Greetings from our new Worship Arts Director - Dr. Julie Cross

Hello everyone!

I'm thrilled to join you all as Worship Arts Director this fall. A little about me: from 2005 to 2013 I worked for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as a voice professor, and from 2011 to 2013 I also served as choir director of James Reeb UUC in Madison. The past three years I've been enjoying beautiful Seattle WA and have worked for Seattle Conservatory of Music, have taught private voice, and served as music director of a vibrant liberal Episcopal church. It will be lovely to return to a UU congregation, which so well fits my beliefs!

My background is classical, but my tastes eclectic, and I am delighted to work with any musician who wishes to bring their talents to the table! I have a DMA from University of Michigan, an MM from Manhattan School of Music, and a BM from Oberlin College.

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Volunteer opportunities in our church go in several directions at once – worship, education, stewardship, inreach, outreach, hospitality, you name it. All these directions are like spokes in the wheel that is the church. If the spokes hold up, the wheel rolls. The church moves forward.

One of the large buttons on the front page of the church’s web site says CONNECT. When we sign up to be on a committee, team or a task force, we connect with others interested in the same part of church life. We connect through sharing creative ideas, sharing a passion for social justice action, sharing physical labor or technical expertise.

After church on September 18 and 25, our committees and task forces will hold a Volunteer Fair. There will be colorful displays and people on hand to answer questions you might have. Please take the time to look at everything and see which area or areas you could put some of your time and energy into. It really does take everyone helping in some way to keep the wheel that is our church rolling along.
WORSHIP

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

Sunday, September 4 - “Class Matters: Labor Day”

Worship Leader: Gretchen Woods
Child Dedication: Aurora Bartlett

Sunday, September 11 - “We Covenant: Understanding the UU Affirmations”

Our Unitarian Universalist Purposes and Principles begin with an assertion of covenant. Is this important? How does it affect us?

Worship Leader: Gretchen Woods
Worship Associate: KK Munson
Music: Great Plains Chamber Winds
Share the Care: Finance Team

Sunday, September 18 -

“Inherent Worth and Dignity”

Many UUs view this as the most difficult Principle. Is it?

Worship Leaders: Gretchen Woods
Worship Associate: Sheila Thomas
Share the Plate: The Malone Center

Sunday, September 25 -

“A Depression-Era Leader for the 21st Century:
C.A. Sorensen and the Politics of Inclusion”

Juliet Sorenson, C.A. Sorensen’s granddaughter provides timely insights. Juliet’s link to this church is through her grandfather, C. A. Sorensen, and his family who were members of the church in early-to-mid 20th century. C.A. was Nebraska’s Attorney General in the 1930s, a close political ally of George Norris, and also served as board president of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln. Juliet’s father was Ted Sorensen. Her uncle, Phil Sorensen, served as Nebraska Lt. Gov. in the 1960s. And, of course, the Sorensen family, primarily Juliet’s uncle Tom, initiated and provided major funding for the Sorensen Lecture Series.

Speaker: Juliet Sorenson
Worship Associate: LauraLee Woodruff
Music: UU Flute Ensemble

SEPTEMBER ART GALLERY:

BENT SHADOWS

Simple, sculptural and peaceful describes the Bent Shadows wall art. Light and shadows transform throughout the day allowing the art to be ever changing. Cindy McClellan is from Aurora, Nebraska. She has been showing art in galleries since 1995.

Her primary focus is on simple shapes. The pieces are influenced by simple lines and shadows found in everyday objects. In a sometimes over stimulating world, Bent Shadows art gives you moments of a peaceful pause for your eyes to relax.

Cindy McClellan
Can it be September already? Are we ready to let the summer of 2016 pass into Autumn? Can we hold back the march of time?

I already see hints of red in the “burning bushes.” We even had a night when the temperature did not make it into the 60s. The Board Retreat has come and gone. The Canvass Team is gearing up for the Pledge Campaign (Stay Tuned!) Clearly time is moving on, with or without us. We are Living the Interdependent Web.

