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## Sunday Services - October 2017

**Adult Religious Education** begins 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, October 1:

9:30 a.m. - Adult Religious Education  
10:45 a.m. - Sunday Service: **"My Irresponsible Search for Truth and Meaning"**, Speaker: Andrew Grizzle. When Andrew began his theological studies at Eden Seminary, he thought that Unitarian Universalism's expansive theology would be all he needed to approach his Christian colleagues with grace. He was soon to learn that he needed to rethink his assumptions of hospitality and open mindedness.

### Sunday, October 8:

9:30 a.m. - Adult Religious Education  
10:45 a.m. - Sunday Service: **"Your Home Is Mine Until I Believe It"**, Speaker: Rev. Krista Taves. Often we assume that the art of hospitality is solely about being there for the other. Equally true is that offering hospitality transforms us. No one is left unchanged in the presence of true hospitality.  
October's Donate-a-Plate collection will benefit [Cornerstone Foundation for Families](#).  
Following the Service - "Second Sunday" Carry-In Coffee Hour in the Garden Room

### Sunday, October 15:

9:30 a.m. - Adult Religious Education - Rev. Taves. Hospitality and the Common Good.  
10:45 a.m. - Sunday Service: **"The Brave Love of Hospitality"**, Speaker: Rev. Krista Taves. Maybe you've seen the bumper sticker, "Love the hell out of this world." Loving in the face of injustice is a huge risk because moments of heartbreak are guaranteed. We will explore how to prepare ourselves to be brave enough to love as if our lives depend on it.

### Sunday, October 22:

9:30 a.m. - Adult Religious Education  
10:45 a.m. - Sunday Service: **"A Mist, a Web, a Snag: Our Interdependent Lives"**, Speaker: Sharon Buzzard

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9:30 a.m. - Adult Religious Education  
10:45 a.m. - Sunday Service: **"Be By Me, Be With Me"**, Speaker: Alexis Englbrecht

## Touchstones Theme: Hospitality

Hospitality is the ancient and primary vocation of religious community. The impulse to authentic hospitality emerges from an abiding sense of home and the reality that we are a stranger. When we welcome the stranger we are welcoming our self. Commitment to hospitality involves a concern for the stranger, the immigrant, the refugee, the homeless, the oppressed, those mired in poverty, and more.



The pineapple is a symbol of hospitality



"Once the guest has eaten and drunk at your table, the guest becomes kin... beggar or enemy, friend or chief, if they knock on your door, it will open; if they seek your shelter, it will be given, and if they ask for hospitality, give them your bread and wine... for who knows when you may need the help of a fellow human?" Keri Hulme

## Please join us in exploring the theme of Hospitality

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## Minister's Message

Rev. William Schultz, the former President of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has a well-known quote about hospitality that is often used in our worship services:

This is the mission of our faith: to teach the fragile art of hospitality, to revere both the critical mind and the generous heart, to prove that diversity need not mean divisiveness, and to witness to all that we must hold the whole world in our hands.

What I find significant in this quote is the number of times he uses expansive images that call us to enlarge our sense of who we are meant to be: hospitality, the generous heart, we hold the whole world in our hands.

I became a Unitarian Universalist because I experienced exceptional hospitality from the first congregation I visited, the Unitarian Congregation of Toronto. I was warmly welcomed by greeters. I was welcomed as a queer person by gay and straight alike. This was something that I could never take for granted in the 1990s, even in cosmopolitan Toronto. One day I met the minister on my walk to the subway and he immediately recognized me and greeted me with a smile. It felt good to be recognized and embraced for all of who I was. On many counts I was the recipient of a individualized hospitality that let me know I was valued.

I also became a Unitarian Universalist because of the congregation's social justice priorities. Hospitality was not only a practice offered to individuals, but also to the injustices around us. In Unitarian Universalism, hospitality is a systemic practice as much as it is an individualized one. Our commitment to LGBTQ equality is a practice of hospitality. Our commitment to eradicating poverty, to racial justice, to women's equality, to environmental justice, to criminal justice reform, these are all part of our systemic practice of hospitality. Injustice is injustice because it dehumanizes, it degrades, it destroys. Human beings are disposable. The earth is solely for human use. Injustice separates, diminishes, and erases human beings.

