Transgender Day of Resilience & Remembrance

Monday, November 20 • 6:00PM • Auditorium

Transgender Day of Resilience & Remembrance (TDORR) is an international observance honoring the numerous transgender and gender non-conforming people who are murdered around the world each year, many of whom are transwomen of color. There are 23 individuals on the list in the U.S. so far this year. The ceremony often includes naming those who have died because news coverage is usually very limited or misnames the victims.

This year, our TDORR observance starts with the Sunday Service. The LGBTQA Welcoming Committee is hosting the service on Sunday, November 19 with the theme “You Are Loved” with participants and speakers representing the Lincoln transgender communities. We are publicizing the service widely and expect to have numerous guests that day. To put our theme into action, the LGBTQA Welcoming Committee is hosting an all-church potluck immediately after the service. The committee will provide vegetarian and meat main dishes so we ask that church friends and members bring salads, sides, and desserts. We look forward to showing up together to demonstrate our support and commitment to the community.

We are partnering with Common Root & TransLNK to host the TDORR observance at the church. Please come for this moving ceremony, with brief remarks from several faith traditions. For more information on all of these events, contact Nathan Woodruff at uunathan68506@gmail.com.

Save the Date: SoUUper Supper

Friday, December 1 • 6:00PM • Gallery/Fireplace Room

We celebrate our connections with each other in our church community in the winter. Come usher in the holidays with the coziness of the SoUUper Supper. Please bring a soup to share (labeled with ingredients for people with dietary restrictions) and enjoy stories, songs and crafts at this low-key evening. If you cannot bring a soup, please bring one of the following items:

IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH LETTER:

- A-H: Crackers, bread or chips
- I-P: Veggies or fruit
- Q-Z: Sweet treats for dessert
WORSHIP

A Month of Sundays
10:00AM at 6300 A Street

Sunday, November 5 - "Life in Bulk"
Abundance is usually thought of in positive terms: to have abundance is to have more than enough. But how do we respond when we are faced with an abundance of challenge, when we are told ‘life doesn’t give you more than you can handle?’
Worship Leader: Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: Jamie Radcliffe
Music: Elizabeth Grunin, cello and Julie Cross, piano
Share the Plate: CenterPointe

Sunday, November 12 - “Abundance as Response to Scarcity Thinking”
Parker Palmer writes: “The quality of our active lives depends heavily on whether we assume a world of scarcity or a world of abundance.” When every day can feel like a struggle to have ‘enough,’ what does it mean to assume a world of abundance?
Worship Leader: Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: K.K. Munson
Music: A Street Band/Frailin’ Hearts
Share the Care: Pastoral Care Associates

Sunday, November 19 - “You are Loved: A Parent’s Journey”
The service is hosted by the LGBTQA Welcoming Committee in recognition of the international Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) to honor the numerous transgender and gender non-conforming people murdered around the world each year. The service will ask us to consider what it means to welcome wholeheartedly, and the power of love + justice as an antidote to hate. “With so many seeking to erase transgender people...it is vitally important that those we lose are remembered, and that we continue to fight for justice." - Gwendolyn Ann Smith, TDOR founder.
*Please plan to stay after the service for an all-church potluck. Vegetarian and meat entrees will be provided; please bring salads, sides or desserts.
Worship Leader: LGBTQA Welcoming Committee
Worship Associate: Sändra Washington
Music: UCL Adult Choir

Sunday, November 26 - “Family Thanksgiving”
Join us as we celebrate the holiday together, giving thanks for all that we have, and gathering together with joy as a community for story, song, and sharing.
Worship Leader: Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: Christine Starr Davis
Music: Chris Sayre, Folk Musician
ABUNDANCE

During our pledge celebration event last week, the pledge team asked everyone present to write down what they hoped to see in the coming years at this church. The answers, written on paper birds, are displayed in the gallery now. We have high hopes for this place, some broad (promoting civil discourse), some specific (community OWL classes), and some very practical.

