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Unitarian Church
of Lincoln

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#UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn

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Everyone has to start somewhere, and it takes a commitment to disrupt business as usual.

BlackLivesUU.com/uuwhitesupremacyteachin

On Sunday, May 7, we will join over 600 Unitarian Universalist churches who will shift our regularly scheduled Sunday morning worship to discuss the recent events at the national level. Gretchen will focus on UUA hiring practices and challenges within our denomination. We will participate in the teach-in on racism after the service in a workshop called "Examining White Privilege."

Over the past few weeks, many have been responding to calls by UUs of color to look critically *within* our faith communities--including hiring practices, power brokers, and cultural habits--for the ways racism, sexism, and white supremacy live. "White supremacy" is a provocative phrase, as it

conjures up images of hoods and mobs. Yet in 2017, actual "white supremacists" are not required in order to uphold white supremacist culture. Building a faith full of people who understand that key distinction is essential as we work toward a more just society in difficult political times.

For more information on what spurred this call to action, head to UUWorld.org and click this [article](#) "Critics decry white supremacy in hiring practices." It has become clear that, in order for us to be more effective at tackling the white supremacy beyond our walls, we must also identify ways in which systems of supremacy and inequality live within our faith and our lives.

We believe that hundreds of UU churches signaling to their own members and to the larger community that "our faith takes racism seriously, especially within our own walls" will push our faith toward the beloved community we all seek. Battling racism in its many forms is not easy. Everyone has to start somewhere, and it takes a commitment to disrupt business as usual.

General Assembly 2017 • June 21-25 • New Orleans, LA

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, and make policy for the Association through democratic process.

If you cannot attend in person, there are options for off-site participation to vote in plenary sessions and for elected positions such as President and Moderator. There are three women running for President this year! Will you represent us?

If you would consider being an off-site delegate, please speak to someone in the [church office](#) as soon as possible.

<http://www.uua.org/ga/off-site>



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WORSHIP

A Month of Sundays

10:00AM at 6300 A Street

Sunday, May 7 - "Race, Leadership and the UUA"

An exploration of the current controversy around hiring practices within our own denomination

Worship Leader: Gretchen Woods

Worship Associate: Jesse Metcalf

Music: Bob Fuson, Helen & Anna Little

Post Service: "Examining White Privilege" Workshop

Sunday, May 14 - "Prophetic Women"

Source 2: Who are the models and inspirations for Unitarian Universalism?

Worship Leader: Gretchen Woods

Worship Associate: KK Munson

Music: UCL Women's Choir

Share the Care: Building/Grounds

Sunday, May 21 - "Our Ethical and Spiritual Lives"

Source 3: What underpins our life choices and how can the UU Sources speak to those choices.

Worship Leader: Gretchen Woods

Worship Associate: LauraLee Woodruff

Music: UCL Adult & Youth Choirs

Share the Plate: Fresh Start

Sunday, May 28 - "What Minister?"

As you prepare for the arrival of your new fully settled minister, this is a good time to remind yourselves of what true ministry looks like.

Worship Leader: Gretchen Woods

Worship Associate: TBD

Music: TBD

WORSHIP ARTS NEWS

May blessings to all!

I am writing this two days after Easter, and the theme of this month is flexibility! Why? We don't know when our new ministerial candidate will be visiting us. I'd really love for this person to hear our youth choir AND our adult choir. So, there are some changes. Please read the weekly eblast for updates.

In the meantime, we will do our best!

Women's choir will perform on Mother's Day, May 14, with rehearsals on April 26, May 3, and May 10.

Adult choir will perform on:

May 21, with rehearsals May 3, 10, and 17; and June 4 for Flower Communion, with rehearsals May 24 and 31.

YOUTH will sing for the Flower Communion June 4 service, where we might meet our new candidate. This moves our original plans back two weeks, hopefully for the best. We will rehearse after Sunday services in May. We'll meet in the Sanctuary as available or in the music room, TBD. Rehearsals will be short and fun! Please join us!