As part of my interest in reconnecting this congregation more deeply with the Unitarian Universalist Association, I am offering a sermon series and related Adult Religious Growth program on “Living the Interdependent Web” to deepen our personal and collective understanding of the seven affirmations of Unitarian Universalism from the UU Purposes and principals. The Sermons begin with “We Covenant” on September 11. The Adult RGL programs will take place on Thursdays from 7 – 9 pm, beginning on September 15. We will be using a curriculum designed by the Rev. Thom Owen-Towle, now retired from the Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, CA. It is an opportunity to consider how our UU values actually serve us in our day-to-day decisions.

These UU values have been the source of much of my ethical decision-making, and I look forward to understanding how each of you might find them valuable.

Yours for the Interim,
Gretchen Woods, AIM

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For fun, I’ve studied Guinean drumming, Appalachian dulcimer, and very badly play about three chords on the banjo after taking one beginner class! Ha!

I am moving to Lincoln with my lovely fiancé Hope McCulley, who is a jewelry artist in the area. She will continue to work as an artist, and we will work together as vibrational singing bowl therapists (Himalayan techniques.) I will also establish a voice studio and plan to teach from the church as well as from my home. I arrive in Lincoln on September 1, and will meet you all during the September 4 service. Please come and introduce yourselves after the service. I formally join your ranks on September 6. I look forward to meeting everyone and becoming an active member of your community!

A NOTE FROM GRETCHEN:

Regarding the hiring process for UCL’s New Worship Arts Director: Dr. Julie Cross

A Task Force, formed from the Personnel Committee (Jamie Radcliffe and Dan Wheeler) and two Board members (Rich Little and Reed Maly) plus the interim minister (Gretchen Woods), reviewed letters of application and resumes from six musicians, interviewed three, and ultimately chose Dr. Julie Cross as the next Worship Arts Director for the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, NE.
RELIGIOUS GROWTH & LEARNING

2016/2017 Curriculum

PRESCHOOL:

Combination of the curriculum books: Chalice Children and Celebrating Me and My World. Lessons are specifically focused on concepts of peace and justice and are appropriate for the preschool level. Lessons introduce concepts such as: Peace, Sharing, Fairness, Friendship, Diversity, and Cooperation.

K–1ST GRADE CLASS:

'Treasure Hunting'

This curriculum uses the theme of treasure hunting as a concrete way of involving children in the excitement of the search for the meaning of life. It addresses issues that children face daily, explores the meaning of Unitarian Universalist principles and values, and emphasizes an accepting and caring community. This curriculum will help children learn about their congregation, understand and celebrate the uniqueness and feelings of people, and gain awareness and appreciation of the community and world around them.

2–3RD & 4–5TH GRADE CLASS:

'Holidays and Holy Days'

In this program, participants learn about the origins and meanings of holiday and holy day celebrations. The authors state, "Holidays are the natural, age-old vehicle of religious socialization. Their festivities tell a story which children absorb with delight, through experiences far more than through words. Decorations, colors, costumes, dances, lights, songs, foods, festivity, gifts, excitement, pageantry, solemnity, ceremony, and ritual: it is of these that tradition is woven, that memories, beliefs, values, fears, hopes, and reverence are transmitted. A holiday is not something to talk about . . . it’s something to DO." The program is divided into three calendar sections: fall, winter, and spring.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS

(6TH–8TH GRADE):

‘Neighboring Faiths’

32 flexible sessions explore history and development of different faith traditions. Participants learn about different world religions while they visit and relate to their own growing faith. Includes historical resources and tips for hosting guests, visiting other faiths, creating worship experiences and more. We will have guest speakers, videos, and field trips if we have enough volunteers to help!

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

(9TH –12TH GRADE):

Sr. High students will explore volunteer opportunities and concepts of peace and justice in our church and Lincoln community.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IN ACTION (YIA)

Youth In Action is a group of middle and high school students with a focus on community building as well as social action and justice themes and activities. The leaders allow the youth to contribute their own ideas and passions to help drive their activities. We will meet on Wednesday evenings Oct-May. Check the October newsletter for further info.

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**Parent and Guardian Orientation**

Please join Chelsea Krafka in the 4-5th Grade Room after service on September 18 if you would like to know more about our Sunday School program. What is an Ingathering? What is the curriculum description for the year? What is an All Ages Service? Have all your questions answered. This is open for all parents and guardians, new or experienced with the church. The session will adapt to who attends. Please email Chelsea to let her know if you wish to attend: religiousgrowth@unitarianlincoln.org

**RGL Dates to remember:**

- Assistant training for K-5th grade: September 4 • 11:15AM - 1:00PM
- Teacher training for K-5th grade: EITHER September 9 • 6:30-8:00PM OR September 10 • 10-11:30AM (Watch for an email - Chelsea will ask which date you can attend)
- Middle/Sr High and YIA Trainings: Watch for an email

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**RGL Education Programs**

Preschool—High School 2016-2017 REGISTRATION

Fill out front & back of this form. Please Print.