This means that when Unitarian Universalists take to the streets in our tell-tale yellow Standing on the Side of the Love t-shirts, whether for Black Lives Matter or women's rights, that is an act of hospitality. When you write your legislator advocating for universal health care, or call to share your feelings about financial regulations, immigration reform, voter rights, or the rights of the disabled and elderly, you are modeling hospitality. We are literally embodying that we hold the whole world in our hands.

Our theme this month is hospitality. This coming Sunday, Andrew Grizzle, a member of Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel, where I served for 10 years, will be our guest preacher. He was one of the lay leaders in that congregation that I would have trusted with most anything. He is also in discernment about pursuing ordination in the Unitarian Universalist tradition. He's one of the best lay preachers at Emerson Chapel and I am so pleased he will be with us. My first Sunday with you will be focused on hospitality as an individual spiritual practice. My second Sunday will be dedicated to hospitality as a core pillar of social justice work.

I look forward to rejoining you this month. Because of a family emergency I was unable to finish my September week with you. I look forward to reconnecting with you soon and continuing our shared ministry together.

Yours in faith and service,

Rev. Krista.

## Minister's Office Hours

Rev. Taves will be in Quincy from October 8 through 15. If you would like to see her during her week with us, please contact her at [revkristataves@gmail.com](mailto:revkristataves@gmail.com).

### Office Hours

Monday October 9 10 a.m. - noon  
Tuesday October 10 10 a.m. - noon  
Wednesday October 11 10 a.m. - noon  
Thursday October 12  
Friday October 13 10 a.m. - noon

## President's Message

The beauty of fall is upon us. A big thank you to those who participated in the September cleanupalooza hosted by the Women's Alliance. The church was sparkling clean for the beginning of services. I am always in awe of the magnificent structure we enjoy.

Reverend Krista Taves had to leave us early during our first week due to a family crisis in Canada. Some meetings had to be cancelled or postponed as a result. I send my best wishes and thoughts to her brother and family as he undergoes treatment. Krista intends to return in October, as scheduled.

Committees and the board are carefully making progress in meeting their agenda activities. The board has chosen to touch base with those who pledge with a confidential status letter sent by the treasurer, Mike Drew. We continue to work with the many organizations and groups who utilize the church on a regular basis. Input regarding changes to the by-laws is being solicited by board member Judy Crocker and her group. Details will be found on the Tiffany Table. The board is always open to your concerns and questions.

The Social Action Committee's Saturday free lunch at Salem Church is just around the corner! Membership's Greeter Training, the new open covenant group Hope Abides, and After Beloved Conversations will take place after Krista's return. Deep Waters Listening Group is starting a new book and meeting every two weeks in the evenings. A winter Candlelight Dinner is becoming more likely, so please sign up at the Tiffany Table to participate. Questions can be answered by the Flanagans. I am not aware of everyone's activities, so checking the church calendar is always a good idea! It was wonderful to see Lynn Mecurio and Libby Haggard at church, along with Rob Manning back from Europe.

Keep in mind that the children's Religious Education is in need of an instructor! This is a paid position; George, Marie, and Krista can offer more details. In the meantime, board members are taking turns leading RE classes Sunday mornings based on our Touchstones program. It takes two adults to meet our insurance requirements, so please help out by offering to assist volunteer RE instructors. Check the Tiffany Table for a sign-up sheet.

October 3rd is my surgery date in St. Louis, and our capable vice president Mary Ann Freeman will be taking charge for a while as I recuperate at home.

Respectfully,  
Dona Reinertsen, Board President, 2017-2018

## **Social Action Committee**

The Social Action Committee met on September 11th to plan for the upcoming church year. The group will meet the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 and anyone is welcome to join.

There are two opportunities for you to become involved in the upcoming month.

- 1) Our church provides the lunch at Salem Church on October 7th. There is a sign-up sheet on the Tiffany table in the Heritage Room. Those that have been involved before have enjoyed this service to our community.
- 2) If you are interested in representing our church at Unmet Needs, which is organized by the United Way, please contact Tracee Farmer ([Contact@UUQuincy.org](mailto:Contact@UUQuincy.org)). At this time Leann Flanagan is our only representative and she would be happy to share this opportunity.

Church t-shirts will be available for purchase in October. Information will be in the Heritage Room.

