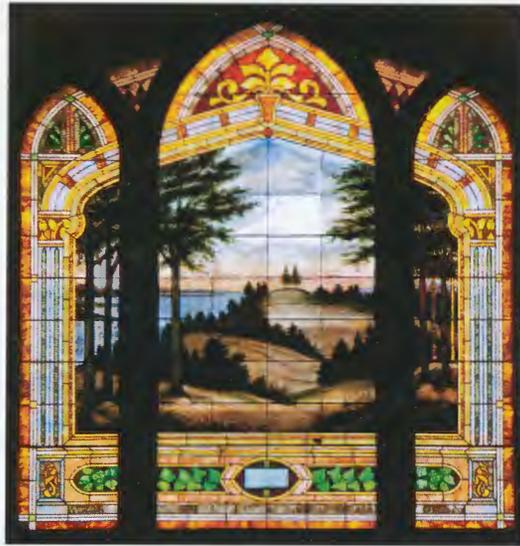
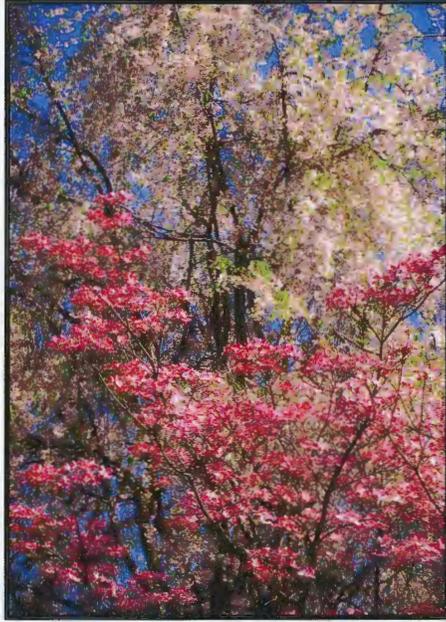


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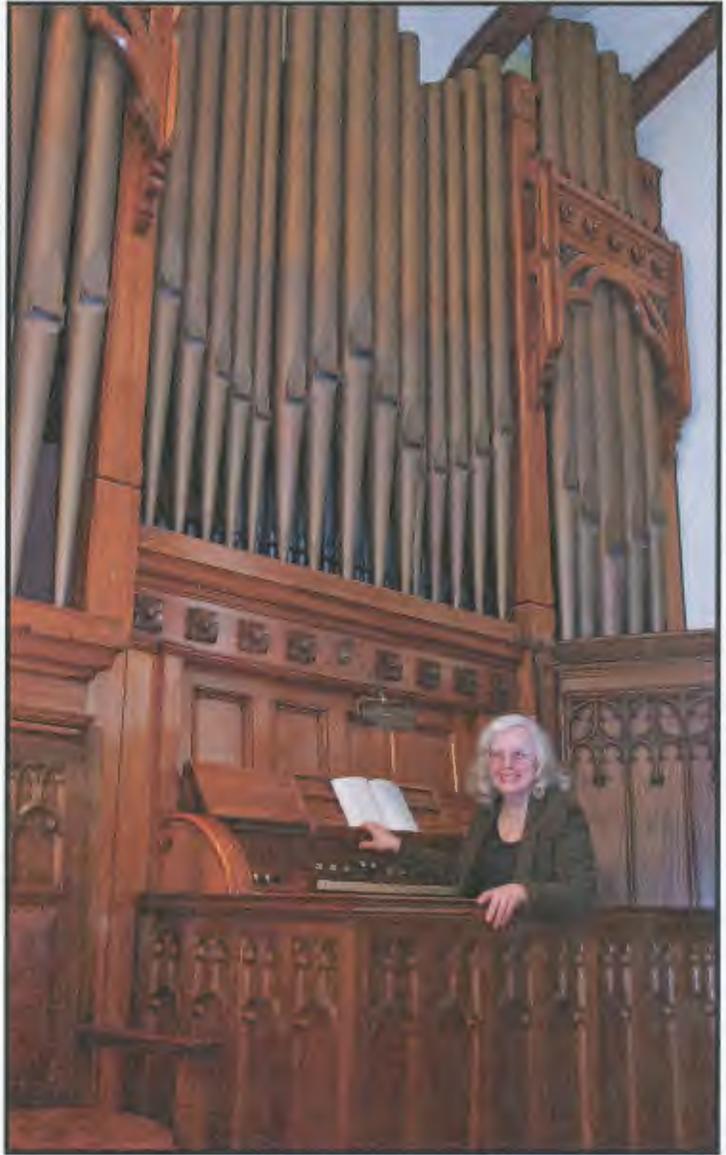






*Love is the spirit of this Church
And service its law.
United in the free quest of high values
In religion and life;
We covenant with one another,
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love,
And to help one another.*





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DEDICATION

*This book is written with
appreciation to my husband,
Jim Drew,
for his love and patience*



*and to my Aunt Frieda for her detailed
church histories that show us the warmth,
dedication, and activities of our church
members through many years.*

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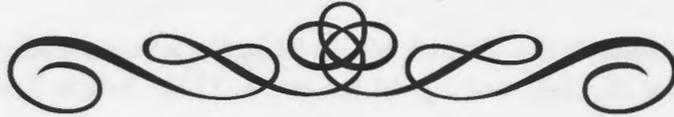
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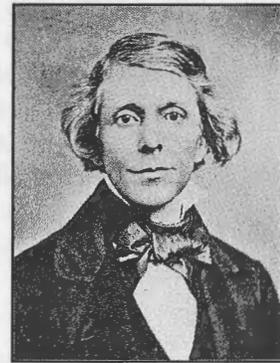


“What consists of the real life and meaning of the Church? From Rev. James Blake’s Covenant and addresses of Frederick Hosmer and Dr. Joseph Robbins, all agree that the outstanding matter is freedom. Freedom is necessary for the mind if it is to receive that education which is the glory of mankind.”

— *From the 100th Anniversary Unitarian Church History, 1839-1939,*
by Dr. E. B. Montgomery

* * *

Dr. William Greenleaf Eliot, pastor of the Messiah Unitarian Church in St. Louis from 1834 to 1872, preached the organizing sermon for a Quincy Unitarian Church in April 1839 in the Quincy Court House on a Friday evening and on the following Sunday morning and evening. He was 27 years old then. For several years he organized Unitarian churches in a wide territory of the Midwest, from Milwaukee to New Orleans.



Dr. W.G. Eliot

Eliot emphasized the Christian character of Unitarianism. It is surprising to realize that what sounds so orthodox today was considered radical then.

“First, to the worship of Almighty God;
Second, to Jesus Christ;
Third, to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures;
Fourth, to the spiritual life, to faith, to religion in its essential spirit;
Fifth, to the teaching and practice of morality;
Sixth, we are dedicated to Religious Freedom. We would carefully avoid putting any restraint upon men’s consciences. Accordingly, we have given to this church the name Congregational, rather than Unitarian, because we do not wish to restrain (people), even by a word.”

This was Unitarian Christianity as Eliot heard it preached by William Ellery Channing, the founder of American Unitarianism.

The Second Congregational Society of Quincy was formally organized with six members on May 31, 1839, under the leadership of The Rev. Wm. P. Huntington of Hillsborough, Illinois. The name Congregational described the church governed by the congregation. Quincy’s Congregational Church, a Christian trinitarian church, was founded a few years earlier, hence the Unitarian Church was the Second Congregational Society. As more people joined, most 25 to 30 years old, it was decided to construct a church building. Huntington traveled to Massachusetts and New Hampshire to solicit funds from Unitarian congregations there. With those donations, and contributions from Eliot, ground was leased on **Maine Street between Third and Fourth** streets from the Chedell family for \$30 a year. A contract was let in May 1840 to one of the 27 founders, Robert S. Benneson, for a church

building to be erected within 100 days, at a cost of \$1,058. The building was completed in August, with some items added to the expense: a communion table, painting, a fence, and grading, for a final price of \$1,135.69. This first church was a square, one-story front with a two-story ell.

The “**Constitution of the Church of Christ in the Second Congregational Society**” was adopted December 29, 1840, and signed January 5, 1841. Article 5 was the covenant.

Covenant

“My friend and brother (or sisters and brethren.) You present yourself here, wishing to profess your faith in Christ, and unite with this Christian Church, I ask therefore,

Do you repent of your sins and determine to forsake them, and is it your heart’s desire and fervent wish to become a faithful disciple of our Lord and Saviour?

And do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who is able to save to the uttermost all who come to God by him?

[If the person has not been baptized, this shall now be done.]

We then receive you gladly into our number, we welcome you to the communion of Christian hearts, we solemnly promise and engage to Sympathize with you ,watch over you and support you in the trials of life and the work of duty. And we engage to unite with you in the diligent use of Christian ordinances and to yield obedience to all truth which shall be made known to us as our duty; the Lord assisting us by his spirit and grace. And may God our Father grant that this union formed on earth, may be continued in Heaven, and fit us for the fellowship of the saints in light.”

On the first Sunday in December 1840, **the Rev. George L. Moore** of Concord, Massachusetts, became the first minister. He was born in Concord May 4, 1812, graduated from Harvard University in August 1834, and Theological School in July 1839. His starting salary was \$10 per Sunday service. A fund left by an individual in Boston provided \$150 yearly “For the propagation of the Gospel to the North American Indians and others.” To access this missionary fund, the church had to do outreach work. That consisted of Moore reading his Sunday morning sermon to inmates of the county jail later in the day.

Henry Asbury knew Moore and describes his character in “Reminiscences of Quincy, Illinois,” his book written in 1881:

“There was one other of our early ministers ... wish to say a word about him. I refer to the Rev. George Moore, the first Unitarian minister settled here. Mr. Moore came here about 1840, and was a close follower in his general ideas and religious convictions of Dr. Channing. He was never married; was not a great preacher, or at least not a noisy one; modest, kindly in his manners and disposition, but he literally went about doing good. I believe he was the first of our preachers that habitually visited the prisoners in jail, going there every week, and in some instances, every day. A most Christian gentleman, whose account of the High Court of Record in Heaven no doubt will bear inspection by the Great Master Himself. Those who knew him well did not soon forget him, and many still remember him, though his remains have slept in Woodland Cemetery for over thirty-five years.”

George Moore died of consumption (tuberculosis) March 11, 1847, at the early age of 34, "much beloved in the community." He is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Block 2, Lot 25, near the Benneson & Janes Lot 24. The readable part of his stone is:

BEHOLD THE PLACE
WHERE THEY LAID HIM
In Memory of
GEORGE MOORE
of Concord, Massachusetts
Graduated Harvard University
Son of Abel
May 4, 1812
Quincy, Ill.
March 11, 1847

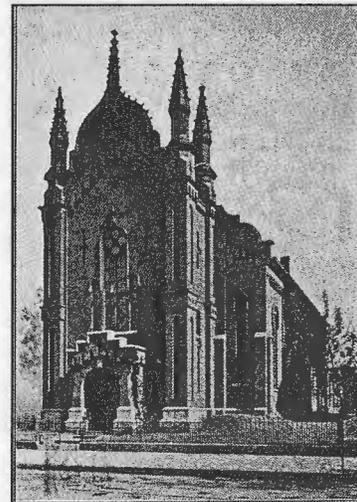


Written by the Board of Trustees in 1905:

"George Moore, who ministered to this people in the earliest infancy of their organic life, slept (died) just at the moment where by his great-hearted devotion to the lowly, the distressed, the wayward, and even the criminal, he had won the love of the whole community, disarmed the bitter sectarian hostility of fifty (sixty) years ago, and demonstrated how much greater is a noble life than the noblest of creeds."

The lease for the church ground could not be renewed in 1850. A new site was purchased in May of that year on the south side of Jersey, at approximately **610 Jersey**, for \$700. The building was dedicated in November. By 1857, **the Rev. Liberty Billings** had been the minister for three years. Church membership had grown to the point where the building was not large enough to accommodate the weekly attendees.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Benneson donated a lot on **Maine Street between Sixth and Seventh**, 635 Maine Street, for the **third church building**. It was completed in 1858, the year of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, at a cost of nearly \$18,500. It was then the largest Protestant church building in the city. The auditorium was 92 feet deep and 28 feet high with each marbled wall having a triple arch. The ceiling was paneled and ornamented with a skylight and fresco. This church provided seating for 600 people and was used for 55 years, not only for church services but many grand dinners, meetings, lectures and concerts of local musicians and professionals traveling through the Midwest.



The church commissioned and purchased a **Steere Tracker Organ** (Opus 320) for \$3,500, in 1891. John Wesley Steere began building organs in 1866, founding his own company near Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1879. A tracker organ was a unique instrument in 19th century America. It has a direct mechanical connection between the organ keys and the pipes themselves, giving a full yet delicate sound. The organ was dedicated October 11, 1891. Originally, wind was supplied to the organ by a hand-pumped blower. In 1906, "a first-class electric motor of sufficient power and capacity to supply the organ with all the stops drawn" was installed and was started from the keyboard. This is the oldest church organ in Quincy still in its original form. See photo on color page.

The Fourth Church Building

The earliest recorded proposal to leave the 635 Maine Street church building appeared in the annual trustees' report for the year 1910:

“It has also been suggested by some that the church property be disposed of, a smaller church built with part of the proceeds and a sufficient amount be invested to secure a permanent income for the church.”

Church membership had grown smaller due to deaths and members moving away from Quincy. The treasurer's report showed that the amount received in 1910 was \$2,435, expenditures amounted to \$2,499, leaving a deficit of \$64. It appears that it was a discouraging time.

The deficit grew to \$1,000 in 1911, much of it due to insurance, a new sidewalk, and repairs after September rain damage. The next year the church would be billed \$400 for street paving. At a March 13, 1912 meeting, the trustees proposed to sell the Maine Street property for \$350 per front foot. At the same meeting Trustee Otto Mohrenstecher read a letter from **the Rev. Charles F. Elliott** resigning as minister. The congregation had many decisions to make.

A month later, Mohrenstecher offered \$29,000 {\$679,424} {amount in 2013 dollars} for the 635 Maine Street property. This amount was accepted by the trustees at a later meeting. The sale was finalized July 1, 1912.

The following article appeared in the Quincy Daily Journal on August 30, 1913:

Famous Landmark is Being Razed

The old Unitarian church on Maine between Sixth and Seventh streets, which has been a landmark for years, will soon be a thing of the past. The steady growth of the city demands that churches be located in the residential district and the old structure is rapidly disappearing before the axes and saws of the workmen. In its place will rise a fine new office building and theatre.

The old church has served as house of worship to many of Quincy's leading Protestant citizens. But it has served its time. The old timbers were beginning to be affected with what is known as dry rot.

At the May 24, 1912, Board of Trustees meeting, three locations for a new church were considered: southwest corner of 14th and Hampshire, northwest corner of 16th and Vermont including a dwelling, and a vacant lot on the northwest corner of 16th and Hampshire. The trustees considered the price of \$3,200 for the 16th and Hampshire lot and its location better than the others; a motion to purchase passed 10 to 3. The minutes stated:

“Judge McCarl moved that the trustees go ahead and build a church on the lot just purchased for sum not to exceed \$15,000. ... Mr. Mohrenstecher spoke in favor of retaining part of the fund to bear income and thus increase the amount necessary to meet the usual annual expenses. Dr. E. B. Montgomery proposed that the trustees go ahead and secure plans for a church regardless of price to present at a future meeting.

“Those present Judge McCarl, Messrs Mohrenstecher, Bradford, Woodruff, Kespohl, Woods, Potter, Montgomery, Bert. Mrs. Janes, McCarl, Berrian, Woodruff, Miss Beckersbaugh.”

By October 1912, the congregation was considering candidates for the next minister *and* plans for the new church building. A 1903 publication by the American Unitarian Association (AUA), titled "Plans for Churches," guided members to look at the plans of churches in Iowa City, Iowa; Madison, Wisconsin; Urbana, Illinois, and **Kansas City, Missouri**. Trustees E. F. Bradford and Samuel Eldred visited the Kansas City church and in December recommended a church building similar to it. The architect was **Walter C. Root**, a Kansas City Unitarian who designed the church there. The Quincy church paid \$50 to his architectural firm of Root & Siemans for building plans that were accepted by the Board of Trustees with the addition of social and Sunday School rooms beneath the main auditorium. This was announced in the Quincy Daily Whig December 7, 1912.

The chair of the building committee was W.H. Woodruff, with Dr. E. B. Montgomery assisting. Harvey Chatten was the architectural contractor to supervise the construction. Contracts were let for the structure in April 1913. Minutes of the June 18 board meeting demonstrate that all was not planned in detail.

"Mr. Mohrenstecher read a report of the expenditures up to the present time, towards the building of the new church, showing that the amount had exceeded by several hundred dollars the estimate of the architect.

"Mr. Mohrenstecher also stated that the architects estimate of the cost of the completed building did not include pews, the moving and setting up of the organ, or any decoration of the walls other than a tinting of the plastering.

"All this would add considerably to the expenses as first estimated, and still more if the society wished a more handsomely decorated interior than provided for in the plans. The trustees desired to know the wishes of the society in the matter of interior decoration, and asked permission to solve the financial difficulty by drawing upon the \$10,000 fund set aside at an earlier meeting for the purpose of building a parsonage."

On August 15, 1913 a meeting of the society, with 14 members present, resolved: "That a sum not to exceed \$5,000 be set aside from the amount previously reserved by this society for the purpose of moving, repairing and installing the organ, and for decorating, furnishing and finishing the new church."

With the sale of the Maine Street building and its furnishings, amounting to \$31,250, the trustees were able to build and furnish the new building, buy a parsonage at 1454 Vermont for \$6,000 {\$140,570} with a remaining balance of \$2,000. Amazingly, the new building was constructed in about eight months at a cost close to \$21,000 {\$480,465}.