YES you must register every year as we report numbers to the UUA.

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**Names of Adults (Parents & Guardians) In your household:**

Address (where you prefer to receive mail):

City:  Zip:  
Home Phone (___)  Cell Phone (___)  
Work Phone (___)  Adult E-mail(s):

Please tell us any information that will help us give your child the best RGL experience possible: ALLERGIES? Preferences? Medical Conditions? If needed use an additional sheet of paper:

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**RGL Needs You!**

We are a COOPERATIVE RGL Program! We cannot be a successful program without the involvement of each family. We know you have unique skills and gifts to share. Will you tell us how each adult family member will be involved in RGL?

Please consider and check the appropriate box:

- [ ] Nursery/Preschool Assistant: Approx. 7-10 Sundays per year
- [ ] Classroom Teacher K-12: Approx. 7-10 Sundays per year
- [ ] Classroom Assistant K-12: Approx. 7-10 Sundays per year
- [ ] Ingathering Leader or Assistant: As needed—to be coordinated with Chelsea Krafka
- [ ] Substitute Teacher or Assistant: As needed—to be coordinated with Chelsea Krafka
- [ ] Youth In Action Assistant: As needed—Wednesday nights 6:30-8pm to be coordinated with Chelsea Krafka
- [ ] Youth In Action Event Helper: As needed
- [ ] Family Special Events/Project Help (Guest at Your Table, Secret Friends, Souper Supper, etc.): As needed
- [ ] Join our RGL Committee: Approx. 1 Sunday per month
- [ ] Classroom/Building Cleanup: 2 times per year
- [ ] Guest Storyteller: As needed—to be coordinated with Chelsea Krafka
- [ ] Other (Please list):  

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Return form to church office or Chelsea’s mailbox located beside the church office or complete online at www.unitarianlincoln.org or mail to the church address:

Unitarian Church of Lincoln-Attn: Chelsea Krafka 6300 A Street Lincoln, NE 68510
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MINISTERIAL SEARCH FOCUS GROUPS

The Ministerial Search Committee will be conducting focus groups in September to hear more about your vision for what we want in a minister. This is your opportunity to share in a small group setting your thoughts, hopes and dreams for what we might become as a congregation. We will pose questions such as “How will we measure success with our settled minister?” and “What achievements will you want to see from the church after we find our settled minister?”

We’re offering a range of days and times so we can try to accommodate your schedules. Childcare will be provided—but you need to let us know in advance you need child care, please.

THE DATES AND TIMES AVAILABLE ARE:

• Wednesday, September 14 at 4:00PM
• Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00PM
• Saturday, September 17 at 9:00AM
• Saturday, September 17 at 11:00AM
• Saturday, September 17 at 3:00PM

Sign up sheets will be awaiting you at church on Sundays—email us if you can’t make it to a service but want us to save a space for you.

You can reach the committee with questions, concerns, childcare notice, or a reservation for the focus groups. We look forward to hearing from you as we move towards the next phase of our search.

Email: search@unitarianlincoln.org

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Recall in our July newsletter we announced a change to our church’s financial leadership methodology. [The new financial model is on the member only page of the website - contact the office if you need access.] While I have nothing concrete to share regarding our movement to the model please know that Duncan Case has been busy on our behalf as Treasurer laying foundations, meeting with our staff, clarifying current processes and progressing towards populating the Finance Team that will move our financial needs from more singular responsibilities to that of a team approach and shared responsibilities.

The new model moves us further into true congregational polity, where we as a congregation determine our own form of governance, determine our own financial process and determine our own mission within the setting of Lincoln, Nebraska.

In the search to refresh the Director of Worship Arts position Gretchen chose, contrary to specifics in the bylaws, to instead surround herself with members of the congregation as stakeholders, and in doing so provided an invaluable service in modeling not only the nuts and bolts of an excellent hiring process but also in having a chance to bond deeper within community. I know that she has plans for an identical process in renewing the Membership Associate’s position.

