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Pledge Campaign Celebration Event

Friday, October 20 • 6:00 - 8:00PM • Auditorium/Gallery

What ROOTS have we planted over the last few years that bring us into covenant with one another? Let's take the time to recognize our strengths and celebrate our successes. What aspirations do we have for WINGS for our church? Let's tap into our time and talent resources and creatively expand partnering with our community.



To continue growing our roots and expanding our wings, we must know our financial resources. The time has come in our planning for 2018 to ask our church members and friends to make a financial pledge for 2018. You will receive a letter in the mail soon explaining the process.

We have great reason to celebrate 2017. We successfully voted on our Vision/Mission/Covenant and Right Relations! We approved

testing of the new church organizational model. We have a new minister! Our pledging increased and more of us are

striving for the giving goal of 3% of gross income. The 2018 Pledge Team is focused on fair compensation for staff, replacing the AV projector, growing our programs, and improving our grounds.

Please join us on Friday, October 20 for a Pledge Campaign Celebration Event from 6:00 - 8:00PM. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and live music are provided. All ages are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

We will celebrate the ROOTS that we have planted in 2017 and the ways each of our gifts contribute to the future WINGS for our church in 2018 and beyond.

WORSHIP

A Month of Sundays

10:00AM at 6300 A Street

Sunday, October 1 - "Courage in Trying Times"

In September of 1980, eight men and women broke into the Nuclear Missile facility in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. In the midst of the Cold War, they took seriously their faith's call to 'beat swords into plowshares.' Courage can look like many things in different places and times. What does it look like to be a courageous people of faith in 2017?

Worship Leader: Oscar Sinclair

Worship Associate: Sandra Washington

Music: UCL Adult Choir

Share the Plate: Karen Schrader, People's City Mission Free Medical Clinic.

Sunday, October 8 - "The Feast of Tabernacles"

This week marks the Jewish festival of Sukkot, an agricultural festival that many observers celebrate in temporary dwelling places. These tents symbolize both the celebration of harvest time, and the fragile nature of agricultural life.

Worship Leader: Oscar Sinclair

Worship Associate: Barb Brant

Music: Huntington Trio

Share the Care: Worship Associates

Sunday, October 15 - "Courage to Be, Courage to Act - Women of the 19th Century"

Frances Ellen Watkins Harper sat down in a streetcar and refused to move, 100 years before Rosa Parks' act of civil disobedience. Margaret Fuller has been deemed, among some UUs, Our Lady of Wit ~ and Wisdom, Equality and Social Justice.

Worship Leader: Lauralee Woodruff

Worship Associate: Christine Starr Davis

Music: Julie Cross & Ryan Wells

Sunday, October 22 - "White Supremacy Teach-In 2.0"

This past spring, at the request of Unitarian Universalists of color across the country, 682 UU congregations held the first UU White Supremacy Teach-in. Fighting white supremacy means both resisting its most blatant forms "out there," and disrupting its systemic manifestations within, and we once again join with the broader Unitarian Universalist community in this continental event.

Worship Leader: Oscar Sinclair

Music: Bill Carpenter

Sunday, October 29 - "All Souls"

The end of October is a time to remember. Different traditions have different names: Samhain, Day of the Dead, All Souls, but each is a time to remember those who came before us. This Sunday we remember those who have died in the last year, and all the ancestors that give us courage.

Worship Leader: Oscar Sinclair

Music: UCL Adult Choir

WORSHIP

COURAGE!

As we move into October, our monthly theme is courage; courage to live up to our aspirations, to recognize and fight injustice, and to respond to all the world gives us.

We've had a difficult example for this last type of courage recently. On September 16, staff and members here at the church found the two glass orbs from our chalices broken on the sidewalk. Additional investigation showed that the nineteenth-century Bible from our gallery space is missing. We filed a report with the Lincoln Police Department, and they are investigating. If you have any information, please reach out to me or Kristi Wamstad-Evans. Going forward we will evaluate our policies and procedures to try to prevent incidents like this in the future.

This is difficult. We depend on churches to be physically safe spaces, and when that trust is damaged it can feel like a violation. Each of us has our own way of processing, from a focus on practical steps, to anger, to grief, to confusion. My hope for all of us: that we be gentle with each other. Be there for each other, and do not hesitate to reach out. I can be reached through email at minister@unitarianlincoln.org, or by call or text at (402) 937-9145.

