

# *Unitarian Church of Quincy* **NEWSLETTER**

## **Summer Sunday Discussions**

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

The Summer Sunday Discussion Group has been very active this summer. We have been meeting every Sunday from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Heritage Room. Yes, it's been WARM sometimes, but we decided early on that we wanted to be close to the front door -- we wanted to be able to catch those curious people who wonder what Unitarians are all about.

And it has been a success!! There are three or four people who have joined our discussions. And some of them just keep coming back!! The rest of you will have to wait until regular services resume in September to meet them -- Unless you choose to join us during a Sunday or two during the month of August??

There isn't a "set in stone" program this summer, We just talk about whatever comes up in the moment. We're Unitarians. It's always interesting.

## **Back to School Fair—Latest News!**

The shopping is finished! 40 Girl Kindergarten Back Packs and all the school supplies! Many thanks to all who shopped and given monetary donations &/or supplies. The next item on the list is to fill the backpacks with all the supplies and deliver them to Iles Elementary School. If you would like to volunteer about an hour of your time on Thursday, August 3, at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room to accomplish this task, you would be more than welcome.

The Back to School Fair is Saturday, August 5, at Iles Elementary School, 3111 North 12th Street, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 7:45. Several of us will be at our table handing out our back packs, however there are many other areas that can always use volunteers. Please contact Leann Flanagan for more information &/or to volunteer.

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING AUGUST 15, 2023

The Social Action Committee is looking for members for the 2023/2024 church year (and beyond!). The committee identifies and responds to needs in our community. Examples include: Attending the Area Partnership for Unmet Needs Committee meetings bi-weekly, Participating in The Back to School Fair, Distributing donations to the Wayside Neighborhood Pantries, and scheduling organizations to receive our Donate-a-Plate second Sunday collections. We could do so much more with commitment from more members. We also request the assistance of the entire congregation to join our efforts for community outreach. A tentative date for our first meeting will be Tuesday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. I would appreciate RSVP from anyone interested. If this date doesn't work for many, we can reschedule. Please consider joining! Contact Leann Flanagan for more information.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of July, 2023, our current balance at the Mercantile Checking Account is \$6,128.07. All but a few checks have cleared, and automatic withdrawals by our utility, trash removal, phone, internet, and city water are occurring as set up. Our Money Market Account is at \$93,128.07.

We expect no other bills for water mitigation or other construction services. Our window wells have been successfully covered, and so, all (hopefully) avenues for water to enter the Church have been intercepted.

There is a remaining project of looking to install a wayside pulpit (electronically). That will occur as soon as research and approval are forthcoming from Building and Grounds (a recommendation) and then the Board (approval).

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Nichols

**FIRST FRIDAY**

Please join Sierra Williams at 634 Lind st for a First Friday celebration on August 4th at 6:30pm! Don't forget to bring a sweet or savory dish or snack to pass and something you'd like to share to drink. See ya there!