



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

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NEWSLETTER

CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP?

In the Unitarian Universalist tradition, membership is open to all who choose to walk with us in the spirit of love and fellowship.

If you are considering membership in the Quincy Unitarian Church, please send a message to Dienna Drew, Membership chair – dienna2900@att.net – or phone, 217-223-4144, with any questions you have, or speak to any board member.

UU Quincy Newsletter

Date: October 6th

Speaker: Steve Wiegenstein

Title: Chasing Utopia

For many years I have been learning and thinking about nineteenth-century utopian communities in America -- those unique and fascinating communities where people banded together to create a way of life that was different from, and in their eyes better than, the ordinary way of building a community. In this talk I will tell you what I've learned and how the lessons of the nineteenth century apply to us in the twenty-first.

Date: October 13th

Speaker: Doug Muder

Title: Challenges and Opportunities for a Future Church

American society is suffering from “an epidemic of loneliness” and falling social capital. Churches seem ideally suited to remedy those problems. Unitarian churches in particular seem ideally suited to be a “church for the Nones”, which many claim they are looking for. What stands in the way of those connections getting made?

Date: October 20th

Speaker: Kristina Mousakis, PhD

Title: Emotional Intelligence

TBD

Date: October 27th

Speaker: Rob Manning

Title: TBD

JIM DREW MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service will be held in our church for Jim Drew Saturday October 26 beginning with a slide show at 10:45. You are invited to hear about Jim's 50 years of dedication to our church and his music-loving and humorous life. A luncheon will be served in the Garden Room of the church following the service.

FIRST FRIDAY

Our First Friday get together the month of October is on the 4th at Rich and Julie Cook's home. We'll begin to gather around 6:30pm at 3925 Hampton Lane. Looking ahead, the weather looks perfect so bring a lawn chair and maybe we can catch probably our last sunset of the year. As usual, please bring something savory or sweet to pass and some to drink.

RE VOLUNTEERS

Huge thanks to all who have volunteered to support the kids and Sami, their RE teacher, during an upcoming service! (And those who have served tirelessly in the past.) A healthy community is an intergenerational community!

Here's who we have for this month:

October 6--Chaunie

October 13--Grace, though Sami is on holiday that day so we need one more volunteer to read a book and/or possibly watch a movie with the kids. (We'll make it easy for you!)

October 20--Aaron

October 27--Lisa

Please let Liz or Mary Beth know if you can volunteer to help Grace on the 13th and/or sign up for a November slot. Thank you!

REDBUD YOGA'S 30TH BIRTHDAY

Join Redbud Yoga in celebrating their 30th birthday celebration on Saturday, November 2nd. Details can be found on Facebook and at the Redbud Yoga website.

MESSAGE FROM ROB MANNING

Greetings to everyone! If you have heard the rumor that our son Sebastian is now living in Quincy at our house on Vermont Street and attending QHS, it is completely true. Various reasons have compelled our family to make this huge decision and change in all of our lives. Sebastian is not only going to QHS during the week but attends a pre-conservatory academy in Evanston every weekend. Sebastian will eventually do the trip to Chicago solo via the train, but while we are adjusting and learning the logistics of traversing greater Chicagoland, Sebastian and I have been driving up together every weekend. This is why I have not been to church or First Friday, and this absence may well continue for a few more weeks. I am looking forward to coming to church and First Friday and other events in the not too distant future and I very much look forward to seeing everyone again!