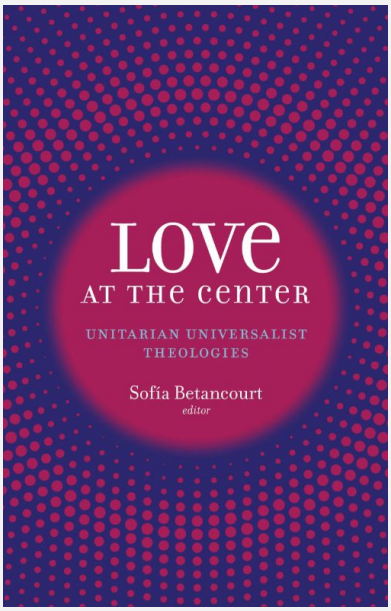
Unitarian Church of Lincoln

Program Guide

FALL 2026

We offer this Program Guide to share what is happening in our community the next few months. We hope that you will hold onto this guide and refer to it often as you plan your fall activities. For more details, keep an eye on your monthly newsletters and Friday eblasts.

Common Read: *Love At The Center*



First Sundays Nov 2026 to June 2027

6:00 PM In-person in the Gathering Place

Rev. Karen will lead a book discussion group around the 2026-27 UU Common Read *Love At The Center*. More than two dozen Unitarian Universalist (UU) leaders answer the question of what it means to put love at the center of our faith.

We are a people guided by, and centered in, our engagement with all that love requires. Our task now is to ask ourselves how this understanding calls us forward, individually and collectively. We may agree that love is central, but what does that mean to us and what does it require of us?

Join us for Wonderful Wednesday (WW) October 21 at 6:30 PM to kick-off the discussion. Then join us on first Sundays Nov - June at 6:00 PM. Purchase a copy of the book for $20 from the church office ($18 plus shipping and handling).

Parking Lot Party

Wonderful Wednesday, Sept 16

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Free and open to the public. Bring a non-perishable food item, and join us for live music, food trucks, balloon animals, face painting, outdoor carnival games, stuff the truck for Little Free Pantries, and a mini makers market.

SoUUper Supper

Wonderful Wednesday, Dec 16

5:30 - 8:00 PM

This warm and festive all-ages holiday gathering is a potluck centered around soup, music, crafts and stories. Many people sign up to bring a vegetarian or meat-based soup. Others bring desserts, crackers, fruit or bread.

MUSIC MINISTRY

COME MAKE MUSIC WITH US!!

At our church, music is a joyful part of our worship and community life. Please contact our music director Julie Enersen to get on the mailing list for any of the groups. (music@unitarianlincoln.org)

UCL CHOIR

The Unitarian Church of Lincoln (UCL) choir rehearses two Wednesdays each month to prepare to sing for one Sunday service. If you read music and want to share your voice in worship, please join us—just show up at 7:00 PM for a Wednesday night rehearsal!

UCL Choir Sundays:

- Sept 20 (rehearse on Sept 2 & 9)
- Oct 25 (rehearse on Oct 14 & 21)
- Nov 15 (rehearse on Nov 4 & 11)
- Dec 6 (rehearse on Nov 18 & Dec 2)

ONE HOUR CHOIR

No time for weekly rehearsals? No problem! One-Hour Choir is a low-pressure, high-joy way to make music together. Open to all ages and all experience levels, this pop-up choir meets one hour before the service and sings that same morning.

One-Hour Choir Sundays:

- Sept 13 for Water Communion
- Dec 13 for Stranger, Share Our Fire

MUUSE

MUUSE is our soprano/alto vocal ensemble, open to those 13+ who enjoy singing together in harmony. The group meets one Sunday after church ahead of each performance and practices on their own with online tracks.

MUUSE Sunday:

- Nov 1 (rehearse Oct 25)

THE 'A STREET' BAND

The 'A Street' Band is our church's own house band, bringing energy and variety to our worship services numerous times a year. If you're ready to plug in and perform with an experienced group of musicians, we'd love to hear from you!

SUNDAY MORNING MUSICIANS

We welcome guest musicians of all ages and skill levels to enrich our worship services. Whether it's a solo, a small ensemble, or something completely unique, your music can help create meaningful and memorable moments for our congregation.

