Third Thursday Worship has taken off!

We have two Third Thursdays under our belt and two more before the end of the year. Will you join us in November or December for a 7:00PM Service?

November 15

Music can be a powerful tool of memory. Songs that we heard at intense moments of our life can become intimately tied up in how we remember those moments. Oscar, Bob and the A Street Band will explore some songs that have meant a lot in our lives, and consider what it means to remember through music.

December 20

Celebrating the longest night of the year and the return of the sun, the Order of the Red Grail will tell the story of the Oak King and the Holly King. Participants will join in a spiral dance.

September 20

Blending music and spoken word, this service explored our connections and dis-connections with each other. Service presented by Oscar, Bob and the A Street Band.

October 18

A quiet and contemplative evening of sharing these moments in a service which was quite out of the ordinary. Our evening was graced with the gift of lovely singing bowls, gongs, and chimes provided by Deva Kula. Service presented by Chelsea Krafka, Christine Hope Davis, and Megan McGuffey.

Save the Date: Winter Congregational Meeting • Sunday, December 9 • 11:30AM

Members will vote on the Proposed 2019 Annual Budget and Nominations Committee. Absentee voting will be allowed. An all church email with all of the details will be sent in mid-November. Please plan to attend one of the Town Halls: Sunday, November 18 • 11:30AM or Sunday, December 2 • 11:30AM

When we adopted the new By-Laws in the spring, there were several places that referred to Board policies that were yet to be written. We are working on a policy governing meetings. It was pointed out that Roberts Rules of Order is a somewhat patriarchal model. We are looking at a modified consensus model. We, on the Board, want to work with this for a year before actually adopting it, just as we worked with the new governance structure for a year. The Board is going to try it at the November Board meeting. We will talk about it at the Town Halls and hopefully, will be able to try it out at the Winter Meeting. Please come with open minds. Let’s give this the time it needs to make it fit our needs. Linda R. Brown - Board President
November Services
Unitarian Church of Lincoln

10AM Sunday, November 4 - “Whose Legacy Are We?”
Join us as we welcome new members into our church this Sunday. “What they dreamed be ours to do” goes one of our hymns. What do we make of the legacies of Unitarians and Universalists for whom we are more nightmare than dream? What are the dreams we will leave for future generations?

Worship Leader: Rev. Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: Christine Hope Davis
Music: Huntington Trio

10AM Sunday, November 11 - “Re-Membering America”
What does the idea of America mean in 2018? After the elections, what is Unitarian Universalism called to say?

Worship Leader: Rev. Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: LauraLee Woodruff
Share the Care: Pastoral Care Associates
Music: Hiroya

7PM November 15 - Third Thursday Worship
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Worship Leaders: Rev. Oscar Sinclair, Dr. Bob Fuson
Music: A Street Band

10AM Sunday, November 18 - “All Ages Thanksgiving”
Join us for an all ages service as we gather to give thanks and reflect with thanks on places of grace in our lives.

Worship Leader: Rev. Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: Sândra Washington
Music: UCL Choir

10AM Sunday, November 25 - TBD
**EXCITING MUSIC NEWS!**

**Greetings from the music side of worship!**

It’s been quite a year of musicianship here at UCL, and it shows no signs of slowing down. We have fantastic performances coming up, including the UCL Choir, the Huntington Trio, and finger-picking guitarist extraordinaire Hiroya all lined up to enhance our Sunday morning services. In addition, the Third Thursday services have been chock full of great music and there’s only been two! The inaugural service was music themed, and the second involved music as part of meditation. The November service is still in the planning stages but it promises to be musically enriching as well.

Oscar and I spend much of our time together talking about ways music can enhance the things we do here at the church. He views the hymns and music as the tendons that hold the service together thematically, and I could not agree more. Who among us hasn’t been inspired, either during our service or just in general, by a piece of really incredible music? Some of us become so inspired that we do it for a living! The effect music has on our lives is amazing, and that may be a hint for what will be explored in the November Third Thursday service.