In the meantime, we are so grateful for our talented musicians in the congregation, Nancy Marshall, Bob Fuson, Anna & Helen Little, and Irene Suarez among many many more. . .

Peace, and thanks for your continued flexibility, Julie



WORSHIP

MEMBERSHIP
ASSOCIATE NEWS

I'm always looking for the most elegant or succinct language to present my ideas. This comes from my years of lifting playwright's words off of the scripted page.



In February I attended a meeting of UUA Membership Professionals in Milwaukee. I was hoping to walk away with an elevator speech (a script) that describes my job. That wasn't to be. We talked about first impressions of a newcomer, our church's atmosphere, signage and information. We talked about engagement and the surge of people coming to our churches and how to embrace them. We talked about church history and how that affects the present. We discussed encountering a person who comes to our church for the first time looking for something—and how important it is to learn as quickly as possible what that is.

In the theatre, entrances are everything and we have lots of new people making an "entrance" into our church. Please join me on May 20 not just to be "trained" but also to discuss "hospitality" - how we meet those who are finding us and choosing to make an entrance into our church community.

Thank you,

Judy

Woods Working:

"To Limbo – or not to Limbo?"

By now you received the news that the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, NE did not meet its match for minister in the first round of selection by the Ministerial Search Committee and available UU ministers. Let me assert that this is not through any lack of effort by your Ministerial Search Committee. Four other churches your size – and eleven churches overall – also did not make a match in the first round. Your Search Committee is doing everything well and with great care.

Your Ministerial Search Committee has entered the second round of the search with the commitment that they not "settle" but find the minister best suited for this congregation. Please give them your continued support and appreciation for the hundreds of hours they already invested in that future. More details will follow as appropriate to share. Bless them all!

So this church is in limbo: unclear about what the future holds. The Search Committee may find their candidate in the next month or so. They may not. If they do, there will be a candidating week in late May or early June. If they do not, you will need to find a new interim minister for the next year as the search continues, as I promised that I would move closer to my children and grandchildren, and I do not make promises I cannot keep. You may well benefit from the perspectives of another interim, should this prove to be necessary.

Either way, you have two major issues to decide at the Annual Meeting on May 14: the Covenant of Right Relations and the Program-sized Church Model of Governance. You also elect your leaders for the next year. Please do "show up," vote, and help make major decisions for your next year of shared ministry.

You matter.

Make your vote count!

Gretchen Woods, AIM



Gretchen Woods

RELIGIOUS GROWTH & LEARNING

What's in a Name?

On April 23 my daughter, Mira, had her ceremony of naming and dedication here at the church. My son had his ceremony about a year and a half ago. This is an opportunity available to all parents of young children here at our church.

Logan and Mira were given their names the day we left the hospital. This was largely because of the pressure which I put on my husband, "We are NOT leaving this hospital until they have a name!" We are two of the most indecisive people you will ever meet. Additionally, we wanted to meet our children first, and see their personality a bit before making this most important decision.

Mira's name means, 'look' or 'watch'. She has lived up to this name before we even officially decided. The photos which we took of her in her first 24 hours show her gazing at us intently. She is quite the observer. We gave her two middle names (same with our son).

My great grandmother, Rose Orenstein, passed away when I was 18. I was fortunate to be old enough to know her and love her dearly. My mom had called to let me know she was not doing very well. I decided to write a letter to her, letting her know that one day, if I were to have a daughter, that she would be named after her. The letter arrived the very day that my great grandmother passed away. She never got to read the letter. However, it was left on the dining table. The very next day, although he was incredibly sad, my great grandpa opened this letter. The words made him so happy that he walked around the nursing home bragging to everyone about how I would name a future daughter after his wife. Mira's middle name had been set in stone since that day.