In the next month or two we will hold a ceremony to rededicate the space for our congregational Bible. In the meantime, I leave you with words of the poet Wendell Berry, which I have held close to my heart these last few days:

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come to the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.



WORSHIP ARTS NEWS

Happy Fall

This month our adult choir will bookend our Sundays, singing on the theme of Courage October 1 and celebrating All Souls/Samhain/Halloween on October 29. Rehearsals for choir will be October 11, 18, and 25.

On October 8, the Huntington Trio, Nebraska Wesleyan's chamber trio will be our featured musicians. On October 15, I will perform art songs by women composers with pianist Ryan Wells. October 22 will be a White Supremacy Teach-In, with break-out sessions and music by Bill Carpenter. I hope that you will enjoy our congregational talent!

I am just beginning my second year as your Worship Arts Director, and it's my desire to have better communication about what is happening musically in our church. My new policy is that I must be notified about any events involving music anywhere in the church. If you are doing an auction event or an ad hoc concert, I still must be notified directly. This helps me with planning and scheduling. Communication is a good thing! I don't wish to control ensembles, just to receive more information about the goings on of our fabulous, talented community.

In addition, I must be notified about all use of the music room. This is a shared office, rehearsal, and class space, and it is the only office I have. All I need is a "cc" on an email, just letting me know when my office space is being used for another event. Don't forget to schedule any and all building use with the office...don't assume that a rehearsal space is available!

Thank you all for your cooperation!

Blessings, Julie Cross

Worship Arts Director

RELIGIOUS GROWTH & LEARNING

Blessings

During the end of August and start of September, I was busy training our incredible volunteers who will be leading our Sunday School classes. During each training, I would do a variety of activities with the leaders. One of the activities which I asked them to do this year was to state a blessing, hope, or wish for a child. Only, there was a twist. I asked the leaders to blindly choose an item from a box and relate their blessing symbolically to the item which they chose. Here are their items and responses.

- **Battery:** "Children are full of energy. May we enjoy our time with the children, be energized by their vitality and energy. May we help them use their energy in a positive way."
- **Small binder clip:** "This keeps things organized and under control....which can be good. It's also a reminder to not be overly controlled and to be open to what happens in the moment."
- **Lego:** "Hope for feelings of real connectivity for students."
- **Small clothespin:** "Important to listen to children and gather their thoughts as something to hold on to."
- **Pin that says "Broad Wings, Deep Roots":** "I hope the children feel that church is their home where they can form deep roots and at the same time spread their wings as they learn new things."
- **Crayon:** "Let us try to let kids express their creativity in every way we can."
- **All Purpose Glue Stick:** "To make the wonderful crafts in our room. Children can come up with such beautiful art and I love to help nurture them. It is a meaningful, heartfelt purpose of mine to follow that path in my life."
- **Carmex Lip Balm:** "May our classrooms be a place of healing and soothing at times, the world can be scary and may we protect each other."
- **Purple dragon:** "My wish is that the children find working with adults as not scary. I hope the children grow and take wings."
- **Tootsie Pop:** "Don't forget the sweetness of life. It does exist in little pieces e.g. the calm of watching the stars, the smell of your favorite cookies baked

by your favorite relative, quietly waiting for a fish to bite, watching a new baby."

- **Standing on the Side of Love Pin:** "I hope to help children stand on the side of love. I think at our core we are all full of love and peace; it is the outer world that hardens us. I hope to foster this love and peace in children's interactions with their world, and that they may show me new ways of looking at the world in loving ways."

Peace, Faith and Love,

Chelsea

OCTOBER RGL CALENDAR

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

Oct 1	Regular Classes
Oct 8	Regular Classes
Oct 15	Ingathering
Oct 22	Regular Classes
Oct 29	All Ages Service

PUMPKINS NEEDED!

Please bring pumpkin donations to the Gathering Place the whole month of October. We will be holding an Ingathering where children will be invited to decorate pumpkins and then put them up for a 'free will donation' to collect funds for UNICEF. Medium and large pumpkins of any color welcome. Thank you for helping to support this fun project!



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Micro-Loan/Matching Grant Opportunity Begins!