Please know that you do not need to be a member of the Social Action Committee to participate in activities. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to jump in as you feel moved.

## **SALEM LUNCH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Join the team preparing and serving the Salem Lunch on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

There are several ways you can contribute:

1. Furnish a food item needed for the meal.
2. Bake a turkey breast (already purchased) so that it's ready to reheat.
3. Volunteer to work a two hour shift on Saturday morning.  
(9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. – set up and cook)  
(11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. – serve and clean up)

The sign-up sheet is on the Tiffany Lamp table in the Heritage room.

Contact Leann Flanagan with any questions.

## **Hope Abides Covenant Group**

Hope Abides Covenant Group. October 11. 6:30 p.m. "We're all visitors." The Hope Abides Covenant Group is an opportunity for participants to explore a variety of spiritual themes with the goal of personal growth and spiritual deepening. Our group is open to all. Our October theme is the art of hospitality.

## **(Second) Friday Celebration**

As we gather for First Friday each month, a box will be available to collect monetary donations for Quanada. Quanada provides emotional, physical and crisis support for those that have been abused. In addition, they offer counseling and secure shelter. For more information, please go to <http://www.quanada.org>.

This month First Friday will be hosted by Judy Crocker and Ellen Taylor on the SECOND Friday - Friday, October 13th - at Judy's home. Please bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share. You are always welcome to bring a friend, too! The gathering will begin at 6:00 PM. First Friday is a great opportunity to get to know those in our congregation better and to meet new friends.

If you are interested in hosting a future First Friday, please contact Tracee Farmer ([Contact@UUQuincy.org](mailto:Contact@UUQuincy.org)) or there is a sign-up sheet on the Tiffany table in the Heritage Room.

## **HOST A COFFEE HOUR**

Not a gourmet chef? That's OK! Hosting coffee hour is really pretty easy— make coffee (recipe provided), serve juice and one or two simple foods, and clean up. Love to bake? That works, too! The function of coffee hour is time to visit with each other, NOT a gourmet lunch. Homemade or store-bought snacks, we don't care; we just want to share the load (so that it's not a load)! Please consider signing up to host a coffee hour! The schedule is on the Tiffany Lamp table in the Heritage Room. Contact Leann Flanagan if you have questions/concerns.

## **Candlelight Dinner & Concert**

Plans are being made for a Winter Candlelight Dinner & Concert. We are welcoming volunteers willing to help with the event. Many talents are needed for this to be a success. Contact Mike or Leann Flanagan if you would like to help.

## **Membership News**

Our church gives a warm welcome to a new member, Jim Stovall. He lives in Macomb and came to our Sunday Summer discussions.

Greeter training has been postponed to October, when Krista will be here. Please volunteer to greet and welcome new guests – exercise your smiles.

## **Revisions to the By-Laws**

Remember that the Board of Trustees is recommending changes in two of our by-laws – those dealing with the size of the Board and the length of the church year. Those changes will be voted on by the congregation at the semi-annual meeting. Written information regarding those changes and the reasons for them can be found on the Tiffany table. There is also a basket where you can leave notes regarding your thoughts on these issues. We welcome your input. Please let us know, either in writing or by speaking with a Board member, how you feel about changing the by-laws as recommended.

## **Women's Alliance**

The Women's Alliance had their first meeting of the new year on September 9th and hosted the church's Claeanupalooza. The meeting held afterward was to elect officers and plan the year's programs. This year's officers are president: Mary Beth Gapinski, secretary: Mary Ann Freeman and treasurer: Leann Flanagan. Dues of \$15 have not been collected yet due to a change over for the treasurer post.

There will be not Women's Alliance meeting in October so the next one is planned for Nov. 11th. Ladies are to bring a light lunch to eat before the meeting commences. November's program will be Chair Chi and presented by Joel Ware of the Bodhi Yoga Tree studio.

Guests are always welcome!

## **Celebrating the Life of Michael Starrson Masanori Hoshiko** **Abridged from the Memorial service**

Michael Starrson Masanori Hoshiko was born on April 8, 1921 in Surrey, British Columbia. His father had immigrated to Canada from Japan in 1905. Several centuries before, an ancestor decided to leave his warlord and he saw a falling star— a sign intended for him. The name Hoshiko, means son of a star. Michael's second name—Starrson—translates that name into English. Michael's parents were married in Japan on December 25, 1919, settled in New Westminster, British Columbia and developed a chicken and strawberry farm. When Michael was 10, his father died of meningitis, leaving five children in the family. Michael's mother was faced with the responsibility of caring for the children as well as running the farm.