Her second middle name is for her great grandmother, my husband's grandma: Edna. He wanted a name reminiscent of hers. Mira's second middle name, Edra, means 'a strong-willed woman'. We figure this will be both a blessing and also a challenge throughout her life.

If you are interested in having your child dedicated in our church, please let me know.

Peace, Faith and Love,
Chelsea

Mother's Day Bake Sale

Sunday, May 14 • 11:30AM • Gallery

We need donated items. Please contact Chelsea Krafka if you are willing to donate to our bake sale: religiousgrowth@unitarianlincoln.org

Funds to benefit Youth In Action- we have never had a budget line for this incredible group. Minimum bid for ALL items will be \$10 - you can sure bump the minimum bid up!

What can you bring? Purchase from a bakery or make your own! Cookies in a beautiful basket will make a difference between being mundane and being gourmet! Fancy looking cupcakes! Specialty cake! Tasty apple cobbler with a bow around it! A variety of muffin platters! Drool-worthy cinnamon rolls! Fancy homemade chocolates! Gluten-free, vegan, dairy-free, soy-free - specialty items could sell for lots of money!

Presentation and quality matters! Dress it up, put it on a platter and say that it includes the platter! We will not be selling individual small items - please group items together. Please bring your list of ingredients to place alongside your item.

This is all for a wonderful cause. Celebrate Mother's Day by baking with children or bringing the purchased dish to a loved one.

MAY RGL CALENDAR

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

May 7	Regular Classes
May 14	Regular Classes
May 21	Regular Classes
May 28	Regular Classes

NEW MEMBERS

New Member: Ramona Sacred Sky

Intro and Goodbye - Ramona and Link Sacred Sky

I am writing to give all of you the bittersweet news that I'm moving out of state. I will be leaving in two weeks, on May 2 just after I meet with Gretchen. This is sudden from an outside perspective, but inside of me I've been cycling toward it all my life.



I am indeed moving. I'm going to Washington State to live. This is something my life has been drawing me toward all along. I haven't been ready and now I am. It is time to live now.

I will be renting a room from an older lady in her house. She lives in Rock Island, Washington, just outside of Wenatchee, which itself is 150 miles east of Seattle. She has five acres of land and several horses and donkeys, as well as two dogs and five cats. There is a Lowe's in Wenatchee, and she says it has a wonderful garden center, so I can look forward to continuing my career. There is also a Unitarian Universalist church there, whose minister, Rev. Laura Shennum, did her ministerial internship here at our church in Lincoln, Nebraska. I have already exchanged emails with the office assistant at the Wenatchee congregation, Cascade UU Fellowship.

Being a member of a church has benefits I didn't expect when I joined. I have a network of friends all over the world who I haven't met yet. In that same spirit, when I make my drive I will see if I can coordinate it so I stop in towns with UU churches. Someone may have space and be willing to host me for the night, and even if not, I can stop and meet them and make connections. Which is Link's work, after all: "We named the protagonist Link because he connects people together." That's what the game designer said in the introduction to my green book.

Yes, I am really moving. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. She lives in our souls and tells us to go ahead and go. I am taking Link to the wilderness, to mountains and water and trees, to the land that's been calling me home all my life. I am going to really touch with my hands and breathe with my lungs what I have only touched in the world of his games. I think my affinity for the Pacific Northwest is part of why Link's stories called to me in the first place. My soul was saying to me, "You live here."

It's sad to be leaving when I have just started to know all of you. At the same time, I hope we can keep some of these connections even after I leave Nebraska.

New Members: Angel Phillips & Ben Holms

Ben: The people of this church have been very kind and welcoming since day 1. It's such a joy to come here every Sunday and be surrounded by caring and passionate people. I may not believe the same as any of you, but I have never been concerned about being cast out or shunned for my belief in any of the time that I have been attending. My hope and purpose in being a member is to continue learning about the ideas of others and see how they apply them in their everyday lives. From what I've seen so far, I am more than proud to say that I am a member of the UUA.

