

Unitarian Church of Quincy

April 2024 Newsletter



April 2024 Services

Date: April 7

Speaker: Devon Dade

Title: The Talbot House

Our mission is to provide a sober, supportive, affordable living environment to recognize and support the dignity and worth of our residents.

Date: April 14

Speaker: Jan Barrett

Title: TBD, Donate-A-Plate to Quanada

Date: April 21

Speaker: Steve Wiegenstein

Title: The Art of Giving

Our Touchstones theme for April is "generosity." Is generosity as easy as it looks? And if so, why don't we practice it more often? This talk celebrates the imperfect but essential art of giving.

Date: April 28

Speaker: John Baird

Title: TBD

May Day is coming up!

April 28 : May Day is coming! We'll be celebrating this Pagan tradition with a Maypole. The Maypole has its roots in ancient Rome and ancient Germany. In the 17th century, Maypole celebrations were banned because they were seen as being immoral in Christian societies. If you're new to this congregation, we invite you to come and enjoy this lively annual Beltane celebration on April 28 during Fellowship. Paul and Alice Miller will supply the pole. Mary Ann Freeman

APRIL FIRST FRIDAY

Paul and Alice Miller will host the next First Friday on April 5 starting at 6 pm at Alice's farm between Monroe City and Palmyra. We will likely begin the festivities in the 106 year old farm house that has been fully restored. This is the family home where Alice grew up. We will also migrate to the milk barn built in 1953 that Paul and Alice have been restoring into a man cave / party barn. Weather permitting, there will be a bonfire near the milk barn.

The address is 3398 County Road 238, Monroe City MO 63456. This is roughly a 40 minute drive from church going through Palmyra.

Contact information is 864-593-7358 for Alice and 573-719-6839 for Paul. Map and more detailed information will be made available on the church FaceBook page as the day approaches.

As always, bring a beverage and something savory or sweet to share. Since there will probably be a bonfire, you may also wish to bring camp chairs and warm clothes for sitting outside. This will be a fun evening in the country.

MINISTERS' MESSAGE

We are planning our next workshop, which will be a return to the topic of "Reconciliation." It will take place on Saturday, April 20, from 1:30 to 3:30 at the church. At our last reconciliation workshop, two distinct streams of thought emerged. One was personal reconciliation, with family and friends, and the other was institutional reconciliation, with a focus on what the church means to us today, what it has meant to the community in the past, and how to reconcile its history with its present. This line of discussion may eventually lead to a Sunday service on this subject in the future, so if you have ideas about reconciliation, especially with regard to our church's place in this history, present, and future of the area, please come and share them. We'd love to have new participants in this workshop as well as returning attendees from the first one.

With the workshop on that Saturday, and Steve giving the talk on Sunday the 21st, we'll have the opportunity for social interaction if anyone has a free evening. Just let us know.

Sharon: sharon_buzzard@yahoo.com

Steve: swiegenstein@yahoo.com

FROM SANDY ECCLES:

Thank you so very much for the donations and cards, love and support I have received from the UU congregation. My recovery is going well, but slow (for me). I will be recovering in Columbia until May first. Hopefully I will be recovered enough to attend church in person rather than zoom.

Very grateful for so much,
Sandy Eccles

PLANT, BOOK, & BAKE SALE

The big day is Saturday, April 27th 9a-1p but we will need help before and after too. Please contact the department chairpersons with your availability before they contact you! Sign up sheets for specific tasks will be available at the church.

Plant: Mike Drew

Bake: Leann Flanagan

Books: Julie Cook

Week of April 21st

Dig up plants in your yard for the sale this week!

- Let Mike Drew know if you need any containers for plants. Ones with no holes work best for outdoor plants for a few days.
- Good sellers are perennials like iris, lily, hosta, forsythia, lily of the valley, ferns.
- Please label each item you bring. Plant information: Name, flower color, shade/sun, and how big it gets is very helpful for our shoppers.
- We also need shallow boxes for shoppers to use the day of the sale (soda and canned good boxes work great). Please let Mike Drew if you know of a good source and would be able to get them to the church Thursday or Friday.