We’re in the interim. Some of the changes we’ve experienced have been sudden, others incremental. There’s light at the end of the interim tunnel however I expect the changes to continue - as it's what's constant.

Warm regards,

Reed Maly

Open Circle Sign-ups in September

Open Circles are monthly small group gatherings of less than 10 people that encourage individual growth and interpersonal connection. 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, September 18 and 25 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.
**Meet Our September Share the Plate Partner**

**THE MALONE CENTER**

Last May, our congregation voted on our ten recipients for Share the Plate for the 2016/2017 Church Year. On Sunday, September 18, Larry Williams will come and speak to us about the work of the Malone Center in Lincoln.

The target population of the Malone Center’s programs and services are ethnic minorities and low-income residents, with a special focus on children and youth, between the school ages of 3-13 through our Early Childhood Education and Out-of-School Programs.

Our Strong Courageous Girls Program and Talented Tenth Programs provide African American young men and women, ages 13-17, with cultural awareness, social support, and academic enrichment.

The Malone Center hosts bi-monthly food distribution organized by the Center for People in Need and the Food Bank of Lincoln.

We collaborate with Aging Partners to host the JoAnne Maxey Center. This program provides our seniors with healthy meals, transportation services, and health/nutrition education.

We administer a financial empowerment and safety program for women who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Our Breast Cancer Outreach Program encourages women to do preventive screening, receive clinical breast exams, and provides support for those women who need treatment.

We collaborate with the Nebraska Urban Indian Medical Center, El Centro de las Americas, the Asian Community and Cultural Center, the Indian Community and Cultural Center, and the Ponca Tribe under the Minority Health Program, which helps our clients address domestic violence, and also seeks medical and dental homes.

We partner with Lincoln Public Schools and we are the lead agency for the Community Learning Centers at Culler Middle School, where we provide extra learning opportunities for students.

**Sorensen Lecture**

*Sunday, October 9 • 7:00PM • Auditorium*

This year’s Sorensen Lecture features two speakers intimately impacted by the death penalty. Jen Marlowe, an award-winning author, documentary filmmaker, playwright, journalist, and human rights activist, is the principal author of “I Am Troy Davis.” This book is the account of the execution of Troy Davis in Georgia in 2011, despite a world-wide outcry over his strong case of innocence. Jen is joined by Kimberly Davis, a death penalty abolition activist and the sister of Troy Davis. Kimberly is a board member of Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation.

Kimberly and Jen’s lecture, five years after Troy’s execution, will examine the impact that his case had on the fight to abolish the death penalty. They will also discuss how Troy’s case exposed the death penalty as a form of state violence that is connected to other forms of state violence, including mass incarceration and police killings.

**Interfaith Housing Coalition**

**New Board Member Needed**

Rick Goodman has served for 8 ½ years as one of our church’s representatives on the Interfaith Housing Coalition Board and is stepping down at the end of the year. The IHC is a partnership of three churches – the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, St. Paul’s United Methodist and First Plymouth Congregational. The Coalition owns the President and Ambassador apartment buildings across from the capitol building.

Board responsibilities include monthly meetings, helping with grounds work, building maintenance and budget oversight of the property and the IHC Board. You do not need to be a church member to serve. Rick says “it is a rewarding opportunity for someone interested in helping low-income people have safe, affordable and well-maintained housing.”

If you are interested, contact fellow Board members Shirley Williams (SWilliams@knudsenlaw.com) or Mary Ann Meisner (mm00535@windstream.net).
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Way Station Concert: Roy Zimmerman

**Saturday, September 3 • 7:30PM • Auditorium**

$15 adults (desired), $10 students, kids < 12 are free

"This Machine" is ninety minutes of Roy Zimmerman's hilarious, rhyme-intensive original songs. The title is a reference to Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger to be sure, but also an acknowledgement that songwriting does good work in the world.

“Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful and heartfelt form of expression,” says Roy, “because in calling out the world's absurdities and laughing in their face, I'm affirming the real possibility for change.”

Great Plains Chamber Winds Concert

**Sunday, September 11 • 3:00PM • Auditorium**

Great Plains Chamber Winds, a group that has performed for several Unitarian Church of Lincoln services, will be performing a free public concert at 3:00PM, Sunday September 11, in the Auditorium.