Angel: In the past, I have had good experiences with the churches I attended. However, people seemed to focus on the wrong things. When I came to this church, everyone was focused on the right thing, which is helping and accepting others. The service oriented environment at this church is something I have been looking for. As a member I hope to continually learn about ideas and get to know



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Hospitality Training

Saturday - May 20 • 9:00AM until NOON

The online urban dictionary defines hospitality as treating guests or strangers in a friendly/generous way. If you search "hospitality" at the UUA website you'll get information that goes beyond the front door and welcome table. On May 20, we'll assess what hospitality looks like at 6300 A Street. This is our dedicated time to take a look at what we have in place and how we can make it better. Please bring your sense of adventure and your sense of humor with you. We'll have snacks, fun and prizes!

Everyone is welcome and everyone is needed. Please contact Judy Hart, Membership Associate with questions or suggestions.

membership@unitarianlincoln.org

Transition Team Notes

Thank you again to all of us who participated in the Covenant of Right Relations workshop and the Cottage Meetings to discuss the transition to a new governance model.

Members of the Transition Team are currently involved with the wording of the Covenant of Right Relations and the organization of the Program-sized Church Governance Model. Both will be voted on at our Annual General Meeting on May 14. The votes will be to accept the Covenant of Right Relations as presented and to accept the Program-sized Church Governance Model provisionally for one year. Following this year, by-laws can be altered to harmonize with the Program-sized Church Governance Model if the congregation chooses to accept it. Keep an eye on your email for the eblasts detailing these two documents, and mark your calendar to attend the Annual General Meeting after service on May 14.

Other important dates include the final Facilitating Difficult Conversations Workshop, which is scheduled for May 26. The Rev. Dr. Gretchen Woods Farewell Service and recital is tentatively scheduled for June 18. Because of the possibility of this being the candidating week for our new settled minister, alternative dates are July 1 for the recital and July 2 for the Farewell Service.

Important Dates:

May 14: Annual General Meeting

May 26: Final Facilitating Difficult Conversations Workshop

June 18: Farewell Service (10:00AM) and Recital by G. Woods (1:00PM).

If those dates are preempted by a candidating week, alternative dates are July 1 for recital and July 2 for final service.

Transition Team: BJ Wheeler, Jerry Petr, Evelyn Weymouth, Becky Seth, Keith McGuffey

Greetings from all the Worship Associates

Offered by Jesse C. Metcalf, Worship Associates Chair

We are preparing for an exciting summer. We have many ideas for summer services and we hope to share more in next month's newsletter.

Because of many commitments, I cannot attend every Sunday service. My solution is listening to podcasts and sermons from other UU churches. While this cannot replace the fellowship that I experience at the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, listening to sermons from other UU churches provides me with two gifts: perspective and wisdom. Listening to services of other churches gives me insight into how other UU churches conduct worship, as well as provides awareness of issues that these churches find important. Getting to hear multiple sermons each week provides a broader base of knowledge and wisdom from which to draw. Even if the sermon subject is the same, such as Martin Luther King, Jr., each sermon is unique and approached from a different angle.

I encourage you to listen to other UU services in podcast form on iTunes or Stitcher. Alternatively, many can be found in video format on YouTube or on the church's website. I think you will find that listening to a sermon from an outside UU church will be enlightening. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or feedback for the Worship Associates, please feel free to contact us.

jesse.metcalf@windstream.net

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From our Board President

Offered by Reed Maly

Please accept my thanks to all of you for the honor, and your support, during my term as President of our Board of Trustees. Reflecting, it occurs to me that as our faith is a continuing exploration, past presidents have had as interesting ride as I've enjoyed, with never a dull moment.

Starting in June with the adoption of an updated financial model to better manage our fiduciary responsibilities, continuing through the interim ministry tasks to prepare for a fresh settled ministry, and closing with a choice to enact both a covenant, and governance changes, I feel the ship of state is headed in a good direction, and truly the sky is the limit. The role I've attempted has been to mostly hold the reins while surrounded by such a collection of caring considerate souls. Of course that's what bass players often do, help keep the beat while everything sounds a flurry around them.

