

2007 - Adult Programming at Old Ship - 2008

In harmony with Unitarian Universalist principles and sources of inspiration, learning opportunities at Old Ship serve our community by encouraging spiritual growth and the free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

Most gatherings are in the Parish House parlor, except if noted otherwise. Older youth may find many of these programs of interest, and are encouraged and welcome to attend. Keep your eye on the newsletter for details and schedule changes!

Autumn

UU Principles and Purposes – three sessions, Wed. Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 7:00

In these gatherings we will consider the history and meanings of the Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes. We will also consider whether they continue to serve us well as a religious movement over twenty years after their adoption. For more information contact Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679 or oldshipkrb@comcast.net.

The Great Story: The Universe and Me – five sessions, Wed. Oct. 17 – Nov. 14, 7:00 (also 1:00 if interest)

Might a deeper knowledge of the Great Story of the evolution of the universe and life on earth help us to claim a more inclusive spiritual perspective, as well as to discover our part in what some are calling the Great Work of our generation, the work of creating a more sustainable way of life on the planet?

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Old Ship Goes to the Opera – Nov. 13, Boston Lyric Opera, led by Tino Fernandes

The next trip to the opera will be to “La Boheme,” Puccini’s best known opera and an easy way to introduce yourself to the art form. Tino will plan an informational session the week before. To take advantage of group ticket sales, contact Tino by the end of July. For more information, contact Tino at 781-749-0095; tinofern@massmed.org.

Winter/Spring

The Way of the Tao – five sessions, Wed. 1:00 / 7:30, Jan 9 – Feb. 6 led by Ken Read-Brown

For this year’s “winter class” we return to an exploration of the ancient Chinese manual of personal spirituality and good governance – *The Tao Te Ching*. Come with many translations; come for good conversation!

For more information contact Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679 or oldshipkrb@comcast.net.

Contemplative Practices and UUs – five sessions, Tues. 7:30, Feb. 19 – March 18

Come explore contemplative practices from a variety of world religions, including Unitarian Universalism, through readings, guest presenters, and by working with these practices ourselves.

For more information contact Carol Allman-Morton at 617-429-5358 or callmanmorton@gmail.com.

Spring Poetry – five sessions, Wed., 1:00 / 7:30, April 2 – April 30 – Elizabeth Torrey and Ken Read-Brown

Once again we celebrate National Poetry Month by exploring the life and work of a poet – this year Robert Frost!

For more info contact Elizabeth, 781-749-0543, elizabethtorrey@hotmail.com or Ken, oldshipkrb@comcast.net.

All Year Long!

The Way of the Bodhisattva – first Sunday mornings (occasional exceptions), 8:30 in the Parlor (*no mtgs. in summer*)

We will be continuing this study and meditation group which has focused on the ancient Buddhist text *The Way of the Bodhisattva*. We begin with half an hour of sitting meditation, followed by an hour conversation based on this and other texts. Newcomers are warmly welcomed to join us – you need have no previous experience with Buddhism or with last year’s group. For more information contact Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679 or oldshipkrb@comcast.net.

Soul Work: Conversations Across Congregations – monthly first Sundays, 12:30 – 2:30, begins in Oct.

Held, alternately, at Second Parish in Hingham, First Parish in Cohasset, and Old Ship

Based on the book *Soul Work: Anti-Racist Theologies in Dialogue* we will explore the challenge for UUs to address issues of racism and classism in our culture, from both institutional and spiritual perspectives. For more information or to request childcare, contact Old Ship’s Eva Marx at 781-749-0485 or tomneva@supportlab.com, who will be co-leading these conversations with Cohasset’s Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Lunch will be provided at noon prior to each session.

Living Simply in a Complex, Consumer Oriented Society – The first meeting will be on Sun., Sept. 23, 7 - 9 p.m.

Those present will determine monthly meeting dates for the future. Discussions and activities will be based on *Simplicity Lessons: A 12 Step Guide to Living Simply* by Linda Breen Pierce, available in bookstores and online.

For more information, contact Davalene Cooper at 781-749-0790, davalenecooper@comcast.net.