As was the case in the United States during World War II, Canadians of Japanese descent were treated as potential subversives. In Canada, they had two options. Either be sent to a camp or work the sugar beet fields. Michael, now a young man, found another way - as a domestic, with a Montreal family who could sponsor him. But the mistreatment of people of Japanese ancestry by both the American and Canadian governments during World War II was an issue that continued to engage Michael throughout his life. He became involved in efforts to right that wrong.

After the war, Michael, with the assistance of the American Friends Service Committee, received a scholarship to study at Heidelberg College in Ohio where he received his BA in psychology. He then went on to Bowling Green University, also in Ohio, where he received his master's degree in experimental psychology. And he received his PhD in speech pathology from Purdue University—the first Japanese Canadian to do so. He also studied at the University of Kansas and at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal.

It was while Michael was at Illinois State that he met Patsy Rose Dege, also a student at that university. When they announced their intention to make a life together, however, their respective families were not thrilled. This is not what either had been expecting. "What?" Patsy Rose's parents responded. "You want to marry a Canadian of Japanese descent?" "What?" Michael's family responded, "You want to marry an American of German descent?" Patsy Rose and Michael went ahead and married anyway, and then something happened. Those who had been skeptical got to know the new couple not as categories but as people and then everything flipped. Michael's mother fell in love with Patsy Rose. She told her son—often, I think—that he was so lucky to have her. And Patsy Rose's parents, once they got to know Michael, well—my heavens—he could do no wrong.

Michael and Patsy Rose were married in 1955. In 1957, they moved to Carbondale, Illinois, where Michael joined the faculty of Southern Illinois University, as assistant professor of speech pathology and audiology. He was to remain at SIU throughout his professional career, where he helped develop the department into a recognized teaching center and research laboratory. He retired in 1991 as professor emeritus and director of the Center for Speech and Hearing.

Michael had very good life. A career that took him far beyond his origins on a chicken farm. A wonderful family. A loving and smart wife. He followed his star, and it took him places he might never have expected to go.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Marshall, Memorial Service, June 10, 2017      Summarized by Dienna Drew

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"My Radio Story" by Michael Hoshiko, as told to Patsy Rose Hoshiko

It all started with Mr. Tisdale. When I was 9 years old, I went to his farm and he showed me his radio, a 1927 Radiola. It was the first time I heard the word, "radio." He explained how the antennas worked. We were listening to the radio as he explained it. I wanted to have a radio, too.

I ordered a crystal radio kit from a mail order radio place in Alberta. I'd seen the ad in a poultry magazine. With earphones I could hear San Francisco and New Orleans, even though I just had a piece of wire for an antenna. When an airplane flew over our house, I could hear the pilot talking to the tower. Soon I wanted another radio. A crystal set didn't pick up much. So I bugged Mother and finally bought a big used console radio in 1932. It cost \$75! I would listen all night, sleeping in front of it on the kitchen floor. I could hear stations from all over (Canada and the U.S.)

We traded in the console for a Westinghouse cathedral in 1934, and we bought a short wave radio for about \$85.00 with a partial short wave band. I had convinced Mother to buy it, telling her she could hear programs broadcast from Japan. Listening to the radio and following a Morse code book I was able to learn it.

When I was about ready to graduate from high school, I knew I couldn't go to University, so I took two free correspondence courses from the Department of Education. The first course was in electricity and the second one was in radio. I started to repair radios of people in the area. I would go around on my bicycle. Maybe I charged \$5.00.

The story goes on to tell of jobs Michael was able to get because of the knowledge he had accumulated about radio. He told of receiving his amateur radio license. And of his use of this knowledge in doing his Ph. D. research at Purdue. He wrote of the connections made with other people because of his participation in ham radio: contacts all over the world who he was sometimes able to meet in person when he traveled.

Michael concluded his radio story: Looking back, I can see that many doors were opened to me because of my interest in radio and electronics—especially professional doors and social doors. And it all happened because Mr. Tisdale opened his door and tried to explain radio to me when I was 9 years old.

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