



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

JULY 2025
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

JULY FIRST FRIDAY

Our First Friday of July will be celebrated on the 2nd Friday of the month, so get ready to gather on the 11th at Deborah Lee's Four Winds Farm at 6:30 pm. The Teaching Center building will be open, and food and drinks are welcome to be brought there. The flower and herb gardens will be in full bloom, and it's always delightful to stroll through them and admire the colors and scents.

Please bring something sweet or savory to share, along with whatever you'd like to drink. Lawn chairs are a great idea to bring along, too!

Deborah's address is:
Four Winds Farm (adjacent to Terripin Farms)
3729 N. 36th st.
Quincy, IL. 62305

MINISTERS' MESSAGE

As always at the end of a church year, we look back with gratitude at having been given the opportunity to serve the Quincy Unitarian Church. It has been wonderful to deepen our friendships with long-time members and to make the acquaintance of new members and friends. The year has had its sadnesses and its joys, and it has been an honor to share them with you.

Although we are officially "off the clock" during the summer, please reach out to us if you would like to stay in touch or have thoughts or concerns to share. Our phone numbers are in the church directory.
Sharon & Steve

RUMMAGE SALE

The church rummage sale is on August 23rd, but we shouldn't wait until the last minute to go through the house, attic, garage, and other areas, looking for items that will raise money for our fundraiser.

This year, we could emphasize our unique style. After all, there's only one of us, and seekers find their way to us in their own time and way. We offer events not usual to the Quincy area. There's our annual Plant, Book, & Bake Sale, our Candlelight Dinner, and our Holiday Bazaar. I want to think of our rummage sale as something akin to attending one and finding that special item you didn't know you were going to see, but must have, and didn't care that the asking price was \$2.00 instead of 50 cents. Remember that feeling that stayed with you each time you looked at it when you finally got it home, and it made you smile, and you were so very glad you purchased it?

In this sale, my items (and I hope yours) will be in good or new condition, but are no longer necessary to my life. They may have been gifted to me with the best of intentions and love, but I was never able to incorporate them into my lifestyle. However, I always cherish the gift and the person who gave it to me with love. Otherwise, it may be my ceramic lasagna pan, which I've used once in the past two years, and it has been gathering dust. It may be artwork lined up along an upstairs bedroom wall I've not looked at for years. What I won't bring is that warped muffin pan that we'd put a 10-cent sticker on, and it wouldn't sell, so we'd have to box it up and drop it off at Goodwill when the sale is over. Please refrain from bringing any of those tired, worn-out items that we all know won't sell just because you don't want them in your house. Send it off yourself to the Goodwill or Salvation Army, because you'll be doing the work that the church people behind the scenes have to do instead: tearing down everything that doesn't sell and schlepping it all off to the resale stores. Sometimes, that takes several trips, a lot of time, and a lot of ibuprofen. Please save our backs and feet!

If you have clothes in excellent condition, please contact Leann Flanagan. The same applies to costume jewelry or any other item that may be vintage. If you have books you would like to donate, Susan Deege and Julie Cook want them to be current. Questions can be directed to either of them. Children's games and puzzles are always in high demand! Electronics not so much.

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BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR SUPPLY LIST UPDATES & REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Back to School Fair is fast approaching! August 2, will be here before we know it! The list of supplies still needed to fill our 50 Kindergarten Girl Book Bags are as follows:

~~19 Book Bags (full size appropriate for 5 year old girls)

~~50 Bottles of Elmers Glue

~~48 Wide Tip Dry Erase Black Markers (Expo Brand)

~~25 Boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons

These items must be purchased no later than July 28 & delivered to the church. Store them in the Resource Room. Please contact Leann Flanagan.

For those who purchase items, please keep your receipts and turn them in to the treasurer for reimbursement or "In Kind Donations." Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted.

Volunteers are requested to meet at church in the Garden Room Friday, August 1, at 10:00 a.m to fill the book bags and then deliver them to Iles Elementary School for the Fair on Saturday, August 2, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If anyone is interested in being at our tables to hand out the book bags, please contact Leann Flanagan. It's so much fun to see the excitement of the children picking out their book bags.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - MEALS ON WHEELS

The Social Action Committee received a flyer from Meals on Wheels requesting volunteers to help deliver meals.

For more information text or email:

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Brianaglas@wcian.org

Office: 217-592-3653

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Rummage sale cont...

The rummage sale setup will take place the day before in the Garden Room (August 21st). I'll post again in the August newsletter, closer to the sale, with reminders and details about the setup and sale, as well as the roles we'll need to fill as cashiers and rovers.

I will not ask us to "spark joy," but let us have our customers leave the sale excited to have found that one (or more!) item they never knew they wanted, but when they saw it, they knew they just had to have it and look forward to our 2026 rummage sale!

Mary Beth Gapinski, chairperson

HOPE HOUSE

Hope House is struggling to get approval for a new residence for expectant mothers in need. This is a great opportunity to reach across to the other side and show support for our community by writing our aldermen and/or attending the upcoming City Council meeting to voice support. Learn more about their mission at hopehouseofquincy.com

"The City Planning Commission has recommended denial of our zoning request. They have been very helpful, but there has been abundant and strong resistance from the neighbors. We understand their feelings, but feel strongly that Hope House will be an asset to the neighborhood.

On July 7 our case goes before the city council and they will make the decision whether it moves forward or not. If you live in the city of Quincy would you take a moment to call or email your alderman?

You can find their information here:

<https://www.quincyil.gov/city-government/city-council>

Simply let them know that you strongly support the need for a home to help pregnant mothers find hope for their future, and this home is ideal for the mission."

SUMMER SUNDAY DISCUSSION SERIES

Please consider attending the Summer Discussion Series on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Garden Room. We're focusing on learning more about the 7 principles of Unitarian - Universalism, and the 6 Sources of our Living Tradition. Here's the schedule for July with associated sources. Hope to see you there! **See next page for additional details...**

Summer Sunday Discussion Series—9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the “Garden Room.”

June 22: Organizing and deciding what THIS Summer’s Discussion Series will focus upon:
The 7 Principles of Unitarian–Universalism and the 6 Sources in our “Living Tradition”

June 29: *1st Principle*: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles/1st>

July 6: *2nd Principle*: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles/2nd>

July 13: *3rd Principle*: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. <https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles/3rd>

July 20: *4th Principle*: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles/4th>

July 27: *5th Principle*: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large; <https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles/5th>

August 3: *6th Principle*: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles/6th>

August 10: *7th Principle*: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. <https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles/7th>

Six Sources:

August 17: *Direct experience* of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;

Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;

<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources>

August 24: *Wisdom from the world's religions* which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;

<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources>

August 31: *Humanist teachings* which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources>

September 7: Discussion Series Wrap-up. What have we learned this summer? What’s Next?
<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources>

September 14: Regular Sunday Services resume at 10:30 a.m.