In a church report:

<u>New Church Building – Items of Cost</u>	
Buerkin & Kaempfen Contract and extras	\$13374.00
O’Neil Plumbing Co. Plumbing & Heating	1500.00
Harvey Chatten 5% on Contract	725.00
Herman Haubrock, sodding	67.00
American Seating Co. Pews	506.00
A.F. Trapp organ storage	34.50
Kilgen & Sons, moving & rebuilding organ	830.00
Mr. Berghofer, tin work, dummy organ pipes	11.75
Spierling & Linden, decorators	19.00
Church plans and specifications	50.00
Travel expense of Trustees to Kansas City, Mo.	26.70
E.R. Chatten, lot survey	10.00
Quincy Gas & Electric Co.	185.00
Quincy Electric Co. electric fixtures	204.00
Quincy Stone Construction Co. walks & steps	186.42
Tenk Hardware Co., hardware, doors & windows	95.00
Michaelman, covering for window areas	48.00
Church lot	3000.00

The design of the 16th and Hampshire building is described as Tudor Revival and Craftsman, similar to the country parish churches of late medieval England. Each individual stone block looks irregular, but closer inspection reveals careful cutting and fitting to create an effect of broken courses rather than a random arrangement. The superb masonry design is especially evident in the cut stones above the doors and windows. The two second-story sections — the tower room and the pastor’s study and office — are stucco with half-timbering. All woodwork on the main floor is oak except the butternut organ case. The general design of the paneling and furniture in the chancel is a modified Gothic. Mrs. Isabel Lynds, a member of our Ladies Industrial Alliance, furnished the new pulpit and chairs in memory of her husband Daniel and son Edward.

The Quincy Daily Journal newspaper of December 6, 1913 praised the new church building for its artistic design and practicality: “Situated on one of the prettiest corners in Quincy, in a neighborhood wherein it is a jewel in a proper setting, the new church erected by the Unitarian congregation is not only a building worthy of being a temple of God, but is furthermore a thing of beauty and an adornment to the city.

“The building is of a size fitted to the needs of the congregation and will be all sufficient for many years to come. It is constructed of stone and there are drop gables of wood, the whole making a most artistic and pleasing appearance, with every indication of great durability, and the architecture being along old English lines and most elegant in its simplicity.

“Inside the beautiful edifice the same scheme of elegant simplicity is carried out and the main auditorium of this sanctuary is one of the most beautiful of any house of worship in the city. Opening from the vestibule the auditorium extends in graceful lines to the organ loft and pulpit, is finished in walnut and the ceiling is of the artistic arched beam effect.

“On the east side of the auditorium is the parlor, separated from the auditorium by folding doors with glass. It has a beautiful fireplace of tapestry brick and rough stone which lends much charm to it for informal church functions. Behind the parlor is the library and this will contain the church collection of books, and be used for various purposes.

“Downstairs the same plan is carried out with a well-equipped kitchen. The Sunday school room is 42 by 36 feet, the same dimensions as the auditorium upstairs. The floor is of polished hard maple and is not broken by posts or other obstructions. Prism glass windows send a flood of light into the rooms. There is a stage 20 by 20 feet for entertainments. On the northwest corner of the basement is a room for the heating apparatus, consisting of a Spencer vapor heater, and regulator occupying very little space, but yet being sufficiently large to heat the entire building on the coldest days. The organ stands above the boiler room and so the electric blower for the organ is placed here. In the basement are two retiring rooms, fitted out with every modern convenience.

“A feature of the exterior is the old keystone bearing the date of 1858 which for so many years reposed over the entrance arch of the old church on Maine street, now demolished. The corner stone of the new church is immediately below this keystone, and bears the inscription ‘Second Congregational (Unitarian) church, A.D. 1913’.

“Everything in the church is of the most modern usage and the basement is particularly well-fitted for the Sunday school work and for the uses of other departments of this important church society. No pains have been spared in providing the best materials possible for the edifice and Architect Harvey Chatten is to be congratulated upon his part in (planning, overseeing and directing) the construction.”

Services were held in the Jewish Temple until construction was completed.

In the early twentieth century, Quincy was emerging from the horse-and-buggy era. In October 1913 the city purchased the first motorized patrol car for the police department. This replaced the horse-drawn police wagon.

~ A New Minister for the New Building ~

The decision for our next minister was reflected in The Quincy Daily Journal newspaper articles of November 10 and November 29, 1913. “**Rev. Lyman Greenman**, who will begin his pastorate of the Quincy Unitarian Church next Sunday, December 7, was born in Massachusetts, educated at Harvard College, Harvard Divinity School, and studied at Oxford College, England. He has been very prominent in social improvement work in the East, recently in New York City.”



Rev. Lyman Greenman

The Quincy Daily Journal, December 15, 1913, reports on his first service as our minister:

REV. GREENMAN DELIVERS FINE SERMON SUNDAY DECLARES RELIGION IS TOO MUCH OF A FORMALITY NOWADAYS

It has been this way since the days when Jesus was on earth, declares the speaker.

“Yesterday morning the beautiful new Unitarian church was opened for worship for the first time, and the new minister, Rev. Lyman Greenman, delivered a forceful sermon to a large congregation which gave close attention to the speaker. ‘The Essential of the Unitarian Faith’ was the theme of Rev. Greenman’s discourse.”

The lengthy article quoted the main parts of the sermon.

On January 22, 1914, one of the church women's groups, the King's Daughters, held an all-day meeting and decided to give a three-course dinner the next Thursday. The Quincy Daily Journal reported on January 30 and the Quincy Whig on February 1:

King's Daughters Give Pretty Supper at Unitarian Church

One hundred and sixty people sat down to the long snowy tables in the dining room of the new Unitarian church last night when the King's Daughters, an organization of young ladies of the church, gave a supper. The tables were very pretty in their decorations of Japanese apple blossoms, being sold to those who wished to buy them after the supper. The menu included hot veal loaf, gravy, brown mashed potatoes, peas, home-made hot rolls, peach salad, cheese delights, chocolate ice cream and little home made white cakes iced in white and chocolate. After dinner there was a half hour of delightful organ music by William Spencer Johnson. The members of the Unitarian church are deriving no end of pleasure from their pretty new home of worship and the church is expected to grow in popularity.

On Thursday evening, February 5, 1914, the new church building was dedicated and the Rev. Lyman Greenman was installed. Following is the program, with some speeches inserted:

**The Second Congregational
Unitarian Church**

Organized 1839, A. D.



Sixteenth and Hampshire Streets
Quincy, Illinois

Order of Service

at the

Installation

of the

Rev. Lyman Manchester Greenman,

as Minister of the

Second Congregational Unitarian Church

and the

Dedication

of the

Fourth Meeting-House, Quincy, Illinois

Thursday Evening, February 5th, 1914, at 8 o'clock.

Organ Voluntary.

WM. SPENCER JOHNSON
ENTRÉE DU CORTEGE,Dubois

Invocation.

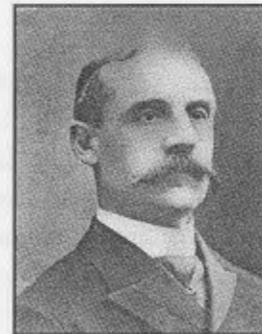
Hymn Come, thou Almighty King.....Charles Wesley

Installation of Minister by the Congregation

Represented by WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON

Mr. Richardson:

“This Church has no legal existence except under the name of ‘The Second Congregational Society of Quincy, Illinois.’ I do not think that the Founders of this Society expected to fellowship with the orthodox Congregational churches in this part of the country by using the congregational name in their charter. I do not think that they shrank from the name ‘Unitarian,’ a word which was at first used as an epithet of reproach, but afterwards, and before the granting of this charter, had been accepted by the liberals as fairly indicative of their belief in the one God. I think that the Inspirer and most of the Founders came from Boston and its vicinity, from old Pilgrim and Puritan Congregational churches that had followed Channing and Ware into the liberal movement, into the American Unitarian Association in 1825, without changing their names or organizations. It seems to me they simply used an old familiar home name.



Wm. A. Richardson, Jr.

“However all this may be, congregationalism, like every other church polity, may be associated with any form of theological doctrine, as the Baptist, Christian, Universalist, and other denominations. The Unitarian movement in America has maintained the congregational method of church government and has steadily refused to allow the encroachment of any ecclesiastical authority upon the rights of an individual congregation. This Church, in common with all other Unitarian churches in this country, is a Congregational Society and stands for what its name implies. It has the power to choose and ordain its own ministers, and, when it has exercised its right of ordination or installation, it has chosen to do so without the intervention of any council. It has never considered this ceremony essential, but has performed it at the request of three previous ministers, Rev. F.L. Hosmer, Rev. J. Vila Blake, and Rev. T.J. Horner, who, as Doctor Robbins said on a previous occasion, ‘received their inspiration at the hands of the laymen of the society.’

“Many of the members of the orthodox Protestant churches, in good standing, would not today subscribe to the Covenant ... which the Founders of this Society adopted seventy-five years ago. The world changes and we change with it.

“This Church has ever kept its doors and windows open to all the truths that science and thought has established. We think we cease to be Unitarians when we cease to grow. Every man and woman in the Society has the right to judge for himself or herself, unbound by any set of articles. We profess to be a Christian body, but every one is left to decide what Christianity is. All that we ask is that every one shall live according to his or her best

convictions. Among Unitarians, differences of belief cause no bitterness. But just because we are free to handle the facts of life, nearly all of us reach about the same conclusions. There is a unity in diversity rather than a formal uniformity of opinion.

“The sixteen ministers who have held the pulpit during the Society’s existence have greatly differed in religious and philosophical thought. Some have been conservatives, and some have been radicals. Some have been optimists, and some have been pessimists. Some have been scarcely more than Socinians, and some have been extreme rationalists. We have had those who went about doing good in the name of the Master, and we have had closet students. We have had ‘God intoxicated men’ and we have had scientific materialists. We have had seers, poets and hymn-writers. We have had pulpit orators and learned scholars. We have welcomed men of every opinion, without committing any one to their opinions. We have given each a respectful hearing, mindful that truth is many sided, but we have always reserved the right of judgment, and have yielded obedience to the truth as we saw the truth.

“So far along, we have never had a Socialist in the pulpit. Unitarianism has been called the ‘Religion of Individualism.’ It has also been called the ‘Religion of Humanity.’ Unitarians have ever been interested in social questions and of work in social service. We are all Socialists if Socialism has anything to do with regard for one’s fellow being, with equality of opportunity and even-handed justice. But if Socialism means the economic reconstruction of the social order, there are but few of us who are Socialists. We are Evolutionists, most of us, and believe in the development of institutions, --institutions that have built up slowly through the ages.

“Under the inspiration and in the spirit of this traditional hospitality, tolerance and open-mindedness, we welcome you, Mr. Greenman, and your Message. We welcome you to the work and duties of this Society. We welcome you to our homes and to our hearts.

“And now, sir, as its representative, and by virtue of the powers vested in me, I install you the Minister of this Society and extend to you the right hand of fellowship.”

Response by Minister

Rev. Greenman responded with an address, saying he feels welcome here and encouraging the members to work together for the advancement of our church. He stated that our community needs “constructive teaching, and positive and constructive religion. ... (people) with large thoughts, steady hands and strong opinions. We shall come together in the freedom of Truth; ..and are now looking into an untried and unknown future which holds new opportunities of service.”

Delivery of the Keys of the Fourth Meeting-House

William H. Woodruff, Chairman of the Building Committee, presented the keys.

Acceptance of the Keys

Otto A. Mohrenstecher, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

“Mr. Woodruff, as chairman of the Board of Trustees, I wish to commend you as Head of the building committee and your able colleague, Dr. Montgomery, for your efficient

interest and untiring energy displayed during the erection of the modest edifice we call our Church home.

“Little do we realize as we enjoy it with quiet satisfaction, the travail and vexation of spirit endured by the founders, who dared to create this outpost of liberalism three quarters of a century ago, when Unitarianism as an organized Social force was yet young, and before it had radiated its benign influence throughout the length and breadth of this great land.

“A long line of devoted leaders have kept the torch aflame, and they have left us a rich endowment of fortitude, perseverance and spirituality, and who dare say that this community has not been benefited by the presence through all these years by the presence of this power for good.”

Service of Dedication

MINISTER AND PEOPLE

O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name.

O Lord, our God, unto Thee be praise and thanksgiving forever and ever.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same let His name be praised among all the people.

To the only Holy, the First and the Last, be thanksgiving and praise; from all kindreds and tongues on earth. AMEN.

May this house be unto us no other than the house of God. Here let us worship Him who is spirit, in spirit and in truth.

Here let us with heart and voice and hands serve the Lord in gladness.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Almighty God, Father of all, we now dedicate this house to Thee and to Thy service. Thou alone art mighty. In Thee do we live and move and have our being.

We dedicate this house to that freedom of mind and spirit which in Jesus enabled him to fulfil the law and prophets and to become the way, the truth, and the life of the world.

In that way, that truth and that life may we become worthy disciples of our Great Teacher. And in that common Fatherhood, which he made known to the world, may we find perfect peace.

We dedicate this house to the instruction of the children whom Thou has committed to our charge. Give us grace to lead them into worthy citizenship through Thy faith and love.

We dedicate this house to Christian Fellowship of childhood and age, youth and manhood. May it promote the sweet amenities of life and bring joy and gladness.

We dedicate this house to the promotion of Justice, Civic Righteousness and the Cause of the People. May we feel the fresh wants of the time and serve our neighbor with willing and glad hearts.

In this house may the beatitudes of the Christian life and our great hopes of life and destiny find deeper meanings.

Almighty God, we hold in memory the true and noble souls that have lived with us and for us, into whose labors we have entered. From their sacrifices and triumphs may we rise as their worthy followers, and may the ceaseless devotion of generations of noble men and women justify every memorial which, in time to come, shall add grace and glory to this visible temple.

Prayer

Rev. Walter F. Greenman

Solo

Oratorio – Mary Magdalen.

Mrs. Roman G. Arnold

J. Massenet

Hymn of Dedication

Except thou, Lord, our work sustain

Frederick L. Hosmer,

(Quincy) Minister 1872-1877

Addresses

Rev. Ernest C. Smith, Chicago, secretary of the Western Unitarian Conference
Rev. Walter F. Greenman, Milwaukee, brother of our new minister
Rev. Charles F. Elliott, Keokuk, former Quincy minister 1906-1912

Hymn

Eternal One, thou loving God

Samuel Longfellow

Welcome to the Work of Quincy

Rev. James Robert Smith, First Congregational Church, welcomed Rev. Greenman to Quincy and wished him success. "... it seemed that God had heard and answered his prayers by sending a church to the corner across from his home."

Rabbi Lewis Kuppin, Temple B'nai Shalom: "Welcome to the work in this city. ... theology is no longer permitted to stand in the way of the fundamental cause."

The Memorial Windows

The original 1913 windows on the east side of the building, facing 16th Street, matched the windows in the west wall of the church. The original window in the north wall matched the small, high window that we see in the south wall.

A campaign was initiated in January 1914 to obtain memorial windows for the church. Relatives and friends of past members donated a total of \$1,374 {\$31,033}. The windows were dedicated two years later. Dr. Abbie Fox Rooney, a daughter of one of our pioneer members, suggested the project. She was the first woman physician regularly licensed in Illinois. She and her husband, Dr. Michael Rooney, took charge of St. Mary Hospital in September 1871 and also had their private practices at their home.



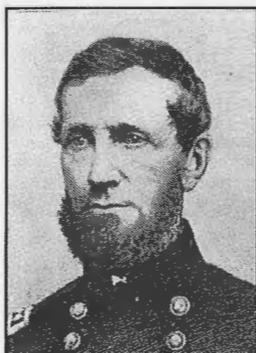
Dr. Abbie Fox Rooney

The Founders Window, above the pulpit and the organ, is a scene in Indian Mounds Park looking out to the Mississippi River. This was given by relatives and friends of the founders and early members of the Society of 1839. It was dedicated April 23, 1916. The photos of these windows are on the color pages.

One of the southern windows is the Palm Window given in memory of Robert S. Benneson by his wife, Phebe Benneson. Benneson gave his continued support, financial and otherwise, including the Maine Street property for the third church building. The choice of Quincy for his home benefited our church and our city. He was founder and president of the Benneson Lumber Company. He was a member of the school board and its president for

several years, an alderman for three years and in 1861 was elected mayor of Quincy. He was a director of the First National Bank of Quincy, and an organizer of the A.H. Whitney Organ Company.

The middle window is given in memory of David Eaton Lynds by his widow, Isabelle Lynds. It depicts the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem built in 691 AD, a Muslim shrine for pilgrims. According to Islamic tradition, the rock at its heart is where Muhammad ascended to Heaven accompanied by the angel Gabriel. Jews believe the rock is the place where Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is also the area purported to be both Solomon's Temple and Herod's Temple.



General Morgan

The western window honors a founder, General James D. Morgan, a veteran of the Mexican War and the Civil War. General Morgan died at age 86. The Quincy Whig's death notice of September 17, 1896 stated: "In war and in peace, as a soldier and as a citizen and business man, Gen. Morgan was at all times and all places the same, a man of indomitable courage, undaunted enterprise and tireless energy."

An example of General Morgan's support of the church came during the annual meeting of January 11, 1869, in the large Maine Street church. As a result of the growth of the Sunday School, the congregation needed to build a vestry or annex. General Morgan offered to contribute the \$2,000 {\$48,000} necessary, provided the society would raise the funds to furnish it and pay off the church debt, putting the church in thorough repair. This generous proposition was accepted and met, and he was appointed to take charge of the construction.

One of the Heritage Room windows shows the Pilgrim fathers signing the Compact aboard the Mayflower on November 11, 1620. The beautiful windows in this room are the work of R. Philips Ward of St. Louis. The Mayflower Compact window, dedicated on October 15, 1916, was given by Sarah E. Walton in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jackson, and her husband, Henry P. Walton, for whom Walton Heights was named, an area in northeast Quincy.

Mayflower Compact

"Having undertaken for ye glory of God and advancemente of ye Christian faith a voyage to plant ye first colonie in ye Northerne parts, by these presents solemnly, and do mutually, in ye presence of God, and of one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politik."

Cap-Codd ye 11 November Ano Dom. 1620

Dedicated December 24, 1916, the William Penn window shows Penn's treaty with the Delaware Native Americans in November 1683. Mrs. Berrian gave this window in memory of Judge Benjamin Berrian, who contributed Berrian Park and most of South Park to Quincy.

"We meet on the broad pathway of good faith and good-will to establish an everlasting covenant of Peace and Friendship based on the sacred rules of Truth and Justice."

