

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

March 2022 Edition

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

March 6th Service

Speaker: Dr. Rob Manning and Dr. Patrick Hotle

"Russia and Ukraine: Past, Present, and Future"

Dr. Patrick Hotle, Professor of History at Culver, and Dr. Rob Manning will work together and lead a discussion about Russia and Ukraine.

March 13th Service

Speaker: Patricia Garey

"A Righteous Heart in an Age of Rage"

Exploring women's experience during the last 50 years. *Donate-A-Plate this month goes to Cornerstone*

March 20th Service

Speaker: Michael Keller

TBD

March 27th Service

Speaker: Sharon Buzzard

"Lost in a Venn Diagram: Intersectionality, Critical Race Theory, and Life"

Balance suggests the ability to manage the sometimes-conflicting parts of our lives. If that that middle ground can't be found, does our interdependent web of life still hold us together.

PFLAG

PFLAG will meet 7 pm, Thursday, March 10. PFLAG provides education and peer support for LGBTQ individuals and their families and friends. For more information email hannibalquincypflag@gmail.com or call Ruth at 217-653-8001

Ostara Spring Gathering at Lumbar Achers Dirt Farm

March 18, 19, 20

Paul Miller and Pinehenge Pagan Tribe invite our UU friends for a spiritual weekend celebrating the re-awakening of Mother Earth. Schedule is yet to be planned, but we expect it to include a carry-in feast in the house and ritual in the pine circle Saturday evening.

Watch the church Facebook group for updates, or contact Paul Miller.
Blessed be!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to be the Second Adult for RE classes on March 6 and March 20. Volunteers are also needed for greeters/offering: Each Sunday in March. Please use sign-up sheet available at the doors.

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UU MidAmerican Regional Assembly

This year MidAmerican Regional Assembly will be entirely a virtual event, on April 22nd from 9am--1pm. Registration is online up to April 22nd.

Last year's General Assembly was held by virtual only. This year will be both virtual and in-person. General Assembly will be June 22--26 in Portland, Oregon with registry online. The Board is authorized to send two voting delegates from our church, whether the person(s) want to attend virtually or in person. The church's financial responsibility is the registration fees for the two delegates. Travel, housing, and food are the delegate's responsibility. Obviously attending virtually doesn't result in any additional cost to a delegate as the in-person does

If you are interested in attending either the MidAmerican Regional Assembly in April or the General Assembly in June, please speak with Board president Mary Beth Gapinski.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Why doesn't it feel warmer now that March has arrived? I'm still wearing my shearling-lined slippers, sleeping on flannel, eating comfort food, and looking at lingering snow. Yet spring is not far off and soon the tulips and other spring bulbs will begin to push their way up through the soil. For me, it is an exciting time to live again in my favorite season.

Though we've rarely met in person for service this winter, there has still been the availability of meeting on zoom and the church has entertained two Sunday Music Series, a violin recital, and the Worship Committee has offered a workshop both in February and another upcoming. With covid numbers going down and warmer weather coming, there will be future First Fridays, an always casual get-together and altogether so much fun.

The B&G committee authorized the purchase of a snowblower which the Board gladly and unanimously voted to purchase. It's been an incredibly white winter so I'm very happy that Aaron Arnold no longer has to shovel by hand!

April brings us a Cleanupalooza and our annual Plant and Bake sale. Perhaps someone will take over and man the basement bookstore or maybe not. If you have any questions concerning plants or baked goods, if you'd like to help out (and I hope you do!) please contact the sales head people..Kate Daniels and Mike Drew for the plant side and Leann Flanagan in regards to the bake sale. March is the perfect month to start planning your contributions to the April sale.

The church was able to send two church delegates for last year's General Assembly and while the GA isn't until June, I am interested in hearing from anyone who might wish to attend it. Our one-day Regional Assembly is in April and I'd like to hear from interested individuals for that one also. Both assemblies are a wonderful way to experience a deeper Unitarian Universalist understanding of our principles, current social justice programs and discuss future actions. The General Assembly draws UU's from nearly every church in every state. It's an affirming and soul-filling exposure to meet Unitarians outside of Quincy and know that we are a part of something larger. It's really a mind-opening connection. Let's talk if you're interested.

Mary Beth Gapinski

Board President

BOOKSTORE

The Plant and Bake sale is coming up on April 24th and I have been approached by a couple of people asking if the sale will involve the books located in the church basement. Both Mary Ann Freeman and I were the past co-chairs and resigned because of priorities elsewhere. That doesn't mean that the bookstore is defunct because the chair position is open to anyone who would like to fill it. It's also a possibility that someone would want to open up the bookstore just for the Plant and Bake sale but it won't be either Mary Ann or myself. If anyone is interested, please talk to either of us and we can give you our observations to assist you.

Mary Beth Gapinski