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Sunday Services - July 2018

Our **Summer Sunday Services** begin at 10:45 a.m. in the **Garden Room**.

Touchstones Theme: Liberty

Sunday, July 1:

10:45 a.m. - No Gathering before the Holiday.

Sunday, July 8:

10:45 a.m. - Liberty: **Born Again Unitarian Universalism.**
Facilitators: Lisa Wigoda and Mary Ann Freeman

Sunday, July 15:

10:45 a.m. - Liberty: **Resisting Cheapered Freedom.**
Facilitator: Angel Smith

Sunday, July 22

10:45 a.m. - Liberty as a **Parenting Technique and Life Orientation.**
Facilitators: Dona Reinertsen and Marie Erickson

Sunday, July 29:

10:45 a.m. - Liberty: **A Human River of Joy, Folly and Suffering.**
Facilitator: Justin Crouch



The words liberty and freedom are almost universally understood as synonyms. Further, the definition of each word includes the other. Yet, there is a significant, but subtle difference between the two words. Eyer Robert Coates, Sr. writes, "...Freedom usually means to be free from something, whereas Liberty usually means to be free to do something, although both refer to the quality or state of being free." This is why liberty is an inalienable right and freedom is not. The adjective, inalienable, is a key to the distinction. It means "unable to be taken away from or given away by the possessor." Like worth and dignity, liberty is inherent. It is a condition of being human. It is the condition of having the power to act and speak without restraints. It is liberty that facilitates asserting our worth and dignity. Liberty is a component of human agency, of will power.

The New Colossus Emma Lazarus, 1849 - 1887

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glowes world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

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President's Message

Thanks to the church men who helped organize our picnic and cooked for us. We had a pleasant afternoon socializing and enjoying good food.

Nine people attended the first Summer Sunday Gathering on June 17. Mary Beth Gapinski led the group in a discussion on Wisdom: Not a Destination, but a Journey. Thirteen people attended the second session, Wisdom: An Orientation to Uncertainty led by Justin Crouch. We were pleased to meet four new adults and two children at this gathering.

The Sunday Gatherings are informal guided listening sessions intended as a time to share, learn and connect. Participants are free to observe, or to participate at a level that is comfortable to them. The sessions include our usual rituals of opening words (in this case, our Mission Statement), chalice lighting, sharing of joys and sorrows, and reading the group covenant. These rituals are followed by a Wisdom Story and quotes related to the topic. These are followed by a moment of silence before we share our thoughts on the reflection questions. We finish each session with a closing reading and extinguish the chalice. Reverend Krista Taves prepared the material for

those of us who will be facilitating these gatherings and we are very grateful for her guidance.

Here is the schedule with the topics for the remaining Sunday Gatherings:

July 1 - No Gathering

July 8 - Liberty: Born Again Unitarian Universalism

Facilitators: Lisa Wigoda and Mary Ann Freeman

July 15 - Liberty Resisting Cheapened Freedom

Facilitator: Angel Smith

July 22 - Liberty as a Parenting Technique and Life Orientation

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July 29 - Liberty: A Human River of Joy, Folly and Suffering

Facilitator: Justin Crouch

August 4 - Unity/Diversity: The Art of Thinking Independently Together

Facilitator: Beth Lane

The Sunday Gatherings begin at 10:45 so you don't have to rise early. We meet in the Garden Room so you will be comfortable. Try to make time to attend at least once this summer for the experience!

Mary Ann Freeman
Board President

Ted & Sandy are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Ben Morrison and Susan Morrison Hebble invite you to stop by the Morrison's home between noon and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4th to share in celebrating the 60th anniversary of Ted and Sandy Morrison. We know that is a busy day, but hope you might come for a few minutes or for a bit longer to give Ted and Sandy a hug and to find out their secret to 60 years of (mostly!) marital bliss. Light refreshments will be served.

First Friday Celebration

Deborah Lee will be hosting July's First Friday, July 6th, at The Four Winds Farm. Angle park along the N side of the driveway, or closer to the 2-story "Bella Sol" event center. In addition to the center, there is also a covered patio area which is among the cottage gardens and trees.