One of the reasons that we pledge to this church is out of a sense of abundance, both in our own lives and out of a recognition of the abundance of opportunities this place presents for us. Each day I pull in to the parking lot there are OLLI classes and a Montessori school, we have open circle groups meeting regularly, new projects starting, and a dedicated group of staff and lay leaders excited about all the possibilities. There’s a lot that is happening now, and so many possibilities for what is yet to come.

I did not write anything down at the pledge event. I wanted to see what the range of answers to the prompt would be. But as I’ve thought about it the last few days, here is my hope for this church: That our sense of this place is that it is a place of abundance, where we grow and are fed (literally and figuratively) for the work that we do in the world. And I hope that we share out of that abundance, proclaiming what it is we have found here, and why it is important in our lives.

Unitarian Universalism is a faith that saves lives. The more we share that message, the more people that we invite in to share it, the more our community and sense of abundance can grow. Each time I hear laughter down the hall on a Monday afternoon, I am struck by all that this church has to offer. What is it that gives you joy here?

- Oscar

WORSHIP ARTS NEWS

Hello, dear congregation!

November is upon us and the holidays are coming soon. Music in November includes cellist Elizabeth Grunin on Nov. 5, the A Street Band on Nov. 12, our UCL Adult Choir on Nov. 19, and folk musician Chris Sayre for the Family Thanksgiving service on Nov. 26.

December will be music-heavy, with an All-Music Sunday on Dec. 10, Stranger Share Our Fire on Dec. 17, and a service on Christmas Eve early evening. We will have youth singers, adult singers, instruments, and a newly-formed Handchime Ensemble! I can't wait to share music with you all in December!

Youth singers who wish to sing for the Stranger Share Our Fire service will meet for brief rehearsals beginning November 19 after service.

On Feb. 11, we will have a Youth-led Drama and Music service. Stay tuned for more information, and talk to me or Judy Hart if you're interested in participating or helping.

Thank you for your dedication, as an audience member or musician!

"Music...will help dissolve your perplexities and purify your character and sensibilities, and in time of care and sorrow, will keep a fountain of joy alive in you." --Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Cheers,
Julie Cross
Worship Arts Director
Our Ingathering on October 15 upheld our longstanding tradition of introducing children to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. UNICEF stands for the United Nations International Children's Education Fund. Each Halloween, UNICEF encourages children to bring their collection box with them as they go door to door to ask for donations. UNICEF uses money to provide resources to children around the world such as food, water, medicine, clothing, etc. A small amount of money can go a long way. For example, just one dollar can purchase pencils for a class of 30 students. Eight dollars provides a kit which can bring clean water to a whole family.

During the Ingathering, we read a book which was produced by UNICEF called, “For Every Child a Better World”. We then discussed the difference between what is considered a 'need' vs. a 'want'. We also talked about how we can GIVE during holidays when we are receiving as well. We then decorated pumpkins and put them for sale out in the Gallery for an 'at-will' donation (any amount you choose). At last count, we have thus far raised more than $125. We will have even more money to donate when children bring back their trick-or-treat boxes filled with coins after Halloween. What a fun and meaningful tradition! Thank you to everyone who brought pumpkins to donate and who purchased one as well. This is a really fun activity which teaches an important lesson.

Wishing you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Peace, Faith, and Love,

Chelsea

Announcement: UNICEF BOXES

Please bring back your “trick-or-treat for UNICEF” boxes to either Chelsea or Jean’s office by Sunday Nov. 26 so that we can send in the donation money.

WORSHIP ASSOCIATES

May We Have This Dance With You?
Submitted by Christine Starr Davis

Because we support equity in worship, and value the lives and perspectives of all in our church community, we looked around at our planning meeting and noticed we could be more diverse! So, we hope you will consider participating in worship especially if you don't see yourself, your theology (or its absence) represented in shared worship at UCL.

- Maybe you are younger than our average age, or can imagine providing a welcoming presence in the pulpit to under-represented visitors.
- Maybe a small reading or chalice lighting or presenting the story for all ages sounds fun.
- Maybe you want to help plan worship "off stage".

No matter what your interests, we welcome you to explore them in partnership with other worship associates and with our minister. We have more support than ever for planning worship including materials from Soul Matters and loads of searchable readings on the UUA website.

