



# The BEACON

News from the Unitarian Church of Lincoln • March 2018

## Putting the Pieces Together: The Annual Church Auction

*From Karen Heafer*

Now is the time for everyone to be a piece of our auction puzzle.

In order to make this major fundraising event successful, we need people to sign-up between February 25 and March 25 to donate one or more of the following:



**Meal** - This can be simple or elaborate, showing your culinary talents and/or ethnic favorites. The main goal of these is making new friends, building relationships and community.

**Theme Basket** - Create one on your own or provide the auction committee with the contents and they will construct the basket for you.

**Event** - Get a group of friends together and piece together an evening of fun around a theme of your choice.

**Service** - Share a special knowledge of a talent that you have.

**Tasty Treat** - Any item that you find at a bake sale.

Be a piece of our puzzle. Show up to sign-up and then show-up to bid.

All of the pieces will be ready to bid on at the Auction Kick-off Event on Friday, April 6 beginning at 5:00PM. Please join us!

## Two Upcoming Easter Services

### Maundy Thursday

**Thursday, March 29 • 7:00PM**

All are welcome as we gather together to tell the Christian story of Easter, and to share in bread and wine in remembrance of the holiday.

### All Ages Easter Service

**Sunday, April 1 • 10:00AM**

This Sunday we celebrate the confluence Easter and April Fools Day. We will talk about the tradition of the 'holy fool,' and how truth often appears in the most unexpected, surprising ways.



# A Month of Sundays

10:00AM at 6300 A Street

## Sunday, March 4 - "Roots & Wings"

"Roots hold me close, wings set me free" go the words of one of our better known hymns. How do we balance the roots of Unitarian Universalism with the wings setting us toward new horizons?

*Leader: Oscar Sinclair*

*Worship Associate: Becky Seth*

*Music: Star City Strings (Korynne Bolt duo)*

*Share the Plate: John Mabry, Food Bank of Lincoln*

## Sunday, March 11 - "Free & Responsible"

Our fourth principle calls us to the "free and responsible search for truth and meaning." On this Sunday when we welcome members who have joined us in the last year, we reflect on that search.

*Leader: Oscar Sinclair & Judy Hart*

*Worship Associate: LauraLee Woodruff*

*Music: Irish music - Terrence Keefe and David Marsh*

*Share the Care: Green Sanctuary*

## Sunday, March 18 - "Self Care"

"Put your own oxygen mask on first" is sound practical advice, but in the midst of noise and anxiety, very hard to do. How do we set our intentions, in order to take care of ourselves that we may take care of others?

*Leader: Oscar Sinclair*

*Worship Associate: KK Munson*

*Music: John Mills, Baritone & Bill Carpenter, Piano*

## Sunday, March 25 - "Spring Equinox"

Spring has arrived! Astronomically, at least. This Sunday we celebrate green and growing things, and the cycles of nature that refresh and balance our lives.

*Leader: Oscar Sinclair*

*Worship Associate: Ramona Sacred Sky*

*Music: Frailin' Hearts*

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## BALANCE

E. B. White wrote "It's hard to know when to respond to the seductiveness of the world and when to respond to its challenge. If the world were merely seductive, that would be easy. If it were merely challenging, that would be no problem. But I arise in the morning torn between the desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day."

Life is often about tension. How do we hold two things that are both important in relationship and balance with each other? This is my first newsletter article after coming back to work from parental leave. There's a whole new balance in my family's life these days: on one hand, it is great to be back at work at this place, and I am newly excited to get home each night to my daughter. I am torn between wanting to enjoy this beautiful world and life, and work to change it.

We will spend worship services this month exploring balance: the balances and tensions at the heart of Unitarian Universalism, as well as how we balance our own needs with those around us. As we go through the month, I encourage you to think about the points of balance in your own life- what important things do you hold in tension? How do you maintain the balance between them, and when you recognized one side getting heavier, how do you re-gather your equilibrium?