If you’d like to learn more about how music affects our emotional states and our brain, I highly recommend “This Is Your Brain On Music,” a book by producer and cognitive scientist Daniel Levitin. Levitin spent years recording groups like Fleetwood Mac and Santana, then went back to school to get a PhD in cognitive science to better understand how music works in our brains. It’s a book that really changed a lot of my perceptions - it’s worth a look!

I know some of you have latent musical abilities you’re hiding, and I’ve made it my mission to find you. I’d love to have some new faces sharing their talents with the church! It doesn’t matter if you play polkas on the accordion or heavy metal on guitar or just like banging on trashcans, I want to hear about it. Come and find me!

Bob Fuson, Interim Music Coordinator

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**Memory**

Our theme this month is memory, and I have been considering the role of civic memory right now, as we move into a national election.

As a religious institution, we cannot and will not endorse any candidates. At the same time, it is striking how much it feels like national politics revolves around two ways of thinking about what America is, two ways of remembering our history.

In the first, America is a place of refuge, the home of the tempest-tossed, generous to a fault, falling short of our ideals but committing in each generation to do better. And, we can remember America as a fundamentally zero-sum game, where I get mine, at your expense. A national community where gains for one person mean someone else loses.

There is truth in both ways of remembering America. These two ways do not fall neatly on the right-left spectrum: plenty of folks on the left speak of a society that is fundamentally oppositional. I am unwilling to let go of a memory of the aspirational America, the country that does pretty well and continually commits to doing better.

So as a church, we do not endorse candidates for office. But as a people of faith, we are called to live in hope. Not simple optimism, but the hope that people of good will working together can make this a better world. It is easy to be cynical and fearful right now, especially in our civic life. What would it look like to live, and work, and vote in hope?
What Do You Wish for our Children?

This last month, I spent time training our volunteers for all aspects of our Sunday School program. During the training, I really emphasized how volunteering for Sunday School is a ministry and that what our teachers and assistants are doing is incredibly meaningful and important work. I asked the volunteers to reflect upon what wish, hope or blessing they would want to pass along to the children and youth in their classrooms. These were some of their responses:

- I hope the kids come to know our church is a place of safety, a place to ask questions and a place to grow
- A place to belong
- I hope when you leave here you are safe and cared for wherever you go
- My wish for you is that you will be inspired by the UU Principles to be your true self
- I wish you joy
- I hope you develop empathy for others
- My hope for our children is a place to feel safe, secure, accepted and appreciated
- My wish for you is that you find this space as a happy and safe place
- I hope our kids learn to nurture themselves and others
- When you come to Sunday School I hope you learn that you are special just the way you are
- I hope that you love yourself completely
- Love of learning
- Self confidence
- Be kind to others and yourself
- Acceptance
- I wish for you a feeling of trust
- That you feel valued
- When you come to church I hope you feel excited, safe and special
- I hope that you find your place in this amazing world
- That you love who you are
- I wish for you the pure joy of discovery and the excitement of learning
- I hope you always feel inspired
- That each child looks forward to Sunday morning at church
- To be true to yourself and stand up for others with kindness
- When you come to church I hope that you feel a sense of community and belonging
- I wish for you a sense of wonder and self-realization as you grow your spiritual being

This church home is absolutely magical for many who walk through the doors. What a wonderful gift for the children and youth to have volunteers who wish these incredible thoughts for them. I am grateful for everyone who contributes to making this church home such a beautiful place to be.

Peace, Faith and Love,

Chelsea Kafka

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**NOVEMBER RGL CALENDAR**

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

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Leadership and Learning Styles Workshop

**Monday, November 26 • 6:00PM • Gallery**

The Leadership Development Committee encourages all church leaders and anyone wishing to enhance their own leadership skills to attend this workshop. A light supper of chili (omnivore, vegetarian, and vegan) and fixings will be provided.

This 2.5 - 3 hour workshop focuses on learning more about ourselves in order to become better leaders and understanding the dynamics of groups. Dan Moeller and Derek Effle of Prairiefire Consulting (www.prairiefireco.com) will be introducing the participants to a temperament model, True Colors, that provides the foundation for people to quickly understand themselves and others. They will be applying this model to better communicate, build more effective teams, and different learning styles.

