



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

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NEWSLETTER

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.

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RUMMAGE SALE

There is a rummage sale planned at a date sometime in August and will be set in place in the next newsletter. At this time, please look around your house, garage, attic, etc. for any items that could be a good fit for our sale. Please ensure all items are in good working condition with no broken or missing pieces. It has been the church's policy to not accept clothing and this still stands although some accessories might find a place. Please contact Leann Flanagan in regards to anything vintage. **More information will be in the August newsletter!**

SUMMER SUNDAY FUNDAYS (AKA SUMMER RELIGIOUS ED)

Join our Religious Education teacher Kenya for Summer sessions! Classes will start at the church on **June 23rd**. Classes will be **every other week** and will start at **11:30am, going to 1:30 pm**.

MINISTERS' REPORT

We are enjoying a quiet summer so far, and hope everyone is finding new and rewarding things to do during our "down time." We're staying in touch with members and friends. If you have thoughts about the coming church year, ideas for future services, or just want to be in contact, we welcome it! Drop us a line. Sharon: sharon_buzzard@yahoo.com. Steve: swiegenstein@yahoo.com

A NEW (DIFFERENT) YEAR FOR WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Each June, Women's Alliance meets to plan for the upcoming church year. This year, we realized that we needed to reshape the organization. As a result, we are a less structured group. We are leaving the door wide open for participation and fun! No dues, officers, business meeting, or guest speaker.

Our weekday lunch meetings will be announced in advance so people can sign up. We will go to area restaurants, and sometimes the Garden Room. Due to popular demand, we will continue our December Christmas lunch party with a gift exchange at Tiramisu Restaurant. Our purpose now is to be a social group; casual, informal and inclusive. Look for the announcement for our first Women's Alliance luncheon in the next Newsletter! For more information, please speak with Leann, Mary Beth, Susan, or Dona.

SUMMER SUNDAY DISCUSSION

At our first Summer Sunday Gathering, we explored the kinds of topics that we could devote to a summer full of meetings. The subject that we decided upon is to discuss our own journeys to our personal spiritual growth. There were eleven of us who came that 4th Sunday in June, and it was Paul Miller who made the initial suggestion.

On the 5th Sunday in June, nine of us pondered whether that choice would be good enough for the whole summer. The course of our meandering conversation truly convinced us that we have within us enough stories to tell, enough experiences to share, enough relationships to explore, and enough spiritual depth to relate with each other – easily enough on the subject of our own spiritual journeys to last the whole summer. We invite each of you to join us, as you are able. Please work Summer Sunday Gatherings into your schedules. We start at 9:30 a.m. and try to end at 11:00 a.m. on each of the remaining Sundays during this summer.

And so it is that our doors remain open to visitors on Sunday Mornings.

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BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR - AUGUST 3, 2024

The Back To School Fair will be Saturday, August 3, 2024, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Iles Elementary School, 3111 North 12th Street.

We are requested to donate 40 Kindergarten Girl Book Bags filled with school supplies.

The list has been revised this year for each book bag as follows:

- 1 Book Bag
- 1 Box Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 10 Sharpened #2 Pencils
- 1 Two-Pocket Folder
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Bottle White Glue
- 1 Pair Scissors
- 2 Wide-Tip Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Box Classic Thick Markers (10 count)
- 1 Pink Eraser
- 1 Plastic Crayon/Pencil Box
- 1 Binder (1" or 1 1/2")
- 1 Notebook
- We have also been asked if we would be able to also donate a few Book Bags for the Junior/Senior High School Students. Their list is as follows:
 - 1 Book Bag
 - 2 binders (1" or 1 1/2")
 - 10 Mechanical or Wooden Pencils (#2)
 - 6 Blue or Black Pens
 - 3 Composition Notebooks
 - 3 Two-Pocket Folders
 - 2 Wide-Tip Dry Erase Markers (Expo brand)
 - 1 Pack Crayola Colored Pencils
 - 1 Pack Loose-Leaf Paper
 - 1 Zippered Pencil Pouch
 - Ruler (12")

The Social Action Committee requests volunteers to help with shopping, filling the book bags (Friday morning, August 2, in the Garden Room 9:30ish). We will deliver the Book Bags to Iles Elementary Friday morning. There is also volunteer opportunities at the Back to School Fair on Saturday morning.

Please contact Leann Flanagan for more information &/or to volunteer. If you are unable to physically help, monetary donations are always graciously accepted. The Back to School Fair is an important way for our church to serve our Quincy children.

Thank you!

Social Action Committee

FIRST FRIDAY

Deborah Lee will be hosting the July First Friday on the 5th beginning at 6:30pm at Four Winds Farm. The address is 3729 N. 36th st. and joins Terrapin Farms at the same address.

Please bring something sweet or savory to pass and whatever you plan to drink. Also plan on bringing along a lawn chair if you have one. Looking ahead, the weather appears perfect for spending much of the time outside if one wishes.

If you've not been out at Four Winds Farm, you are in for a treat as the farm is a kaleidoscope of flowers bursting in colors, smells and textures. Leave anxiety behind, breathe deeply and enjoy the serenity and delight Deborah has created through many years. The Unitarian members and friends always look forward to spending the First Friday in July with Deborah Lee!

Looking ahead to August, the First Friday will be on the 2nd of the month at Sierra Williams home again. The August newsletter will be out in time to remind everyone!
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