Submitted by Kristi Wamstad-Evans

Last December, the congregation voted to establish a Short-Term Micro-Loan/Matching Grant program with funds from Judy Cole's bequest. Since then, a task force (Kristi Wamstad-Evans, Rich Little, Charles Coley, Heather Fox, Nick Hernandez, Lindsay Bartlett, and Dorothy Ramsey) met to establish the guidelines for the program.

The Task Force is pleased to announce the submittal period for the Short-Term Micro-Loan/Matching Grant program will open Sunday, October 1. Submittals will be accepted through Sunday, October 29. Members of the Task Force and designated Board members will be available on Sundays throughout October to answer questions and provide feedback on proposals.

The intent of both the Short-Term Micro-Loan and Matching Grant is to offer opportunities for new ideas to be developed to benefit the mission of the church. **Key questions** that will be asked by the reviewers include:

- ***Does the project support the Seven Guiding Principles?***
- ***What is the potential benefit?***
- ***Does it benefit UCL as a whole?***
- ***What is the congregational impact?***
- ***Does it promote UU principles beyond the walls of the church?***

Eligible applicants include pledging members and youth from pledging member families. Applicants are encouraged to get an endorsement of their ideas from a relevant church committee. For example, if the idea will impact the physical building, then the Building Committee should be asked for a letter of support. Grant Task Force reviewers are not eligible to be primary applicants.

The Short-Term Micro-Loan is intended for projects that need a boost to gain traction and develop a self-sustaining funding source. The funding is for church activities, not independent businesses. In addition to the general questions

above, these projects will be asked to demonstrate how capacity will be built and describe the path to becoming self-sustaining, including any risk of failure. Recipients will be eligible for interest-free loans of up to \$3,000 (with some wiggle-room for demonstrated need). Applicants will be required to submit a plan for repayment of the loan over three years. Activity must begin within one year of receiving the grant.

The Matching Grant is intended for projects that contribute to Big Idea projects or enhance existing programs. In addition to the general questions, applicants will be asked to describe the proposed impact, the potential for church benefit, and the overall community benefit. Recipients will be eligible for up to \$3,000 in funds with a 100% match in either funds or in-kind contributions (i.e. volunteer time, donated materials, etc). Total matching contributions must be noted within one year of grant.

Share the Plate October 1 - People's City Mission Free Medical Clinic

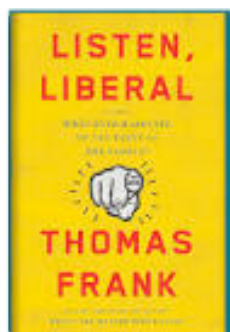
Submitted by Lee Manns

Karen Schrader, Director of PCM Free Medical Clinic will speak October 1. Located just north of People's City Mission, the clinic provides primary care to uninsured residents of Lancaster County, filling gaps in the existing medical network where it is difficult to meet needs of low-income uninsured residents as quickly as necessary.

Medical services are provided through a network of volunteer doctors and other medical professionals, with a combination of day, evening and weekend hours. Volunteer doctors and medical professionals can focus on providing care while minimizing their administrative requirements, i.e. they can treat people without worrying about insurance coding, managing staff, paying rent, etc.

The staff and volunteers provide prompt treatment of minor medical needs and ongoing management of chronic health conditions. Services include immunizations, pediatric, chiropractic, orthopedic, neurology, dermatology, podiatry, school & sport physicals, medical, dental, vision, hearing, ENT, labs, women's health, and mental health.

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2017 C.A. Sorensen Lecture: The Age of Trump: How We Got Here, with Thomas Frank

Sunday, October 29 • 7:00PM • Auditorium

“The middle class is disintegrating, in the great middle class nation. There is outrage and there is fury around every corner.” – Thomas Frank

After the election of Donald Trump in November of 2016 the New York Times recommended six books to help understand what had just occurred. Thomas Frank is the author of “Listen, Liberal” (2016), one of those six books. Frank is also recognized for his previous work “What’s The Matter With Kansas” (2004).

Join us for the 2017 C.A. Sorensen Lecture which will explore the election of Trump and the conditions leading to his election. Books will be available from Indigo Bridge at the lecture.

Leadership Development Task Force Wants Your Ideas!