To register for the workshop (registration is not required but it helps us plan for supper) contact Kathy Disney at kedisney@hotmail.com or by phone at 402.560.0358.

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Clinton Elementary Partnership Update

**From Cyn Monohon**

Sometimes opportunities come along and enrich our lives more than we expect. I feel that way when I said yes to teaching an after school Dance Club at Clinton Elementary School.

I’m so glad to be there! My students are awesome! Sure we have some challenges like the drinking fountain and the bathroom breaks but we are having fun. One of my favorite things is that Clinton is multicultural, the students appreciate and learn from each other.

Last week was Fall Break, I really missed them. Halloween is coming up so we’re learning the zombie dance from Thriller. Who doesn’t want to be a zombie?

**From Mark Weddleton**

Two additional notable contributions UUs made at Clinton elementary last month:

- Matt Hackert shared his story of living with visual impairment to fascinated second graders.
- UU volunteers purchased new books for every student from preschool through second grade to have as their own.

If you think this might be your calling to serve, contact Mark Weddleton at mweddleton@gmail.com.
Coming Soon to a Library Near You

Offered by Denominational Affairs Committee

General Assembly 2018 in Kansas City (GA) seems to be the gift that just keeps on giving. The several dozen who attended GA are sharing what they brought back.

Special thanks to all who spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting this summer and to Ivy Fox, Bob Fuson, Denise DeBose and Christine Davis who spoke at the September 30 service about their experiences, impressions and most importantly, their intentions in the wake of GA. The third Thursday service in October borrowed inspiration from two of our members attending a UU Mystic session.

And, inspired by the GA Ware lecturer, Brittany Packnett, the Denominational Affairs Committee purchased a trio of books by Mark D. Morrison-Reed. His work chronicles the many contributions and too often discouraging experience of African Americans in our faith. Look for these titles soon in the library to the north of the sanctuary: Black Pioneers in a White Denomination; Darkening the Doorways: Black Trailblazers and Missed Opportunities in Unitarian Universalism and Black Power and Unitarian Universalism: Revisiting the Empowerment Controversy. Gaining an understanding of the black experience in our churches is one of the ways we can support the denomination’s commitment to dismantling white supremacy culture. Thanks to Skinner House Books, the imprint of the UUA, we have access to Morrison-Reed’s powerful scholarship.

Register for Adult RGL Classes

Sunday, November 4

Mark your calendars. The Adult Religious Growth and Learning (RGL) Committee will announce course offerings for Fall 2018 on Sunday, November 4.

We will have a table in the Gallery for signing up. Course outlines and the teachers will be present to answer questions. Class formats will vary: weekly classes, a weekend workshop, or a 2-3 session event.

Proposals received so far for this Fall include:

- Leadership and Learning Styles. Leadership Development Committee (Kathy Disney, Dan Moeller, Derek Effle)
- The Christians by Lucas Hnath. Play reading and analysis (Judy Hart)
- Won’t you be my Neighbor? Practices and teachings of Fred Rogers (Duncan Case)
- Making a Wordpress WebSite (Burt Smith)
- Long Strange Trip. History and Development of UU Theology (Charles Ahern)

For more information contact Duncan Case at frankcase4346@gmail.com or Carrie Holloway at hollowways5@yahoo.com.
SAVE THE DATES

SoUUpper Supper

Friday, December 7 • UCL Gallery

Join us for an all-ages family-friendly evening of food, fun, and festivities to celebrate winter holidays. There will be a potluck and music. Look for a sign-up sheet to bring soup toward the end of November. If you don’t want to bring soup please consider bringing something else to share. If your last name starts with:

A-I: Bread, crackers, chips, or cheese
J-S: Desserts
T-Z: Fruit/Veggies

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 18 • 3:00PM
Tifereth Israel Synagogue • 3219 Sheridan Blvd

Choir rehearses at 2 PM. Donations to Food Bank accepted at the door. Reception following.