Shackamaxon, November, 1682

The Memorial Windows Fund Report:

Paid to:

W. H. Helmerich & Co. South window	\$250.00
W. H. Helmerich & Co. Memorial window.....	400.00
W. H. Helmerich & Co. Walton window	225.00
W. H. Helmerich & Co. Berrian window.....	225.00
Mr. Ward for designing Walton & Berrian windows	0.00
Express charges on designs	1.00
Buerkin & Kaempfen installing Memorial window.....	103.00
Buerkin & Kaempfen installing three other windows.....	93.00
Buerkin & Kaempfen installing repairing door	4.40
Jost & Kiefer Printing, programs Walton day.....	5.75
Jost & Kiefer Printing, Berrian day	3.75
Quincy Photo Eng. Co. cut of Berrian window	3.00
Quincy Photo Eng. Co. cut of Walton window.....	2.20
Total Paid	\$ 1,366.15

Donations received for fund	1,374.25
Paid out	<u>1,366.15</u>
Balance on hand	8.10

 **Meetings in the New Building** 

The first Women's Alliance annual meeting in the new church was held May 6, 1914, in the church parlor. From the minutes of the meeting:

“Meetings have been held monthly, except during the summer vacation. The following committees carry on the work of the Alliance: Programme, Philanthropy, House, Hospitality, Post Office Mission, and Cheerful Letter. Thus far during the year the various committees have worked effectively. Unitarian literature has been sent north, south, east and west. The “shut-ins” have been cheered by good and useful literature. Woodland Home has been much benefited through the philanthropic committee. The Church has been well looked after through the House Committee. ... (The Alliance) is in a flourishing condition both financially and socially ... with their membership of Forty-five.”

At the congregation's annual meeting of Jan. 6, 1915, the number of trustees was increased from three to five, in addition to the treasurer and secretary. The year-end report reflects a loss of nine in the church membership number. Three people signed the membership book, and there was a loss of 12 members; two moved from Quincy and ten members died. “But few years have we had such a large death loss as in 1915.”

The new church building was popular for community ceremonies and performances. For example, in April 1915 the church held the 21st annual graduation of the Blessing Hospital School for Nurses. The detailed newspaper article tells us, “The commencement address was delivered by [our] Rev. Greenman. The theme of his talk was: ‘Opportunity of the Nurse in the Reconstruction of Society,’ and his remarks were forcible and inspiring.”

In June 1916 members participated in a **pilgrimage** to the three former church sites with an address given at each: north side of Maine between Third and Fourth, south side of Jersey between Sixth and Seventh, and 635 Maine Street. Charles Seger, a great-grandson of Robert S. Benneson, planted ivy at the front of the new church. A social gathering, supper, music, and an evening service followed.

A long, detailed article in the Quincy Daily Journal of June 2, 1919, describes the church's **80th anniversary**. "The memorable occasion was celebrated with a service so simple in its quiet dignity and absence of ostentation that it went straight to the hearts of the congregation gathered together to pay tribute to the courage and fearlessness of those who organized the first liberal church and to the men and women who have been true to its ideals ever since. ... Considered to be the four great milestones along the way were: the address of Dr. Channing, the sermon given by Ralph Waldo Emerson, the higher criticism of the Bible, and the theory of evolution."

A New Minister and a New Name

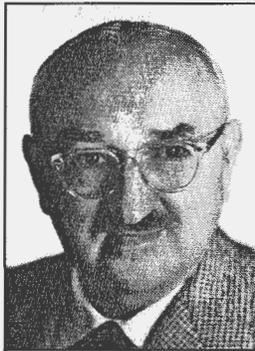
The Rev. Earl Cook arrived in September 1919. His early education was in commerce and finance. He was employed in the accounting department of the Standard Oil Company. His next position was a member of the editorial staff of the Boston Journal for two years. Then he studied at the University of Chicago and Meadville Theological School in preparation for the Unitarian ministry. Quincy was his first pastorate.

"At the Annual Meeting of January 7, 1920

The name of the Society was changed by unanimous vote, from Second Congregational Society to **Unitarian Church.**"

The treasurer's annual report for the year 1920:

Cash on hand, last annual report	\$13.78	
Total receipts for the year	3,158.46	{\$35,794}__
Total to account for	3,172.24	
Total Expenditures for the year	3,150.46	
Cash balance on hand at close of year	\$21.78	



Rev. Celian Ufford

The Rev. Henry S. Cope arrived in 1923. He was a noted writer on religious education, religious editor of the Chicago Tribune, and editor of the magazine "Religious Education" from its inception in 1906. He spoke to capacity audiences in our church, and afternoons at other churches. He passed away in August 1923. **The Rev. Celian Ufford** was the minister from September 1923 to 1926. Then **The Rev. C. Russell Carlin** came from Alton, Illinois, serving until the spring of 1928.

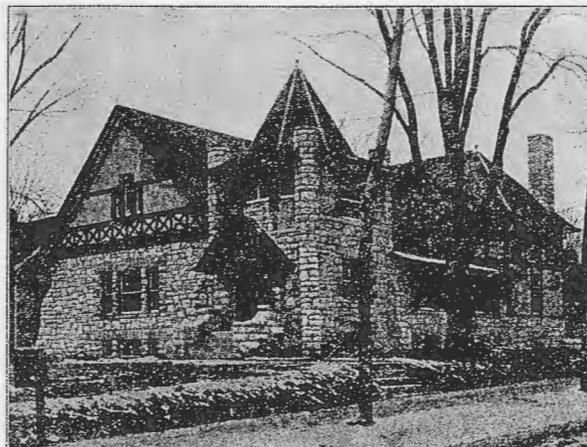
The Rev. Daniel Sands arrived in September 1928. He was an advanced liberal, interested in social work. He organized a "social center" in a poor factory neighborhood and found a home in that area of the city, enjoying the children's group there. He was secretary of the Unitarian Illinois Conference and was invited to be one of the speakers at the Conference in Philadelphia held in October 1931.



Rev. Daniel Sands

Here is a letter of urgency to members. There was apprehension that Sands might leave Quincy, choosing a position with a Massachusetts church:

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH



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It Is Your Church!

QUINCY, ILLINOIS

October 29, 1931

Dear Friend:

Our minister has returned from Philadelphia and Boston where he was invited to take part in the respective programs of these Unitarian organizations. Sunday, November first, he will again be with us, in our own church pulpit, and we are to have the pleasure of hearing his address on **THE CHURCH AND THE FAMILY**, the subject he so capably discussed in the Philadelphia Conference.

What Mr. Sands said in this talk has had NATION WIDE publicity and although certain sensational papers gave most inaccurate accounts, his address was reported in such papers as the "New York Times," and "The Boston Transcript." A "feature" article written by Mr. Sands, was published in the October twenty-fifth issue of the "conservative" Philadelphia Public Ledger, and YOU and I, are to have the privilege of listening to him Sunday morning!

Will you BE THERE to hear him? Will you BE THERE to pledge him your support?

A business man is judged by his clothes, a business house by its stationery, but the success of a minister in his church is determined by the number of members in his congregation.

May we depend upon you to help us make our church attendance worthy of our minister?

Sincerely,
In the Success of our Church
Mrs. Harold Swanberg
Mrs. Harold Swanberg

Daniel Sands did stay in Quincy two more years, leaving in August 1933 as a social worker for the City of Chicago.

The Rev. Ward Burgess Jenks arrived in 1934 and stayed for two years. This was his first pastorate and he aimed to build up the church school and the adult membership by means of increasing church activity. He began, or increased interest in, a Community Institute of Adult Learning, the Lyman McCarl Chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League, the Liberal Forum, the Children's Theatre, and the Young People's Club. The church committees during

the decade of the thirties were: Finance, House, Education, Music, Publicity, Reception, Ushers, Membership, and Community Service. The Easter service included a Children's Choir. The lavender choir robes with yellow bows were made by Anna Louise Dege.



Back row: Frieda Dege, Mary Adair, Clara Lily Dege
 Middle: Alice Morrison, Patricia Kent, Miriam Heasty, Mary Groclaude
 Front: Guenivere Ham, Mary Margaret Crossley, Mary Louise Spiva, Winifred Ham
 Choir director: Bertha Dege

The Rev. Robert Murray Pratt, minister of the Keokuk Unitarian Church, arrived in October 1936 to give a series of Sunday afternoon vesper services which continued until the end of December 1937. Afterward, he was called to be resident minister of our church, beginning January 1, 1938. In his first year in Quincy he helped revise the Religious Education curriculum, the number of classes doubled and in a few years became the Junior Church. A group of junior boys organized a Cub pack of the Boy Scouts. Mrs. Vera Pratt organized the Evening Hour Alliance with a membership of 18 young women. The Six O'Clock Club began with 18 couples who met monthly for a supper program of cultural value. During his pastorate Pratt saw that the church was placed on a sound business basis with all debts paid.



Rev. Robert Pratt

The **Easter service of 1939**, our centennial year, was very special. Reverend Pratt said: "The church is united in loyalty to a continuance of the fine work begun by the founders ... and carried on by devoted liberal men and women." A Service of Christening for five children included James Berrian Winters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Winters and brother of Nancy Winters. The vocal solo "Flower in the Crannied Wall" was given by Fritz Morrison. Recognition of new members for 18 people included Frieda Dege (Marshall) and her sister, Clara Lily Dege (White). The sermon was titled "When Life is New."

The pulpit in the sanctuary was originally fixed in place in the middle of the steps. In

1939 it was separated from the floor so it could be moved according to the requirements of any particular service and for weddings. The chancel candelabra table and small matching table were designed, made, and donated by Herman Dege.

Continuing problems of the kitchen prompted this letter of Sept. 1944 to the board: "We should like to call your attention to the need for some improvement in the condition of the kitchen. The plaster of the east wall is crumbling badly. In fact, the mortar ... falls off onto the table — a bad condition where food is being prepared." The Six O'Clock Club donated \$20 toward the painting of the kitchen. The members of the Evening Hour Alliance redecorated the Tower Room for the Junior Church class taught by Clara Lily Dege in September 1945. Ted Morrison, then 15 years old, earned \$1.95 each week cutting the grass.

Sunday morning attendance increased 25 percent in the 1944-45 year, fifty-seven pledges were made, amounting to \$2,080. The 1945-46 annual budget was \$4, 205, with the minister's salary of \$2,800 {\$35,250}. In the fall of 1946, Pratt tendered his resignation, needing, for health reasons, to move to the better climate of California. Pratt's success was shown in a 60 percent increase in membership, and in the community with his activities with the Adams County T.B. Association and the Garden Club, and work concerning juvenile problems and family rehabilitation. Mrs. Vera Pratt was recognized for her work with the Girl Scouts and young people of the church, the Evening Hour Alliance, and membership in the Women's City Club and Friends in Council.



Easter 1946

A Minister and Family Resides in the Church



Rex Axman and family

In the spring of 1947, the **Rev. Benjamin Rex Aman** arrived with his wife Agnes and their two children, ages 5 and 3. The church had no parsonage and housing could not be found. Consequently, living quarters were arranged in the church.

Then the custom was to send out postcards every week giving the topic of the next Sunday's service. In order to upgrade the level of communication, Mr. Aman requested a typewriter and mimeograph equipment for a newsletter. In the fall of 1949 the first edition of "The Quincy Unitarian" was published.

In an October 1949 sermon Reverend Aman declared that no person, regardless of color of skin, should ever be barred from becoming a Unitarian or from visiting the Unitarian Church. The church wanted to make it clear to the Quincy community that people of all races were welcome in the church.

While the Aman family lived in the church, their son John Franklin was born. It is difficult to imagine a family with three children, one a newborn, living in the church building. This situation did little for the church's reputation in the community. The home west of the church was for sale, but the trustees could not come up with the funds to buy it.

A proposal was discussed during the August 5, 1949 meeting to build a six-room, two-story stucco home with a basement on the north lot of the church property. It was finally decided the following month to buy the home at 1435 Hampshire for \$8,050 with necessary improvements costing another \$5,000-\$6,000. It was a good design and close to the church but needed some updating, such as a heating system. Members volunteered services in some areas of plumbing, remodeling, insulation, roofing, painting, cornice repair, electrical, and concrete work. The estimated worth of the finished house was \$20,000, much more than the amount invested.

After living in this home for a few months, Rex Aman wrote this message to the congregation:

"Many have asked how we like it. It's wonderful! After three years of church dwelling, it is a pleasant contrast in comfort and cheerfulness for all the family. We think it will prove to be satisfactory ... for many ministers and their families."

The Chancel Evening Alliance, a women's group, began after-service refreshments in 1949, served by volunteers from the congregation.

To give an idea of the church's financial situation in 1950, records show that there was

an effort to increase pledges to total \$4,645. They could not afford to raise the minister's annual salary of \$3,200. Thus, he was permitted to live in the parsonage rent-free for a trial period. Mr. and Mrs. William Spencer Johnson, organist and violinist, had not been paid for a long period of time. The amount due was more than \$200. The treasury balance was \$222.

An **April 1951** church service had a panel of six members — Harold Doughty, Mrs. A. S. Armstrong, Mrs. Thomas Marro, Henry Koenker, Tom Moore, and Mrs. Victor (Charlotte) Winters — discuss "Our Church." What are the chief assets? Why do we like our church? Why aren't we able to accomplish more, faster? What they liked included: sense of togetherness, dignified services, not being scared into believing anything, freedom of individual action in the name of religion, and comradeship between pulpit and pew. The problems were: limited finances, indifference to church activities, and "we cannot depend on just a few people" (to carry on the business and duties of the church).

After nearly six years of ministry in Quincy, Reverend Aman submitted his resignation and moved on to a Unitarian Church in Ft. Worth, Texas.

The first public address system was installed in the church in the fall of 1951 by Earl Sloan, who donated a loud speaker, microphone and amplifier. The hearing aid system was added in 1954.

In February 1953 it was reported that total membership was 143, with 82 active members. The search for a new minister offered a salary of \$4,000 {\$33,860} plus the parsonage. **The Rev. Thomas J. Maloney** was approved in July. He was 31 years old, had served one year in the Davenport Unitarian Church. He was accompanied by his wife, Betty, and their three daughters, Susan, 4, Greta, 2, and Elizabeth, five months.

The **Good Samaritan Home Association** planned to build a nursing home facility at 21st and Harrison. Two of our active members, Dr. Ted Stebbins and Ed Hess, served on their board. Church members pledged \$4,300 {\$36,400} in the fund-raising. "Unitarian participation in this program has evoked a high esteem from the protestant churches of Quincy."



Rev. Thomas Maloney

In 1954, the man hired to cut the lawns of the church and the parsonage demanded that the church purchase a power mower. This was considered unreasonable. It was thought that the hand mower could be taken into the shop for sharpening if needed. Paul Morrison, Ted's father, then took responsibility for the lawns, and Ray White used his power mower for the job in September to the end of the season.

Summer Vacation School

The Chancel Evening Alliance planned a Vacation Craft School during the last two weeks of August 1954. Frieda Marshall volunteered leadership, with Betty Maloney, Charlotte Winters, and Ruth Harris serving on the committee. Other leaders were Frieda's sisters, Bertha Danhaus and Patsy Rose Dege. This plan prompted improvement of the basement rooms, cleaned and painted by Paul Morrison and his crew of four. The Vacation Craft School activities, games and music were enjoyed by 30 children. A newspaper was

produced with articles written by the students. The listed expenses of the two week program was \$14.80, including snacks.



Back: Mrs. Ruth Harris, Dienna Arline Danhaus, Karen Eldin, Pat Eldin, Suzanne Traylor, Clare Stebbins, Susan Janes.

Middle: Kay Behrensmeyer, Sally Stebbins, Natalie Fisher, Bruce Marshall.

Front: Connie Grossarth, John Albsmeyer, Ned Behrensmeyer, __, __, Janice Marshall, Andrea & Paul White (hats), Tom Albsmeyer (front), David and his mom, Ginny Liddle.

The **heating system** has certainly had a long history. That is, a history of at least *talking* about it. The church was originally heated with coal. Early problems are found in the minutes of a membership meeting December 1, 1918: "The trustees desire to call attention of the members of this society to the condition of our heating plant, which has never given satisfaction. When the church was built, a vapor system of heating was installed, to be supplied by a hard-coal Spencer Heater. The first heater blew up before it was accepted. The second one did the same thing after it was accepted. The Spencer Company then installed what is called a 'Fool Proof' heater, and it has fooled us ever since. Your trustees recommend that the Spencer heater be relegated to the junk-pile, and a new soft-coal heater be installed We herewith submit bids from different dealers on such kind of heater." A new boiler was installed in 1919 with the heating plant over-haul \$1,100.

Gas conversion was suggested in 1943 but was not possible because of wartime priorities. In 1945 it was determined that gas equipment would have cost about \$160, a big savings on the coal bill and janitor service. The board of trustees failed to act.

Nine years later, early in 1954, there was still discussion about replacing the hand-fed coal furnace with a gas heating system. First the plaster needed to be repaired in the boiler room. The gas heating was installed and ready for use in October, 1954. Charges for renting the church were \$2.50 per night when heat was not needed, \$3.50 when heat was necessary, and \$1.50 additional for use of the kitchen.

Dr. E. B. Montgomery died in December 1954 at the age of 96, at the time, believed to be the nation's oldest practicing physician. He wrote the "100th Anniversary" history booklet in 1939. Early in his practice, he was a physician to John Wood, founder of Quincy and



Dr E.B. Montgomery

governor of Illinois during the Civil War.

Reverend Maloney promoted a **Foreign Film Series** which premiered March 29, 1955, with "Kind Hearts and Coronets." Maloney was also active in mental health organizations. His primary goal was to make the church a leader in the community – a liberal platform for promoting freedom of thought, equality of opportunity, and the use of reason and justice in solving problems.

The Rev. John M. Morris arrived from San Diego, California, to be our minister 1956-1959. He had both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan, post-graduate studies at the University of California, and was a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry. His provocative and informative sermons were delivered in a dramatic style, which increased Sunday attendance. Examples of his sermon titles: "Lead Us Not Into Penn Station," "Mount Sinai and Our Mixed-up World," "Persistent Problems of Religion: The Idea of God," and "What if Lincoln and Douglas Came Back to Quincy?" on October 22, 1958, to commemorate the centennial of the debates. His last sermon, "Trees We Have Planted Together" referred to the trees in the church yard and also to the many projects and camaraderie as the congregation grew in numbers and relationships. Reverend Morris wrote a monthly newsletter, mailed to 73 members and 18 friends. Church attendance ranged from 44 to 59. The Sunday School had 26 children enrolled and a staff of six adults. The Sunday schedule at that time: nursery school 9:30 a.m., junior church and adult discussion 10, service 11, social hour 12:15.