## Ordination Update

We are happy to report that Rev. Jim Keck has confirmed our use of First Plymouth Congregational Church for the June 17 afternoon ordination of Oscar Lewis Sinclair. Yes, that is also Father's Day! The ordination committee is hard at work, in partnership with Oscar, on the many logistical dimensions of this celebration. With our own 300+ members and a still-forming guest list, we simply don't have sufficient space in our church for the ceremony itself. However, a perfectly wonderful reception will take place at the Unitarian Church of Lincoln shortly after the ceremony. What a chance to show up and show off our beautiful church and vibrant church community.

Much like our move-in after renovation, we hope to help all those interested in participating find their place in the preparation and execution of this very special event. Members of the ordination committee include: Jo Brown, Linda Brown, Julie Enersen, KK Munson, Dorothy Ramsey, Christine Starr Davis and of course, Oscar Sinclair. Please let KK Munson know of any dietary restrictions as the menu for the reception is already in progress ([kkemergence@gmail.com](mailto:kkemergence@gmail.com) or 402.314.3553). We want to be sure that there is something for everyone. And, in the coming weeks, expect to be contacted by one of the many task coordinators who have already said YES to helping to arrange for transportation, hospitality homestay, reception, clean up and many other much-needed tasks.

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## Teacher and Assistant Chat

In January we held a mid-year chat for our Sunday School Volunteers.

This opportunity allowed for our class teams to touch base with one another about the year. I asked the following questions:

- \*Look at your schedules for the remainder of the year - does anything need to change?
- \*What are best practices/what is going very well?
- \*A favorite moment from the year thus far?
- \*What are things you can brainstorm to make your classroom even better than it already is?

Here are some of their responses for what they are enjoying most this year:

- \*Kids love sharing books with each other
- \*Story time can make/help the students focus
- \*One student who hadn't seemed willing to participate contributed some good input by the end of class
- \*Sharing their stories for questions such as 'how was your week?'
- \*Conversations which lead to a sense of community
- \*Chalice lighting
- \*Openness
- \*Growth in kids as they come regularly
- \*When (one student) stuck around to help clean up - demonstrating the lesson for the day 'Do Unto Others'
- \*Playing musical chairs that focused on including and making room for everyone - the kids were into it!

\*When a child who was reluctant to participate at first told his parent then that he didn't want to leave by the end of class

\*"I enjoyed helping with the Ingathering where we decorated pumpkins. The kids were very well behaved, creative and the older kids did a great job at helping the younger kids.

\*The kids making outlines of a classmate then writing something learned about that person

\*How well the kids discuss how the quote for the day fits with the theme for the day

Teaching and assisting is a very rewarding experience. Our youth are so fortunate to have these incredible people in their lives as role models. Please consider giving of your time to our Sunday School Program. We will start recruiting at the end of the church year. Please let know if you have any questions and if you see a volunteer in our program, please thank them for helping to raise our youngest UUs.

Peace, Faith and Love,

Chelsea

### MARCH RGL CALENDAR

*Preschool Class and Nursery Care are available every Sunday for younger Pre-K children in the Preschool Room.*

<b>Mar 4</b>	<b>Regular Classes</b>
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Regular Classes</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Regular Classes</b>
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Regular Classes</b>

## Hospitality Training

Saturday March 10 • 9:00AM - noon



Merriam-Webster defines hospitable as: given to generous and cordial reception of guests; and offering a pleasant or sustaining environment. That is exactly what we want our guests to

experience when they visit our church. Please bring your open hearts and welcoming nature to this hospitality refresher presented by the Membership Umbrella Committee. We'll learn what ushers and greeters do and why; how to make coffee (in the big pots); and how to interact with and properly use the audio visual resources. We'll tour the building in search of first aid kits, fire alarms, smoke detectors, AED's, etc. Even if we're not in a leadership role on any given Sunday when accidents happen, it's good to know where things are when you are called on to help.

We have fun at this training with role playing and story sharing. There's always a prize or two and breakfast snacks are served.

