

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

September 2022 Edition

Services are in person and on Zoom at 10:30am
Central Time.

Upcoming Services

Zoom Link:

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

September 11th Service

Speaker: Sharon Buzzard

TBD

September 18th Service

Speaker: Mary Ann Freeman

"The Other U"

Mary Ann will share a brief background of Universalism and share a Universalist's perspective on the role Universalism can play in today's contentious political climate.

September 25th Service

Speaker: Mary Beth Gapinski

"Regenerate and other synonyms"

Board President, Mary Beth Gapinski's talk will center around the meaning of regeneration within the church walls, the work of the Board, and how it applies to her relationship with the Quincy Unitarian Church.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love the month of September. The evening becomes cooler and less humid (not right now but it will!) which hints at autumn coming on in all its splendor and our formal church services begin again.

It's been a busy summer and there's been much work done inside the church walls. Rhonda Deegs of RLD Glass Art and Restoration has finished cleaning and making minor repairs to all our painted glass windows, inside and out. There is still a few new pieces of acrylic outside window covering to install, especially with the Founders Window but that work will be with the expertise of Bob Yapp of the Belvedere School for Hands-on Preservation in Hannibal.

There's also been some work in progress in the basement as the water problem the church wrestled with for decades is finally under control but did leave mold and water-damaged wood. Cleaning that up has resulted in a fine layer of dust in the sanctuary and I am hoping that enough friends and members will show up on September 10th for the fall Cleanupalooza and put some elbow grease into making the sanctuary shine. Please think of donating even an hour of your time on the 10th to start our church year in a warmly welcoming and clean area!

See you all on the 10th and 11th!

Mary Beth Gapinski

Board President

MESSAGE FROM STEVE AND SHARON

We're looking forward to the opening of the church year on September 11, and want to remind everyone that part of the service that Sunday will be a water communion. Bring real or symbolic water.

We'll also be in Quincy on Saturday, the 10th. Our schedule for the additional dates we'll be in town during the church year is still in the planning stages, and we'd be very interested in hearing from folks as to what the best use of our time would be. On the 10th, we'll be at the Calftown Cafe from 11:30 through the lunch time, and invite anyone who'd like to stop by to come join us. We'll then be back at church for some office hours from 3:00 to 4:30.

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

The Back to School Fair served many families in preparation for the new school year. In fact, the Book Bags were nearly depleted in all grade levels before 10:00 a.m. Nonetheless, it was a huge success and great that we are a part of this worthy community event. Many thanks for all the volunteers who shopped, donated supplies, stuffed the book bags, helped with delivery to Iles Elementary and worked at the Fair. Also, it wouldn't be possible without all the generous monetary donations.

The day ended on a sad note! Maxine Bassett who organized the donation of book bags from all the churches for many years, passed away that evening. Of course, she was at the event for a short time that morning for what turned out to be her last Back to School Fair. She will be greatly missed.

THERE IS NO FIRST FRIDAY FOR SEPTEMBER!

First Fridays will resume in October.

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UU RUMMAGE SALE

As the "Fearless?" leaders of the rummage sale, we are shouting our gratitude for all the wonderful donations we received this year! The Morrison family generously donated many items from Ted and Sandy's estate plus so many items from our congregation and friends! The Garden Room was bulging with an interesting variety of quality merchandise for our customers. The success of a sale depends on the loyal and hard-working volunteers! Thanks a million to all who helped with artistically making signs, the two day set up, assisting customers, and cleanup.

This fundraiser brought in \$1,223.40!! WOW!! And we still have Bob Reinertsen's Marlboro Bike donation that we will offer on other venues for sale!

As an added bonus, we had the opportunity to meet new people and advertise our church! Who knows?? We may see a new face or two at Sunday services!

With heartfelt thanks!

Mike & Leann

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COFFEE HOUR

First Service Coffee Hour

We're nearing the end of our church's summer vacation and gearing up for the first service on September 11th. The coffee hour is a carry-in and everyone is welcome to bring a snack or something more. It's not mandatory of course but I hope many people will participate because we're all really excellent cooks and bakers! The Fellowship Committee is restocking the pantry and making sure there are extra coffee and creamers on the ready.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone together again this fall!

PRIDE IN THE PARK

The Tristate Diversity Coalition will be hosting their 2nd annual Pride in the Park, a way to recognize and celebrate those in the Adams County LGBTQ+ community. As the Unitarian Church presents itself as a "welcoming congregation," we once again will be in support with sponsorship.

Also, I am in need of volunteers to help man our booth. There will be a sign up sheet available at our first service on September 11th and you can be included on the sheet if you're not physically present. You can call our office and leave a message, or write it in the chat box at our first service which will also be streamed on the Zoom link. You can also just call, text, or email me!

Mary Beth Gapinski

Candlelight Dinner

Our last Candlelight Dinner was in March 2020 and the pandemic shut down the opportunity to host one in 2021 and 2022. Interest is high for 2023 however and to that end, a meeting to discuss putting a Candlelight Dinner together will be on September 29th (Thursday) at 6:30pm in the Garden Room. Snacks and wine will be provided, although we'd never turn down anyone bringing in their own offering!

I hope many of you will put this meeting on your calendar and I look forward to this upcoming discussion!

PFLAG

We're making plans to participate in Pride in the Park, Sunday, September 18! Come celebrate with us!

PFLAG Hannibal-Quincy will meet Thursday, September 8 at 7 pm in the Garden Room. 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.

CLEANUPALOOZA

The church hosts two clean-up days, one in the spring and the other in September where we ensure the inside and outside are spiffed up after our 3-month summer vacation. 90% of the cleanup will be inside this fall as there's been an enormous amount of restoration done and our cleaning person isn't able to catch up.

Please join us on September 10th, from 9am-1pm. There will be a break at noon with lunch provided by the Fellowship Committee.

SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES

The following concerts will take place at the Unitarian Church:

Nov. 20---Dr. Dylan Marney---piano

Jan. 29---Carol Mathieson and friends

March 26, 2023---Hedy Rothfuss---voice

May 21, 2023---John Schneider----low brass ensemble