Rev. John Morris

Unitarians and Universalists Unite

In 1960, the congregation voted to support the national merger of the Unitarian and Universalist churches. This joining had been considered for many years, even during the Civil War. The theology of each was much alike, but the style of worship and social differences were noticeable. Unitarians were mostly urban, educated people. Universalists were small town and rural with a more emotional style of worship. Thomas Starr King of the First Unitarian Church of San Francisco in the Civil War years summarized the difference: The Universalists thought that God was too good to damn them forever, while the Unitarians thought they were too good to be damned. After World War II, the Service Committees of the two denominations cooperated in shared projects, anticipating a merger. The Unitarian Universalist Association was formed in May 1961.



Rev. George Crist

The Rev. George Crist served as our minister from 1960 to 1968. He and his wife, Evelyn, arrived with their three children, Suzanne, 14, Cynthia, 9, and Eric, 7. He earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Northwestern Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, with graduate work in philosophy at Iowa State University. He was a veteran of two years in the Navy during World War II. He had served Lutheran churches in Wisconsin for about 6 years. In Quincy, he had been a reporter for The Quincy Herald-Whig since 1956, continuing his position there, reporting on community activities and city hall news. At the January 1961 King's Daughters meeting he explained his heresy trial and dismissal from the Lutheran Church.

Bertha Danhaus encouraged the formation of a **Memorial Committee** in 1961. The custom of giving memorials instead of flowers for funerals was becoming popular. She had noticed this at her husband Russell's Trinity United Church of Christ. At a board meeting Jane Shair made the motion, also appointing Bertha as chairperson. Ted Morrison and Tom Moore served on the committee.

The continuing International Film Series, a church project for the community, offered films in the Quincy High School 30th and Maine Street auditorium in 1961. The January-April films were "Genevieve," "The Three Penny Opera," "One Summer of Happiness" and "The Sheep has Five Legs." The Quincy audiences could see the best in international films, most of which were not shown by local commercial theaters. Considered a success in attendance and financially, the film series continued through 1972.

Jane Shair was the inspiration for a new project in December 1961. **The Eliot Book Shop** offered good literature not available locally: Beacon Press publications, Penguin paperbacks, and quality art prints. This shop, in the room we now refer to as the Reference Room, was open every afternoon Monday – Saturday. Jane Shair led the staff of mostly Alliance members. While Jane was in Europe the summer of 1963, Bertha Danhaus was put in charge. The shop closed that November, Jane purchased the stock and opened The Book Stall at 410 Maine Street with Bertha employed as office manager.



Paul Morrison

Unitarian Church member **Paul Morrison** passed away on April 19, 1963, at the age of 77. Morrison was active in the church as a board member and organized projects such as painting to brighten church rooms. He was truly a positive force in the church and the Quincy community. Mr. Morrison was an English and history teacher. A career in music had not been his plan, but he had a knowledge of music, played cello and piccolo, so the administrators asked him to begin a band for Quincy High School in 1919. In a few years, he was also the orchestra director. He expected the best from his students and they excelled, winning band contests. In recent years, when the QHS band marches in the spring Dogwood Parade, they "Strike Up the Band" as they pass the home of the Morrison's son, Ted, and his wife, Sandra.

In May 1964, at the height of the Civil Rights Movement, the Board of Trustees endorsed a Freedom Walk of Dignity. Many church members participated. The walk was intended to encourage dialogue between the races, a commitment to justice and dignity for all persons.

Committees in 1964-65 were: Education, Social Action, Films, Art and Music, Fellowship, Building and Grounds, Publicity, Finance, Membership and Ushering. Committees had from four to 14 members, with Education having the 14. The Church School list had nine children in Pre-school; eight in a class for grades 1-3; five in a class for grades 4-7; and six in a Junior-Senior High class.

Shirley Tompkins Johnson died October 17, 1966 at age 76, and her husband, **William Spencer Johnson**, died October 24, 1967 at age 83. These professional musicians provided beautiful music for us every Sunday morning. For more than 25 years, she played her violin, accompanied by her husband as our church organist. He was a composer and music professor at Culver-Stockton College and taught at the Quincy Conservatory of Music.

In recognition of his 35 years of service as the director of plantings and as secretary-treasurer of the Quincy Park District, the park at 18th and Harrison Street was named William Spencer Johnson Park on Jan. 15, 1967. Johnson developed a park system nursery to provide more than 275 species of trees and shrubs, and planned Madison Park's wide variety of trees.

Sandy Morrison organized a complete Sunday School program, grade school through high school ages in September 1967. Celia Hutchinson led a pre-school class for five children, and Jeanine White provided child care for the very young. The school and the adult forum began at 9:30, then the church service at 10:45.



Mr. & Mrs. Johnson

Reverend Crist resigned in May 1968. He had held the two jobs of serving as our minister and working at The Herald-Whig for eight years. He accepted a position as editorial writer of Bay City Times in Bay City, Michigan.

A Senator's Brother as Interim Minister



Rev. Lester Mondale

The Rev. Lester Mondale served as our interim minister for five months, from November 1968 to March 1969. A Harvard Divinity School graduate, Mondale served Unitarian churches from 1929 to 1962. After retirement he served as an interim for churches during their search process. He was the author of several books, one being "The New Man of Religious Humanism." The Order of Service carried a continuing message: "Neither to Convert, Nor to Controvert, But to Share." He was the brother of U.S. Sen. Walter Mondale of Minnesota, later vice president serving with President Jimmy Carter in 1976-1980.

The Rev. Robert S. Hoagland of Madison, Wisconsin, was our interim minister from September 1969 to May 1970. A graduate of Meadville Theological School, he studied philosophy at the University of Marburg in Germany, including three months at Heidelberg. He also studied under professors Paul Tillich and Martin Buber in Frankfurt. Hoagland was present when those professors were fired by the Nazis. In person, he heard both Hitler and Mussolini twice. He was jailed both in Rome and in Romania for his views opposing those dictators. He visited Unitarian churches in Romania and Hungary. In 1938, he crossed German frontiers 16 times while working to assist Jews fleeing Germany.

Hoagland's salary was \$6,000. Some of his sermon titles were: "Time's Arrow, or, On Staying Young," "Radicals, Liberals, and Conservatives," "On Being Liberal," and "Primerizing our Religion" which included the Quaker prayer: "God, make bad people good, but good people easier to live with."

In June 1970 polished plate glass was put on the east and south leaded glass windows for protection. Church members painted the basement walls sunflower yellow, the ceiling white, and the beams and pipes red and Washington blue.

Parson Hoagland, as he referred to himself, completed his interim ministry May 31, 1970. He passed away May 9, 1993, in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 87.

Herman E. Dege passed away on February 25, 1970, at the age of 85. He escaped Germany and the German Army the summer before WWI began, bringing his wife and three-year-old daughter Bertha to America. They began membership in the church in 1931. As Sunday School superintendent, he led the Junior Church every week. He organized and directed plays for the children's participation. Mr. Dege, owner of The Artisan Furniture Shop, was a well known craftsman. He designed and made the chancel candelabra table and small matching table that served as a stand for Mrs. Johnson's violin. These were donated at the 1939 centennial of the church. He also served as board trustee and on the Building and Grounds committee.

~ Women's Organizations ~

The Ladies Industrial Society formed October 30, 1867. Their motto: "To work together in a glorious cause – to be known by our works as well as our faith." They met on Wednesdays at 2:00 and usually sewed, knitted or crocheted aprons, tea towels, mittens, etc. for the Unitarian table at the Society Fair. The proceeds were donated to the Woodland Home (Quincy's orphanage). At 3:00 the attendance was taken for the business meeting and after that, there was time for more sewing work on the projects, usually adjourning at 5:00. They also raised money cooking and serving dinners, and holding dances in places like the Opera House. They made annual donations to the church that were vital to the church finances. This is an example of a thank you note from the Board of Trustees:

Sept. 22, 1871

Mrs. Fred Potter
Secretary Ladies Industrial

By request of the Trustees, I wish to thank you in behalf of the society for your generous donation of seventy-five dollars, Sept. 14th toward reducing the Church debt.

It comes at an opportune time, and will go far towards accomplishing the desired result.

Again thanking you, I remain yours, F.E. Doyen

{\$75; in 2013: \$1,420}

These are excerpts from meeting minutes:

March 2, 1910

The Ladies Industrial had an all-day session to make ... a number of dresses and undergarments for the orphans of Woodland Home. In the afternoon, the president called the meeting to order, the minutes read and approved, and the treasurer read the report of the supper served in the church parlors on Friday evening, Feb. 22, the report showing a satisfactory return for the time and labor expended. The net receipts were \$28.66. {\$695.00}.

Dec. 17. 1913

The Industrial Society held its first meeting in the **new church** and eighteen members were present. After various attempts to escape the noise and confusion of the plumbers, a business meeting was called. ... A card was read from Miss Beckenbaugh asking the society to join in an effort to keep the price of eggs down to thirty-two cents per dozen, as other cities were asking this price.



1936 LADIES INDUSTRIAL ALLIANCE
QUINCY UNITARIAN CHURCH

“This organization has always done a great work for the church, whose very existence has often seemed to depend upon the large and faithful service of this small group of devoted women.”

Mrs. Charles Lane, Mrs. W. B. Jenks (minister's wife), Mrs. Frank Dick, Mrs. Augustus Hess, Miss Emily Rouse, Mrs. A. J. Eberhardt, Mrs. Calot Baker (long-time president), Mrs. Charles Wisdom, Mrs. John Schoeneman, Mrs. Anton Weibmer.

Jan. 14, 1914

First supper the Industrial Society served in the new church; menu: chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry jelly, pickles, rolls, coffee, a desert of sponge cake and whipped cream, garnished with nuts and cherries. The price of this supper was thirty-five cents {\$8.00}.

Sept. 30, 1914

[Using their money to furnish the church parlor – now the Heritage Room.] Mrs. Janes had ordered chairs sent out on approval. The ladies...chose ten small straight chairs, two arm chairs, and a table; total cost: \$109.75. They chose and paid for the parlor rugs: \$71.00.

Oct. 14, 1914

An all day session of sewing for Woodland Home brought sixteen ladies together. Mrs. Sprigg had on hand five dozen little pairs of pants and nineteen bibs for the society to make. All of the bibs and ten pairs of pants were finished.

May 28, 1941

We had pledged \$100 to the church; we have been able to give \$150.00.

Before 1945, there were four women's organizations in the church.

- 1) Ladies Industrial Alliance, which closed its organization in 1950.
 - 2) The King's Daughters held dinners, luncheons, bazaars, card parties, and dances, raising money which they donated to the church. This amounted to \$400 in 1940.
 - 3) The Chancel Guild provided flowers and enhanced the church décor.
 - 4) The Evening Hour Alliance had social work as their main theme.
- The latter two merged in 1947 to become the Chancel Evening Alliance.

The King's Daughters changed their name to the Unitarian Women's Alliance in the fall of 1969. These two merged in January 1972 to form the Women's Alliance, the one organization that we have in 2013.

The Rev. Calvin Knapp became our minister in September 1971. Previously, from 1966-1970, he had been the pastor of Melrose Chapel Methodist Church in Quincy, Illinois. He was a graduate of DePauw University and Garrett Theological Seminary. In 1970 he worked as director of the Urban Work Commission of Metro-Peoria Council of Churches. His knowledge of Unitarianism began as a result of friendships with the Rev. Thaddeus Clark of St. Louis and the Rev. James Wilkes of Peoria. Occasionally he was the speaker at the Peoria Unitarian-Universalist Church.



Women's Alliance, 1990

Front: Nayer Attai, Barbara Ertel, Anna Louise Brigham. Row 2: MaryBelle Coffman, Maria Petzolt, Anne Gray. Row 3: Caroline Sexauer, Alice Morrison Mays, Rev. Lynn Smith-Roberts. Frieda Marshall, Gladys Cassidy, Polly Johnson, Bertha Danhaus, Charlotte Winters



Rev. Calvin Knapp

For the first fall church service on September 10, 1971, Charlotte Winters was the greeter at the entry. Cal introduced himself as "... your new pastor." Charlotte responded, "Oh yes, well, I have this petition ..." holding up a pen for him. Thus, he was initiated into the activist church atmosphere. About 70 attended to hear his sermon, "The Personality of a Community." Several months later he suggested the "talk back" at the close of each church service so the congregation could present their views on the topic of the morning.

In 1972, the Good Earth Committee of Adams County continued meeting in our church rent-free. This group was formed to give voice to concerns about environmental problems in Quincy and Adams County. Philip Chanen spoke on "Don't Waste the Waste." The focus was to urge the establishment of recycling facilities in the greater Quincy community.

The annual meeting on May 12, 1972, reported 75 active members with 11 new members. An approved amendment to the constitution read: "Young people between the ages of 12 and 18 may become Junior Members, which entitles them to all privileges of full membership except the right to vote upon questions involving the expenditure of money."

Reverend Knapp encouraged members to have a fund-raiser: an **Attic Auction**. This gave members motivation to organize attics and other storage areas and find treasures to contribute to the auction. The event included a bake sale and refreshments. On Saturday, October 28, 1972 Fellowship Hall was overflowing with bidders and buyers. A huge collection of items included 10 bowling pins, a figurine cow with lid (what part of the cow is that?), brass-based hurricane lamps, wicker chairs, a grand piano leg, glass top fruit jars, an Alpha Chi loving cup, a bread-kneading bucket, African violets, and even a gold bread box. The successful auction yielded a profit of \$901.79



Unitarian Church Congregation

May 25, 1975

Photo by John Maxwell

Front Row: Rev. Calvin Knapp, Dienna Drew, Jim Drew, Bertha Danhaus, Floyd Marshall, Jean and Budde Walton, Mayme Field, Tom Moore, Harriet Eldred, Florence Williams, Lindsey Loethen, Megan Williamson, Michael Drew, Anais Shriver (behind children): Jesse Winders, Jean Cassidy, Susan Drew, Margaret Moore, Frances Morrison, Buelah Herman, Caroline Sexauer, Ed Herman, Chris Holford.

Second Row: Bill Sexauer, Frieda Marshall, Berggren twins: Julie and Sara, Gladys Cassidy, Fritzi Morrison, Nona Miller, Janice Marshall, Evangeline Norton, Nancy Winters.

Third Row: Cal Brazelton, Bob Mathieson, Ben Field, Dorothea Campbell, Linda Buechting, Dorothe Owen, Margaret Keys, Mary Belle Coffman.

Back Row: Geoffrey Mendenhall, Allen Shriver, Bob Campbell, Lloyd Harris, Russell Johnson, Jim Williams, Martha Disseler, Cecil Williamson, Visitor, Jean Sperry, Al Beck, John Morrison, John Sperry.

A **World Citizenship Declaration** resolution was submitted on October 12 to the church board, and approved. It read: "The common interests of (people) can only be met through world cooperation. We pledge our efforts as world citizens to the establishment of permanent peace, based on just world law and to the use of world resources in the service of man and not for his destruction." Dr. Ronald Glossop of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville was the speaker for the ceremony on Friday, November 17. The general public was invited to attend. Forty-five church members signed the World Citizenship Declaration. The committee included Larry Byrnes, Bertha Danhaus, Nona Miller, Frieda Marshall, Doris and Gentry Koch, and Sherman Bond.

The Social Action Committee researched pre-planned funerals and memorial services. Erna Fast, director of the Quincy YWCA, spoke to an Adult Forum meeting, explaining the services offered in Oakland, California. The **Funeral and Memorial Society of Quincy** was formed and met regularly in the church.

A **Gay Nineties Gala** was a fun-filled evening on April 6, 1973, looking back at the 1890s, which none of us remembered, of course. Members and friends performed the four-act melodrama, "Only An Orphan Girl," directed by one of our members, Jann Schaub, assistant professor of drama at Culver-Stockton College. John Sperry built the buzz saw that Andrea White was strapped to. Tickets were \$1, with Frances Morrison in place to fend off scalpers. Enid Ireland played the piano for the 11 olios and the drama. Root beer, homemade pretzels and popcorn balls were served. The entertainment ended with a square-dancing demonstration for the audience of 200. The Women's Alliance was the sponsoring organization for this extravaganza.

~ The First Annual Plant Sale ~

Cal Knapp's great idea that we are still enjoying is our annual plant sale. The first sale took place on May 12, 1973, with a variety of plants donated by members. A spring luncheon and a slide show of exquisite flowers and garden scenes was narrated by Reverend Knapp. The profit was \$167. Little did we realize what the future held for this event.

The Wayside Pulpit was built by Fred Stephan and installed in 1973, lighted from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Frequently, we hear a new member say this large sign was the first thing noticed at our church and drew the person to us.

The committee chairs beginning in May 1973 were:

Education: Peter Stoecklin

Social Action: Elizabeth Stebbins

Fellowship: Pauline Bond

Music: Frances Morrison

Cultural Affairs: Jann Schaub

Special Projects: Frieda Marshall

Membership: Robert Campbell

Public Relations: Enid Ireland

Building & Grounds: Gentry Koch

Flowers and Decorations: Dienna Drew

Interest in **Family Planning** for the Quincy area began as a Unitarian Church project. The guest speaker for the December 1971 Women's Alliance was Erna Fast of the YWCA. She encouraged the establishment of Planned Parenthood. The next month, the Alliance speaker was Mrs. Scotty McLemore, area director of Planned Parenthood in Southeast Iowa. She explained what the church could do to help establish Family Planning in Quincy. Organizational meetings were held and Dr. DuPuy of Quincy, on behalf of several doctors,

offered medical co-operation. In the fall of 1973 the YWCA gave one of their rooms to the Family Planning Committee for an office, initially funded by the Women's Alliance. Ruth Knapp, Rev. Knapp's wife, was the first executive director. Volunteers from our church included Charlotte Winters, Nancy Winters and Gladys Cassidy. Elizabeth Stebbins was president in 1975 and Nancy Winters was appointed director. Jean Sperry became the president in 1976.

The Women's Federation of the Central Midwest District held its annual convention, the Allerton Institute, in June 1974 with the theme "Close the Circuit! Communicate!". Ruth Knapp and Frieda Marshall were the delegates at the annual location, Robert Allerton Park near Monticello, Illinois.

The 1974-75 church season began with Allen Shriver as board president and Jim Drew as treasurer. Bertha Danhaus cared for the pre-school children with helpers Julie and Sara Berggren. The third annual Attic Auction brought in about \$2,000. The most unusual item was iron fencing donated by Lyle and Dorothe Owen and purchased by John and Fritz Morrison.