The festivities will begin at 5:30. When you arrive, there may be some cars parked with people picking up fresh produce, herbs, eggs, honey, frozen meat, etc. There should even be some available to buy if you are interested.

Please bring a food and/or beverage to share. Musical instruments are welcome, too! If you haven't been out to the farm, it is a beautiful place and a great setting to spend an evening with friends.

If you are interested in hosting a future First Friday, please let Tracee Farmer know at Contact@UUQuincy.org

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR ---- SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018

Preparations for the Back to School Fair will be happening mid-July when the school supplies are readily available at special prices. The Social Action Committee is planning a group shopping day to gather what we will need to complete our assignment of 50 Kindergarten Boy book bags and supplies. If you are interested in shopping either with the group or on your own, please contact Leann Flanagan (Contact@UUQuincy.org) for more information and also be placed on the email list for updates. There are several ways you can volunteer to help with the Back to School Fair: Donate Money; Volunteer to Shop; Help fill the book bags and deliver on Friday, August 10; Work at the Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 11, 2018. It is held at the First Baptist Church, 8th & Elm from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are asked to arrive at the church at 7:30 a.m. The Social Action committee would greatly appreciate all who can lend a hand for this very worthy cause.

Al Beck

Family and friends met on June 16th to honor and celebrate Al Beck's life and many accomplishments. His children, Jeremy, Adam and Zoe very generously gifted the church with a large amount of Al's writings and encouraged people to take a memento book or cassette tape with them.

These items will eventually make their way to church's book store in a special section set aside for strictly Al Beck's works. Church members and friends are free to take a book (or two) We are asking for a good will donation for any items and money can be placed in the red coffee can on the front table.

Patty Orban

Patricia "Patty" M. Orban, age 85, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at her home, surrounded by loved ones. She was born October 29th, 1932, in Memphis, Tennessee.

She attended Memphis Public Schools, later graduating from the University of Memphis, where her father had been a tenured Biology professor.

Patty met and later married the love of her life, Ray L. Orban. They exchanged their vows in the First Unitarian Church of Memphis, Tennessee, on October 24th, 1959 and made their first home in Covington, Tennessee. They soon moved to the Philadelphia area where they purchased their first home in Horsham, Pennsylvania and later started a family, raising both a son and daughter. After nearly twenty years in Horsham, they relocated to Quincy, Illinois where they resided for the next 35 years. They signed our membership book January 28, 1979. Her interests were nature, music and cooking. She studied ornithology and helped with bird banding projects. She was an accomplished pianist and became a Master Gardener.

Patty is survived by her husband Ray L. Orban, two brothers Stuart G. Moore and Kenneth W. Moore. Her children, Neville (Carmen) Orban and Nadia (Erik) Kambarian and grandchildren Brandon, Shay, Alyssa, Abbie, Madeline and Ian.

Patricia has requested to be interred next to her parents and not far from her childhood home. Her graveside service was held at the [Memphis Memorial Park Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee](#) on June 22, 2018.

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 <http://bit.ly/UUANIActionofWeek> or go to their website at <http://www.uuani.org/>. You can also LIKE UUANI on Facebook.

Some Fun

Leann and I received the following e-mail from our daughter. We think you might enjoy it, too.

This video is magic, it's a bit long so maybe watch it tonight: <https://youtu.be/QjvzCTqkBDQ>

Also, I just read this cute article that says if you put a teaspoon of sugar water outside near flowers, it really helps the bee population!

Sent from my iPhone - Laura

Mike Flanagan

Quincy Unitarian Church Activities Calendar

Sunday, July 1:

10:45 a.m. - No Gathering

Wednesday, July 4:

12:noon to 4:00 p.m. - Celebrating the 60th anniversary of Ted and Sandy Morrison at their home, 2081 Maine Street.

Friday, July 6:

5:30 p.m. - First Friday Celebration - Deborah Lee will be hosting at The Four Winds Farm at 3729 N. 36th, Quincy.

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