



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

FEBRUARY 2025
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.

UU Quincy Newsletter

Date: February 2

Speaker: Paul Miller and Mary Ann Freeman

Title: Festival of Light

TBD

Date: February 9

Speaker: Steve Wiegenstein

Title: The Politics of Kindness

In a world full of casual meanness, what does it signify to be kind? We've grown accustomed to seeing kind people portrayed as suckers and dupes, but perhaps there's a bigger story to be told in acts of simple kindness. Maybe it's time to reconsider who is the "smart guy" and who is the "sucker."

Donate-a-Plate to Pathway Health Clinic

Date: February 16

Speaker: Denise Imlah

Title: TBD

Denise Imlah serves as a Blessing Hospice Chaplain and will share information about the program and the shared journey that includes patients, families, and Blessing caregivers.

Date: February 23

Speaker: Patrick Hotle

Title: TBD

FIRST FRIDAY

The First Friday of February will be on the 7th and hasn't been determined yet although Leann and I are still waiting to hear back with a "yes" or "no" from a previously interested party. Once we hear and lock it in, it can be a Sunday church service announcement and a notification on the FB page.

MB Gapinski

VALENTINE'S DAY CANDLELIGHT DINNER & CONCERT RESERVATIONS

We have received firm reservations for a total of 14 of our 64 places. A additional 18 places have been spoken for, but not yet paid. We're half-way to full capacity. And we still have more than two weeks to go. I think it's going well.

I have a couple of posters that haven't found a good place to be seen yet. Just let me know when you'd like to get them from me.

We usually send out our "Invitations" to non-church members who have joined us in the past, or who have expressed interest in these events. This year, I'm hearing about people we have mailed invitations to, who haven't yet received them – more than a week later!

We always try to have all of the reservations handled by just one person in order to avoid confusion and duplication. If any of you know anyone who would like more information about being our guest at this Valentine's Day Candlelight Dinner & Concert, please refer them to me, Mike Flanagan, ml@flan3.net , (217) 257-1413, 2004 Wilmar Drive, Quincy, IL 62301-6889

MEMBERS & FRIENDS

If you would like to be included in your birthday month for the newsletter, please bring this to the attention of Dienna Drew. Her e-mail is in the church directory.

THIS FROM A 1985 CHURCH NEWSLETTER:

“The Congregational meeting on May 19 voted to support the Sanctuary Movement as follows: ‘Resolved, that the Quincy Unitarian Church, together with membership support, enter into an arrangement with the ‘Sanctuary’ movement to assist with travel of refugees on their way to a ‘Sanctuary Church’. John Brigham, Tom House, Lisa Wigoda, and David Quarles have been appointed to a committee to implement this resolution. Anyone interested in working with this group can call any of these committee members.”

If my memory is correct, this was regarding refugees from El Salvador.

Dienna Drew, church historian