The **Christmas Eve** service of 1974 was unforgettable. Reverend Knapp invited the **Pamela Bedford Dance Theatre** to perform, presenting dancers ranging in age from 13 to 28. The newsletter explained: "The service will begin with the dancers entering the auditorium from many directions and interpreting the gala mood of 'Deck the Halls.' The drama of Christmas will gradually unfold as the dancers interpret the familiar carols of the nativity, and the ancient festival of the return of the winter sun, and the secular music that is beloved by children throughout the world." The standing-room-only congregation left with stars in their eyes and rhythm in their hearts and feet.

In February 1975 the six members who had been active for 50 or more years were honored: Mrs. Margarethe (Oliver) Williams, Mrs. J.R. Williams, Mrs. Frances (Paul) Morrison, Richard McCarl, Mrs. Charlotte (Victor) Winters, and Lloyd Harris. We also recognized seven who had been members for 40 or more years, 11 for 30 or more, and eight for 20 or more.

A major **organ restoration** took place during the summer of 1975. A committee consisting of Nancy Winters, Jim Drew and Bob Mathieson, and many church members, worked under the direction of Bill Hansen, organ repair specialist. The first step was removal of all organ pipes, carrying them downstairs to the Fellowship Hall, and laying them in rank order on long tables. As the



Weary workers at the Unitarian Church in Quincy, Ill take a break from replacing the 1,287 pipes in the church organ. From left, back row, are Allen Ericksen, Bob Mathieson, Jeff Mendenhall and Chris Holford; front row, Frieda Marshall, Laurie Mathieson, Patty Mathieson, Nancy Winters and Jim and Dienna Drew.

**Illinois Congregation
Gets Dirty in Church**

summer weeks went by, we took pipes, one rank at a time, out to the back driveway, washing them in two or more tubs of soapy water, then rinsing in more tubs. We could see the results: black water retaining 62 years of coal soot. Sundays brought families together to the project, including Jim and Dienna Drew with their children Susan and Michael. Hansen cautioned us that the smaller metal pipes could bend like soft butter. When the wooden pipes were clean and dry we gave them a coat of shellac. The 1,287 pipes were reset in August whereupon Hansen tuned the organ.

The Rev. Calvin Knapp resigned April 30, 1976. He and his wife Ruth moved to the family's Wild Rose Farms in southeastern Illinois, joining their son Steve in the farm's active management.

~ The John Brigham Years ~

The Unitarian Church in Burlington, Iowa, voiced interest in a shared ministry with Quincy. **The Rev. John W. Brigham, D.D.**, had served that church since 1974. With this new arrangement he spoke and lived in Quincy every other week. He received his A.B. and S.T.B. degrees from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, at the university's Crane School of Religion in 1938. Meadville Theological School in Chicago conferred a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1966. John Brigham and Anna Louise Dege of Quincy, daughter of Herman and Anna B. Dege, were married in November 1938. They parented three sons, Larry, Jeremy and Daniel.



Rev. John and Anna Louise Brigham

Dr. Brigham initiated "The Unitarian Five" radio broadcasts on Sunday mornings from 9:11 to 9:16. These weekly talks were heard over stations in Quincy and Burlington, Keokuk, and Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.



Carol & Robert Mathieson

Mrs. Herman (Anna Babette) Dege suffered a stroke on December 30 and passed away January 6, 1977. She and her husband signed the membership book in 1931. The Memorial Service was conducted by Dr. Brigham, her son-in-law, on January 16. Her five daughters, Bertha Danhaus, Anna Louise Brigham, Frieda Marshall, Clara Lily White, and Patsy Rose Hoshiko suggested gifts to the Memorial Fund of our church, rather than flowers. Mrs. Dege's German potato salad had been a favorite at many church carry-in dinners. Dr. and Mrs. Brigham purchased the property of the Anna B. Dege estate at 2604 Chestnut, built by her father, Herman Dege. This was Anna Louise's birth place and childhood home.

Dr. Carol Fisher Mathieson became the church organist on January 30, 1977. She had substituted for a few

years for Frances Morrison. Her education includes a B.A. cum laude from Maryville College in Tennessee, Master of Music from the University of Tennessee (Knoxville), and Doctor of Musical Arts in performance and pedagogy from the University of Iowa. She is Professor of Music at Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri, and has taught there since 1975.

The Adult Discussion Group continued to meet, through the decades, each Sunday at 9:30. Topics included a variety of timely events as well as theological and philosophical thoughts of contemporary Unitarian Universalist writers.

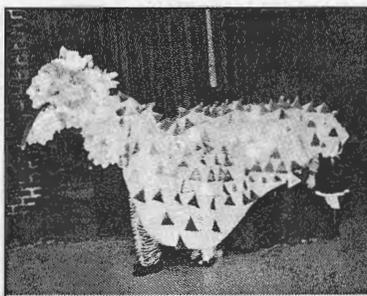
In April Anna Louise Brigham presented a program after a carry-in supper. She brought a display of famous **Unitarians and Universalists honored on postage stamps**. She gave the biographical information of each person and their connection to a Unitarian or Universalist church. A Children's Stamp Club was organized and taught by Anna Louise Brigham, supported by members donating envelopes and postcards. "Stamps are not just pictures of people, places, and events; they are windows through which we can see other countries, other peoples and other cultures." See the church Website.

Kirby Eber gave an organ recital in February 1978. As a Culver-Stockton College student, he studied organ under William Spencer Johnson. After graduation he was the organist for Vermont Street Methodist Church and St. John's Anglican Church in Quincy. He was a member of the Great River Heritage Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. "The pipes in an organ are ageless," Kirby told us, "and an organ mechanism such as the tracker (in the Unitarian Church) is as ageless as the pipes. Since the mechanism is made of wood, it lasts almost forever."

Religious Education leaders were Bertha Danhaus, Lynn Joshi, Janice Marshall, Dienna Drew and Cecilia Williamson. In May, Julie and Sara Berggren (twins) were recognized for providing child care in the nursery during their four high school years. **Bob Mathieson** helped the children make kites and in July they met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Luther Markley on the campus of Good Samaritan Home. The youngsters had fun watching their homemade kites go high in the air. Bob's string of nine colorful kites was marvelous.



A series of five evening seminars were held in October to discuss "The Unitarian Universalist Tradition and Contemporary Meaning." A celebration of Dr. Brigham's 40 years of ministry was given with the sermon, "People Anonymous" and in discussion.



The Chinese Dragon

Bertha Danhaus and her daughter, Dienna Drew, taught about cultures of the world in the R. E. class in 1978-1979. This led to the plan for a **Chinese New Year** celebration. Bertha made a dragon costume from an old green bed spread, long enough for a line of children to walk under. The children decorated it with triangular scales and made the dragon head. Bertha said the whole church school turned into a dragon with 32 feet. The congregation had song sheets and we all sang a Chinese folk tune, "Shake Hands with the Dragon."

This song is about finding the courage to do something new and unknown and finding joys and satisfactions that might not happen otherwise. As the dragon moved through the main and side aisles the children stuck their hands out of the dragon's side to shake hands with the congregation. Bertha and Dienna made up another song, "If a dragon makes you happy, clap your hands" and all enjoyed those five verses. The dragon made its appearance approximately biennially for more than a decade. One year John Sperry brought little Chinese firecrackers to accompany our songs.

Celebrating Our 140th Anniversary

The 140th anniversary of the founding of our church was celebrated with special programs. Nona Miller, Anniversary Committee chair, was the speaker for the April 1, 1979, Sunday service. Her address, "The Unitarian Spirit," gave a review of Unitarian history in Quincy.

Reverend Knapp returned on April 15, Easter Sunday, to give his sermon, "The Timelessness of our Present Condition." The Church School children sang spring songs to guitar accompaniment by Dienna Drew. Reverend Mondale was our speaker in May with his sermon "The Born Again (and Again) Unitarian."

The seventh annual "Thousands of Plants" sale attracted more than 300 people who registered for door prizes. Members of the organizing committee were Frieda Marshall, Jim and Dienna Drew, Madan and Lynn Joshi, Caroline Sexauer, Violet Moore, Bertha Danhaus, and John and Anna Louise Brigham. The Quincy Herald-Whig covered the event, giving an entire Sunday Society page to photographs. Young Michael Drew was shown helping his mother Dienna with the doughnut business by dusting them with powered sugar. Satisfied customers had arms full of their future garden additions. The plant sale was noted in the summer issue of UU World magazine.



Al Beck with a swarming sea of shoppers

A Sunday evening program, "A Living Community," began on Nov. 9, 1980, with leaders Marcia Loellbach, Cecil Williamson, Allen Shriver and John Nielsen. This was meant as an opportunity to explore the meaning of community, and how deeply we experience a sense of belonging.

The first distribution of the **Warm Hearth Food Co-op** brought assorted foods into our church on November 24 for distribution to co-op members. Organizing leaders were John Nielsen and Nike Mendenhall.

When Bertha Danhaus was teaching her class about other religions of the world in 1981, she thought our sanctuary should have something to recognize that we draw inspiration from many religions. She discussed this with Carol Meyers, whose children were in the R.

E. class. Carol said one of her hobbies was making cloth quilted banners. Carol made the banner that presently hangs to the right of the pulpit. See the color pages. Bertha made the little framed explanation of the symbols.

Retirement of John Brigham

When his retirement came in May 1982, Dr. Brigham was designated as minister emeritus of the Quincy Unitarian Church. The June picnic in Nauvoo State Park for the Quincy and Burlington congregations celebrated his service to both churches. Gifts were presented to John and Anna Louise and a song-fest with appropriate words written for them was enjoyed by all.

The Rev. Eric A. Haugan began his ministry with our church and the Burlington Fellowship in August 1982. He had studied at the University of Chicago and Meadville/Lombard College, receiving his M.A. in divinity and doctor of ministry degree in 1981. Dr. Haugan previously served as an intern minister at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa and completed three months as a chaplain at the California Medical Facility and State Prison at Vacaville, California. His candidate sermon was "To Afflict the Comfortable and to Comfort the Afflicted."



Rev. Eric Haugan

Jean Sperry and Anna Louise Brigham attended the Allerton UUWF meeting in June. "Breakfast in the Park" provided fellowship for our congregation in each summer month in different Quincy parks. These were sponsored by the Women's Alliance.

The summer of 1983 was busy for the Building and Grounds Committee. The chair, John Brigham, submitted the following report of building improvements:

1. All stone masonry and stucco cleaned
2. All stucco treated with silicone paint for weatherproofing
3. All exterior woodwork scraped, sanded; two coats of top-quality paint applied
4. Main chimney cap and upper masonry repaired and restored
5. Capstones on seven window wells re-laid
6. All masonry joints of the main building re-pointed
7. Bulkhead entrance to the furnace room sandblasted and painted, and new railings installed on the north window well
8. Rear entry door sanded and varnished with two coats

As the 1983 fall season began, John Nielsen was elected president of the Board of Trustees. He expressed appreciation to John Sperry, the previous president, Nona Miller, who had chaired the Alternate Sunday Committee for two years, and Bob Mathieson who chose the service leaders for those Sundays. The theme for the Women's Alliance year was "The Independent Spirit in Literature." The 27-member group elected Anna Louise Brigham as president, Pauline Johnson as secretary, and Dienna Drew as treasurer.

Dr. Haugan offered orientation meetings annually for our members, friends, and visitors. Examples of subjects were "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about UU-ism," and "What do you say when they ask: What is a Unitarian?"

The 1913 Church Building Anniversary

The 70th anniversary of our church building, dedicated on February 5, 1914, was celebrated on February 5, 1984. The guest speaker was the **Rev. Earl Holt**, minister at First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. Dr. Brigham led the meditation, Carol Fisher Mathieson, our organist, selected the music, and several members took part in the service.

The Easter 1985 service sermon was "Easter, Exodus, and Spring Training" by Dr. Haugan. Members and friends of the Burlington Fellowship came for the service. Special music was provided by Dr. Robert Jones, clarinet; Susan Drew, violin; and James Donovan, organ.

Board President Nancy Winters conducted the May 1985 annual meeting. Dr. Haugan gave his report, quoting Tom Peters' book, *Excellence*: "The factors of excellence are 1. Leadership, 2. Innovation, 3. Enthusiasm, 4. Paying attention to people. ... keep these in mind as we look ahead to next year." He reported that in addition to being president of the Central Illinois UU Council and serving on the Central Midwest District Board, he had been elected president of the Prairie Star UU Ministers' Chapter (Burlington's District). Jim Drew resigned as treasurer, having held the office for 10 years.

Frieda Marshall and the Membership Committee made **name tags** for members, enabling new members and guests to know us more easily. The Worship Committee, planning alternate Sunday services, was chaired by Nike Mendenhall. Members of the Religious Education Committee were Dienna Drew, Georgia House, Dan Kelly, Nancy Winters and David Quarles. Michael Drew provided child care, as his sister Susan had done during her high school years.

In the spring of 1986 a congregational survey listed familiar priorities:

1. Congregational growth
2. Having a full-time minister
3. Being a social force in the community
4. Strong Religious Education program

Other concerns were financial stability, greater membership participation, more music, building improvements, intellectual and spiritual development.

In a board meeting, Sherman Bond moved that a **ministerial relations committee** be formed to improve the relationship and communications between the congregation and the minister. The committee used the UU Ministers' Association guidebook. Members were Brad Bohlen, Mary Belle Coffman, John Nielsen, and the board president, Robert Mathieson. A revision of the Constitution was discussed, one article at each Board meeting. In October 1986, Bob Mathieson resigned as board president because of illness, but continued as a trustee. Dienna Drew was attending a Knox College reunion that weekend, missing that board meeting, and was elected board president. (Lesson: It is not good to be absent from a board meeting.)

Dr. Haugan tendered his resignation in January 1987, after having conducted the shared ministry with Quincy and Burlington for four and a half years. He wrote: "The past years have been rewarding, satisfying, and challenging for me. I have been asked to help

begin a new Unitarian congregation in Eagan, Minnesota ... near my home town of St. Paul. Thank you all very much for the patience, understanding, and love you have given me in the years I have been here in Quincy."

The **April plant sale** brought a large crowd of customers to our church. As usual, the earliest came about 8 a.m., stood at the front door that opened at 9, with the line extending down the church steps, on to the walk, down the light post steps, along the city sidewalk, around the corner, ending along Hampshire Street. Many patrons had not missed any of the previous 15 plant sales.



The Unitarian Church was one of 24 homes and buildings selected by **Quincy Preserves!** in 1987 for recognition based on architecture and style or date of construction.

Members attended the Preserves! annual meeting and Dienna Drew, board president, accepted the plaque for our church.



Frieda Marshall
"Time to open the door."

Dr. John Brigham was encouraged to publish a collection of his writings. Donations from members made the book "**Still Sounds the Buoy from the Sea**" possible. The 200-page paperback includes poetry, sermons, addresses for special occasions, and his radio talks. A few years later a second volume was printed, "**Windows of the**

Mind," a collection of his poems, reflections, musings, meditations and sermons.

~ A Non-Member as Administrator ~

With no minister in 1987-1989 and the Board of Trustees president, Dan Kelly, living a distance from Quincy, Dan discussed with **Dr. Floyd W. Marshall**, a non-member, the possibility of serving as volunteer administrator. Dr. Marshall was president emeritus and consultant of Gem City College. He agreed, and provided office hours at the church three afternoons a week, and accepted telephone calls at his college office or at home. With his managerial skills our church could move forward in an organized manner.

Dr. Brigham led the Christmas Eve service for 1987, assisted by John Basinger, organ; Carol Mathieson, guitar; Susan Drew, violin; and Michael Drew, trombone. In January, **New Year's resolutions** for 1988 were suggested for the church: to have a minister, increase membership, improve the Sunday School, secure a grand piano, clean up the church corners, and allow a longer interval in each service for meditation. A member of the Worship Committee, Dienna Drew, resolved, "Every Wednesday I will phone Frieda Marshall with information to be typed for the Order of Service." And husband Jim Drew said, "I will tell Dienna that it is Wednesday evening."

For **Martin Luther King, Jr.** Sunday, our guest speaker was Edward C. Fletcher, chairman of the Redmon-Lee Community Center board. A special contribution was made for support of the center.

Robert and Carol Mathieson's 18-month-old son Andrew was diagnosed with pre-leukemia. In March he was rushed to Children's Hospital in St. Louis in critical condition. How could we help? Dienna Drew suggested an organ concert as a fund-raiser. Many members of The Great River Heritage Chapter of the American Guild of Organists contributed their talents for a fine concert, including ensembles and vocalists. Contributions were given to help with medical treatments. Death came to **Andrew David Mathieson** on March 8, 1988. Services were held in Canton, Missouri, and in our church. In the spring, Andrew's godparents, John and Jean Sperry, had a weeping cherry tree planted on the east lawn of the church in memory of Andrew.

Frances Eldred Morrison, a beloved life-long member and church organist, passed away on May 23, 1988, at the age of 92. She was 17 years old when her parents, Sam and Anna Eldred, contributed to the construction of this church near their home at 1454 Hampshire. Francis was a graduate of the Universalist-supported Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois, receiving a liberal arts degree with a major in music. She also studied with William Spencer Johnson, former organist of our church. Mrs. Morrison was the church organist for many years, even as her eyesight failed, for she knew the music from memory. The auditorium in the Quincy Junior High School at 14th and Maine Street is the Morrison Theatre, in memory of Paul and Frances Morrison. Memorial services were conducted in the church by Dr. John W. Brigham.



Frances Morrison

Worship Committee members Jean Sperry, Dienna Drew, Nayer Attai and Stillman Taylor had the responsibility of planning all Sunday services for the year without a minister. Their annual meeting report included a list of the speakers and topics for 40 Sundays and a guideline for future Worship committees.

In June, **Al Beck** invited church members and friends for a picnic at his "**Rocky Hollow**" property in the hills of Missouri. We enjoyed his innovative home, its pyrapod art museum, and the forest. His garden was completely enclosed, even across the top, in an effort to keep out hungry wildlife.

During the summer of 1988, Floyd and Frieda Marshall installed green carpeting from the Frances Morrison home into the nursery and stage classroom. They also contributed matching carpets for the Resource Room and the Heritage Room, and four dozen white church cups for coffee hour.

To celebrate the **150th anniversary** of our church's formation in April 1839, a sesquicentennial banquet was held on Saturday, May 6, 1989, at Stipp's Restaurant. The featured speaker was Dr. Charles S. Stephen, Jr., minister of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, and a book reviewer for the UU World magazine. For the Sunday morning service his topic was "In Defense of the Liberal Spirit."