Please let Membership Associate Judy Hart [membership@unitarianlincoln.org](mailto:membership@unitarianlincoln.org) know if you'd like to attend.

## GA Scholarships Available: Youth, YAs and Others

We received donations for scholarships for a youth or young adult to attend General Assembly during a 'Share the Plate' offering. This is an incredible opportunity. The amount available will depend on how many people apply to use these funds. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to adhere to our church Safety Policy. These funds can help those who would otherwise be unable to attend General Assembly. Keep in mind that you are also able to apply for scholarship funds through the General Assembly resources as well: <https://www.uua.org/youth/events/gacaucus/scholarships>

Please contact Chelsea Krafka if you have an interest: [religiousgrowth@unitarianlincoln.org](mailto:religiousgrowth@unitarianlincoln.org)

In addition, our Denominational Affairs Committee is applying for funds through the Judy Cole Bequest Fund in hopes of lowering both registration and housing costs for those members who would like to attend General Assembly and need support to do so. The deadline for applications for grant funds is March 4. Please contact Christine Starr Davis [chopestarr@icloud.com](mailto:chopestarr@icloud.com) or Nathan Woodruff [unathan68506@gmail.com](mailto:unathan68506@gmail.com) for more information.

### Amazon Smile Augments Share the Plate and other Local Organizations

The following organizations can be designated to receive a portion of the price of purchases you make on Amazon Smile at no additional cost to you. Please consider choosing one and using Smile.Amazon.com.

- CAMP SUMMERSGOLD • FRESH START • PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE HEARTLAND
- COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF LANCASTER AND SAUNDERS COUNTIES
- NEBRASKA APPLESEED • LINCOLN BIKE KITCHEN • COMMUNITY CROPS
- FOOD BANK OF LINCOLN • CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED • VOICES OF HOPE OF LINCOLN
- CAT HOUSE • FRIENDSHIP HOME OF LINCOLN • OUTLINC • LINCOLN LITERACY COUNCIL
- CENTERPOINTE • ACLU NEBRASKA FOUNDATION • FRIENDS OF PIONEER PARK NATURE CENTER
- FRIENDS OF WILDERNESS PARK • NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

## A Croning Is Coming

From Joanna Fink

From time to time a Croning celebration is held at the church. It formally recognizes that a woman has achieved the status of Crone, the third stage in a woman's life, that of Wise Older Woman. The usual standards for being Croned are having reached fifty, or having gone through menopause, or having become a grandmother, or having decided, for a reason deemed right by the woman herself, that it is now appropriate to claim this status. If there is interest, we can have a Croning this Spring.

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

#### Q. I would like to be Croned. What do I do?

Contact Joanna Fink at 402.488.9238 or [jfink68510@gmail.com](mailto:jfink68510@gmail.com)

#### Q. I am too young or don't want to be Croned. Is this event for me?

The event is for ALL women of the church. Come to celebrate with those being Croned and to honor this lifestage.

#### Q. I am long over fifty. Have I missed my chance to be Croned?

Croning does not confer a status; it recognizes and honors one which already exists. It is never too late to be Croned.

#### Q. I know someone whom I think might like to be Croned, but she isn't a UU.

A. Have her contact Joanna Fink. ANY woman, UU or not, is welcome to attend, either to be Croned or as friend and well-wisher.

#### Q. I have a question you didn't answer, I want more information.

Contact Joanna Fink at 402.488.9238 or [jfink68510@gmail.com](mailto:jfink68510@gmail.com)



### Roots & Wings

Our wings in December were related to "New Things", January featured hopes for the Sanctuary/Auditorium, and last month we selected your hopes about Membership. This month we're featuring the "Interfaith/Community" segment. Reaching across divides seems particularly critical in the current political and inter-relational climate, perhaps our wings will give wings to others.

"Cross culture congregation partnerships"

"More visibility, workshops and classes that invite people into the community"

"Partnering with other faiths on White Supremacy"

### Share the Plate March 4:

#### The Food Bank of Lincoln

The Food Bank of Lincoln recently celebrated its 35th Anniversary, and in February, distributed our 100 Millionth pound of food. Thanks to great partners like the Unitarian Church, we serve a total of 16 counties and distribute about 10 million pounds of food each year.