Thursday, April 25th

- 6pm: Set up the Garden Room (remove carpet and furniture, set up plant tables & holding area).

Friday, April 26th

- 4pm-7pm: Bring plants to the church this day; Saturday morning is too late to price and place items.
- The florist will bring their plants at 5:00 so a few people that are able to push the large carts into the garden room.
- We will need help setting up, pricing, and labeling plants.

Saturday, April 27th

- Please park at least a block away from the church to give patrons easier parking opportunities. Hopefully they will be carrying a lot of good stuff back to their cars.
- Arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 to help with last minute set up and instructions of what to do.
- If you would like to buy something we prefer you let the public have the first opportunity for the best selection; hold off until 10 if you can.
- Clean up help is always needed. If you like to sleep in or have a conflict in the morning please come at 1:00 to help!

Mike Drew (217)257-1305 (call or text)

Plant Sale chair

BOOK SALE

The book store will gladly take your book donations for the upcoming Plant, Book & Bake Sale on April 27th.

We are asking that books, both hardback and paperback, be current and in good condition. We will not accept old textbooks, encyclopedia sets, nor VHS, cassette tapes or DVD's. Children's books are always welcome.

Books will be accepted on Sundays between noon and 1pm at this time. They will be stored in the basement alongside the bookcases in rows please. Also check the church FB page for further times when books can be brought to the church besides Sunday or extended hours. Julie Cook is your contact person.

Please do NOT leave your donations outside the 16th st church entrance doors. Thank you.

BAKE SALE

Mark your calendars for the April 27,2024, annual Plant, Book, & BAKE SALE.

Requesting members and friends to consider contributing one or more of your favorite baked goodies so that we can offer a tempting variety for our popular bake sale. We will be offering Chris's freshly baked homemade cinnamon rolls with that amazing aroma drifting through the church as the customers come in. Chris will also be baking her famous pies and selling her homemade mustard. Always popular items are the yeast and quick breads, scones, coffee cakes, cookies, brownies, & cupcakes. Such things as jellies, granola, gluten-free and sugar-free items are also requested. The customers like items plated in small amounts (like a half dozen cookies & small pies) so that they can purchase several different varieties. Please indicate any ingredients that could cause allergic reactions such as nuts. We will have paper plates and zip lock bags available for packaging. Please bring your bakery items to the Heritage/Resource room on Friday, April 26, by 6:00 p.m. to price and arrange on our tables. We want to have everything ready for the doors to open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday as the customers swoop in to grab their favorites. Last year's bake sale brought in almost \$1400—so we have our work cut out for us to top that!

For more information, please contact Leann Flanagan!

POSTCARDS FOR THE PLANT, BAKE, AND BOOK SALE: HELPERS REQUESTED ON APRIL 13

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance is Saturday, April 13, 2024, at noon. Each year in April, the Women's Alliance puts together the postcards used to notify previous customers about the Plant, Bake, and Book Sale at our church. As usual, please bring your own lunch. Hostess Leann Flanagan will have desserts for us!

All women of the church—and guests too—are invited to join us at the Garden Room April 13th for fellowship and support of our church fundraiser. Call officers Dona Reinertsen, Mary Beth Gapinski, or Leann Flanagan if you have any questions. May 11 is our following meeting with a speaker.

PFLAG - 10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Hannibal\Quincy PFLAG invites you to join us for our 10th anniversary celebration. **Sunday, April 14th @ 2:00 pm** at the **State Street Theater**, 424 S 8th Street Quincy, Illinois

Special guest speaker Brian Bond

PFLAG National CEO From Washington D.C.

Entertainment will be provided by the Heartland Men's Chorus of Kansas City

Light refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be available. The Calftown Coffeehouse, next door to the theater, has offered to be open for your convenience from noon-6, with menu items available for purchase.

Parking is available on the street, the bank parking lot across the street, or in the Calftown Corners parking lot behind the theater.

An RSVP is not required, but it will be helpful in our planning. We hope to see you then!