~ A Shared Ministry With Macomb, Illinois ~

The Rev. Lynn S. Smith-Roberts began her ministry with us in September 1989. This was a shared ministry with the Macomb Fellowship. Born in Hawaii, she descended from Congregational missionaries of the 1820s. Graduated from the University of Redlands



Rev. Lynn Smith-
Roberts

(Calif.) with a major in English and a minor in theater, she received a master's of library science degree from the University of California-Los Angeles and was a librarian at University of California-Riverside. She entered Starr-King School for the Ministry at Berkeley in 1983. Her first ministry was at Bismarck-Mandan Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in North Dakota, where she was ordained in November 1986. She had been active in the ACLU, the National Conference of Churches, the Peace Coalition, and ministered to the spiritual needs of persons living with AIDS and the patients in the Hospice Program. This interest continued in Quincy when she formed a support group for AIDS survivors through the Adams County Health Department.

Reverend Smith-Roberts was installed April 29, 1990, as minister of the Quincy Unitarian Church and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Macomb. The speaker was the Rev. Carol C. Hilton, co-minister of the UU Society of Black Hawk County in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Nine visiting ministers participated in the program giving greetings from the denomination, the district, the local community, and leading the act of installation. A Quincy/Macomb choir was directed by Carol Fisher Mathieson. Following the service, a carry-in supper was hosted by members of the two congregations.

Having served since 1961, Bertha Danhaus resigned as chair of the Memorial Committee. A **pewter chalice** (see color pages) was presented to the church in Bertha's honor, recognizing her many church activities, especially with the Memorial Committee and teaching in the Sunday School. An engraved plaque was presented to Bertha.

The Women's Alliance discussed the preservation of the records and books in the **church archives**, dating back to 1840. Sherryl Lang's expertise in this area helped us put files in order with acid-free paper. The Alliance donated the expenses. The Alliance programs for their monthly meetings were based on Anthony Perrino's book, "Holy Quest – the Search for Wholeness."

A December 1990 service included a celebration honoring members who were 80 years and older for their many years of work for the church. These included Charlotte Winters, Ted Stebbins, Caroline and Bill Sexauer, Eve Norton, Fritz and John Morrison, Tom Moore, Lloyd Harris and Bertha Danhaus. "These are our saints," declared Lynn Smith-Roberts.

The first Hanging of the Greens was December 10 at 6:30 with a soup supper; members then decorated the church and Christmas tree. Reverend Smith-Roberts and her husband James hosted a Christmas open house in their Macomb home later in December.

The **Quincy Area Ministerial Association**, in writing a mission statement which excluded certain local clergy, refused our minister "as she is not an acclaimed Christian." Finally, in 1991, the association abandoned such restrictions and welcomed the Rev. Lynn Smith-Roberts as a member. This was the result of her perseverance in the matter. The group met in our church and "they especially enjoyed the Founders' Window and the wayside pulpit messages."

Rev. Smith-Roberts led a memorial service on **National AIDS Awareness Day**. She had begun a peer support group for HIV/AIDS patients in 1990 and was recognized by the

Adams County AIDS Education Committee. This group nominated her for a "World AIDS Day Award" which honored a caregiver who had shown extraordinary capacity to provide emotional and physical support to people living with HIV or AIDS. By 1992 she had served more than 25 people and provided the only HIV support service within 110 miles of Quincy.

The R. E. program received encouragement with new equipment of good quality and new curricula. A youth group led by Dr. Brigham explored a unit called "Search for Unitarian Universalist Meaning and Values." Our minister planned a class entitled "Parents as Resident Theologians."



Quincy Unitarian Church Congregational Group 1992

4th Row: John Sperry, Micharl Allkins, Joe Jenkins, Carol Nichols, Leann Flanagan, Jim Drew, Dan Kelly, John Schnaufer
 3rd Row: Anna Louise Brigham, John Brigham (Minister emeritus), John Regan, Jean Sperry, Linda Hirvonen, Frieda Marshall, Janice Marshall-Miller, Dienna Drew, Anne Stupavsky.
 2nd Row: Carol Mathieson, Evelyn Regan, Jack Wigoda, Dan Nichols, Jesse Miller, Kyle Allkins, Susan Drew, Mary Belle Coffman, Lisa Wigoda.
 1st Row: Lynn Smith-Roberts (Minister), Gloria Carpenter with Jamie, Laura Flanagan, Ashley Carpenter, Michael Allkins, Jr., Abe Schnaufer, James Roberts.

~ The Church's Organ Sees Its 100th Year ~

The Quincy Chapter of the American Guild of Organists performed a recital on May 10, 1992, with proceeds of \$400 to benefit the fund to restore the organ. See photo on color pages. This concert celebrated the 100th anniversary of the organ's dedication in October 1891. A fantastic Mother's Day Brunch was single-handedly provided by Jim Drew, who organized a celebration with food and flowers. The Women's Alliance purchased a microwave for the church kitchen. A bequest from Marjorie Ballow, widow of Olin Ballow, a former treasurer of the church, sponsored the installation of new flooring in the church entry. A new Wayside Pulpit was constructed from UUA plans.

A new hymnal, "**Singing the Living Tradition**," was produced by the UUA. Members sponsored as many as each desired in 1993, indicating how they wished it to be inscribed. All of the sixty-three hymnals have bookplates prepared in calligraphy by Carol

Nichols identifying the donors and/or “In memory of...” or “In honor of...” as the donor requested.

Thomas Moore, born in 1896, passed away on January 12, 1994, at the age of 97. He had been a devoted member of the church since 1937. Tom served on the Board of Trustees as treasurer and, beginning in 1964, as president. A graduate of Gem City Business College, he was owner of Hartman’s Furniture Store for 40 years, retiring in 1969. Having studied voice at the Quincy Conservatory of Music,



Tom Moore, Russ Danhaus, Bob Campbell

he was a member of singing groups all through his life. He was a founder of the Great River Barbershop Chorus in 1965, although when these white members refused to admit men of other races, Tom resigned. He formed a trio with Dr. Robert Campbell and Russell Danhaus. They enjoyed serenading the patients in Blessing Hospital and in nursing homes. His poetry, written in his own calligraphy, is illustrated in booklet form. His wife Violet, also a faithful church member, served refreshments after every church services for several years.

Along with scheduling guest speakers, the Worship Committee was responsible for floral decorations. During 1994, frequently a particular arrangement was presented to an individual. “In February the lovely pink azalea plant was dedicated to Frieda Marshall for her many years of church work,” Jean Sperry wrote. “If you ever need information about the church, Frieda has kept statistics and news articles in albums about our people and events. The newsletters and the Sunday Orders of Service are faithfully typed, edited, duplicated, etc., thanks to Frieda.” In March, tulips were given to Gail Starkey. Dienna Drew wrote, “...with appreciation for the loving care she gives to our future, the children of the church. She is involving many adult members also with our young people through interesting and innovative programs. The vitality of our church is a reflection of her enthusiasm.”

The Religious Education Department embarked on the “**Year of the Man**” and invited male volunteers to share quality time and ideas of interest and expertise with the children. At the close of the church year the following were honored for their cooperation in fostering communication and rapport between adults and young people: John Sperry, Alan Starkey, Floyd Marshall, John Schnaufer, Dan Kelly, Gerry Wagner, John Brigham, Mike Flanagan, Jim Hayashi and Jim Drew.



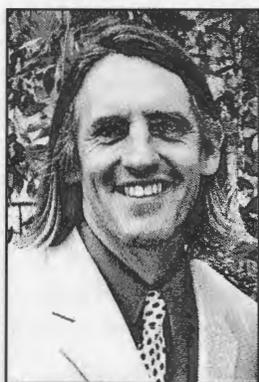
Charlotte Winters

A life-long member of the church, **Charlotte McCarl Winters** passed away on February 28, 1995 at the age of 93. Her grandparents, among the founders of the church, were Judge and Mrs. B. F. Berrian and her parents were Judge Lyman McCarl and Hannah Berrian McCarl. Mrs. Winters was a member of the Board of Trustees, superintendent of religious education, and an active member in King’s Daughters and Women’s Alliance. She was a teacher in the Quincy Public Schools. Mrs. Winters was a member of the League of Women Voters and Quincy’s Human Rights Commission, actively promoting the new civil rights laws.

On Mother's Day, May 14, 1995, the guest speaker was the **Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Marshall**, senior minister of the Unitarian Church of Cleveland and son of Floyd and Frieda Marshall. His topic was "Secrets of Strong Families." The service was followed by a carry-in luncheon with recognition given to two high school graduates, Shannon Starkey and Monica Holliday.

Reverend Smith-Roberts tendered her resignation effective June 30, 1995. A farewell reception was held in the church June 1, with planning leadership from Sandy Morrison and Lynn Mercurio. Lynn Smith-Roberts joined the staff of the Sacramento Public Library in 1999. She passed away April 2, 2013.

A new social group was organized by Anna Louise Brigham. **The Lunch Bunch** encouraged members and friends to meet in a private room of a restaurant once a month. This would allow newcomers to become better acquainted with church members. A topic for discussion was usually planned.



Rev. Robert Manning

Dr. Robert Manning, assistant professor of philosophy and theology at Quincy University, was invited to present talks on a bi-weekly basis. Dr. Manning had joined Quincy University in 1990 and had previously taught at DePaul University, Roosevelt University, the University of Chicago and Daley College in Chicago. He earned a bachelor of arts degree, summa cum laude, from the College of Wooster, Ohio, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He completed his master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Chicago.

A chartered bus trip on Oct. 29, 1995, brought together 37 Quincy Unitarian adults and children for a visit to the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. They attended the service led by the Rev. Earl Holt III and then enjoyed the Art Museum and the Jewel Box in Forest Park. Alan Starkey had made the arrangements, which everyone appreciated.

~ A Church History Published ~

"**Beyond the Centennial Year**," a church history written by Frieda Marshall, was presented to the congregation following an explanatory talk on May 12, 1996. The material covered fifty years, 1939-1989. It was compiled from church records, newsletters, and news articles, and has illustrations and a complete index. There is indexing of members of the Board of Trustees and of the budgets. In future years, Frieda wrote two sequels, each covering a decade.

During the summer the entire church interior (sanctuary, two entries, Resource Room, Heritage Room, minister's office and upper landing area) was painted a light color. The exact shade, "Unitarian Cream," was the result of a mix produced by Carol Nichols and Susan Holliday.



Frieda Marshall giving a sequel book to Rob Manning

The congregation called **Dr. Robert Manning** to be our minister beginning August 1, 1996. Children began to take a more active role on Sunday mornings, attending with parents for the first part of each service. This often included a story or a children's song led by Suzanne Cohen. Leadership activities were shared by the R. E. Committee and parents, Gloria Carpenter with the middle school group and Janice Miller leading the junior high class. In December, the junior high class organized a children's Christmas store with donated gifts from members. The younger children enjoyed "shopping" (no charge) for their parents and wrapping the selections.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 17, 1996, Dr. Rob Manning chose as his topic "Uprooted or Transplanted." He spoke of his "roots" in Pennsylvania, his seven years in Quincy, and his discovery of the Quincy Unitarian Church. A large crowd attended, including Dr. Manning's parents, an aunt, and two brothers and their wives.

That afternoon at 4 p.m., **Dr. Manning's ordination** began with a processional of invited guests, marshaled by church member Dr. Carolyn Kane of Culver-Stockton College. Bertha Danhaus represented the oldest member and Daniel Hayashi was the youngest Unitarian, carried by his mother Liza. A choir of eight women wore red stoles, air-brushed with a chalice design by Carol Nichols, made especially for the occasion. Dr. Carol Fisher Mathieson provided organ accompaniment. The welcome was given by Sandra Morrison, president of the Board of Trustees, and an opening invocation was by Dr. Joseph Messina and Dr. Mary Ann Klein of the Quincy University faculty. Reflections on ordination were given by the Rev. William Burton, OFM, of Quincy University. Dr. Helen Hughes of the Meadville-Lombard Divinity School gave thoughts on installation. Sandra Morrison led the acts of ordination and installation, followed by the minister's response. Musicians Kristina Mathieson, soprano, Kimberly Starkey, violin, and Aja Nichols, clarinet, presented selections.

"I have become firmly convinced of the vital role our church plays within the greater Quincy community in helping anyone who comes through our door deepen his or her intellectual and spiritual life," Dr. Manning wrote a few days after his ordination.

Some of Dr. Manning's sermon topics in the fall of 1997 were: "Why I Go to Eastern/Central Europe," "Walking in Auschwitz," "The Legacy of Marx," "Christianity, Contemporary Society and the Care of the Self."



Rev. James Vila Blake

The **Ministers' Gallery of portraits** on the second floor of the church was developed and researched by Frieda Marshall. Tom House assisted in the framing. The early ministers included the Rev. S.S. Hunting (1865-71), the Rev. Frederick L. Hosmer (1872-77), and the Rev. James Vila Blake (1877-83).

Lloyd Harris, the oldest member of the church, passed away on February 10, 1999, at the age of 97. His church membership began in 1924. He served as church treasurer from 1928 to 1948. He was an engineer with Dayton-Dowd Company of Quincy and later with Peerless Pump Company in Indianapolis.

The restoration of the Steere Tracker Organ (Opus 320) was celebrated with a rededication concert on February 21, 1999. Seven members of the Great River

Chapter of the American Guild of Organists performed outstanding music and featured a composition written by William Spencer Johnson, our organist for many years until 1965. The commemorative program featured an illustration of the organ and the history of the instrument, built in 1891 by J.W. Steere and Sons of Springfield, Massachusetts. Appreciation was given to the artisans of Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd., of Lake City, Iowa, who had done the restoration work. This was completed without debt thanks to members and friends who pledged financial support and a generous contribution from The Quincy Herald-Whig and WGEM AM-FM.

Beloved and Respected Members Lost

A tragic accident on an ice-slick highway resulted in the death of a beloved member of our congregation. **Gail Bushmeyer Starkey**, 47, and her fellow teacher, Traci Dede, died on Tuesday morning, Feb. 23, 1999. Both women were teachers at Central Elementary School in Camp Point. Gail was a special education teacher for Community Unit 3 schools. The Starkey family came to our church in 1986 and their individual activities were a benefit to all. Only a month earlier, Gail and Alan Starkey were honored for their work and devotion to our church. A memorial service was conducted in the church by Dr. Rob Manning.



Gail Starkey

Dr. Manning was assured of a sabbatical for the coming academic year. He purchased a house at 1450 Vermont Street, just around the corner from the church.



Caroline Sexauer

Our beloved and respected member, **Caroline Schlagenhauf Sexauer**, died in her home on May 9, 1999, at the age of 85. An active member since 1935, Caroline had ancestral ties to the family of Robert S. and Electa Ann Benneson, founders of the church in 1839. She was the daughter of Philip and Cora Janes Schlagenhauf. Caroline taught Sunday School classes, was a member of the Evening Hour Alliance and the Women's Alliance, served on the Memorial Committee and had several terms on the Board of Trustees. She was the director of the Quincy Public Library from 1959 until her retirement in 1976. Caroline and William Sexauer were married in 1950.

An original pen and ink drawing of the church sketched by Guido Janes, uncle of Caroline, was given to the church as she had indicated. Since 1972 Caroline had allowed the church to copy this illustration for use on the order of service and on the newsletter. The church also received the church communion set which was kept in her family after its use was discontinued during the ministry of Reverend Hosmer, 1872-1877. The Women's Alliance provided a display case with identification, now mounted on the south wall of the sanctuary.



Rev. Frederick Hosmer

By suggestion of Nancy Winters, the board appointed a trustee to be **liaison** to each standing committee. In this way the board had better communication with the committees. The "**First Friday**" social

gatherings were initiated by Sharon Buzzard and Steve Wiegenstein in their home on the first Friday of October, 1999.

OWL Classes

Michael and Jen Drew attended a training session in Chicago in the fall of 1999 for the “**Our Whole Lives** (OWL) Sexuality Education Project.” This program was designed by the UUA and the United Church of Christ. The primary focus emphasizes self-worth, sexual health, responsibility, justice, and inclusivity. Michael and Jen taught this 27-session course every Sunday morning from October 1999 through April 2000 for six students, grades 7-9. The parents and children indicated the program was beneficial.

A seminar “Intro to Unitarianism” was presented in the spring of 2001 for members and interested visitors. The Rev. John Brigham described the history of Unitarianism in Europe and in our country, Frieda Marshall reviewed the history of the local church, and Ellen Taylor’s topic was “How we are organized.” Close to twenty members participated in the three sessions.

Ellen Taylor, board president, conducted the annual congregational meeting on May 20, 2001. The Long-range Planning Committee presented preliminary architectural plans for a possible addition to the church building. Carol Mathieson was named Member of the Year for her services as devoted organist for almost 30 years. It was announced that Dr. Manning was promoted from associate professor to full professor of philosophy and theology at Quincy University.

A much respected member, **V. Sherman Bond**, died in Good Samaritan Home on June 18, 2001, at the age of 89. He and his wife Pauline joined the church in 1942. Sherman served several terms on the Board of Trustees, was president in 1974 and treasurer in 1986. A bio-chemist, he was employed by Calcium Carbonate Company.

The church Web site has an exhibit of 20 postage stamps bearing images of prominent Unitarians and Universalists with biographies. This was the original work of the Junior Stamp Club of the First Universalist Church of Rochester, New York, assisted by Anna Louise Brigham.

The Women’s Alliance produced a cookbook, “**In Good Taste**,” the name Mary Belle Coffman suggested during the search for a title. Many church members and friends contributed recipes for this collection of treasures. For many years at carry-in dinners we had asked for recipes of the delicious dishes, inspiring the cookbook.

In the Wake of September 11, 2001

Our board president, Ellen Taylor, Dr. Manning, and William Sinkford, the UUA president, responded compassionately with messages after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. Their messages in our newsletter and in the UU World had a calming effect and encouraged thoughtful recognition of the basic goodness of people with alternate religious beliefs. The board reached out to the local Muslim community with support and an offer of use of our church building for their services. Members of the congregation submitted letters to the editor of The Quincy Herald-Whig. Those printed were from Dr. Manning, Dr. James Hayashi, Dr. David Wexler and Georgia House.

Mary Belle Coffman, a long-time active member, died on November 11, 2001. Joining the church in 1942, she served several terms on the Board of Trustees, and served as secretary and later vice-president of the Women's Alliance.