Our Child Hunger Programs include the Backpack Program and our School Markets. The Backpack Program distributes more than 3,000 bags weekly. There are 6 rotating menus, and we distribute 4 pieces of fruit with each backpack. School Food Markets are in 10 LPS schools, serving more than 2,000 students each month with a variety of food items, including fresh produce. We added Lefler this year. The LPS Emergency Pantry is open 10-12 days each month at Hawthorne School (now Bryan), serving more than 100 families monthly.

## Save The Dates!

**Sunday, March 4** • Board of Trustees educational forum after the service - all those interested or curious are encouraged to attend!

**Sunday, March 4 • Open Full Moon Circle** The Order of the Red Grail has been serving the Unitarian, Wicca and Pagan communities for over 20 years. The Grail will be celebrating the return of Spring on March 4, 2018. The theme for the festivities will be Airmid's Cloak. This is a public event, and all are welcome to join for discussion at 6:00PM, ritual at 7:00PM, with a potluck to follow. Dress is casual. The Order of the Red Grail accepts donations for the Food Bank at every event as well as donations for Grail educational programs. For questions, please go to [www.orderoftheredgrail.org](http://www.orderoftheredgrail.org) or email [redgrailinquiry@gmail.com](mailto:redgrailinquiry@gmail.com)

**Sunday, March 11 • Sunday School Classroom and Closet Clean-Up.** We need lots of volunteers to help us tidy up mid-year. We have a supply closet which needs shelves and organizing. If you are willing and able to help, please show up in the RGL hallway of our Sunday School classes after service for instructions. Just an hour or so of your time will help make a big difference. No need to sign up, just show up! Thank you! Please let Chelsea Krafka know if you have questions:  
[religiousgrowth@Unitarianlincoln.org](mailto:religiousgrowth@Unitarianlincoln.org)

**Sunday, April 15 • Spring Grounds Cleanup and Potluck.** We need many helping hands to stay after the service to prepare our grounds for spring. Help clear out winter debris and add mulch so that our grounds can stay healthy and beautiful. At around 12:30PM we will enjoy fellowship with a potluck lunch and hear about plans for this year's grounds care. The church has plenty of leaf rakes, but please bring pruners and loppers, if you have them. If physical labor is not your thing, contributions of potluck food, and setup/cleanup are also greatly appreciated. Contact Martha Horvay with questions about the grounds and Jackie Egan to volunteer to help with the potluck.

## Winter Lecture Series Continues

The 2018 Winter Lecture Series consists of five lectures presented from 2/18/18 to 3/25/18. Each Sunday session will begin at 7:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM, with the 1-hour lecture followed by a brief refreshment period and then an audience-driven Q&A.

We address what a just world order would look like and the steps that might be taken to achieve it. We selected the leading issues that need to be addressed to obtain a just world order, paying special attention to progressive steps in each.

**3/4/18.** Jordan Kuck, History, West Virginia Wesleyan College. **Controlling Violence.** Attention to international wars, civil wars, terrorism, violent instability, and nuclear dangers. Attention to the laws of war and international attempts to limit violence.

**3/11/18.** Gus Hurwitz: University of Nebraska College of Law. **Managing Cyber Sensitivities.** Attention to hacking, fake news, human rights in traditional and social media, cyber war and attacks on civilian infrastructure. Also attention to the principle of non-interference in domestic affairs and to political and criminal factors.

**3/18/18.** Don Wilhite: University of Nebraska Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources. **Sustainable development, environmental stressors and resilience.** The challenge of achieving responsible economic growth in light of current and future environmental stressors, e.g., climate change, drought, water scarcity, given the implications of these stressors on food security, national and regional conflicts, and environmental refugees.

**3/25/18. Concluding Panel.** Reviews leading threats to world order and efforts to manage them. Will address costs and benefits of present arrangements and leading ideas for change.

