

Unitarian Church of Quincy **NEWSLETTER**

Summer Sunday Discussions

9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

We've had our first Summer Sunday Discussion for the year. Four of us decided that we would continue the tradition of holding our discussions in the "Heritage Room," near the front door of the church. Since there were so few of us, we decided that this summer's discussions would be very informal. We'll discuss whatever topics come up from those who walk in our doors on that particular Sunday. Come join us next Sunday.

Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee has not met for way too long. I would like all those who have been on the committee and would like to continue membership and all those who might be interested in joining the Social Action Committee to attend a meeting. I know that summer is a busy time for those traveling and relaxing, but a meeting before church begins in September would be timely. I'm not setting a date until I hear from those who are interested to see what day/time will work best. Please contact Leann Flanagan by phone, email, text, or FB to let me know if you have interest in joining or just would like more information or have input.

FIRST FRIDAY

Deborah Lee will host the First Friday of July on the 7th at her exquisitely designed flower haven, Four Winds Farm. I can't think of anything much better than to have a plate of good food, conversing with friends and surrounded by zinnias, coneflowers and hydrangeas. Oh, and a nice breeze and a glass of wine really tops it off!

Please bring something sweet or savory to share and whatever you'd like to drink and join Deborah and company on July 7th at Four Winds Farm at 3729 N. 36th at 6:30pm. Pack a lawn chair just in case!

FROM GEORGIA HOUSE

On Friday, June 23, I visited with Clair Myers daughter, Jane Myers Mcnamara, who was in Quincy for her once a month trips from Texas to visit and handle her mother's affairs. While sorting through her mother's things, she came across a sizeable amount of both greeting and note cards, which she offered to me, knowing I am the current "Sunshine Lady" for Alliance. She wondered if perhaps Clair had held that post sometime in the past, thus explaining the stash of cards. Jane readily agreed that those which either Lillyann or I could not use could go toward the church rummage sale coming up in late July.

Jane also gave me some pieces of jewelry, along with a few other items to put in the sale.

Clair is a senior member of our church and a faithful member of the Women's Alliance. She has been a patient at The Good Samaritan Home for about a year, and according to her daughter, it is considered her permanent residence. Should you care to visit Clair, try to go either at 8 to 9 AM or noon, times when she might be more alert and happy to share memories with you. If you would like to see Jane during one of her faithful monthly visits with her mom, I have no doubt that she would be delighted. Just let her know via email, which she gave me permission to publish along with her phone number.

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BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

The Back to School Fair will be Saturday, August 5, 2023, at Iles Elementary School, 3111 North 12th Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We have a new category assigned this year. We will be donating 40 GIRL Kindergarten Backpacks filled with School Supplies (lists will be provided). There are many ways to participate: #1 Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted (Please make checks to UU Church with BTSF in memo line). #2 Volunteers to shop for everything on the lists (shopping usually begins mid-July). #3 Volunteers to help fill the backpacks on Friday morning, August 4, then deliver to Iles Elementary. #4 Volunteers to work at the fair on Saturday morning, August 5. Because so many families are struggling to make ends meet, the Back to School Fair is always well attended. The Fair is sponsored by the First Baptist Church with help from Quincy Churches and Community Organizations. Please contact Leann Flanagan for more information &/or to volunteer.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Hello to all from our home to yours!

We have been enjoying our summer with a trip to see our daughter and some float trips. We have also enjoyed some good conversations with our fellow Quincy Unitarians through personal visits, e-mails, and text messages. It's good to stay in touch.

We are thinking ahead to the fall, and if anyone has ideas for Sunday service topics they'd like to suggest, please reach out. We are also continuing to think about a workshop on the topic of reconciliation, following up on Sharon's sermon.

We will be vacationing in Germany at the end of July, headquartered in a small town in the north near Bremen. Any suggestions about places we should go or things we should see?

We are exchanging houses with a German family, who will be staying in our house, from July 14 through August 2.

As you travel this summer, remember the water communion we traditionally hold in September. Maybe you'll bring water from some exotic place, or from a much-appreciated puddle from a welcome rainstorm at home. Keep in touch, and enjoy your summer.

RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having our annual Rummage Sale on July 29th from 9am—1pm, with set up the day before for pricing. There's always an interesting array of items church members and friends bring in so look through your house, attic, garage, for anything not in use anymore that is still in good shape.

I believe Mike and Stephen Schlinkman will be on hand in case someone needs a hand getting large items to the church as they have muscles and a van!

This sale is also open to the public so signs will need to be placed on a few of the major street corners a few days before.

Please direct any questions to Mary Beth Gapinski.