i>Friendship Sunday</i> 9:00 am – 9:55 am Metaphysics 10:30 am – Service <i>Ask in Prayer</i> Silent Prayer 12:00	4	5 <i>Friends Book Club</i> <i>Man's Search for Meaning</i> Victor E. Frankl 6:00 pm	6 <i>Landscaping Team</i> 11-4	7	8	9
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17 <i>Friendship Sunday</i> 9:00 am – 9:55 am Metaphysics 10:30 am – Service <i>Steering your Life</i> Silent Service 12:00 ANNUAL SELECTION MEETING-Outside 3pm	18	19 <i>Friends Book Club</i> <i>Man's Search for Meaning</i> Victor E. Frankl 6:00 pm	20	21	22	23
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