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## Green Corner

### Green Sanctuary Outreach

From Marj Willeke

We engage in outreach to the Lincoln community and the state through partnerships with organizations with congruent missions. What's happening locally? Three Green Sanctuary members serve on the Mayor's Environmental Task Force. The Lincoln Environmental Action Plan was approved by the City Council on 12/18/17. It is time to both strengthen the plan and begin to implement it. We are studying ways to contribute to city efforts. We will continue to advocate for responsible, impactful actions in Lincoln.

Unitarians have purchased from LES 10 virtual solar panels (out of 20 we are allotted) for the church. If you are interested in contributing to this effort, please contact Linda Brown.

What about Nebraska? Green Sanctuary is working with the Nebraska League of Conservation Voters. NLCV informs us about proposed legislation in the Unicameral. We appeared at the Natural Resources Committee hearing for LB1054, opposing this legislation that would create obstacles to the development of wind energy in Nebraska. We will further support the work of NLCV by co-sponsoring a series of educational lectures on three general topics; (1) climate change, (2) the role of faith communities, (3) renewable energy and the economy.

### Recycling News You Can Use

Starting April 1, per new city code, the City of Lincoln landfill will no longer accept corrugated cardboard in the refuse collections. Corrugated cardboard must be recycled. Information is available from <https://lincoln.ne.gov/pworks/solid-waste/recycle/recycle-lincoln.htm>. You can also take recycling to public drop-off sites. The website also has a list of recycling collectors. Questions can be answered by calling 402.441.8215.

## WACHISKA

### General Meeting/Awards Banquet

**Thursday, March 8**

The annual awards banquet will begin with a potluck supper at 6:15PM, followed by the presentation of two long-time chapter awards. To conclude the evening, our guest speaker from New Jersey, Rick Wright, will describe John James Audubon's visit to our area 175 years ago. Rick will relate some surprising stories of our founder, who had a colorful life and lifestyle. This free event is open to the public. To take part in the supper, please bring a food item to share along with your own table service (including plate, cup, silverware). Beverages will be provided. The program will begin about 7:45PM. The location will be the Unitarian Church in Lincoln, 6300 A Street, which is handicapped accessible with adequate free parking. No reservations are needed.

### Deadline - Spring Birdseed Sale & Order

**Thursday, March 8**

Order pick up will be March 16 & 17. Order forms are on Wachiska's website and in the March newsletter. Call the office, 402.486.4846, to have the form mailed. Payment by check must accompany order.

### Field Trip - View Sandhill Cranes Along the Platte River

**Sunday, March 25, 2:00PM**

Once again it's expected that half a million cranes (about 80% of the world's sandhill cranes) will visit Nebraska's Platte River this spring as they have done for millions of years. Interested birders can join Wachiska's crane caravan for a day trip to the Grand Island area at the peak of crane migration. Meet at 2:00PM on the south side of the Capitol in Lincoln. Participants can either caravan or carpool the 100-mile trip to our destination. Bring warm clothing for colder temps at sundown and binoculars and scope if you have them. There is no fee and the public is welcome. If you have questions call John at 402.475.7275.

## UU March Gallery: Artist Chris Taylor

Chris Taylor is the featured artist in the Unitarian gallery during March. Born and raised in Lincoln Nebraska she is married with four sons, a daughter in law and soon to arrive- the first grandchild.

Over the past 20 years Chris has exhibited at numerous venues: American Quilters Society in Des Moines, Phoenix and the museum in Paducah, Road to California, Albuquerque Fiber Arts Festival, Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha, Quilting in the Tetons, and has been featured in numerous publications and won multiple awards.