GPCW consists of the standard classical wind quintet: flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, and bassoon, and supplemented with English horn in certain pieces. We have a very special treat for this concert, as we are being joined by pianist Linda Mannering for the final piece, the Sextet by Ludwig T.

All music lovers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Free will donations will be accepted to support the church's music program!

Way Station Concert: Claire Lynch Band

**Sunday, September 18 • 7:00PM • Auditorium**

$18 - Adults, $12 Students

Long recognized and praised as a creative force in acoustic music, Claire Lynch is a pioneer who continually pushes the boundaries of the bluegrass genre. She was the 2013 Female Vocalist of the Year for the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA).

Recently, at the 2014 IBMA Awards, she received two trophies: "Song of the Year" for Dear Sister, a co-write with Louisa Branscomb and title cut of her latest Compass Records release; and "Recorded Event of the Year" for a guest vocal appearance with Special Consensus on Country Boy; A Bluegrass Tribute to John Denver (Wild Montana Skies). Dolly Parton credits Claire with "one of the sweetest, purest and best lead voices in the music business today." Claire's harmonies have graced the recordings of many stellar musicians. Equally gifted as a songwriter, her songs have been recorded by The Seldom Scene, Patty Loveless, Kathy Mattea, Cherryholmes, & The Whites.

SAVE THE DATE:

Way Station Concert: Mama Gina

**Friday, October 7 • 7:30PM • Auditorium**

Singer/songwriter Mama Gina offers down-to-earth, bluesy vocals, a bit of humor, and straight-ahead, rhythmic, acoustic guitar, she tells the true stories that fall into her head and heart.
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A NOTE FROM KAREN:

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the last 12 years of my life as it relates to my time as Membership Associate here at the Unitarian Church of Lincoln I think about all of the new friends I have made, the wealth of out pouring of love and support I have received, and the wonderful new people I have met. You have all supported me and given me the opportunity to delve deeper into our community of faith that we call Unitarian Universalism. You have been incredibly warm and supportive of the many programs that I wanted to try. In some cases you have been incredibly open in letting me into your lives and you have trusted me with your hearts. You have no idea what a privilege I feel this has been.

Thank you too to the staff for their logistical support as well as their moral support. It has been a pleasure working with each and every one of you! And one more thank you to the staff and to Gretchen for the fun coloring books and the gift card I received as a retirement gift. I will use the gift card to purchase new watercolor paints so that after we come home from our travels I can think about starting to paint once again. I feel very blessed!

I will miss not being your Membership Associate, but I have already begun to make plans to return to my old life of being a watercolor painter. I was invited to participate in an alumni exhibition on UNL Campus this summer and it felt good to be back amongst old friends in that location. It will be good to have the time to paint and to travel and to return once again to the warmth of our Lincoln Unitarian Universalist community!

In Gratitude and Much Love, Karen

Capital Campaign News

by Mary Sommermeyer, Capital Campaign Treasurer

At the end of May, letters were mailed to all contributors to the Capital Campaign. We celebrated the many and varied contributions from members and friends. The letters also noted the status of individual capital campaign financial commitments. (If our numbers didn’t agree with yours, please let me know.)

Since that mailing, some people completed payment on their commitments or made further partial payments, and two people gave additional contributions.

Now we must shift our focus to re-paying the members loans that total $420,000 plus the ongoing interest costs. Two loans of $100,000 and $25,000 come due in December, and we will also need to pay $11,207 in interest on all of the member loans that month. In the first three months of 2017, three more loans totaling $75,000 will be due along with accrued interest of about $235.

As of 7-31-16, the balance in the Capital Campaign Fund was $54,199. Unpaid financial commitments totaled $57,906 (5.51% of the original $1,048,462 committed). Due to a variety of circumstances, most of that is unlikely to be received.

We are reserving $3,000 to cover two remaining building project expenses - an exhaust fan in the kitchen that was overlooked during roofing and potentially more dirt and sod around the detention pond. Thus at least $50,000 will be available to apply to one or two of the member loans.

The $11,207 in interest costs should be covered by the accumulated mortgage pledge payments. The Mortgage Fund had a balance of $7,257 on 7-31-16, and about $5,000 more is expected to be paid this year.