A **Dogwood Parade** tradition for many years has been for church members and friends to watch the parade from the lawn and porch of Ted and Sandy Morrison's home at 2081 Maine Street. The 2002 parade was special because we had our first Unitarian float, as noted by our minister, "This year we have decided to announce and describe ourselves in a public way by having a float at the Dogwood Parade. Working together, we can let people know more about us than simply that we are the church with the plant sale." Using scavenged materials, Dan Kelly's hay wagon and the artistic abilities of members, the group fashioned a grand float. A garden gate was featured, announcing "**Quincy Unitarian Church –**



Ted and Sandra Morrison

Gardeners of the Spirit – Tending Liberal Religion in Quincy since 1839." Children and flowers bedecked the float and the skirt named Unitarians of history, such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Beatrice Potter. Members walked alongside and offered seed packets to people in the crowd. A splendid photo was published in the fall issue of the UU World. See color photo page.

Death Takes Beloved Ministers and Members



Dr. John & Jean Sperry

A devoted and much respected church member, **Dr. John Alexander Sperry, Jr.**, passed away on January 24, 2003. John and his wife Jean joined the church in 1959. John had frequently presented the Sunday morning sermon. He had served as a trustee, two terms as president, was active on committees, an interesting church school leader, and was called upon to conduct two memorial services. Dr. Sperry became a faculty member of Culver-Stockton College in 1957. His career extended through his retirement from teaching in 1992. He was designated distinguished professor of humanities emeritus. Culver-Stockton trustees established the John A. Sperry, Jr. Chair of Humanities.

The Rev. Dr. John Winthrop Brigham passed away January 23, 2004, at the age of 89. The Unitarian Fellowship in Burlington, Iowa, and our Quincy church were his last ministries. Dr. Brigham remained active after retiring in 1982 as a Sunday service speaker, member of committees, watchful of many church needs and offering counsel to members. Born in Concord, Massachusetts, on Nov. 26, 1914, he married Anna Louise Dege on Nov. 18, 1938 in the home of her sister, Bertha Danhaus, in Quincy. Although having served as minister in several churches in Maine, Massachusetts, Iowa, and New York, his close ties to the Dege

family in Quincy brought him to our church, and to live in the Dege home where Anna Louise was born. In 1937, he wrote in the autograph book of Herman Dege, his future father-in-law:

*“Flower in the crannied wall,
I pluck you out of the crannies.
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand.
Little flower – but if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and man is.”*
by A.L. Tennyson

If we could understand the flower and the rock, the wind and the sky,
our understanding of each other would not be difficult. But understanding requires
patience, kindness, and love; to have one is not enough,
to have all three is rarer. The attainment of them is worth a lifetime.

[signed] John W. Brigham

The Rev. Calvin Knapp, our minister from 1971 to 1976, passed away March 13, 2004, in Nashville, Tennessee, at the age of 78. While he was our minister, the church grew to 93 members as he initiated many activities, such as the annual plant sale.

Jane Martin Shair passed away March 14, 2004, at the age of 90. She joined the church in 1956, served on the Board of Trustees and several committees, and was a member of Women’s Alliance. With her artistic background, she was a guiding influence in organizing the Foreign Film Series for 15 years. When we refer to the Tiffany lamp table, we can appreciate that the lamp was a gift of Jane and Hilliard Shair.

Dr. Theodore Stebbins passed away in Quincy on July 26, 2004, at the age of 94. He and his wife Elizabeth “Biz” Stebbins became members of our church in 1951 and both were leaders in church activities for many years.

Bertha Dege Danhaus, church member since 1931, passed away on May 4, 2005, at the age of 94. Her husband, Russell Danhaus, died October 12, 1992. Bertha was 21 when her father, Herman Dege, became interested in this church, and she wrote in her diary for October 21, 1931, “...and so Mr. & Mrs. Herman E. Dege and Bertha Dege signed the Membership book.” Herman, the father of five daughters, was asked to be the Sunday School superintendent. He and Bertha would plan the Sunday program for the “Junior Church” with a lesson or story, and music. Usually, Bertha would sing a solo, and occasionally for the church service later in the morning. She taught a Sunday School class most of her life, including in her husband’s Trinity United Church of Christ. She was an active member of the Evening Hour Alliance, and later the Women’s Alliance. The chalice that is a part of our Sunday morning service was presented to the church in her honor.



Bertha Danhaus with grandchildren Susan & Michael Drew

Activities in December 2005 included preparation of **gift baskets** for the home-bound. This annual project was inspired and organized by Kim Tonozzi. The Hayashi family hosted a gathering in their home following the Christmas Eve service. The Quincy Herald-Whig listed our church among the top ten **Quincy church Web sites**. The comment was "Orderly and efficient. Check out which famous people were Unitarians or Universalists." Compliments were extended to the Webmaster, Michael Flanagan.

As a winner of the **Fulbright Scholarship**, Dr. Manning taught philosophy classes in Romania, including a course about the Holocaust. He and board members arranged for Sunday services and pastoral duties to be performed by others during the year of 2006. He generously offered his second-semester salary be put toward the building fund.

Building the Church Addition

Church members began to realize, in the 1970s, that we needed more room for church activities, and our sanctuary and restrooms should be **handicapped accessible**. Many plans were considered for more than two decades, including an elevator, a chair lift on the stairway, remodeling the restrooms, and adding a restroom on the main church floor.

Steve Ward presented an update at the semi-annual meeting, Jan. 2001, on progress in making our building accessible to everyone. The results of a survey conducted the previous May and June indicated that most members favored an addition to be constructed. The Building and Grounds Annual report, May 2001 informed us that the church property was surveyed by the engineering firm of Klingner and Associates for \$1058.81. The Long Range Planning Committee pointed the necessity of making our building accessible to all; "...some of our members are unable to attend services due to the physical limitations of our facility." The Board of Trustees, the Long Range Planning and Building and Grounds committees met in the fall of 2001, with a representative of Zion Church Builders. Don Chapman examined preliminary plans for an addition to our church building. At the semi-annual congregational meeting January 20, 2002, an overwhelming majority voted for building the addition.

The Ad Hoc Long Range Planning Committee for the building addition reported regularly. By March 2003, Steve Ward had received a proposal from an architect who previously lived in the house to the north of the church property. Having been a church neighbor for some years, architect Kim Mulch indicated a special interest and eagerness to work on this project. The goals of building the addition were to provide a large, additional meeting space, a modern kitchen, and, most important, handicapped accessibility to our building.

A fund-raising campaign, "Affirmation in Action" was launched in 2006 to support the building of an addition. The plan would make our building handicapped-accessible and compatible architecturally with the present historic structure. The guiding committee included Bill Holden, Sherryl Lang, Ben Morrison, Dave Ripper, and Ellen Taylor. Drawings were endorsed by the Quincy Plan Commission for "an addition onto the back of the Unitarian Church ... a 2,200 square foot addition." Fred Stephan, working with Kim Mulch of Klingner & Associates, would monitor construction.

A special board meeting was called for February 11, 2007, to review information regarding a contract with Zion Church Builders. Jim Hinza, president of Zion, answered



satisfactorily all questions addressed to him. After discussion, Judy Crocker made the motion to approve the contract with Zion and proceed with the project. Kevin Ballard seconded the motion and all members voted to accept.

On Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007, Rob Manning was the speaker. The service was followed by a groundbreaking ceremony on the north lawn, led by Dr. Manning and Board President Steve Ward. "Golden" spades, in the hands of R. E. students, turned the first earth. The Memorial Committee, represented by Frieda Marshall, presented an introductory check, made payable to the Unitarian Church-Building Fund.

At the May annual meeting a comprehensive building progress report on the addition was given by Steve Ward. He mentioned the satisfaction of working with Bob Huddleston, project manager,

who was alert to many details and gave informed oversight. The foundation work, exterior and interior walls and the roof trusses were completed or in process.

The **Religious Education** program continued in 2007 under the direction of Kim Tonozzi. Students finished a series on the Bible and began a segment on Tolerance, Diversity and Inner dependence. This was followed with a concentration on Native American Spirituality and other world religions. In March the students enjoyed an over-night at the church, with Kim and other chaperons. Games, movies, pizza and doughnuts were part of the activities.

Life-long Unitarian, **Frederica "Fritzi" Morrison** passed away on March 22, 2007, in the house where she was born 97 years earlier. Daughter of Unitarians Otto and Anna Kespohl Mohrenstecher, she was a noted watercolorist, a singer, a writer, and a spiritualist. She and Dr. John Morrison, a geographer, were married in 1933.

Stillman Taylor, a faithful member of the church since 1983, held a record of every-Sunday attendance for many years. He served on the Worship Committee and he organized the "Dine and Opine" group that had monthly carry-in dinners accompanied by literary discussions. He had a long and successful career as a library administrator, including the Great River Library System. Stillman passed away April 21, 2007, at the age of 92.



Fritzi Morrison

A Quincy native, **Anna Louise Dege Brigham** was active in our church before her marriage to the Rev. John W. Brigham in 1938. Her life as minister's wife highlighted her friendly personality and interest in others. Dr. Brigham became our minister in 1976. She produced the "UUs on Stamps" that is included in the church Web site. Anna Louise passed away May 14, 2007, at the age of 91.

We celebrated the 10th anniversary of Dr. Manning's ordination and installation as our minister during the Memorial Day weekend of 2007. Ellen Taylor presented opening words by Fr. Bill Burton. Frieda Marshall presented the talk: "Our Ministers Through the Years." Frieda described the 14 ministers she has known, beginning with Daniel Sands in 1931 when she was 10 years old and then through many years of working closely with ministers in writing the Sunday service programs and the newsletters. "Calvin Knapp and Robert Manning complete my short list of favorite ministers of this church. With Cal I could be, and with Rob I can be myself; feeling at ease and comfortable." Kerry Manning spoke words of appreciation to the congregation on behalf of his brother, and Rob expressed appreciation to all who planned the weekend celebration.

Twelve large, library-style bookcases on casters were designed and built by a team led by Kim Tonozzi and Michael Flanagan. These provide a good display of the books we have for sale at any time, especially during the plant sale each spring.

Robert John Mathieson, a faithful and enthusiastic member since 1974, passed away on Sept. 11, 2007, at the age of 68. He had served as president of the Board of Trustees, helped on committees, was an occasional Sunday speaker and served as organ-repair specialist when needed. Bob was emeritus professor of physics, geology, computer science and mathematics at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri.



Elle Schnell

~ The Building Addition is Dedicated ~

The building addition dedication took place on Sept. 23, 2007. It followed the morning church service. The title of Dr. Manning's talk was "The People, the Church, and the Building: Looking Back and Looking Ahead." He spoke of those who had been leaders in the church in past years and of those who devotedly supported this project of making the church handicapped accessible. He said, "The addition is the result of more than two decades of dreaming and planning by our congregation." Appropriately, the responsive reading was "Our House" and the closing hymn was "We Would Be One."

Following the church service, a **procession** began from the chancel area. John Hayashi, violinist, led the way as a "Pied Piper" through the aisle to the front door. Stephen Schlinkmann and Graham Ballard were the ribbon bearers, Daniel Hayashi carried the ceremonial scissors and more children followed. The adults then left the pews, following to the front door, down the steps, to the sidewalk and north to the curved driveway of the addition. There Max Ballard was the Master of Ceremonies. Emily Dozier and Ian Taylor sang "Bless This House." The gathered congregation recited the Affirmation of Faith.

For the **ribbon-cutting**, fifth generation descendants of Unitarian families were featured. Four-year-old twins Zoe and Zachary Drew were assisted by Jane and Ben Morrison. Zoe and Zach are the great-great grandchildren of Herman and Anna Dege. Jane and Ben are the great-great grandchildren of Sam and Anna Eldred. A great crowd of members and friends celebrated the successful outcome of many years of planning. We marveled at how the addition blended with the church because the limestone was quarried from a connecting vein used for the church building in 1913. See back cover.

A congregational meeting was called to approve covering the final costs associated with the building addition. Treasurer Ben Morrison shared information about the current status of the building budget, reporting that the church had raised more than \$370,000 (90 percent) of current costs. He considered this an amazing accomplishment that reflects the spirit and generosity of our community. Zion Church Builders said we were the first church that had "paid as we built," not having borrowed about half of the cost (none for us) as most churches would. The final cost was \$409,000.



Garden Room

Furnishing and decoration of the church addition was carefully planned by a committee led by Michael and Leann Flanagan. Roman shades were chosen for the windows and the carpet was laid in three sections for easy removal for occasions such as the plant sale. Carol Nichols painted a triptych of acoustic fabric. These three panels correspond in size with the windows. When Nancy Winters was nine years old, she and her grandmother made a quilt that now hangs on the south

wall. Additional art work includes two of Fritzi Morrison's paintings donated by Ridgely Pierson, and a photograph of the church donated by Fred Stephan. Mike Flanagan refinished the library table for the entry area and built four three-panel screens to serve as dividers. These were covered with fabric to enhance room décor. Joe Conover donated two artworks for the sitting area and Alan Starkey donated a special piece of his art work for the foyer, a wall-mounted welded steel sculpture of a chalice. (See title page)

The completion of the church addition meant a welcome change in **plant sale** arrangements. Our collective knees were joyful in having the plants on the main floor instead of carrying them to the basement Fellowship Hall, and then helping customers carry them back



Plant Sale Decision Nadine & Henry Mitchell

up again after purchase. The new bookshelves in that Fellowship Hall allowed the books to remain there. No more book brigades from the storage shed to wide boards in the sanctuary, then sorting those books again every year, and after the sale, box up the remainder, with another book brigade out to the storage shed.

A devoted friend of the Unitarian Church for many years, **Dr. Bruce Johnson** passed away in Florida near his family on Dec. 11, 2007, at the age of 89. He and his wife Pauline (Polly) regularly participated in church services and activities. Dr. Johnson was engaged in private medical practice in Quincy from 1954 until his retirement in 1989. His leadership in supporting the construction of the church addition inspired the cooperation of all to make it become a reality. His generous contribution was given in memory of his wife who died in 2004.

A Book Study Group, lead by Christine Jach and Ruth Cuthbertson, chose to discuss and work with “**Building Your Own Theology.**” Each participant could decide the meaning, values, and beliefs in this growth process.

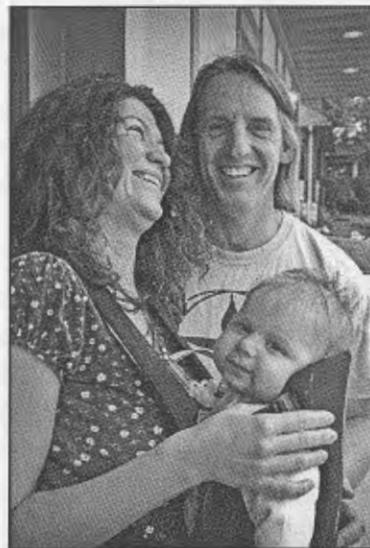
Grand Piano

Anticipation of Candlelight Dinners with special music in 2008 prompted a desire for a grand piano in the sanctuary where recitals and concerts could be enjoyed. Larry Finley, a professional musician and loyal friend of our church, advised a medium-size piano and found a model C1 Yamaha Grand that would fit our needs. The funding response of the congregation for the goal of \$14,000 was successful. The actual cost was \$13,886. The remainder, in a reserve fund, was for a piano cover, a piano humidifier, and future tunings. The piano was delivered on May 13 from the Springfield, Illinois, supplier. A large gathering for a First Friday party on May 23 celebrated the dedication. Members of all ages took turns playing a selection of their choice.

The first **Candlelight Dinner** was held Sept. 26, 2008 in the Garden Room, as the addition is named. Tables for eight accommodated the 64 guests with dinner reservations. Judy Adams, head chef, directed food preparation and had assistance from many helpers. Servers were men of the church. Following the dinner, a concert was held in the sanctuary. The musicians were Dr. Gregory Jones, trumpet and flugelhorn; Kristina Lowe, violin; and Larry Finley, the grand piano.

The congregation gave a special welcome to baby **Sebastian Craciun Manning**, born Dec. 19, 2008, son of Rob Manning and Dana Craciun, who were married in Romania on July 26, 2008. Dr. Craciun is a professor of English literature at Quincy University.

Young adults cooperated with Dr. Manning to present an outstanding Christmas Eve service. Jane Holt provided organ music. Those who performed were Max Ballard, Jane Morrison, Ben S. Morrison, Jane Hayashi, Marlee Labroo, Sarah Fentem and Ian Taylor and Friends. Their readings, and vocal and instrumental selections, provided a true delight for the congregation.



Sebastian with his parents

Pauline Bond, a loyal and faithful member of the church since 1942, died on January 18, 2009, at the age of 97. She was active in the women's groups and their many projects through the years, such as redecorating the Fellowship Hall.

The second Candlelight dinner and concert was St. Valentine's Eve, Feb. 13, 2009. The Garden Room with snowy white round tables and elegant centerpieces set the mood for fine dining with the Boeuf Bourgogne and a chocolate surprise dessert. The after-dinner concert, master-minded by Larry Finley and Michael Flanagan, was Broadway show love songs ranging from those of Romberg and Gershwin to tunes by Sondheim and Andrew Lloyd Weber. Twelve vocalists, many of them church members, performed solos, duets, and quartets in the happiest manner imaginable to the delight of all who attended. Admission was by contribution, open to people in addition to the diners.



Love Song Concerts

Dr. Manning Closes Out 15 Years of Service

As the church year came to a close in June 2011, Dr. Rob Manning resigned as our minister. His 15 years was the longest service in our 175 years of the Unitarian Church's presence in Quincy. Liberal in his beliefs, he was kind, intelligent and humorous. His Sunday services stimulated and inspired the minds of the congregation and also increased the church's membership. The memorial services he conducted brought forth the person who had led a significant life in the church, their family, and the community. This is part of Rob's last newsletter message as our minister:

"As I prepare to leave once again for Romania ... I would simply like to thank each and every member of our congregation for allowing me to serve as your minister all these years. It has been a privilege and an honor to live my life for the last 15 years as the minister of this great community of liberal religion."

A **Ministerial Search Committee** began work to choose our next minister. Chair Mike Flanagan worked with members Judy Crocker, Kate Daniels, Sandy Morrison and Michael Drew. They conducted a survey of the congregation and held small-group sessions to identify the needs and desires of our members. Some areas identified were: a minister with a UU theological education; interesting talks; R. E. development; someone involved in the community/social action; and growth of the congregation. Mike Flanagan attended the Central Midwest District meeting in April of 2012 to network about our search. As Mike reported, "I was wandering down the hall, lost and looking for ... the next meeting when I found two other men who were obviously searching out the same thing. As we spoke, one of them read my name tag and said, 'I'm supposed to talk to you!' It was Scott Aaseng, and he introduced himself as one of the possible candidates ... for us."