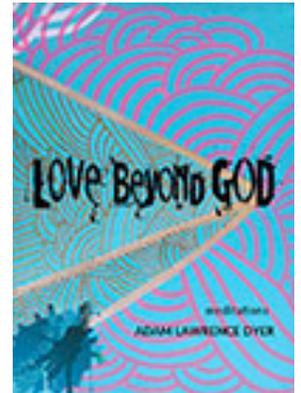
Chris Taylor is a self taught artist with a passion for expressing herself with textiles, fibers, and textures. Chris's work aims to draw people in to appreciate the beauty in detail of fiber art. She creates unique pieces by dyeing, felting, rubbing, stamping, stenciling, manipulating and enhancing with inks, stains and paints. Surface designs are then embellished with beads, glass and gems. Her pieces are one of a kind. The processes are unique, treating each stage as an individual creation coming together. Starting out as a traditional quilter (she still enjoys traditional quilting) she wanted to expand her horizons by taking workshops to learn new techniques and incorporating them into her work. Some pieces are contemporary while others are traditional with a twist. Some works are quilted and embellished while others are inspired by the fabric itself, simple elegance with dimensional features and qualities.



## UUA BOOKSTORE HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH: Love Beyond God, by Adam Lawrence Dyer

This timely collection of poems explores faith, race, love, identity, and more, and invites us to think deeply about our place and role in contemporary society.

\$8.00 - [uuabookstore.org](http://uuabookstore.org)



### "Love Beyond God"

*What if every time you woke  
Your sigh was felt  
By every being on Earth?*

*What if every time you spoke  
Your words were heard  
By every ear on Earth?*

*What if when you told a joke  
You tickled the senses  
Of every smile on Earth?*

*What if with each tender stroke  
You shared your touch  
With every hand on Earth?*

*What if when your heart broke  
You tasted the tears  
Running down every cheek on Earth?*

*No bond or brand or "guilted" yoke,  
Surely this is love that reaches beyond,  
That holds one to another  
And every other to one.  
No matter the color  
Or where we're from.  
This is now.  
This is we.  
This is Love.  
This is God.  
And this is love beyond God.*

## connect

The activities and discussion groups listed below happen on a regular basis and are open to new participants at any time. Please contact the group's organizer if you have any questions!

### Adult Game Night

*Still on hiatus*

If you would like to host future Adult Game nights, please contact the church office to discuss the options.

### Bridge Groups

#### Intermediate Group:

Every Tuesday • 2:00PM  
6300 A Street • Gallery

#### Advanced group:

Every Wednesday • 1:00PM  
6300 A Street • Gallery

Want to join us? Contact  
Coordinator Corine Simon  
[simondp@neb.rr.com](mailto:simondp@neb.rr.com)  
402.435.0225

### Coffeehouse

4th Friday • Mar 23 • 7:00PM  
6300 A Street • Gallery

Board games for adults and kids.  
Open to all individuals. Preceded  
by PFLAG/UU Potluck at  
6:00PM. Contact Deb Hope  
[debra.a.hope@gmail.com](mailto:debra.a.hope@gmail.com)

### Men's Potluck

2nd Monday • Mar 12 • 6:30PM  
6300 A St • Gallery

All men are invited to attend  
to enjoy good food and  
conversation. Table service will  
be provided. Contact Bruce  
Raymer 402.475.7875  
[bruce.raymer@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.raymer@gmail.com)

### Newcomer Chat

Sunday, Mar 4 • 11:15AM  
6300 A Street • Library

Meet with visitors and friends in  
the Library to watch and discuss  
a 10-minute film. Contact Shelly  
Fowler [seeshells@mac.com](mailto:seeshells@mac.com)

### PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

4th Tuesday • Mar 27 • 6:30PM  
6300 A Street • Gallery

The LGBTQA Welcoming  
Committee sponsors PFLAG  
which meets at our church.  
Confidentiality at each meeting  
is very important. Please join us  
or visit us at:  
[www.pflagcornhusker.org](http://www.pflagcornhusker.org)

### Tai Chi

Every Wednesday • 6:00PM  
6300 A Street • Gallery

All UU Members and Friends are  
invited. No experience  
necessary.

