



# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

JUNE 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 would like to receive this Newsletter by email, or be listed in our Directory of Members & Friends, or are considering becoming a member of our church, please email us at [contact@uuquincy.org](mailto:contact@uuquincy.org) with your request.

## UU Quincy Newsletter

If you would like to be included in the church directory, please email your request to [contact@uuquincy.org](mailto:contact@uuquincy.org)

**Date: June 7**

**Speaker: Dr. Sharon Buzzard**

**Title: Transcendental Moments**

These are the moments that lift you out of the everyday into the place where the spirit lives. How many will you collect this summer?

## SUMMER SUNDAYS

Does anybody know of another church that doesn't have services during the Summer? Wouldn't you expect that someone looking for a church to attend would be surprised to find our doors locked on a summer Sunday morning? Some of us kinda like to make a habit of coming to church on Sunday mornings. We've been showing up at 9:30 a.m. and hanging around to see what happens until about 11:00 a.m. during the summers for years now. You might be surprised to hear what we find to talk about. Feel free to join us. [These will start 6/28/26.](#)

## FIRST FRIDAY

Get ready for our June First Friday which will be hosted by Judith Taylor on the 5th at her lovely home at 1461 Maine st. The fun begins at 6:30pm so bring something sweet or savory to share and something to drink. See you there!

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Come join us at our annual picnic for food, fun, and fellowship on Sunday June 14 as we close out our church year! The picnic will be at Wavering Park (same shelter as last year, closest to Columbus Road) Arrival and set up will be at 10:30a with plans to eat at noon. Various meats will be supplied and grilled by the men of the church. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own drinks and table service. **\*\*Also, please bring an item to donate to our local food pantries.** Hope to see everyone there!

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## RUMMAGE SALE

Put this on your calendar because August 8th has been picked as the date for our Rummage Sale! It's a busy time of year between family visits, vacations, the Back To School Fair (BTSF) on August 1st, so it's the best possible Saturday.

As usual, the sale will be on a Saturday between 9am—1pm. The Fellowship committee will send out a more thorough list of items we're looking for and another list of items we will not take. We are in the very beginning of our planning stage 1 so we may not be able to answer all your questions just yet.

For now please ensure that what you may want to bring is clean and free of rips and stains and is in good working order with all its parts.

Thank you!

Mary Beth Gapinski

## FOSTERING HOPE - SOCIAL ACTION SUMMER PROJECT

Shelby Rose, the reigning Ms. Quincy has partnered with DCFS and Chaddock to get personal items and a duffel bag to kids in the foster system who are in need of these items. Duffel bags work best for storage concern. Her program puts together 200 - 300 bags with hygiene items and delivers them as needed. The program is especially in need of hair care products for the African-American hair care.

Fostering Hope is on Facebook and Shelby posts events, fundraisers, etc. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2141254322788401>.

For anyone interested in donating to this project, please collect new or gently used duffel bags & personal care items during the summer. We will gather all items as church begins in September. There is no obligation to participate in this project- only if you have interest in yet another way to reach out in our community. For further information, please reach out to Leann or Bill Burns.

Thank you,

Leann Flanagan, Chair

Social Action Committee

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## THOUGHTS & PRAYERS REQUEST

Rochell Jacobsen's father, John Jacobsen is in hospice. He is comfortable and not in pain. She would appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers.

## MINISTERS' MESSAGE

Short message this month -- thanks to all who made our lives easier over the past church year! We are officially "off the clock" in the summer, but as always will gladly hear from all who want to stay in contact. "See you in September," as The Happenings liked to sing.

Sharon and Steve

## MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

As this church year draws to a close, the Worship Committee would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make our shared worship life meaningful and vibrant. Thank you to all who offered music, suggestions, technical support, hospitality, and simple presence throughout the year. Each contribution helped shape a community grounded in care and connection.

We also invite everyone to save the date for our upcoming Worship Committee meeting on Sunday, August 9th, at 9:00 a.m. If you're curious about helping shape future services, we would love to have you join the conversation as we begin planning for the new church year.

## UUA'S GREEN SANCTUARY 2030 & THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

*By Katherine Daniels, Green Sanctuary Projects member*

For many years, I've talked to church members about recycling in our church and, although there are interest and agreement to do recycling and we've made some attempts, it has never materialized. After hearing about the UUA's Green Sanctuary 2030 Process (GS2030), I thought their program might help us be intentional about our church recycling efforts as well as connect us to the UUA.

I approached the Board of Trustees, and they gave me the go ahead to form a group of people interested in working on a Green Sanctuary at our church. This is not another committee.

We already have a large number of committees for the size of our congregation. We will be reporting through the Building & Grounds Committee to the Board of Trustees.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR - AUGUST 1, 2026**

The Back to School Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2026. Our church will be donating 50 Kindergarten Girl Backpacks and School Supplies as we have done for several years. If you have an interest in helping with this project, we request volunteers to shop, fill the bookbags, &/or work at the fair. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. If you already gave to the May donate-a-plate for the BTSF, we thank you! The shopping list is available and the good deals on school supplies begin immediately after the 4th of July. For more information, please contact Leann Flanagan or any of the SAC members.

Thank you,

Leann Flanagan, Chair

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