Clearly more funds will be needed to satisfy our total mortgage (member loan) liabilities. Possible short-term sources include renewing the loans with the same or new lenders and tapping our line of credit with Union Bank; those funds would need to be re-paid eventually. Possible loan repayment sources include obtaining more mortgage pledges (and payments), conducting “burn the mortgage” fundraising, more lenders forgiving loans, and the congregation voting to use other money such as special gifts to the church.

More details about the Capital Campaign Fund and expenses paid are available on the church website (www.unitarianlincoln.org) in the “Members Only” section (contact the church office for login information). You can also contact me at 402-489-8213 or sommerlaw@neb.rr.com.
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 Sat. • Sept 10 • 6:30/8:00PM
6300 A Street • Gallery/Kitchen

Come join us for potluck dinner at 6:30PM and board/card games at 8:00PM. Come for one or both. All welcome. Contact: Leona Braziel 402-489-0916 windflower@aol.com

**Men’s Potluck**
2nd Monday • Sept 12 • 6:30PM
6300 A Street • Gallery/Kitchen

All men are invited to attend to enjoy good food and conversation. Table service will be provided.

Bruce Raymer 402-475-7875
bruce.raymer@gmail.com

**Bridge Groups**

**Intermediate Group**
Every Tuesday • 2:00PM
6300 A Street • Gallery

Coordinator: Corine Simon
simondp@neb.rr.com
402-435-0225

**Advanced group**
Every Wednesday • 1:00PM
6300 A Street • Gallery

Coordinator: Earl Kramer
krameyer@neb.rr.com
402-489-8213

Want to join us? Contact us prior to the day of the game.

**Coffeehouse**
4th Friday • Sept 23 • 7:00PM

Board games for adults and kids. Open to all individuals. Hosted by the LGBT Welcoming Cmte. Contact Deb Hope debra.a.hope@gmail.com

**Newcomers First Sunday Chat**
Sunday, Sept 4 • 11:15AM
6300 A Street • Library

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

**PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)**
4th Tuesday • Sept 27 • 7:00PM
6300 A Street • Gallery

The LGBT 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 Karen Dienstbier
402-489-7545

**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 we have discussion time followed by a longer meditation period. Contact LauraLee Woodruff holybear47@gmail.com

**UU Women Gathering**
1st Saturday • Sept 3 • 2:00PM • RSVP for location

Topic: “Forgiveness”
Facilitator: Jean Helms
For info, Facebook link, or to RSVP for location 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

Sept 17 The Art Forger, by B. A. Shapiro
Oct 8 Natchez Burning, by Greg Iles
Oct 29 Bellwether, by Connie Willis

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

We are a small group of UU’s who meditate at church each week. Contact Norm Simon 402-435-0225
nsimon1@neb.rr.com
### Thank You for the Hospitality

Thank you to all who visited with newcomers during the month of August – it is important work that we do!

Thank you to our Sunday Hospitality team members for caring for our congregation, friends and newcomers in August by welcoming them each Sunday. We appreciate the time and the warmth that you offer to our friends and visitors.

### RGL Cleanup Thanks

The RGL wing got all spiffy and shiny thanks to this really dedicated and organized group of people: Amy Birky, Kasi Darnell Tibbs, Heather and Ivy Fox, Linda Brown, Lori and Nels Straatmann, Priscilla Handy, and Mary Sommermeyer. Brendan Wamstad Evan’s niece Rhiannon even helped out! They got the classrooms cleaned out and ready for the year, and the work room and the storage closet organized and labeled. Special thanks to Tonya Haigh for organizing the clean-up!

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**Milestones, Millstones, Stepping Stones**

Our sympathies to Deb Bevard and her family on the death of her brother, we wish all of you well as the healing begins.

Speedy recovery to Roger Geery who is recovering from surgery the third week of August.

Laura Weymouth is back in her own apartment and welcomes visitors (with a call in advance) and cards. 7200 Van Dorn #107 (06) 402.489.5730

Help us to give a warm welcome to our new Worship Arts Director Julie Cross and her fiance Hope McCulley. We are glad you are joining us!

**2016 Mid-Year Statements Mailed**

Mid-year contribution statements were mailed in July. If any information is incorrect or you believe you should have received a statement but didn’t, contact the church office 402-483-2213 or associate@unitarianlincoln.org

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