Auction Seeds a Success!

Thanks to everyone who baked, bought, donated and bid. With your involvement, the church auction was again a success. Final numbers won't be available until after payments are received but the Tasty Treat Table alone brought in \$751!

BANK DAYS - SATURDAY, MAY 6 AND SUNDAY, MAY 7

Auction Committee members contacted the high bidders and asked them to come to church between 9:00AM and 3:00PM on Saturday or between 9:00AM and NOON on Sunday with their checkbook or cash. They were asked to pay for any meal, event and/or service they purchased. During those hours they could also pay for and pick up items they purchased.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Karen Heafer, kheafer@neb.rr.com or Barbara Pearson, barbarapearson@neb.rr.com

ART GALLERY - MAY 2017 - THE PELTERS

WORKING IN WHITE-PEG PELTER

Peg has been painting on porcelain for more than forty years and taught china painting for more than 20 years for Lincoln Parks and Recreation. She has been published several times in porcelain art magazines and is the creator of numerous patterns and designs for china painting.

For this exhibition, Peg is showing traditional china painting on large tiles set on shelves, a more contemporary solution than the usual plates. In other pieces, she is interested in the deception of a three-dimensional illusion on a two-dimensional surface. In mixing both flat solid patches of pure color with representational flowers on single plate forces the viewer to see the deception of art.

HAIKU EXPRESSIONS-LARRY PELTER

Larry has been involved in the arts throughout his life having studied music, painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking and ceramic art with a variety of teachers. He grew up on the banks of the Shell Creek in north central Nebraska. He has experienced life as a shepherd, cowboy, gandy dancer, truck driver, anti-submarine warfare specialist, electrical engineer, barista, and zen practitioner.

Larry strives for a quiet dignity in his work. He works mostly in clay, often beginning with a vessel form as a basis and letting the work flow from there in a spontaneous unfolding into its final form. He tends to emphasize the sculptural rather than the functional in his ceramic work.

Regarding this show, he says: "I relish the spontaneous revelation of the nature of being so simply put forth in Japanese Haiku poetry. My work in this exhibition is an attempt to visually express my responses to some of my favorite Haiku poems. There is an emphasis on timelessness, imperfection, and natural order in this work."

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 13 • 7:00 - 9:00PM

Please join Peg and Larry on Saturday, May 13 for an open house. They will have additional artwork for sale on that evening. Come by and join them for a glass of wine and light snacks.

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GREEN CORNER

Offered by Marj Willeke

Every year, April is the month when we celebrate our beautiful earth. And we focus on strategies for combating threats to our amazing planet. The Green Sanctuary Committee was busy during April. We had a table at Weatherfest (April 1), showcasing Energy Use improvements, due to the green renovation of our building. "The Bottom Line: Renewable Energy is Here and Now!"

On April 13, Wachiska Audubon (one of our partners) heard Matt Anderson explain how Audubon talks about climate change through the lens of birds. We participated in Earth Day events. On April 23, Green Sanctuary presented the Earth Day Service. On April 29, we participated in the People's Climate March.

So what can you do to keep the momentum going? A few suggestions from the Earth Day Service are listed below.

