



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

JANUARY 2026
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 Kevin Kuehl, Membership Chair, catville24@gmail.com, with any questions you have, or speak to any board member.

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If you would like to be included in the church directory, please email your request to Sheryl Hart at sheyfey@gmail.com

Date: January 4

Title: Poetry Reading Service

This Sunday morning will be an open mic poetry reading, featuring originals and beloved favorites shared by members of our community. All are invited to share - or simply listen.

Date: January 11

Speaker: Nathalie Dincher

Title: The Quiet Work of Courage

Drawing on a family story of resistance, this talk reflects on courage that costs more than words or visibility. It invites us to practice a quieter, steadier courage rooted in presence, care, and commitment.

Date: January 18

Speaker: Dr. Steve Wiegenstein

Title: Wiping the Slate

We like to think of the New Year as a time for new beginnings, for wiping the slate clean and starting fresh. But what should we keep and what should we throw away? Some thoughts on the joys and perils of cleaning out that old closet.

Date: January 25

Speaker: Dr. Deb Currier

Title: When Things Fall Apart: The Gift of Uncertainty

"I don't know." In our modern world, saying these three words has become an act of courage. It seems as if we are expected to present ourselves like a social media post every day: The expert, curated, well-lit, healthy, wealthy and wise image ... So, what happens when it all falls spectacularly apart? Join Deb as she invites us to explore the gifts of grace and gratitude that can come from the wreckage of loss - and the acceptance of "I don't know."

CANDLELIGHT DINNER & CABARET

On Saturday, January 31, 2026, we will be hosting our annual Candlelight Dinner. This year, the menu will incorporate French and German influences and, as always, will include both meat and vegetarian entrées. After the dinner, prepare to be delighted by Over the Piano and Other Songs of Love, a cabaret that takes the audience through all of the emotional complications and exhilarations associated with romance. Emily Dozier, Nicole Dieker Finley, Larry Finley, Emmett Frohn, Jillian Miller, Dave Samuels, and Gerry Wagner are preparing a setlist that includes everything from Johannes Brahms to Jason Robert Brown, with a few surprises in between.

The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers served in the Heritage Room. At 6:30, dinner will be served in the Garden Room, and the cabaret will start at 8:00 in the Church Sanctuary.

Dinner reservations are \$60 per person and can be made by contacting Mike Flanagan at (217) 257-1413 or ml@flan3.net.

The cabaret is open to all with a freewill donation.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kate Daniels at organicfarmerkate@gmail.com.



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JANUARY FIRST FRIDAY

Please join us Friday, January 2, for January's First Friday at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at church to remove the greens, lights, & decor. It is an easy clean up! After that is finished we will eat, drink, & be merry in the Garden Room. Please bring a sweet or savory food item to share and your choice of beverage. The Holiday Season Finale!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

To sign-up, please [click this link](#) or go to <http://bit.ly/4nkQ5TZ>. If something comes up and you're unable to serve, the site will allow you to swap dates or remove your name.

Set-up involves serving from 10:00 to 10:30 am to prepare coffee and set out plates, flatware, cups, and food items. Clean-up runs from after church until 12:30-1:00 pm and involves loading/starting the dishwasher (all items should be rinsed), washing some dishes by hand, wiping tables, and returning the room to its original arrangement.

Sign-up Genius will send you confirmation and reminder emails. If you have any questions, please contact: quincyuusignup@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for volunteering to help lighten the load!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 - SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

COFFEE HOUR INFORMATION

Coffee hour after the Semi-Annual Meeting will be held in the Heritage Room. Congregants staying for the meeting will be able to quickly get coffee and a snack before the meeting. We are requesting sweet or savory finger foods for a quick and easy snack.

CONGREGATIONAL INPUT

The board will be asking for valuable congregational input to ensure that we are "mission-driven", investing both our time and treasure to the goals and priorities that we as Unitarians hold most dear. Early in 2026 a survey will be sent out to congregational members and friends via email. Printed copies will be made available, also. More details to follow.

The survey will be administered through Survey Monkey, a commonly used survey tool, and is ANONYMOUS. Responses will go a separate mailbox and will be tallied by software.