Possible dance partners include: Co-chairs, Christine Starr Davis and LauraLee Woodruff and Worship Associates: Barb Brant, Michelle Dobszewicz, Jesse Metcalf, K.K. Munson, Jamie Radcliffe, Ramona (& Link) Sacred Sky, Becky Seth, and Sändra Washington.

If you are curious to see what we do at our meetings, the next one is coming right up November 6, at 7:00PM in the Gathering Place in our RGL wing, where we will take our first steps to explore the UCL Covenant of Right Relations. Please let LauraLee (holybear47@gmail.com) and Christine (chopestarr@icloud.com) know if you hope to attend.
New Member Spotlight - Ramona and Link Sacred Sky

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOU AND LINK?

I love being outdoors and connecting with the natural world. In my free time I write and play video games. I was 14 when I first came across Link and his quest which was presented in such a creative and aesthetically beautiful game. He has been part of my life ever since. He embodies parts of me. He helps me with healing when I need healing and he is much more than that. He’s my companion. He is a part of myself that I can embrace and celebrate.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LINCOLN?

I became a Lincoln UU member in February 2017. I moved to Washington State a few months later, but realized the Lincoln UU congregation was the place I wanted to be. People really care about each other here. The Lincoln UU’s respond with dignity when they are challenged and show up when it’s time to take a stand. Lincoln UU’s are engaged in the business of life.

To That We Say:

Welcome back, Ramona!

Coffee Volunteer Coordinator Needed

At the end of December, Kathy Disney is stepping down after almost two years of serving as our coffee volunteer coordinator. It is a great way to get to know our congregation better as well as the ins and outs of our after-church coffee/tea service, which can be quite literally the lifeblood of our congregation (at least on Sunday mornings). If you are interested or even vaguely curious, please contact Kathy at kedishney@hotmail.com or by phone at 402.560.0358.

UUA BOOKSTORE HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

365 Ways to Live Generously: Simple Habits for a Life That’s Good for You and for Others.

Author: Sharon Lipinski


The only thing standing between you and the life you want are your habits. Learn why the habits are important, discover tips based on the latest research about making positive change, and explore simple exercises for building new routines. Improve yourself and make a difference in the world with journaling prompts and generous acts.

Using this inspiring book, you'll develop the habits needed to create a life that's good for you and others.
Nominations Committee Update
Submitted by Joan Anderson

Kathy Disney • Church Member since 1998 • Position: Nominations Committee
I am very involved, including Worship Associates, 6300 Club coordinator, RGL assistant, Board of Trustees, Management Team (2x), Nominations Committee, Big Idea Task Force; Coffee Coordinator and Membership Umbrella committee member.

Goals for the future of the church: I would like to see the nominations process be more transparent and visible in general and I would like to see (and work toward) the Nominations Committee becoming part of a greater movement within the church toward leadership development and member engagement.

Some personal information about myself: I am lucky to be married to the amazing yet humble Curt Donaldson. I am a Patient Advocate at CHI Health St Elizabeth.

Kate McDougall • Church Member since: 2016 • Position: Nominations Committee
I am on the Membership Committee and active in the Membership Umbrella’s efforts to enrich and expand leadership development at our church. I currently teach Sunday School for the 4th and 5th grade class and have served as a substitute teacher for RGL. At my previous church I served as President of the Board and lead our fellowship’s search committee for our first minister. I started the Caring Committee and taught Sunday School.

Goals for the future of the church: I would work hard to find members who are a good fit for leadership positions. I believe in engaging new members and re-engaging long-time members who may be looking to make a change in the way they serve our congregation. It takes many hands to do the work of our church. I am confident we have the skills and talents for leadership roles to help us grow and thrive as a congregation.

Some personal information about myself: I’ve been married to fellow UCL member Trevor Jones for 21 years. We have two daughters who go to college out of state but pop back to visit us in Lincoln from time to time. I am a mental health therapist with Orr Psychotherapy Resources, where I enjoy working with clients from ages 10-95.