Rev. Scott Aaseng

The Reverend Scott Aaseng currently lives in Chicago with his wife Gale and two daughters, Brita and Sunniva. He holds a bachelor's degree in peace studies from St. Olaf College and a master of divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. After serving as a Lutheran minister in the Southwest side of Chicago for five years, he left the ministry and did social-action work in the Chicago area. The family spent two years at Holden Village retreat center in Washington State. His love of music led him to jobs as a musician, including in the Third Unitarian Church of Chicago which he began attending in 2005. Scott realized that he is a Unitarian Universalist at heart. He also completed coursework at Starr King (Berkeley) and Meadville Lombard Theology School in Chicago.

The Search Committee recommended that Scott be hired by the Board of Trustees as a one-fourth time consulting minister, believing that this arrangement will help us move forward toward our goal of finding a called minister.

A one-of-a-kind plaque marks the pew usually occupied on Sundays by **Ridgely Berg Pierson, Jr.**, a faithful member and retired professor of English at Quincy University. Ridgely served the church as a trustee and as a member of the Social Action Committee. He will long be remembered by his Sunday service talk of February 22, 2009, "Keeping One's Place." His quiet but sometimes acerbic wit served him well as an ardent advocate of social justice, both as a teacher and as a volunteer with a wide range of community service organizations. Ridgely passed away on September 25, 2011, at the age of 76. As his obituary correctly noted, "In all of his efforts on the part of his community, he was revered for his integrity, candor, and devotion."

Reverend Aaseng introduced himself in his first "Minister's Message" in our monthly newsletter of August 2012 before his first church service September 9th. "We humanize each other by listening to each other, and by telling each other who we are. I am someone who cares about justice, especially for those most marginalized among us, and for the planet. I value relationships and community, and I believe that life is full of possibility at every moment, a continuing gift and a continuing choice."

Recognizing his role as a consulting minister, Scott leads a congregational workshop each Saturday he is in Quincy. The first of these was an assessment, starting with the question: "What makes you come alive, both as individuals and as a congregation?" According to Howard Thurman, one of the spiritual leaders of the civil rights movement: "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

The result of that first workshop was a compilation of the **qualities and values that make this church come alive** for our members:

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| Openness | Intellectual curiosity | Humor |
| A sense of community | Concern for the community | Creativity |
| Caring & compassion | Spiritual & intellectual freedom | Transformation |
| Memory | Values & principles` Celebration | |
| Optimism | | |

In the November workshop, Joe Conover articulated the question, "If we are truth-seekers in love, how do we attract those who do not yet know they are, too?"

The **Welcoming Congregation** process, publicly welcoming everyone, including bisexual, gay, lesbian and/or transgender persons, was considered for a year or more, and encouragement from Scott set us on a course for the formation of a committee, the study of the UUA curriculum, and setting up workshops for discussion. Success will bring us recognition by the UUA as a Welcoming Congregation. The response from the congregation has been positive, and we look forward to the display of our Rainbow symbol from the UUA.

“The Church is Like a Parade”



Frieda Marshall

Frieda Dege Marshall passed away on Dec. 22, 2012, at the age of 91. Born Sept. 3, 1921, in Quincy, she was the third daughter of five of Herman and Anna Dege and a prime example of the middle child being the most organized. She married Floyd W. Marshall in 1944. She retired in 1994 after 40 years as an instructor in business subjects at Gem City College. At her death, Frieda was the oldest active member of our church. Beginning in 1931 as a 10-year-old Sunday School student, she served as its superintendent as early as 1941. For decades, she was the sole editor of the monthly newsletter, including typing, mimeographing, folding, stamping and addressing. Frieda served on the Board of Trustees numerous times, was a member of the Memorial/Endowment Committee, and chaired the Membership

Committee. She changed the Wayside Pulpit posters, collected personal information from our members and friends, took photos for our "Church Family" board, gave monthly lists of birthdays for our newsletters, made up telephone trees, scheduled and named our clean-up days "Cleanupalooza" with a "to-do" list, painted rooms in the church through the decades, and made the annual Membership Directory possible. As the church historian she organized the church archives and authored "Beyond the Centennial Year, A History of the Quincy Unitarian Church from 1939 to 1989," as well as two sequels covering two more decades. She was an active member and frequently an officer of the Evening Hour Alliance, and later the Women's Alliance.

Her daughter, Janice Miller, explained to us that her mother's last day was a good one. She shoveled some snow, baked cookies and prepared other foods for Christmas, and looked at received Christmas cards with her husband Floyd. Then she went to the computer to send an email for the church newsletter. She was frustrated that her left hand wouldn't respond and Floyd could tell that her speech was a little slurred. She wanted to start supper, but he took her to Blessing Hospital. She walked in, but during the CT scan she lapsed into a coma. The next morning Jim and I were sitting at her bedside with Floyd and Janice. When Rob Manning visited, he kept sighing loudly, sometimes groaning, and standing up and sitting down. He didn't know what to do, just like the rest of us. Finally he said, "Well, I've always known that the world revolved around Frieda." Indeed, she was his "right hand man" for 15 years.

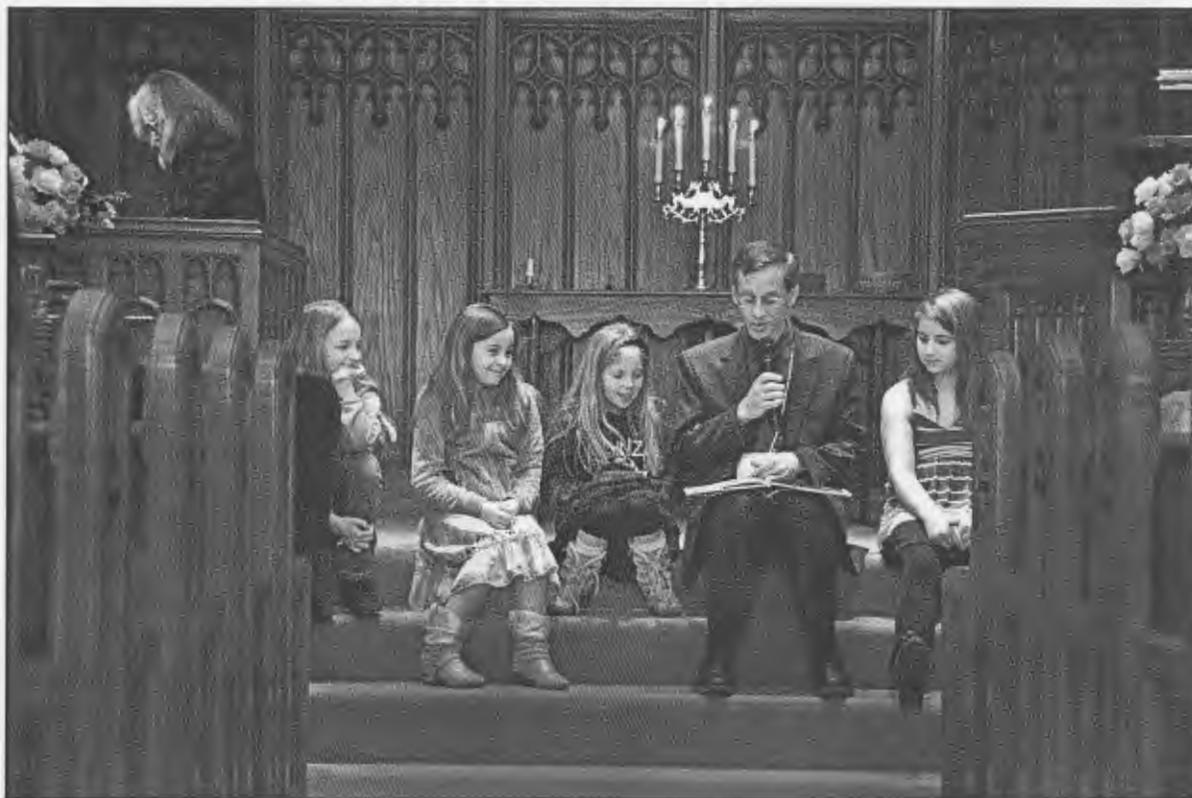
For the January newsletter, Reverend Aaseng wrote: " 'The church is like a parade.' It didn't take long for me to hear this favorite saying of Frieda Marshall's. Her point was that people may come and go over the years, but the church continues marching along.

“Now Frieda herself is gone, and this church will miss her dearly. As someone pointed out, it will take 10 people to fill her shoes. She was ... a mainstay in the Quincy Unitarian Church parade for longer than anyone else. And yet, even without her – and in no small part because of her – this church will carry on. We can be thankful for the example she gave us. ... this church has been fortunate to have a devoted, kind, and generous “matriarch” setting the tone for so long. ... as long as (our church) stays true to the love of which Frieda Marshall was such a wonderful example, it cannot go wrong.”

The Memorial Service for Frieda Vera Marshall was Feb. 9, 2013, the day that she had planned to hostess Women’s Alliance at her home. Three Unitarian ministers led the service: her son, the Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Marshall, who also gave the eulogy; the Rev. Dr. Rob Manning; and the Rev. Scott Aaseng.

We are celebrating the centennial of this building and the 175th anniversary of the Unitarian Society in Quincy. I know that my aunt, Frieda Marshall, was looking forward to these historical events and would have written this book. While compiling and writing, I have used much of her histories, so indeed, she has written this history with me. It is a great accomplishment to keep a 100-year-old building in shape, but as this story has demonstrated, it has been done, step by step through the past century, and will continue.

We give gratitude to the many church ancestors who worked and sacrificed for our beautiful church.



Story time with Rev. Scott Aaseng

APPENDIX I

MINISTERS OF THE QUINCY UNITARIAN CHURCH

George Moore.....1840-1847
Mordecai DeLange.....1848-1850
William H. Fuller.....1850-1854
Liberty Billings.....1854-1861
Martin W. Willis.....1862-1865
S.S. Hunting..... 1865-1871
Wm. Thorne.....1871-1871
Frederick L. Hosmer.....1872-1877
James Vila Blake.....1877-1883
Francis S. Thatcher.....1884-1884
John Tunnis1884-1887
Charles F. Bradley.....1887-1896
Thomas J. Horner.....1897-1899
Samuel L. Elberfeld.....1900-1902
Charles W. Pearson.....1903-1905
Charles F. Elliott.....1906-1912
Richard F. Tischer.....1913-1913

1479 Hampshire church

Lyman M. Greenman.....1913-1918
Earl Cook.....1919-1923
Henry S. Cope.....1923-1923
Celian Ufford.....1923-1926
C. Russell Carlin.....1926-1928
Daniel Sands.....1928-1933
Ward Burgess Jenks.....1934-1936
Robert Murray Pratt.....1936-1947
Benjamin Rex Aman.....1947-1952
Thomas Maloney.....1953-1956
John Morris.....1956-1960
George P. Crist, Jr.....1960-1968
Lester Mondale.....1968-1969
Robert Hoagland.....1969-1970
Calvin Knapp.....1971-1976
John W. Brigham.....1976-1982
Eric A. Haugan.....1982-1987
Lynn Smith-Roberts.....1989-1995
Robert Manning.....1996-2011
Scott Aaseng.....2011-

Founders of the Quincy Church, 1839-40

Ackers, Elizabeth	Gage, Marie
Babcock, John H.	Gage, Wm. H.
Bartlett, Rosyln N.	Gilman, Annette
Bartlett, S.M.	Gilman, Chas.
Benneson, Electa Anne	Haven, Jas. B.
Benneson, Robert S.	McFadon, Anna C.
Bryan, Almyra	Munroe, Geo.
Chapman, Elizabeth	Munroe, Persis E.
Collier, Elizabeth M.	Munroe, Rebecca
English, Rebecca	Munroe, Wm.
Evans, Betsy	Stratton, Elisha
Evans, Harriet	Young, Mary
Everett, Catherine D.	
Everett, Elizabeth	
Everett, Samuel W.	

APPENDIX II

ROLL • OF • HONOR

NAME	SERVICE
Elizabeth Bert	Navy
Lorraine Cook	Army
Ralph Keller	Navy
Frank Dick	Army
Roy Keller	Army
Louis Eberhardt	Army
Richard B. McCarl	Army
Harry Grotenbacher	Army
Lester Meyer	Army
Emil Halbach	Army
Albert Merkel	Army
Milton Lubker	Army
Burton Montgomery	Navy
Allan Merkel	Army
Edmund Montgomery	Navy
Albert Smyth	Army
Hosmer Montgomery	Army
Emmet Spencer	Army
Robert Montgomery	Army
Harry D. Blasland	Army
Albert Spohrs	Army
Grace Westerman	Army – Red Cross
Paul Westerman	Army
Walter Westerman	Army
John G. Wheelock	Army
Channing Powers	Navy
Donald McCarl	Navy
Robert E. Starkey	Army
Edward W. Siemens	Navy
Eleanor Montgomery	Army

THE • WAR • FOR • WORLD • FREEDOM

APPENDIX III

MEMBERS OF 1913 WHO BUILT OUR PRESENT CHURCH

Baker, Mrs. Calot E.	628 Spring St.
Brown, Robert & Josiah	628 Spring St.
Bartlett, Charles L. (Atty).....	302½ 6 th Ave. N.
Basse, Mrs. August.....	1255 Maine St.
Basse, Henry (518 Maine).....	1255 Maine St.
Bernard, Mrs. Clara Auman (mother of Mrs. Bernard).....	515 N. 3 rd St.
Berrian, Mrs. B. F.....	725 N. 12 th St.
Bert, John L.....	1457 Hampshire
(Grandchildren Archibald, Mary, Elizabeth)	
Bert, Daniel C.....	1459 Hampshire
Bradford, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin F.....	1451 Vermont
Bradford, Louise.....	1451 Vermont
Brooker, Mr. & Mrs. Orlando W.....	1207½ Broadway
Carter, Mrs. Douglas.....	1869 Kentucky
Catlin, Miss E. H.	1643½ Vermont
Christie, Dr. & Mrs. R. J.	234 South 16 th
Cook, Mr. & Mrs. C. E.	2600 Maine St. & Florida
Demaree, Mr. & Mrs. Charles D.	819½ Vermont
Dick, Frank	1254 Park Place
Dickson, Mr. & Mrs. James	211 Chestnut St.
Duncan, Mr. & Mrs.....	Ellington
Ebert, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E.....	in Texas
Ebert, Miss Kate M.....	329½ So. 8 th
Eldred, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel W.....	1454 Hampshire
Eldred, Francis	1454 Hampshire
Eldred, Charles	1454 Hampshire
Elson, Mr. & Mrs. J. H., two children	734 N. 5 th St.
Ertel, Mrs. George	1261 Park Place
Heitland family.....	212 Chestnut
Halbach, Mrs. F. W.	East Ave. Lawndale
Halbach, Miss Florense	East Ave. Lawndale
Halbach, Mr. Emil	East Ave. Lawndale
Hillman, Mr. & Mrs. E. B.....	230 So. 16 th St.
Hillman, Miss Margaret	230 So. 16 th St.
Janes, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. M.	216 Jersey St.
Janes, Mr. & Mrs. Guido D.	214 Jersey St.
Keller, Mrs. George	1317 State St.
Kespohl, Mr. & Mrs. Julius	1855 Jersey St.
Kespohl, Misses Ada, Magarata	1855 Jersey St.
Kespohl, Misses Bertha, Louise, Clara	331 Vine
Klarner, Mr. & Mrs. Gustav, four children.....	E. State St.
Klarner, Misses Julia, Mary, Christel, Anna	435 So. 5 th
Knittel, Mr. & Mrs. Emil	318 Elm St.
Knittel, Misses Irma, Octavia	318 Elm St.
Lancaster, Mr. & Mrs. Emery W.	1805 Grove Ave.

Lancaster, Virginia	1805 Grove Ave.
Lockwood, Mrs. Kate	222 So. 16 th St.
Lane, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E.	1254 Vermont
McCarl, Judge & Mrs. Lyman, four children	
Meyer, Mr. & Mrs. John H.	1253 Park Place
Meyer, Miss Edna	1253 Park Place
Meyer, Lester	1253 Park Place
Miller, Mrs. E. M.	320 N. 8 th
Montgomery, Mrs. Cora	1240 Vermont
Montgomery, Mr. Burton, Mr. Edmund	1240 Vermont
Montgomery, Miss Catherine	1240 Vermont
Montgomery, Dr. & Mrs. E. B.	1461 Vermont
Montgomery, Miss Elizabeth	1461 Vermont
Montgomery, Miss Eleanor	1461 Vermont
Musselman, Mrs. D. L.	124 So. 24 th
Oertle, Mr. Joseph	1014 Hampshire
Potter, Mr. & Mrs. John Fred.	316 Ky.
Potter, Miss Alicia	316 Ky.
Pinkham, Mrs. E. L.	1400 Maine St.
Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. A.	228 So. 18 th
Robbins, Mrs. Joseph	129½ N. 6 th
Rogers, Mrs. Anna N.	2203 Spring
Rogers, Miss Ella	2203 Spring
Rogers, Mr. Charles	2203 Spring
Rouse, Mr. & Mrs. D. H.	2449 Broadway
Rouse, Mr. John	1122 N. 10 th
Schlagenhauf, Mr. & Mrs. Philip J	1250 Ky
Seger, Mr. & Mrs. Charles A	2030 Jersey St.
Sprigg, Mrs. Anna G.	1654 Jersey St.
Smyth, Miss Isabel	419 Broadway
Vasen, Mrs. Ella M.	329½ So. 8 th St.
Wells, Mr. & Mrs. George	224 So. 20 th
Wells, Lawrence	224 So. 20 th
Wells, Mr. & Mrs. J. Russell, three children	1825 Jersey St.
Werner, Dr. & Mrs. A. W.	State & 14 th Sts.
Werner, Miss Dorothy	State & 14 th Sts.
Westermann, Mr. & Mrs. J. W.	417 York
Westermann, Misses Grace, Leda, Ruth	417 York
Westermann, Mr. Walter, Paul	417 York
Wheeler, Mrs. H. N.	2919 Broadway
Wheeler, Misses Gladys, Bernice	2919 Broadway
Woods, Dr. & Mrs. Reuben	1420 Vermont
Young, Mr. & Mrs. Elijah	2250 Broadway

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