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Rev. Krista Taves, Minister  
Dona Reinertsen, Board Pr

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## Sunday Services - June 2017

**Adult Religious Education** and our **Summer Sunday Discussion Series** begin at 9:30 a.m.

Our **Sunday Church Services** begin at 10:45 a.m.

**Children and Youth Religious Education Classes** are during church services.

We enjoy a **Coffee Hour** in the Heritage Room following each service.

### Sunday, June 4:

9:30 a.m. - Adult Religious Education - Rev. Krista Taves. This will be the final session of "**Our American Roots: Unitarian Universalism in Early American History.**"

10:45 a.m. - Sunday Service: "**Flower Communion.**" Rev. Krista Taves. It is tradition in many North American Unitarian Universalist congregations to observe the Flower Communion, developed in the 1930s by Rev. Norbert Capek, founder of the Unitarian Church of Prague, Czechoslovakia. The Flower Communion celebrates the uniqueness of each person and our greater wholeness when we bring ourselves into communion. Please bring flowers with you - a flower for yourself and if you are able, flowers for those who did not bring one. Because one of our members has fragrance sensitivities, please do not bring Easter or day lilies, peonies or Irises.

### Sunday, June 11:

10:45 a.m. - **Our Annual Church Picnic** at Riverview Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Cherry Streets. We plan to eat around noon.

### Sunday, June 18:

9:30 a.m. - **Summer Sunday Discussion Series** - We will plan the Summer's Discussion Topics.

### Sunday, June 25:

9:30 a.m. - **Summer Sunday Discussion Series**

## Minister's Message

While I am very much looking forward to my summer holidays, I am going to miss being part of this congregation's life. While I know that I am only with you 8 days a month, those 8 days are always rich and filled with deepening relationships. I have grown in my appreciation for this congregation and continue to be thankful to serve as your Consulting Minister.

My final Sunday of the church year is June 4<sup>th</sup>. I will return on the Sunday after Labor Day. While it may feel like church "shuts down," that is actually the farthest thing from the truth. We may slow down but we don't shut down.

The second Sunday of June is the annual picnic. Please see the newsletter for more details.

On Father's Day, we will begin our Sunday informal gatherings that take place until Labor Day weekend. The doors open every Sunday at 9:30. Our hope is to try something new this summer. Generally, whoever wishes gathers at 9:30 on Father's Day to decide on a larger discussion theme for the summer. This worked very well for many years. This year we are hoping to transition the focus just a bit. Generally the conversation has been very intellectual. This has worked for some but been intimidating for others. And yet others want an opportunity for spiritual deepening. It

is my hope that the gatherings this summer will have a different balance of intellectual and spiritual and that each session will provide an opportunity for sharing, learning, personal growth, reflection, and deepening connections with those who gather.

Please check the church Facebook page for more details as we have them. The final arrangements are still being made.

May you have a restful and renewing summer. I look forward to reconnecting with you in the fall.

Yours in faith, Rev. Krista.

## **Minister's Office Hours**

Wednesday, May 29.	2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 1.	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Friday June 2.	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturday June 3.	No office hours. I'd love to hang out with you at the Cleanupalooza that takes place at the church 8:30 – noon.
Monday June 4.	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Tuesday June 5.	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## **President's Message**

The church year is quickly coming to an end, before our summer alternative schedule begins. We have only a few more events to share as a congregation.

The Board will be meeting every month of the summer so we can get a head start on addressing the concerns of the congregation and the needs of our church body. Please bring your own ideas, questions, etc., to the attention of Board members so that there is a broad representation of our congregation. Don't be surprised if a Board member calls you this summer to ask for assistance.

Aaron Arnold, Sharon Ervin, and Mike Flanagan have completed their Board service. They are free to make other contributions to the growth and health of our church. Angel Smith, Judy Crocker, and Mike Drew are welcomed to the Board. We are implementing a mentor program with the Board Officers. For example, Vice President Mary Ann Freeman will work closely with me, to make next year officer transitions a smooth operation.

