



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

MARCH 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.

UU Quincy Newsletter

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

Date: March 1

Title: Peace, Liberty, and Justice for All

An open mic service celebrating the spirit of the 6th Principle: the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. Bring a few lines from a speech, sermon, letter, or text that inspires you, and share the words that call us toward a more just world. *(more on next page)*

Date: March 8

Speakers: Dienna Drew, Carol Nichols, & Mary Beth Gapinski

Title: The Wisdom of Our Women

Join us on International Women's Day as we honor the lived experience and insight of the women in our community. Three respected women of our congregation will share stories and hard-earned wisdom from their journeys, offering reflection and resilience for us all.

Date: March 15

Speaker: Richard Garey

Title: What I've Learned in 80 Years

As we all try to navigate life on earth, we try to find purpose and meaning in our community. In a world sometimes filled with chaos and cruelty, we seek justice and completion. Richard has been part of that quest. His talk will address what he has observed and learned since 1946, in his 80 years of life.

Date: March 22

Speaker: Steve Wiegenstein

Title: The Things of This World

The recent contrast of a procession of Buddhist monks across America in a quest for world peace with the revelations of the ghastly excesses of a handful of billionaires leads one to ask the inevitable questions: is it inherently bad to be rich? If so, how rich? Or is wealth unrelated to virtue? Jesus, that radical, instructs us to "love not the world, neither the things that are in the world," but that seems like an impossibly high standard. All of us everyday folks feel a love for "the things that are in the world." In this talk, Steve will explore the implications of our seemingly irresistible desire for stuff and more stuff.

Date: March 29

Speaker: Judith Taylor

Title: The Role in Women's Spiritual and Medical History

This talk will focus on the 6th principle of UU and the role of women's historical contributions in both clergy and medicine.

PEACE, LIBERTY, & JUSTICE FOR ALL - MARCH 1ST OPEN MIC!

On March 1st, we'll explore the 6th Principle - the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all - in a slightly different way. Instead of hearing from one speaker, we'll hear a collection of powerful voices that have helped shape hopes for a more loving and just world.

Everyone is invited to share a short excerpt from a speech, sermon, letter, or public address that speaks to this vision. Maybe it's a few lines from Martin Luther King Jr., Eleanor Roosevelt, Nelson Mandela, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Chief Seattle, Desmond Tutu - or another voice that moves you.

To make sure plenty of people can participate, we ask that each person's time at the mic be brief (2 minutes total) - and only one selection per person. As much as we all love "I Have a Dream," we won't be doing the full version. 😊

Together, we'll listen to the words that have called people toward courage, compassion, and justice — and reflect on how we can carry that spirit forward in our own lives.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR

There are MANY openings on the coffee hour sign-up; we would love to see some new faces volunteer! 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 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 and helping to lighten the load!

PLANT, BOOK, AND BAKE SALE - SEED STARTING

Are you ready to start seeds for the Plant, Book, and Bake Sale? Please join Mike Drew at Holtschlag Florist 1135 S 12th St, on Saturday, February 28th, 9 a.m. to plant seeds for our sale in April.

We are also gathering Lg (>1 qt), Med (=1qt), and small (1 pt and 1 cup) sized plastic containers. We use the Lg and Med ones to dig up plants in our yards and the small ones to transplant our seedlings.

Put them on the table to the right as you enter the circle drive door and Sheryl will pick them up!

Seeking Donations

Quincy Unitarian Church Annual Book Sale

Bring in donations by April 15, 2026

- **Bestsellers & Book Club Books**
- **Contemporary Fiction**
- **Non-fiction & Biographies**
- **Children's & Young Adult**
- **Activity Books**
- **Self-improvement & More**
- **Jigsaw Puzzles & Board Games**

Please no periodicals, textbooks, manuals, workbooks, or outdated items.



MINISTERS' MESSAGE

It was delightful to see everyone on the 22nd, and rewarding to hear the varied feedback to Sharon's talk. It was a reminder that one of the strengths of our church is our ability to listen to differing opinions with respect and appreciation. It was good to see everyone in our nice, brisk sanctuary. The sanctity of that space shows us that as Unitarians, we can express ourselves with safety. The very enjoyable lunch was an added bonus!

We'll be back on the 22nd of March, when it's Steve's turn to give the talk. We welcome contact in the in-between times, so please feel free to say hi!

Thanks, Steve

SECOND YARNIES MEETING

Carol Clay-Mann and Sheryl Hart will have the next knitting and/or crochet meetings on March 22 and April 26 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm after church.

Bring a project to work on or a project to show. If you want to learn, bring a hook or knitting needles and a ball of yarn. If you have a favorite pattern, we love to see those too.

SUPPORTING QUANADA AT EASTER

The Social Action Committee has chosen Quanada as our Easter community outreach project. Please consider helping us fill Easter Baskets for approximately 6 children with candy, books, trinkets, stuffed animals, etc. Also requesting personal care items for the women residents such as: lotion, body wash, shampoo, etc. They would also enjoy some treats! The committee will supply the baskets & containers for the items to be donated. The donations must be brought to the church no later than SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026. Please contact Leann Flanagan or any member of the committee for more information. Thank you.

 **TURN THE PAGE: FIRST FRIDAY EDITION****Friday, March 6 | 6:00–8:00 pm** **Quincy Unitarian Church**

First Friday is getting a fun new twist!

Join us on **March 6 from 6–8 pm** at the Quincy Unitarian Church for an evening of fellowship, treats, and a special preview of our upcoming Spring Book Sale. This month's gathering blends good company with good reads — and a little friendly fundraising.

 **What to Bring**

- Something **sweet or savory** to share
- Your **own beverages**
- **High-quality, popular book donations** (children's books, nonfiction, bestsellers, classics, board games, puzzles, etc.)

 **Sneak Peek Bookstore Open!**

Head downstairs for an exclusive early browse of our Spring Book Sale offerings. Books, puzzles, and other treasures will be available for **free-will donation**, supporting the church's fundraising efforts.

You are warmly encouraged to **invite book-loving friends and family** to join us for this special sneak peek evening — it's a wonderful way to share our community and support the church at the same time.

 **Bonus Fun**

- Door prizes
- A relaxed, welcoming atmosphere

 **Extra Bonus Fun:**

We can continue our First Friday until 10 pm in the Garden Room!

Whether you come for the treats, the treasures, or the togetherness, we can't wait to gather with you.

Mark your calendar and let's Turn the Page together!