Nominations Committee Candidate

At the December 9 congregational meeting, we will elect one member of the Nominations Committee. The primary task of the Nominations Committee is to recruit nominees for elected positions within the church. There is one current candidate at this time: Karen Heafer. Her Nomination Form can be found on the front hallway bulletin board at church.

If you would like to be a candidate for the Nominations Committee, complete the self-nomination form found on the church’s website (home page - about - our leaders - bottom of page - nomination forms: elected/appointed positions) and turning the form in to the office or you can get a printed form from the office. Self-nomination deadline is November 16.

Click this LINK to read Karen Heafer’s nominations form, or this LINK to download the nominations form.

UU Gallery: Aurelia Thomas “Parade of Colors”

During November and December Aurelia Thomas’s paintings will be featured in a show titled “Parade Of Colors.” She describes her work as “painted drawings.” She draws her images directly on canvas, masonite, or particle board, and then paints them. Aurelia works in both acrylic and oil, and many of her works are large scale. The colors in her paintings often are bright, and filled with bold contrasts.

After she married her husband, A.T. Thomas, they moved to Lincoln and raised six children. As her children grew, Aurelia worked as an occupational therapist at Lincoln’s VA Hospital teaching painting. She went back to school and completed her art degree at UNL. She has attended annual courses at the Peninsula School of Art in Door County, Wisconsin. She is a long-time member of the Noyes Gallery in the Lincoln Haymarket and exhibits there on a regular basis. She continues to exhibit in a variety of locations, and offers painting instructions at her home studio in Lincoln.
Green Corner

Have you read about the IPCC Report issued in early October?

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) sounds the alarm. The report (three years in the making) predicts the planet will reach a crucial threshold of 1.5 degrees C (2.7 degrees F) above pre-industrial levels by as early as 2030. We already are seeing results of 1 degree C of global warming (extreme weather, rising sea levels, diminishing Arctic sea ice). World governments must take “rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society” to avoid disastrous consequences. This will require widespread changes in business, industries, and lifestyle consumption patterns!

What can individuals do? A few actions suggested in the report:

Transportation: People can travel less and shift to more sustainable choices (car sharing, hybrid and electric cars, buses, trains).

Buildings: People can shift to more energy efficient, sustainable practices such as smart thermostats and more efficient air conditioners.

Diets: People should consume 30 percent fewer animal products. Livestock is estimated to account for 14.5% of greenhouse gas emissions globally. Eating less meat is one mitigation strategy to overhaul agricultural and land-use practices.

Is 2030 within your lifetime or that of your children or grandchildren?

Wachiska Audubon Events

FIELD TRIP

Saturday, November 3 • 9:00AM • Holmes Lake

Meet in the parking lot at north end of the lake, accessed east of the dam from Holmes North Shore Road off Normal Boulevard. Free public walk. Questions to Esa Jarvi, 402-440-6357.

PROGRAM

Thursday, November 8 • 7:00PM • 6300 A Street

The speaker will be Sarah Bailey, Greenhouse Manager at Prairie Plains Resource Institute in Aurora, discussing "A Restorative Vision for Nature Education."

Refreshment follow this free public event.

Annual Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, December 10

To participate in Audubon's 119th Annual Christmas Bird Count, contact Jason now for preferred location assignments at jstsauver@audubon.org; 402-797-2301.
Showing Up for Social Justice

This month..

Our Lock It In Lincoln petition with 59 signatures was presented as part of a testimony at the City Council meeting to request mandatory safe (locked) gun storage.

Suggested Netflix documentary

Disturbing the Peace—Former Israeli soldiers and Palestinian fighters learn and use non-violent techniques to resolve their conflict.

Helping Palestinians

The holidays are coming up! Buy your Palestinian olive oil for cooking and gifts. It’s next to the Fair Trade coffee.

Open Discussion on Social Justice

Tuesday, November 6 • 7:00PM • Auditorium

Rev. Oscar Sinclair will join us to discuss social justice and our church. If you are interested in social justice issues and potential activities, please join us for this discussion. You are also welcome to stay for the committee meeting, which goes till 8:30, to continue the discussion with more focus on the committee’s work.