Submitted by Kathy Disney

We are assembling a Leadership Development Task Force that will work on developing systematic and focused ways to grow and encourage leadership at the Unitarian Church of Lincoln and also provide opportunities for people to grow their leadership skills in all walks of life. The Task Force will be offering regularly scheduled programs and presentations on various aspects of effective leadership. A few of the preliminary ideas for topics are:

- personal strengths assessment through Strengths Finder or other tools
- conflict management
- healthy boundaries
- how other local churches promote leadership development

The Task Force wants YOUR input on topics or areas of interest you would like to see covered in these presentations. Email your suggestions to LeadershipUCoL@gmail.com or look for the "Wall of Ideas" poster at church on Sundays in October. If you would like to be part of the Task Force, you would be most welcome. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12 in the church library after the service. Current Leadership Development Task Force members: Kathy Disney, Kate McDougall, Judy Hart, Megan McGuffey, Oscar Sinclair.

Hospitality Training

Saturday, October 14 • 9:00AM - Noon

Google's definition: Hospitality is the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

Please bring your open hearts and your welcoming nature to this hospitality refresher presented by the Membership Umbrella Committee. We'll learn what ushers do and why; how to make coffee; how to interact with and properly use our audio/visual resources; mindfully tour the building in search of first aid kits, fire alarms, smoke detectors etc; and role play some Sunday morning greeting and welcoming.

If you've done this training/refresher before PLEASE consider coming again to share your stories of what has worked or not worked for you in the past. Success stories will be celebrated and failure stories will be noted. We learn from each other and your experiences will be celebrated at this gathering.

There will be a prize or two and breakfast snacks. Please let Judy Hart know if you are attending - membership@unitarianlincoln.org or 402-474-2206.



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GREEN CORNER

LINCOLN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN (LEAP)

Lincoln Environmental Action Plan is Lincoln's community blueprint for actions needed to create a healthier environment. A draft of LEAP was announced by city officials on July 11. At the press conference, Councilwoman Leirion Gaylor Baird stated, "We should act and adapt because the worst impacts of climate change are not inevitable. With environmental action plans like the one being announced today, we can mitigate the risks climate change poses to our economy, environment, and quality of life."

In 2016, the Mayor's Environmental Task Force formed five subcommittees to address energy, land use, transportation, waste, and water. Each committee wrote goals; action strategies and performance indicators were created. The Plan will be reviewed and updated every two years. Find out what Lincoln is doing to take the next steps. Access the plan at <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/energy/leap.htm>.

As you know, our church has been active in the climate movement. Perhaps our most impactful action has been incorporating many energy efficient and sustainable elements into the building renovation. What's next? How can we support city efforts and LEAP? Think about what more we can/should do as you read Lincoln's Plan!

ELDERS RETREAT REMINDER

Elders for the Earth Retreat is being held October 1-4 at Mahoney State Park. Linda Brown and Becky Seth will present a workshop on October 2.

www.Elders4theEarth.com

Wachiska Audubon Society

Thursday, October 12 • 7:00PM

"Red Cedar Impacts on Wildlife" by Dr. Craig Allen. Free to the public.

Sunday, October 15 • 2:30PM

Field trip to Marsh Wren Community Wetlands. Meet in the parking lot on the north side of Cracker Barrel restaurant on North 27th. Call John, 402-475-7275, with questions.



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

- One idea for increasing security: If you are hosting an evening event after 4:00PM, please consider locking the front doors after all of your attendees have arrived. If you are unsure because there are other groups meeting the same evening, feel free to run it by Jean in the Church Office.
- The Lost and Found basket inside the first coat rack is overflowing and will be emptied soon. Generally items are donated.
- The group of people who cover the Office when staff is ill or on vacation are now known as the "Office Dazzlers". More info will be in the November Beacon.

Nominations Committee Update

Submitted by Jan Buffum

Members of the Nominations Committee are currently seeking to fill two positions on that committee with terms starting in January, 2018. Interested congregants are urged to self-nominate or nominate another member (with prior consent of the other member) by completing a Nomination Form by October 8 and returning it with a photograph to Joan Anderson, Committee Chair, at johnjoan@inebraska.com.

The Nomination Form is available from the church office or on the website by accessing www.unitarianlincoln.org, click on "Our Leaders" and then the button at the top of the Leaders page "Church Governance, Policies & Forms"; finally scroll to "Forms."

The Nominations Committee nominates candidates for the Board of Trustees and for the Nominations Committee. Both open positions are for a 3-year term with meetings held as needed throughout the year. The committee candidates will be voted upon at the winter church meeting in December.