SHOWING UP FOR CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE

- * Support Lincoln Electric Systems' renewable energy programs, e.g., by purchasing "virtual" solar panels (\$685 apiece) and receive credit on monthly bills. We are encouraging you to purchase virtual solar panels through the Unitarian Church. You may purchase a whole one yourself (four people have so far) or you can split one among two or more people. More information is in the box in the upper right-hand corner of this page.
- * Engage in bills related to climate change in the current legislative session: testify, phone, or write letters. Contact Wendy Hines ghines@math.unl.edu
- * Help support the mission of *Nebraska League of Conservation Voters* to ensure the sustainable use of Nebraska's natural resources through electoral work and issue advocacy. Contact Chelsea at NLCV chelsea.johnson@nlcv.org
- * Join our *Green Sanctuary Committee* and help shape its future. Contact Marj Willeke marj.willeke@gmail.com
- * Join the local chapter of *Citizens' Climate Lobby* (contact Becky Seth).
- * Visit the *Earth Day Network* for specific actions you can take for a more sustainable future. earthday.org/take-action/
- * Join the *Waterkeepers Alliance* waterkeepers.org
- * Support national and international groups on the front lines of the fight against climate change: *350.org*, *Sierra Club*, *Greenpeace*, *Idle No More*, and *Ocean Conservancy*.

VIRTUAL SOLAR PANELS

If you want to purchase a portion of a virtual solar panel, here is what we are encouraging you to do: Find some UU Friends with whom you want to split a share. You collect the money and then turn in the total amount of \$685 to the office. If you split it in parts, here are some ideas for portions:

- Ten parts: \$68.50 each
- Five parts: \$137 each
- Two parts: \$342.50 each

"Virtual Net Metering gives you the power to benefit from the sun's energy without having to install solar panels on your home or business. Through our Virtual Net Metering program, energy-conscious LES customers can invest in "virtual" solar panels representing a portion of the LES community solar facility's output."

Each virtual panel results in a credit on the church electric bill each month. Your contribution to the church for the virtual solar panel will be tax deductible and appear on your statement.

<https://www.les.com/savings-energy/solar-customer-owned-gen>

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Capital Campaign Update

by Mary Sommermeyer, Assistant Treasurer for Member Loans and Capital Funds

At the end of 2016, there was a combined total in the Capital Campaign Fund and the Mortgage Fund of \$64,029.21. Those funds show up on the Balance Sheet in C04080 Member Loan Designated Funds. The Management Team added \$180.00 in memorial funds to cover time capsule relocation expenses that were paid from capital campaign funds at the end of 2016.

In January we paid principal and interest of \$20,034.25 on a member loan. A \$50,000 loan due in February was rolled over for a year because we did not have sufficient funds to repay it.

In March we paid \$1,300 for the final capital campaign expense (the kitchen exhaust fan) and \$5,022.95 in principal and interest on another member loan.

These expenditures left \$37,852.01 to be used to pay interest on the remaining member loans. Because that is more than should be needed, the Cole Match Task Force (the Match Makers) and the Treasurer determined that \$20,000 of this balance could be used to match money from Judy Cole's generous bequest to the church. Those Cole funds and matching payments will be used to pay principal on the loans.

If you have any questions, contact me at 402-489-8213 or sommerlaw@neb.rr.com.

Share the Plate

FRESH START

Fresh Start is a transitional shelter that empowers homeless women to change their lives by recognizing and utilizing their strengths to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency! Fresh Start, Inc. is a non-profit agency located at 6433 Havelock Ave. in Lincoln. Fresh Start is more than a shelter, it's a goals program designed to support women who are working diligently to improve their lives. Residents identify and actively work on their goals while living in our home. All of their basic needs are provided, along with support from our team, who helps them on their path to self-sufficiency.



Women may live at Fresh Start for up to one year. In addition to support from the case managers and referrals to needed services, Fresh Start provides: safe housing, food, clothing, laundry facilities, telephone and computers. Follow up support is available for those who complete their shelter program, and they can receive this for an additional two years through Fresh Start's community support services. The home has a capacity of 24 women at a time. There are 12 bedrooms, with 2 residents per room. Residents may have guests visit them. Friends and family can come to visit and even stay for supper.

COLE MATCH PLEDGE DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

Due to Judy Cole's generous bequest, \$185,000 is available to match dollar-for-dollar money pledged by church members and friends. The combined funds will be used to pay off the remaining \$370,000 loaned by members to renovate and expand the church building.