**Next year’s schedule is still in formation and will likely include
an art offering, a workshop on Transforming Anger, by Rich Elliott, and more... so...
As always, watch the newsletter for additions, changes, updates...**

2007 - Ongoing Groups and Gatherings - 2008

Men's Breakfast – second Sunday mornings, 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall (*no meetings in summer*)

Gathers for conversation over cereal, fruit, bagels, and sometimes more.

Contacts are Ralph Brown, Rich Elliott, and Everett Leonard. Newcomers always welcome.

Old Ship Forum – occasional Sundays 12:15 – 1:00; various topics; see newsletter for details

Watch the newsletter for announcements of future Old Ship Forums.

Living By Heart – first Monday evenings, 7:30; at Elizabeth Torrey's, 34 Ship St., Hingham

Come and learn about making the memorization of poetry a meditation for you. Poetry, good company, laughter too – powerfully good medicine! Bring notebooks and any poem or project you are working on.

New people are always welcome. Questions? Call Elizabeth Torrey, 781-749-0543.

Ceilidh (“kay-lee”) – monthly, first Tuesday evenings, 7:30

Sharing of songs, stories, poems... and an old-fashioned good time. Bring an instrument if you have one or just bring yourself to listen and maybe sing along. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Robbie Walsh, 781-749-3108.

Labyrinth Walks – monthly, second Tuesday evenings, Fellowship Hall, 7:30

An opportunity to experience with others a contemplative walk on our labyrinth – yet another way to nurture our spiritual growth in the spirit of the UU third principle. These evenings are open to the public.

The labyrinth is also open to members of Old Ship on Monday and Tuesday mornings, from 9-noon.

Book Group – monthly, third Tuesday evenings (*no meetings in summer*)

The group gathers in participants' homes to discuss shared reading and enjoy one another's company and conversation.

All are welcome! For more information call Shirley Brown, 781-749-9358 or Edith Howard, 781-749-4547.

Peace Seminar – monthly, usually second Friday evenings, 7:00 (*no meetings in summer*)

Conversations about war and peace, violence and nonviolence, using selected readings, films, and speakers. Our hope is that the conversations help us all to be better peacemakers in our lives and in the world. All are invited, newcomers are always welcome. For more information contact Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679 or oldshipkrb@comcast.net.

Crossing Time Poetry Circles – at the turning of each season; see newsletter for dates

We begin our 11th year! Come join the ongoing poetry renaissance in America – Northeast Branch, Old Ship affiliate!

Bring and read or speak a favorite poem – an opportunity to share and perhaps deepen our appreciation of poetry, and reinforce our connection with natural cycles of life. All welcome! For more info call Elizabeth Torrey, 781-749-0543.

Only be willing to search for poetry, / and there will be poetry. / My soul, a tiny speck, is my tutor. – Yuan Hei

Seasonal Bird Walks – leaving from the Parish House, occasional Saturday mornings

Commune with nature, enrich the soul, experience our UU seventh principle of “respect for the interdependent web of existence...” and learn about local birds. All are welcome, regardless of experience. Come listen to a different type of music in the natural world of which we are a part! Tentatively planned are a mid-February coastal outing and a spring trip to Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. Watch the newsletter for details.

For more information, call Charlie Nims, 781-987-1912.

Small Group Ministry – led by trained Old Ship facilitators, each group meets once or twice a month to explore a

variety of spiritual, religious, and ethical issues in ways that encourage attentive listening and caring. Groups are ongoing, but newcomers are always welcome. For more info contact Peggy Ulrich-Nims, 781-987-1912,

eowyn18@aol.com or Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679, oldshipkrb@comcast.net.

All the World's a Stage – occasional play readings and talks, 7:00 in the evening, led by Pat Bianco

If all the world's a stage, please join us as a reader or listener. Together we'll create stage magic by reading plays aloud. \

For more information, contact Pat Bianco at 617-481-2335; bianco@pitt.edu.

Have an idea... for a class, workshop, or gathering you'd like to see or lead at Old Ship?

Please contact a member of the Adult Programs Committee and we will help you make it happen!

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