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Program Council - Sunday Services Cluster

Submitted by Evelyn Weymouth

Those who attend church on Sunday regularly have come to identify the ebb and flow of the services offered. Those who attend sporadically have the joy of being pleasantly surprised. Will the minister be in the pulpit this Sunday? Who is the other person on the dais? What kind of music will there be today? Who brought those lovely flowers? Hopefully everyone who comes will say, "That was great (or beautiful or inspiring or thought provoking). Let's come back next week and see what happens then."

The joy, awe and reverence you experience each week is thanks to the coordinated work of many folks, some paid staff and many volunteers, and is included as part of our new Program Council. The Program Council consists of 8 clusters, each with several committees. The Sunday Services Cluster includes Worship Associates, Choir/Music, Pulpit Decoration, and Audio/Visual Committee.

- The Worship Associates work closely with the minister to plan the themes each month, coordinate the readings, suggest hymns, and do some of the work from the dais each Sunday. They also prepare and present an entire service each month during the school year as well as all the services during the summer.
- Choir/Music is deftly handled by the Worship Arts Director, Julie Cross. She solidifies the hymn choices, directs the choir, and organizes musicians when the choir is not singing.
- The Pulpit Decoration Committee has lots of volunteers who bring in decorations (mostly flowers but not always) for each Sunday.
- A/V is the behind-the-scenes committees whose work you don't notice until a mic doesn't work. They do get mishaps fixed very rapidly.

Much more work goes into Sunday Services than these few words can convey. Although there are a few staff members involved, much of the work is done by volunteers - people like you! And just like you, most of those involved didn't know much about the area for which they volunteered. Fortunately, training is available and easy to do. If any of these committees interests you or you have questions, please contact the Cluster Liaison, Evelyn Weymouth at weymouth5@gmail.com

Wayside Pulpit

Submitted by Aura Lee Furgason

"Unitarians stand for reason, freedom, tolerance." So said our outdoor sign at 12th and H Street. Those words are posted on the Wayside Pulpit here each October since 2001 when the sign was built. In those 16 years there have been comments both positive and the other kind. One woman who drives past said she posts photos of it on her Facebook page. Another passerby came inside to voice objection over the word "she" in one of the quotations. The sign, whose stated purpose is "spiritual enrichment of passersby," is aging, has a few leaks, has settled a bit. It won't last another 16 years. But the values of reason, freedom, tolerance are still worthy to proclaim.

UUs Show Up!

Submitted by Amy Birky

The Social Justice Committee was pleased to have many congregants "show up" Sunday, September 17. We wrote about 60 postcards to our Washington representatives concerning President Trump's federal budget recommendations as well as the status of DACA recipients. Many of these proposals would decrease spending for important programs; these cuts in programs would negatively affect many Americans. Thanks for all who "showed up".

Get Fair-Trade Items This Holiday Season

Submitted by Sharad Seth

The Social Justice Committee (SJC) is again making it possible for you to order fair-trade coffee, tea, chocolate, fruits & nuts, and much more from Equal Exchange via UU Service Committee's Fair Trade Project. Enjoy your purchases and feel good about supporting a good cause championed by UUSC and your own SJC.

How It Works: Visit the Equal Exchange website and let Sharad Seth know the items and quantities you would like. We will consolidate your requests and place a wholesale order with the discount benefitting the work of the Social Justice Committee. A catalog will be at the kiosk.

You will pay the price listed at their website, when you receive your order.

<http://equalexchange.coop/>

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Wither Worship Next?

Submitted by Christine Starr Davis and LauraLee Woodruff

First, a hearty thanks to Jesse Metcalf for two years of leadership and, from the sound of it, a heckuva lot of laughter. Now, LauraLee and I have a chance, as co-chairs, to partner with the Worship Associates group and to be part of the formation of Oscar Sinclair's ministry with us. What an exciting time to be part of the worship team at UCL. With a settled minister, you will be seeing return to the standard three-a-month preaching schedule for Oscar and more opportunities for worship associates to craft and sometimes deliver worship. This doesn't seem so intimidating given Oscar's suggestion of using themed services for the year as outlined by "Soul Matters Sharing Circle." A writing mentor once told me that constraints actually bring about creativity because they steer you down paths you might never have explored. In that spirit, we look forward to the year ahead.
- Christine