More information will come following the Board Retreat on June 1st. In the meantime, let's all enjoy First Friday at Mary Beth Gapinski's new home in Quincy; morning of June 3rd Cleanupalooza; the annual picnic; committee/group meetings; and June 17th Rummage Sale.

Respectfully,

Dona Mari Reinertsen, Board President 2017 - 2018

## **Joys and Sorrows to be shared during Worship.**

Our Worship Services now include a special time for the sharing of Joys and Sorrows. There is be a Joys and Sorrows binder at each entrance to the church. This is a place for you to write a joy or sorrow that you would like to share with the congregation. You can also send your joy or sorrow by Saturday to [contact@uuquincy.org](mailto:contact@uuquincy.org) and it will find its way to us. Then during the service, after the opening hymn, we will share these with the congregation, followed by our traditional Unison Affirmation.

If you are wondering what is appropriate to share during this time, here are some guidelines:

- news about hospital stays or health concerns of members and friends and people you care about, provided you know the person would want you to share it
- births, weddings and deaths
- special anniversaries

important life transitions, like moving a loved one into a facility, children leaving for college, retiring, moving, grand/child starting school, middle school, high school  
special accomplishments (this is often enjoyed by children who will want to share they got an award or won a contest, things like that)  
gratitude for some work done by volunteers in the congregation or in the community  
concerns for people we care about

It's best to refrain from partisan commentary or cheering for sports teams! And this is not a place for general announcements.

Our hope is that this will become a treasured way of sharing those important things with the congregation so that we can better support each other in the daily joys and struggles we face each day.

If you have a joy or sorrow you would like shared and are unable to write it in the book, please send it to [contact@uuquincy.org](mailto:contact@uuquincy.org).

## **First Friday Celebration**

Mary Beth Gapinski is hosting First Friday on June 2nd at her new home beginning at 6:00. Please bring a beverage and/or dish to share. As always, there will be a basket for Quanaa food donations or an envelope to donate to Teen Reach.

## **Cleanupalooza**

Sat., June 3, 8:30 – noon – come when you can.

The church is a part of the [Historic Quincy Churches Trolley Tour](#) on Sunday, June 4, arranged by the Historical Society. Our church wants to look its best, outside and inside.

- Inside: dusting, vacuuming, clearing clutter, cleaning the bathrooms and kitchen.
- Outside: the usual weeding, raking, and trimming.

## **Michael Hoshiko Memorial Service**

Rev. Bruce Marshall will officiate for this memorial service for our Uncle Michael, June 10, 11:00.

Michael's children are Cecily Sample of Rochester, MN; Sumi Hoshiko of Oakland, CA; and Lance Hoshiko of Longmont, CO.

They and their families are planning the service. For many years Michael and his wife, Patsy Rose Dege Hoshiko, brought plants, books and baked goods for our Plant Sale from their home in Carbondale, IL, and later Edwardsville, IL. Dr. Hoshiko retired from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale as professor emeritus and director of the Clinical Center for Speech and Hearing in 1991.

Dienna Drew

## **Annual Church Picnic**

This year, our church picnic will be on Sunday, June 11, at the Picnic Shelter in Riverview Park - near 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cherry Streets. It has been our custom that the men of the church will provide the meats and the grills and do the cooking on the spot. The rest of us should bring a dish to share, each of our own table service, and our friends are always welcome. If we arrive at 10:45, about the same time we would arrive for a church service, we should have everything ready to eat by about noon - or so.

## **Women's Alliance**

The Women's Alliance is finishing up an active year with many good programs and the generosity of the purchased teal hymnals for the church. Our final meeting for the year is slated for Wednesday, June 7th with the express purpose of electing officers and planning the 2017-2018 programs. This will be a short meeting so no one need bring a lunch although coffee and juice will be made available. Thank you very much Women's Alliance ladies for all you do!

## **RE Rummage Sale**

The RE Rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 17th from 8:30--1pm in the Garden Room. We expect to have another fun and profitable sale with the majority of proceeds to benefit the children's RE program and the hiring of a new religious instructor to fill Kim Tonozzi's spot.