Karen Dienstbier • Church member since 1969 • Position: Nominations Committee
I have chaired the Religious Ed. Committee and served on the Board of Trustees including President. I recruited artists, did the publicity, and hung the art work in the Gallery Room for 18 years. On the Planning Committee, I recruited Les Bruning, the artist who created the sculpture for the patio. I was involved with the restoration of the stain glass window from the 12th and H St Church, our original church home. I participated in the Social Action Committee and am currently on the Social Justice Committee. I am a past and current member of the Membership Committee and Personnel Committee. As the Membership Associate, I created the programing and coordinated activities for newcomers and new members and training the Sunday morning Hospitality Teams. I provide food for the Fresh Start Home for Women.

The above submissions were edited for space considerations. To read the full submitted nomination forms for these nominees, check out the bulletin board near the pamphlet table in the front hallway.
**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wachiska Audubon Society**

**General Meeting with Program:**
**Things That Go Bump in the Night** by Dr. Robert M. Zink, UNL

**Thursday, November 9 • 7:00PM**

Dr. Zink will discuss how night city lights affect the migration patterns of birds who fly at night using the stars to navigate.

**Field Trips: Beyond the Back Yard,**
**Esa Jarvi, Leader**

A weekend of tallgrass prairie exploration at the edge of Lincoln will offer two opportunities to see what birds might be calling the prairie home as the season transitions. As in the previous two November outings, we will be birding close to home, and you will not need a park sticker. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will also have a few pairs of binoculars to lend. If you have questions call Esa at 402.440.6357. Both events are free and open to the public.

**Saturday, November 11 • 9:00AM**

Meet at the parking lot of Pioneer's Park Nature Center located southwest of West Van Dorn and South Coddington streets. We'll look for sparrows on our walk as well as blackbirds and waterfowl that could be present. Our route will follow maintained trails but if there's rain prior, some areas could be damp.

**Sunday, November 12 • 10:00AM**

Meet at the gravel parking lot for Nine-Mile Prairie at the west end of West Fletcher Avenue which runs west from NW 48th Street. This outing will give us another chance to search for grassland residents and sparrows along the woodland edges. The prairie has trails and we will try to avoid wet spots. There are no facilities on the prairie; however, a gas station is nearby off NW 48th Street.

**GREEN CORNER**

Submitted by Becky Seth

**Elders for the Earth**

From October 1 - 4, about 75 “elders” attended an educational and community building retreat at Mahoney Park. Members of our Green Sanctuary Committee John Atkeison, Linda Brown, Becky Seth and Marj Willeke attended parts of this event.

The retreat included talks and workshops that addressed the five action strategies that the Elders for the Earth have adopted to build a sustainable and livable future: lifestyle, education, public policy, economic decisions and advocacy.

We ate very well with mostly local food provided by volunteers and an extraordinary ministry in Omaha, Table Grace, where a gifted chef prepares food, 90% donated, to serve all who come, asking only a donation or volunteer time.

One workshop outlined a process for hosting community dialogues on issues that divide us. The Elders are primarily focused on actions to develop, fund and implement a climate change action plan for Nebraska and may be a group with whom our congregation can partner. If you are interested in knowing more, or becoming involved with their weekly actions, visit elders4theearth.com and elders4theearth.com/elders-legacy-project.
GIVING THANKSGIVING 2017

Sunday, November 19 • 12:15 - 2:15PM

Building on the very positive experience that an enthusiastic crew of UUs had before the last Thanksgiving, our Social Justice Committee has signed up for two groups of twenty each as Giving Thanksgiving 2017 volunteers for distribution of food to low-income families at the Center for People in Need.

We will carpool, as necessary, after the church service. This is a great opportunity for UUs to show up and assist in a highly visible and helpful community event. Sign up at a Social Justice Committee table on Sundays starting October 29, or simply send an email message to Sharad Seth sharadcseth@gmail.com.

If this schedule does not work for you, visit the volunteer sign-up web page of the Center for People in Need at: www.thecenterforpeopleinneed.org/volunteer-sign-up.

Share the Plate - CenterPointe

Grounded by the solid belief that every person has the ability to recover, CenterPointe makes pivotal treatment, rehabilitation and housing available for people suffering from mental and substance use disorders. Meeting people where they are and supporting them to gain control of their lives is what CenterPointe aims to do.