Greetings! As one of the new co-chairs of the Worship Associates, I find myself entering into this turning of the seasons with new energy and a

bit of excitement unlike any I have experienced for a while. This morning, while sharing the pulpit with Rev. Oscar Sinclair, I felt so much gratitude for the work you all ~ we all! ~ did in preparation for calling our new minister, and for the Search Committee's remarkable discernment in finding and bringing him to us. I feel so comfortable working with Oscar already, and look forward to his leadership as we grow together with him as a congregation. As Worship Associates, we have prepared ourselves over the past couple of interim years to take on more responsibility working with our minister each week and throughout the year. We spent times in retreat with Revs. Kelli Clement, Jan Eller-Isaacs and, of course, Gretchen Woods, learning more about the elements of worship and discussing the possibility of monthly themes to guide our planning for the year. Oscar has met us with equal enthusiasm, totally prepared to continue to guide us and to lead us forward. I believe we have been blessed with someone who is truly willing to share the ministry of our church, not only on Sunday mornings, but also in the social justice work we do in our community. Lincoln, look out! - LauraLee

UU Gallery: Artist Carol Thompson on Display

Carol Thompson will be the featured artist in the Unitarian Gallery during October and November. She and her husband Art live in a rural home east of Lincoln. She spends her days in her studio next to their home. Carol and Art have two children and five grandchildren, all of whom live in Lincoln.

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. Flowers from her garden and from the ditches as well as bird nests blown from the trees are some of her favorite objects from nature. She often pairs them with glass bottles that she has collected over the years. Regardless of her choice of objects for a specific painting, her main concern is always resolving the composition using all she has learned about the elements and principles of design. Responding to her surroundings and applying her knowledge are key when she makes art.



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

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 • October 27 • 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 • October 9
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, October 1 • 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 • October 24
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 "Unitarian Men Discussing Over Coffee"

2nd Tuesday • October 10
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 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 • October 7
2:00PM • UU Church Gallery

Topic: Healing the Mother Wound

Facilitator: Jen Smith

For info: 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

October 7 *LaRose*
by Louise Erdrich

October 28 *Born to Run*
by Bruce Springsteen

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

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Kitchen Update

Submitted by Jackie Egan, Church Kitchen Crew Chair

The following events have occurred within the past few weeks:

- In August the stove-top was broken. Scott Braly installed the new one. Thanks Scott!
- In August, the coffee system stopped working. A new coffee system was purchased and installed by Curt Donaldson. Thanks Curt! Instructions were updated for your convenience.
- In September Mandy Bonney-Heermann updated the instructions for preparation and cleanup of coffee hour. Thanks Mandy!
- Required by safety regulations associated with our new renter, Montessori Blue Stem, Curt Donaldson has installed locks on the cupboards

below the sinks that contain toxic cleaning solutions. Use the magnet key on the splash-back near the new coffee system. Don't be frustrated; the learning curve is not very steep for finding and using the magnet key on the splash-back near the new coffee system!

- Also, the sharp knives have been moved up into an upper cupboard to be out of children's easy reach. Look on the lower shelf with the glasses! Most of the dinner knives are way up on the top shelf above the glasses.

Special thanks to all who have helped with these changes: Red Grail for a donation toward purchase of the cook top. Thanks, too, to those church members who have had to prepare coffee under more stressful conditions these last few weeks.

Come see what you think!

SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Pulpit Decoration	Linda Ager	Cindy Maly	Becky Seth	Geri Cotter	Barb Brant
Greeters	John Atkieson & Kelly Carstens	Tim Johnson	Barb Frank	Pamela Foster	KK Munson
Coffee Hosts	Dungeons & Dragons Players	Worship Associates	TBD	TBD	Kathy Disney & Curt Donaldson
Trustees	Linda Brown	Michael Reinmiller	Keith McGuffey	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Gary Calvin, Molly Klocksinn	Al & Barbara Pearson	Bruce Raymer & Brooke Downing	Les & Lee Manns	Marty Powers, Earl Kramer
Audio-Visual	Linda Brown, Harry Heafer	Michael Reinmiller, Larry Gregg	Harry Heafer, Larry Gregg	Don Pinkley	Michael Reinmiller, Don Pinkley
Welcome Table	Morissa Raymond	Marj Willeke	Mary Sommermeyer	Molly Klocksinn	Amy Birky

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