Please bring all donations to the downstairs book store area and place items on the two long tables on both the south and west wall and also the front part of the stage until we get closer to the 17th when all items will be moved upstairs into the Garden Room.

There will be a sign up sheet on the Tiffany table so people can choose if they'd like to set up the day before and/or work the sale day. Christ Wiewel and Mike Schlinkmann will have their truck and a van available to help anyone move larger items after the 13th.

This has always been a wonderful sale and a good way for everyone to look through their attic, basement, spare bedroom for items that still have life in them and need a new home. Please be generous with your time, muscles and donations!

## **Book store**

Sales for the book store during our April Plant, Book & Bake sale totaled nearly \$500 and many shelves had yawning empty spaces to be filled. With that in mind, Dienna Drew and I will be taking donations of books for the upcoming July 1st sale! We are especially in NEED of the following genres:

- Fantasy Fiction (J.K. Rowling, Tolkien, George R.R. Martin, Terry Brooks, Terry Pratchett, etc)
- Westerns
- The Classics
- Children and Teen books (always!)
- Humor/Comedy
- Paperbacks
- Large print
- Hard or Soft cover novels

We ask that all books be in decent shape with no mold or mildew, no torn jackets (we prefer books with jackets btw)

At this time we do NOT want books in the following categories:

- Finance
- Military History
- Self Help books
- Religion and Theology (we're a church so we already have plenty! Thanks!)
- Biographies/Autobiographies

Please contact Dienna Drew or myself if you'd like to help us some afternoon get ready for the sale by culling older books or sorting and shelving the book donations. We could use the help and we always appreciate your company!  
Mary Beth Gapinski

## **Back To School Fair News**

This summer we will again be purchasing 50 Kindergarten Boy Book Bags and School Supplies for the Back to School Fair. This event will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at the First Baptist Church, 8<sup>th</sup> and Elm, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We are asking the congregation for monetary donations to be turned in no later than June 11, 2017 (our church picnic). We are also asking for several volunteer shoppers who enjoy finding bargains and will be available to shop during July when the Back to School sales are in full swing. We hope this procedure will be more cost effective and solve the problem of keeping the inventory list current. Please contact Leann Flanagan by email:

[Contact@UUQuincy.org](mailto:Contact@UUQuincy.org)

## UUANI

The Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois is offering weekly actions to help guide us in our desire to Stand on the Side of Love. The weekly actions include phone calls, letters, and direct action with our elected representatives. The actions address state and national issues that we are passionate about. There is something for everyone. UUANI offers a wide variety of ways to make your voice heard on the issues that you care about.

To receive the weekly actions, contact [UuadvocacyIllinois@gmail.com](mailto:UuadvocacyIllinois@gmail.com) or go to their website at <http://uu-advocacy-illinois.org>. You can also LIKE UUANI on Facebook.

### Quincy Unitarian Church Activities Calendar

Friday, June 2:

6:00 p.m. until ?? - First Friday Celebration at Mary Beth Gapinski's home. Please bring a Friend, and a beverage and/or dish to share.

Saturday, June 3:

8:30 a.m. to noon - Cleanupalooza - come when you can.

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10:45 a.m. - Sunday Service: "**Flower Communion,**" Speaker: Rev. Krista Taves

About 2:30 p.m. - The [Historic Quincy Churches Trolley Tour](#) will visit the Unitarian Church

Wednesday, June 7:

10:00 a.m. - The Women's Alliance is Meeting to elect officers and plan the coming year's programs.

Saturday, June 10:

11:00 a.m. - Memorial Service remembering Michael Hoshiko.

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### About The Quincy Unitarian Church's Newsletter

The Newsletter is prepared every month for contributing Members and Friends of Quincy's Unitarian Church. The goal is to provide a convenient and accessible means of communication among those who value Quincy's Unitarian Universalist community. Visitors to the church may receive a complimentary newsletter for three months. Additional copies are available at the church.

News should be submitted by the Monday before the first Friday of the month in order to be included in that month's printed newsletter.

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by contacting any member of the Newsletter Team.

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