By treating the whole person, mental health, addiction and physical health can be addressed together in real time. This holistic approach, combined with open arms and open minds distinctly sets CenterPointe apart. With support from the community, CenterPointe constantly pushes boundaries in helping people be well and never gives up on the value of life.

From Street Outreach to Permanent Supportive Housing; from walk-in Crisis Counseling to long-term Residential Treatment - CenterPointe provides solutions for people overcoming homelessness, mental illness and addiction to be empowered and turn their lives around. For more information on programs: www.CenterPointe.org

Open Circle Sign-ups in November

Open Circles are monthly small group gatherings of less than 10 people that encourage individual growth and interpersonal connection. They are designed to foster friendships among members through deep sharing of personal reflections on religious, ethical, and spiritual themes. Open to members and committed friends of the congregation.

Now is the time to sign up to join a new circle, or to let us know that you will be continuing in an existing circle. One of our Open Circle Leaders will be at a table in the Gallery after Service on Sunday, November 5 and 12 to answer any questions that you may have. There will be forms to fill out that list all of the days and times that are available.

UU Gallery:
Artist Carol Ronin Thompson

Carol Ronin Thompson will be the featured artist in the Unitarian Gallery during November. Carol paints pictures that reference elements from nature, or other objects that interest her. She sets up those items in her studio and works directly from them. She is fascinated by the translation from eye, or brain, to hand resulting in an image on canvas. The deep concentration that happens in the process of creating a painting is both satisfying and addictive. The country setting where she lives and works provides a serene atmosphere and an endless supply of subject matter.

Still Life with White Rosebuds
Let us give thanks...
A service of gratitude for all faiths

Community Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 19, 2017, 3:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
840 S. 17th St., Lincoln

All faiths are welcome and encouraged to attend.
An interfaith choir will also participate. They will meet at 2:00 p.m. to rehearse a few easy pieces that they will sing in the service. If interested please contact Brian Pfohlner at 402-477-6037 or email at musicdir@fpclincoln.org

Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church
Pastor Sue Coller
402-477-6037
**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**

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

Want to join us? Contact Coordinator Corine Simon simondp@neb.rr.com
402.435.0225

**Advanced group**

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

**Coffeehouse**

4th Friday • Nov 24 • 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 • Nov 13 • 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

**Newcomers First Sunday Chat**

Sunday, Nov 5 • 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 • November 28
6:30PM • 6300 A Street • Gallery

The LGBTAA 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 • 6:00PM
6300 A Street • Gallery

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

Contact Reed Maly 402.570.3841

**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

**UU Women Gathering**

1st Saturday • Nov 4
2:00-3:30PM • Location TBD

Topic: Soul Work

Facilitator: Jean Helms

For info or location: Contact Marilyn 402.730.9483 Revdiva1@hotmail.com

**Women’s Book Group**

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

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

Nov 18 Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

Dec 9 The One World Schoolhouse by Salman Kahn

**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.
ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Penny Urwiler who has agreed to capture the words from the hopes and dreams WINGS Activity from the Pledge Celebration Event on Friday, October 20. We will publish the list of responses on the birds either in the December newsletter or in a weekly eblast.

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MILESTONES, MILLSTONES, STEPPING STONES

DiAnna Schimek broke her hip. She is at home and would welcome cards and/or food at 6437 Lone Tree Drive, Lincoln, NE 68512. 402.423.0262

Connie Benjamin’s mother passed away recently. Please keep her in mind in this difficult time.

Linda Hellerich is at Lancaster Rehabilitation Center at 1001 South Street (02), Room 306. Cards can be sent to her there. She loves visitors!

Please keep Roger Day in your thoughts after the death of his mother.

Arden Hill is on the road to recovery. He appreciates all the support over the last couple of months from our community.

Denise Dickeson is battling Meniere’s Disease which makes her unable to drive. She appreciates visitors and rides. Call 402.613.5308.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30PM. ANY MEMBER OR FRIEND OF THE CHURCH IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.

NEWSLETTER EDITORS: Dorothy Ramsey and Jean Helms