The Linden is Leaving Us

From Martha Horvay

Sadly, we are losing the linden tree by our main entrance, and it will be taken down sometime this winter. It has been in decline ever since the building renovation and does not appear able to recover. In 2017 we planted two new trees that will shade the west side of the building in a few years. The linden will be ground into mulch for our playgrounds and flower beds, and will thus remain with us awhile longer and eventually return to the earth.

Full Moon Circle with the Order of the Red Grail-ATC

Sunday, November 25 • 6:00PM

Giving Thanks

As the chill begins to settle in, the Order of the Red Grail – ATC invites the Lincoln Unitarian community to share in a service to celebrate being thankful, of saying Thank You. To counter uncertainty in the darkening of the year, we understand with our hearts and minds a need to come together to build bridges, dissolve differences, and give thanks for the gift of being.

Discussion begins at 6 pm, followed by ritual close to 7 pm. After ritual please stay and join in potluck and fellowship. Please bring something to share. As always, we thank and support the local food bank. Please bring a donation. Paper goods are needed as well as non-perishable food. The Grail also accepts donations to support the Avalon Spiritual Retreat Center project.

The Order of the Red Grail – ATC has been partnering with the Unitarian Church of Lincoln for nearly 25 years, offering spiritual celebration and comfort to all Earth-centered people in the Lincoln community. The Grail’s Full Moon Circles are open to the public. Check the UU calendar for Full Moon Circle dates. Learn more at ordorderoftheredgrail.org or join our Facebook group!
These activities and discussion groups occur on a regular basis and are open to new participants at any time. Please contact the group’s organizer if you have any questions!

**Bridge Groups**

**Tuesday 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 • November 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

**Men’s Potluck**

2nd Monday • November 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

**Newcomer Chat**

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

Meet with visitors and friends in the Library to watch and discuss a 5-minute film. Contact Shelly Fowler seeshells@mac.com

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

4th Tuesday • November 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! 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 • November 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

**UU Meditation Sangha**

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

We gather at 7:00PM and begin promptly at 7:15PM, then discussion time followed by a longer meditation period. Contact LauraLee Woodruff holybear47@gmail.com

**UU Women Gathering**

2nd Saturday • November 10
2:00-3:30PM

Topic: Wine & Whine - We intentionally veered off of our usual FIRST Saturday of the month in order to be on the far side of election night.

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 dianemnn2@gmail.com

November 17 - Nomadland: Surviving America in the 21st Century by Jessica Bruder

**Young Adults Gathering**

2nd Sunday • November 11 •
7:00PM 6300 A Street • Gallery

Informal social gatherings for Young Adults (age 18-40) Activities/discussion topics vary. Attendees need not be members or regular visitors. Contact Morissa Raymond at 402.840.1178 or morissaraymond99@gmail.com

**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
BOUQUETS OF THANKS

Thanks to the 2018 Grounds Task Force who kept our outdoor environment beautiful this growing season. Each of these volunteers adopted an area of our grounds to weed, prune, and keep free of trash: Duane Polziem, George Maly, Becky Seth, Megan McGuffey, Tim Johnson, Larry Gregg, Elbert Smith, Bill Genuchi, Linda Brown, Penny Urwiler, Tonya Haigh, Fritz Hudson, Sheila Maly, Harris Lehl, Lori Straatmann, Sue Hubbard, Mary Ann Meisner. Jackie Egan, Bob Egan, and Heather Hillhouse stepped in to help others with their areas. Please take the time to thank them, and consider volunteering for the 2019 Grounds Task Force.

Martha Horvay, Grounds Coordinator

Editors Note: Special Thanks to Martha Horvay for continuing to coordinate folks in this area!

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Milestones, Millstones and Stepping Stones

Terry Straatmann, Michael’s father, passed away Sunday, October 7.

A Memorial Service was held Friday, October 19 for church member Tim Francis, who died October 11.

JoEllen Polzien will be having knee replacement October 30, and would welcome cards, visits, food and transportation.

Check the paper or online directory for phone numbers and addresses.

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