Contact Reed Maly  
402.570.3841

### UMDOC "Unitarian Men Discussing Over Coffee"

2nd Tuesday • Mar 13 • 10:00AM  
BRAEDA (33rd & Pioneer)

New participants are welcome  
any time. Discussion topics vary.  
No meetings in July and  
December. Visit us for more  
details or contact Duane Polzien  
[duaneep2000@yahoo.com](mailto:duaneep2000@yahoo.com)

### UU Meditation Sangha

2nd & 4th Wednesday • 7:00PM  
6300 A Street • Music Room

We gather at 7:00PM and begin  
a short meditation promptly at  
7:15PM. Then discussion time  
followed by a longer meditation  
period. Contact LauraLee  
Woodruff  
[holybear47@gmail.com](mailto:holybear47@gmail.com)

### UU Women Gathering

1st Saturday • Mar 3  
2:00-3:30PM • Gallery

Topic: Faithful  
Facilitator: Christine Starr Davis

For info or location: Contact  
Marilyn 402.730.9483  
[Revdiva1@hotmail.com](mailto:Revdiva1@hotmail.com)

### Women's Book Group

Every three weeks • 10:00AM  
6300 A Street • Gallery

For more information, contact  
Diane Richards  
[dianem2@gmail.com](mailto:dianem2@gmail.com)

Mar 10- *Like a Mule Bringing Ice  
Cream to the Sun* by Sarah  
Ladipo Manyika

Mar 31 - *Rocket Boys* by Homer  
Hickman

### Zen Meditation

Every Thursday • 7:00PM  
6300 A Street • Music Room

We are a small group of UUs  
who meditate at church each  
week in the Music Room.  
Contact Norm Simon  
402.435.0225  
[nsimon1@neb.rr.com](mailto:nsimon1@neb.rr.com)

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you

Thank you to the Office Dazzlers who helped to cover the office during the week of the Audit/Review in early February.

Thank you to everyone who showed up in the Gallery to sign postcards and letters with the Social Justice Committee about Title IX and DACA.

Thank you to all of the youth who participated in the Youth Service and shared their musical talents and inspiring stories of Perseverance.



## Sunday Service Volunteers

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
<b>Pulpit Decoration</b>	Karen Heafer	Geri Cotter	Penny Siefker	Barbara Ellis
<b>Greeters</b>	Jan Buffum, Pat Hurley, Megan McGuffey	Ramona Sacred Sky, Rebecca de la Motte	Kathy Stastny, Marj Willeke, Kathy Dientsbier	Lee Manns, Amy Birky, Morissa Raymond
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Leadership Development Task Force	Green Sanctuary Committee	TBD	Board of Trustees
<b>Trustees</b>	Mark Shiffler	Emily Cameron Shattil	TBD	Amy Birky
<b>Ushers</b>	Amy Birky, Marty Powers	Larry & Peg Pelter	Al & Barbara Pearson	Brooke Downing & Bruce Raymer
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	Larry & John	Harry Heafer, Linda Brown	Don Pinkley, Roger Geery	Don Pinkley, Larry Gregg

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### Friendly Faces

Friendly Faces is an informal visitation program that reaches out to older church members, especially those who experience more difficulty getting out for any variety of reasons. Contact Shirley Maly at 402.477.6787 or [smaly@nttne.com](mailto:smaly@nttne.com)) or Jackie Egan at 402.435.6111 or [egan@neb.rr.com](mailto:egan@neb.rr.com)) to see how you can get involved.

### Millstones, Milestones, and Stepping Stones

Barb Brant had a short stay in the hospital in February. She is home and recovering. She appreciates visits with a phone call in advance. If you would like to send a card: 6710 Benton St., 68507

Long-time member Laura Hurlbutt passed away in the fall of 2017. Her family and friends will hold a memorial at the Unitarian Church on Sunday, May 20.

### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

We are exploring whether there is interest in forming a Unitarian Church of Lincoln team to play in a Lincoln Recreational Softball league this summer. If you are interested, please contact Oscar at [minister@unitarianlincoln.org](mailto:minister@unitarianlincoln.org)

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