WAYSTATION CONCERTS

Several times a year, we welcome traveling musicians to share their talents in our space. *Do you have suggestions for future performers?* Contact Roger G: rlgeery@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE:

Winter Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 6 at 11:30 AM

All Church Dates to Remember

September
6 Sunday School
6 Artist Reception - Noyes
13 Service of Silent Witness
16 Parking Lot Party (WW)
18 & 20 NE Chamber Players
20 & 21 Meet the Minister
20 Nuts and Bolts
25 Coffee House
27 Sunday School
27 Youth in Action (YIA)
27 Queer Church

October
2 Way Station Concert - Hiroya
4 Sunday School
4 Art Reception for OLLI artists
11 Service of Silent Witness
18 Youth in Action (YIA)
18 & 19 Meet the Minister
18 Starting Point
18 Queer Church
21 Wonderful Wednesday (WW)
23 Coffee House
25 Sunday School

November
1 Sunday School
1 Starting Point
8 Youth in Action (YIA)
8 Queer Church
8 Service of Silent Witness
15 & 16 Meet the Minister
18 Wonderful Wednesday (WW)
13 & 15 NE Chamber Players
20 & 21 Handmade Harvest
22 Sunday School
22 & 29 Town Halls
27 Be Our Guest Dinner
27 Coffee House

December
6 Sunday School
6 Winter Congregational Mtg
13 Stranger, Share Our Fire
13 Service of Silent Witness
16 SoUUper Supper (WW)
20 Youth in Action (YIA)
20 Queer Church
24 Christmas Eve Service
25 Coffee House
27 Sunday School

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS (WW)

Third Wednesdays of each month
Aug - May, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

5:30 PM - Brown Bag dinner or Pizza by the slice (except Sept and Dec.)
6:15 PM - Centering with Rev. Karen
6:30 PM - Programming begins

Some Programming Highlights

Sept - Parking Lot Party
Oct - Keith Haring Art Project
Nov - Community Swap Meet
Dec - SoUUper Supper

Food trucks, music, and fun!

2026 HANDMADE HARVEST CRAFT FAIR

Friday, November 20 • 5:30 - 8:30 PM
Saturday, November 21 • 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Join us for Handmade Harvest just in time to shop for the holidays! This fund- and friend-raising event is a great opportunity to support our local artists and craftspeople. There are jewelers, woodworkers, basket makers, printmakers, knitters, weavers, and more. The UUnique table has a bounty of items made by Unitarian Church of Lincoln (UCL) members and friends. Each vendor donates an item for the fantastic raffle, and the drawing is on Saturday. You do not have to be present to win. Vendor booth fees and items sold at the UUnique table benefit the church.

If you have questions, contact Judy H: judithkhart@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

A Youth Ministry Transition Team is being formed who will work with Rev. Karen and Abby on the following goals this year:

1. **Sunday School for Grades K-5** will be held the 1st and 4th Sundays of every month (immediately following the Time For All Ages).
2. **Youth In Action (YIA) Grades 6-12** will be Sunday from 2 - 4:15 PM, to preceed Queer Church when possible.
3. **All Ages Services.** Commit to planning one All Ages service each month, with the focus on simple movement, story, and song-based worship. Your enthusiasm and ideas are needed.
4. **Wonderful Wednesdays.** As each date approaches, watch your inbox for more details. With the new Family Game Night that is being offered, we have some months covered. Volunteers are needed for the Parking Lot Party and the SoUUper Supper!
5. **Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sex Education Classes.** Recruit and train at least one more OWL teacher to teach classes in 2027. It is our goal to begin serving the young people of this community by providing OWL, which are age appropriate, science-based, comprehensive sex education classes. Please reach out if this sounds like work you would like to offer the youth in our church. If you are not already a trained OWL teacher, we will pay for your online training.

To read more about The Youth Ministry Transition Team see the September Beacon. Sign up to help us achieve our goals!

Dates for Youth Ministry are in "All Church Dates to Remember" on page 3 of this Fall 2026 Program Guide.

Refer to your newsletters and Friday eblasts for details of events in this Program Guide.

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