

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

December 2022 Edition

**Services are in person and on Zoom at 10:30am
Central Time.**

Upcoming Services

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92938165235>

December 4th Service

Speaker: Rob Manning

"The Light and the Dark Before Jan. 6 and After"

Advent challenges us to go inside ourselves and contemplate light and human preference for darkness. So does January 6.

December 11th Service

Speaker: Gerard Wagner

"The Sun: Egyptian Theology of the Aten, the Beginning of Life"

How can contemplation of the Sun lead us to an understanding of our own consciousness and our intimate connection to the world and others?

December 18th Service

Speaker: Paul Miller

"Yule: Hail The Newborn Sun"

Let's celebrate midwinter Solstice the old-fashioned way. A mystery play, a talk on pre-Christian traditions that transmorphed into Christmas, and a taste of rock and roll.

December 24th Service (Christmas Eve)

Speaker: Steve Wiegenstein

"A Seasonal Celebration in Words and Music"

Considering Membership?

In the Unitarian Universalist tradition, membership is open to all who choose to walk with us in the spirit of love and fellowship.

If you are considering membership in the Quincy Unitarian Church, please send a message to Dienna Drew, Membership chair – dienna2900@att.net – or phone, 217-223-4144, with any questions you have, or speak to any board member.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a most excellent Thanksgiving, no matter where you were or how many or few crowded around the dinner table. The pace has picked up even more now that December is upon us and Christmas planning is underway for most. It's no different in the Quincy Unitarian Church. First, we're shaking up our First Friday and combining it with our annual Hanging of the Greens so the church can be fragrantly festive for the holiday season. There is also the annual Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 10th in the Garden Room. Please make sure you support the vendors, who offer one-of-a-kind treasures that you'll find as Christmas gifts (don't forget to gift yourself!)

There's been a great deal of work done in the basement now that it's dry. We've unfortunately discovered that years of water, damaged the lower kitchen cabinets and help is being asked for financial donations to replace these cabinets. There is a collection box on the Tiffany table in the sanctuary and I believe there will be a link where you can donate online. Thank you.

Our semi-annual meeting is coming up quickly. It will be Sunday, after service on January 15th. Agenda items that a member(s) may want to be addressed/discussed, must be submitted to me no later than Dec. 19th so the Board can review any item(s) on Dec. 20th. We would need to have a quorum if a vote is necessary for an agenda item. A heads up to ALL committee chairs/co-chairs, that their semi-annual report must be submitted to Marie Erikson no later than Jan. 9th.

Lastly, the winter solstice of Dec. 21st will be celebrated at church service on Dec. 18th. From out of darkness and cold the light and hope return.

Mary Beth Gapinski, Board President

WHY ARE UU? A WORKSHOP FOR RENEWAL

Please mark your calendar for workshop on Jan 21, Saturday, 1:00-3:00. During this time, new members as well as long-timers are invited to to review, renew and discuss the principles of Unitarian Universalism. Steve and Sharon will conduct this workshop as an opportunity to provide connection between members as we learn more about UU history and each other. Further details will be forthcoming as January gets closer.

SOUP LUNCH

Sunday, December 4, 2022, after services in the Garden Room. The Fellowship committee will provide soup and beverages. Please bring accompaniments to share with the soup, such as cheese & crackers, salad, or desserts.

XMAS EVE GATHERING

Saturday, December 24, 2022 — A social gathering after our annual Christmas Eve Service in the Garden Room. The Fellowship committee will provide a non-alcoholic punch. Please bring a savory or sweet finger food to share and beverage of your choice.

FIRST FRIDAY

December 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens in the church sanctuary. Refreshments in the Garden Room after the decorating party. Please bring a snack to share and beverage of your choice.

Get in Touch

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We prefer receiving e-mail messages to telephone messages.

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Don't miss our annual UU Holiday Bazaar in the Garden Room. We will be offering a unique variety making this an opportunity to finish up your Christmas shopping. We will have ten vendors including:

- Ceramics by Becky Butler
- Calligraphy by Carol Nichols
- Jewelry - Trades of Hope by Jen Krohn
- Handcrafted Paper Journals, Notebooks, Framed Quotations - Espebe by Barbara Espey
- Felted Fabric Folk Art - White Pine Folk Art by Suzette Krummel
- Vintage Jewelry & Accessories -by Leann's Vintage Boutique
- Essential Oils, Essences, Balms - Four Winds Farm by Deborah Lee
- Fruitcake & Bakery Delights by Rebecca McCollum
- Whimsical Winter & Home Décor by Sharon Cole
- Orders for Holiday Pies by Chris Wiewel

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Note from the Ministers

Thanks to everyone who stepped up and took a part in the planning and carrying out of the memorial service for our beloved Carol Mathieson last month. Carol was one of the true pillars of the church, and her absence will be felt for years to come. This didn't come up during the service, but some of you may be wondering about charitable giving in Carol's memory. The church memorial fund is a worthy recipient, of course, and there's also a scholarship fund at Culver-Stockton. Here's a link to the Culver-Stockton scholarship: <https://advancement.culver.edu/project/34978>

We are in the early stages of planning the Christmas Eve service. We are hoping for a participatory, multi-age service with a mixture of traditional and non-traditional elements. Do you have a favorite reading or song from the hymnal that you like for this time of year? If so, contact Steve at swiegenstein@yahoo.com with your suggestion. Musical folks, do you have something you'd like to sing or play? Contact Steve.

Just a reminder: On the weekends that we're in town for a church service, we generally arrive during the daytime on Saturday. If you would like to get together on that Saturday, whether for a meal, conversation, or anything else, just let us know and we'll schedule a time.

We'd like to express a special thank-you to Chris Wiewel and Mike Schlinkmann for letting us stay in the house they've been fixing up over the last couple of months. It's adorable and so perfectly located!

BASEMENT CABINETS

**QUINCY UU FAMILY!!! TO THE RESCUE!
OUR WATER-LOGGED BASEMENT IS NOW HAPPILY DRY**

**A LITTLE HELP: TO REPLACE VERY DAMAGED BELOW-COUNTER
CABINETS AND A SINK!!!! ANY AMOUNT IS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED
AND WILL BE FRUGALLY USED.**

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TO SIDE TABLE BOX OR MAIL TO:
QUINCY UNITARIAN CHURCH
1479 HAMPSHIRE 62301
MEMO: BASEMENT KITCHEN**