

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

June 2022 Edition

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

June 5th Service

Speaker: Steve Wiegenstein

"Oh, the Places We'll Go! And the Places We'll Return To"

It's graduation season, and one of the favorite gifts for graduates is Dr. Seuss' famous book Oh, the Places You'll Go! As we reach the end of our traditional church year, let's think about the places we'll go this summer -- physical places to be sure, but more importantly the emotional, spiritual, and mental places. And let's think about the emotional, spiritual, and mental places we will return to in the fall, and what we want to achieve when we do.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be Sunday, June 5th after church service in the sanctuary. Between the end of the service and the beginning of the meeting, we will take a 10-minute break to use the restroom and to avail ourselves of coffee and snacks on the Heritage Room table. I am looking forward to being the person to ring the gong to signal the meeting will begin after the brief recess!

Not knowing exactly how long the meeting will last, the Fellowship committee decided to not ask people to contribute to a carry-in but rather for people to please bring some finger foods, which makes having a bite to eat in order to tide us over, much easier.

Mary Beth Gapinski

ANNUAL PICNIC

The second Sunday in June is always set aside for the church's annual picnic. It's a good time because the church men are in charge of buying and cooking the meats. Everyone else brings a dish to pass.

This year's picnic is on June 12th at the Johnson Park at 18th st and Harrison. The gathering will begin at 11ish with the meats ready to be served by noon. I am not sure who is in charge of this event....I will be gone and sorry to miss the picnic. Hope you all have a good time!

Mary Beth Gapinski

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's June and the final church service is the 5th, followed by the annual meeting, and June 12th, marks the annual picnic, which will be held at Johnson's Park on Harrison and 18th st.

The end of June also marks the end of our fiscal year and a new Board beginning. It's been a privilege to serve you as Board president. It's been a huge learning curve that has taken me out of my comfort zone several times but there are occasions when a push is needed and I've gained experience and an ability to juggle a myriad number of necessary church functions and concerns. I don't drop the balls as often as I used to but I'm not ready for the Cirque du Soleil either. Thank you for gifting me the grace when some of those balls hit the ground.

Mary Beth Gapinski

FIRST FRIDAY

Mary Beth Gapinski will host the June 3rd First Friday at 1110 Cherry st. The gathering will be from 6pm--10pm and please bring something tasty to share and your beverage of choice. Please bring a lawn chair as the weather (so far) appears to be mild and sunny.

As there is a large backyard, she is looking for anyone to bring along a bocci ball set or washers if they have one!

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Comic Opera Comes to Life at QUU

For the next 3 weeks, our church will be a lively montage of singers and actors and instrumentalists...and even a few dancers: we are HQ Central for the Muddy River Opera Company's production preparation of Donizetti's sparkling Elixir of Love. From 2-5 and 6:30-9:30 on weekdays, the Company will drill the chorus with their parts in English and rehearse the leading singers with their parts in Italian. The production is a language hybrid, so the audience can understand the story and also revel in the beautiful arias. Our UU Board is very sensitive to the needs and discretion of the groups that meet regularly at the church and have made arrangements to honor commitments to both segments of our outreach. UU host families this year are the Ballards and Judy Crocker.

On June 18th the orchestra joins the mayhem, with a light lunch for their short rehearsal break provided by our Women's Alliance (last year's opera orchestra is still talking about our gracious Alliance). On the 19th, the singers will sit and sing with the orchestra (this is called a Sitzprobe); and on the 20th, the whole operation moves to the John Wood Community Theatre stage for production week. The performances are at JWCC on Friday, June 24th at 7:30 and Sunday, June 26th at 2pm. I will give a brief Opera Insight talk a half hour before each performance, if you would like to hear some interesting stories about how Elixir came to be. Tickets are \$25 for singles and \$40 for two. The music is delightful and absolutely Donizetti. The production is modernized to some extent, but faithful to the story in which overcoming shyness sometimes needs a little boost even when true worth is there all along.

Minister of Music, Carol Mathieson

AUGUST RUMMAGE SALE

The August Rummage Sale is in the planning stages for the third or fourth Saturday of August, the 20th or the 27th. Start identifying item that you would like to donate. We request that all items be in good working condition, clean and ready to display. We will accept a small amount of clothing in good, wearable condition. The book store will be open, so cull your library, too! There is not a designated place for items to be stored at the church. If you prefer to get them out of your way, please contact Mike or Leann Flanagan or Chris Wiewel for available storage. We will also be requesting volunteers to set up the Garden Room, sort, price, and display the items on the Friday before the Sale. Volunteers are essential on Saturday to assist in the sale and cleanup. We appreciate all the donations and volunteers for this fundraiser. For more information, please contact Mike or Leann Flanagan.

Sunday Morning Discussion

As formal Sunday services aren't offered in the summer months, an informal group of interested people meets in the Heritage Room, beginning the last Sunday in June, at 9:30am. and continuing till services begin again in September. At the first meeting, someone offers to serve as a leader or facilitator and a subject is agreed upon. Past topics have included an in-depth examination of our 7 Principles or a discussion of the 6 Sources. Last summer the discussion mostly revolved around Covid.

Having a summer Sunday discussion group serves the purpose of staying in touch with one another and providing the public with a welcoming space as the church doors are kept open to invite people in if they wish.

The first Sunday discussion will meet on June 26th at 9:30am in the Heritage Room.

Celebrate the Krummel's 50th Anniversary!

Deliciously Sweet Lemonade & Cookies

Lemonade Stand

Hosted by their Grandkids!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

10am - 1pm • Donation Based

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June Is Pride Month!

Pride month, honoring LGBTQ+ individuals, is celebrated in June with festivals and parades. Many are free, family-friendly educational activities. You are welcome to join in the fun at these regional celebrations:

June 10-12- Kansas City Pride (<https://kcpridealliance.org/pride-2022/>)

June 18 - St. Charles (MO) Pride (<https://www.pridestcharles.org/>)

June 24-26 - St. Louis Pride (<https://www.pridestl.org/pridefest2022>)

PFLAG Hannibal-Quincy will meet Thursday, June 9 at 7 pm. PFLAG provides support and education to members of the LGBTQ community and to their friends and family members.

For more information on PFLAG Hannibal-Quincy, call Ruth at 217-653-8001, or email pflaghannibalquincy@gmail.com.

A Thank You

It's been another great church year! This one has provided all new challenges for me, and as always I am incredibly grateful for this congregation's patience with me as I learn to continually better serve you! I will be stepping back from any administrative duties I have taken on going forward, and will be moving to a slightly less involved position handling just the tech. I love this congregation and have realized I've been stretched too thin trying to do everything (and that I just plain can't keep up!!!). I'm excited to go into another year with the Unitarian Church of Quincy, and I'm so excited to see where we can all go together! I'm so so so excited to see what we will accomplish together in the upcoming years. I hope to see you all at the annual meeting, picnic, and (if any of you are going) at St. Louis Pride!

Thank you again,

Taylor Wood, Technical Assistant