The pledge drive for matching money was given a boost when the Cole Match Task Force (the Match Makers) and the Treasurer determined that \$20,000 of the funds left from the capital campaign could be used for matching money. (See Capital Campaign Update article above for more details.)

Another boost has come from members and friends who didn't submit pledges but contributed over \$10,000. And as of April 18, members and friends have pledged a sufficient additional amount over a three-year period to reach the goal. Pledges range from \$20 to \$15,000.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the pledge drive a success. We are on our way to being debt-free within three years. If you have any questions, contact one of the Match Makers: Linda Brown, Hess Dyas, Bruce Raymer & Mary Sommermeyer.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

The fellowship 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

2nd Saturday • May 13 • 7:00PM
6300 A Street • Gallery

Come join us for board/card games at 7:00PM. All welcome. Contact Leona Braziel 402-489-0916 windflower@aol.com

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 402-435-0225

Coffeehouse

4th Friday • May 26 • 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

Men's Potluck

2nd Monday • May 8 • 6:30PM
6300 A Street • Gathering Place

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

Newcomers First Sunday Chat

Sunday, May 7 • 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

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

4th Tuesday • May 23 • 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

Tai Chi

Every Wednesday • 6300 A Street
Gallery • 5:30PM Beginners,
6:30PM Intermediate

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

Contact Reed Maly 402.570.3841

UMDOC (previously known as Men's Discussion Group)

2nd Tuesday • May 9 • 10:00AM
BRAEDA (33rd & Pioneer)

New participants are welcome any time. Discussion topics vary. All men are welcome - just show up! Visit us for more details or contact Duane Polzien 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 is followed by a longer meditation period. Contact LauraLee Woodruff holybear47@gmail.com

UU Women's Gathering

1st Saturday • May 6 • 2:00PM
RSVP for location

Topic: Self Care, Facilitator: Carol Kendrick. For info: Contact Georgia Feiste 402-304-2908 gfeiste@gmail.com

Women's Book Group

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

For more information, contact Diane Richards dianemn2@gmail.com

May 13 Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld

Jun 3 *Hero of the Empire: the Boer War, a Daring Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard

We will discuss new titles for discussion on June 3.

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

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THANK YOU...

A huge thank you to Ashleigh Fuson, Harry Heafer, Bob Fuson, Karen Judkins and Bruce Raymer. We successfully completed three sessions of our Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education courses this year! What an incredible contribution to the young people of our church.

SAVE THE DATE!**WACHISKA AUDUBON**

Thursday, May 11 • 7:00PM • UCL

The program will be Australia's Birds given by Tom Lynch, UNL English professor and former Wachiska Board member. All are invited to attend.



SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Pulpit Decoration	Linda Ager	Barbara Ellis	Debbi Barnes-Josiah	Cindy Maly
Greeters	Sharad & Becky Seth	Denise DeBose, Gary Colvin	LaVonne & Gene Hanlon	Stacey Skold, Barb Frank
Coffee Hosts	Board of Trustees	Building/Grounds	TBD	Pelters and Painters
Trustees	TBD	Reed Maly	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Gary Colvin, Pamela Forster	Marj Willeke, Janine Copple	Les & Lee Manns	Becky & Sharad Seth
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OUR COMMUNITY



Milestones, Millstones, Stepping Stones

Congratulations to our UU graduating seniors: Julia Haack, Meredith Enersen, Tiana Dorsey, and Chloe Nore.

Nathan Woodruff recently lost his aunt. This leaves Nathan the essential "head" of his family of cousins. Please consider sending him a card. His address is 3010 S. 33rd, 68506.

Condolences to Karen Heafer on the loss of her mother. Please reach out to her in sympathy. Her address is 2200 Pester Ridge Road, 68523.

Pat Stephen has recently had hip surgery. She will be back home soon. If you'd like to send her a card, her address is 7005 Shamrock Road, #109, 68506.

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