

Social Justice Council (SJC) News for April 2019

Serving Others through bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry

The SJC invites you to continue to Serve Others by bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry whenever you come to Old Ship in 2019. There is a collection basket in the vestibule of the Meeting House each Sunday to receive your donation. The collection box in the outer vestibule of the Parish House is also available to accept donations when you come for classes or meetings or anytime.

In February our donations totaled 149 lbs. Thank you!

The Pantry asks for help in providing foods for those with food allergies and asks that donations in April address that need if possible, including:

Gluten-free pasta

Gluten-free crackers

Gluten-free cookies

Gluten-free granola bars

Rice cakes

Social Justice Plate Collection, Sunday April 7th

Our Special Plate collection will go to our Youth Group to support their service trip to the Burlington Vermont area. See details in another part of the newsletter.

***Common Art* is coming to Old Ship**

Old Ship Church is hosting an art show and sale by ***Common Art*** artists on Sunday April 7th from 11:30am – 12:30pm in the Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham.

Common Art, a program of Common Cathedral, provides space, materials and caring support staff to support unhoused and low income individuals as they develop their artistic abilities. People who live in shelters, rooming houses, on unclaimed couches and benches, and on Boston's streets, gather every Wednesday at Emmanuel Church on Newbury Street to draw, paint, sculpt, make crafts, and to share with other artists in like circumstances. Begun in 1999 by a group of un-housed men and women with the assistance of ministers from St. John the Evangelist Church on Bowdoin Street, ***Common Art*** in its present form works both to promote access to the arts for its members and to help facilitate the expression of members' artistic gifts. In this way, ***Common Art*** acknowledges the dignity of all human beings and honors the divine creativity within each person.

Plan to come view the art and talk with the artists who will be showing their work on Sunday April 7th from 11:30 am- 12:30pm. Works of art will be for sale with proceeds going directly to the artists. Purchases can be made by cash or check only. Cash is strongly preferred.

For more information about Common Art: <http://commoncathedral.org/common-art>

or their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/commonartboston>

UU Urban Ministry Corner

Based in Roxbury, "the UU Urban Ministry unites communities and transforms individuals through education, service, and advocacy. We engage communities and congregations in social action and change, with programs that empower youth and adults to realize their full potential."

Explore ways to be in community with the UUUM in Roxbury [here](#)

- **Ongoing**-Join Old Shippers who volunteer once a month with **UUUM's (UU Urban Ministry) Fair Foods** affordable food distribution at UUUM headquarters at 10 Putnam St in Roxbury. Email pamharty@comcast.net to be connected with them.
- **April 3**, 4 pm at Boston City Hall: the UUUM are proud to join The New Democracy Coalition's annual reading of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from a Birmingham Jail again this year. Come be part of this beloved community (as a reader or spectator).
- **April 14**, 3 pm at the UUUM. Join us for this rescheduled date for [The Ties That Bind](#). \$10 donation to Opera unMet at the door. You won't want to miss this event, described as "a different kind of MLK celebration". Under the direction of UUUM board member Marshall Hughes, the ensemble presents a thought-provoking look at social justice and civil morality through words, song, music and interactive response. This year, we honor Sam Cornish, Howard L Resnikoff, Elizabeth Donaldson and Joanne Lowry as great leaders in social and civic justice.
- **April 20**, 10:30 am at the Museum of African American History: Byron Rushing will share the history of the black community's movement from Beacon Hill to Roxbury. Stay for lunch on site, catered by Haley House Bakery Cafe. Details [here](#).

Peace Institute Mother's Day Walk

Old Ship has partnered with several other local houses of worship to create a team to walk and fundraiser for the Louis D Brown Peace Institute's Mother's Day Walk on Sunday, May 12. Started in 1996 so mothers of murdered children could receive support and love from their neighbors, 23 years later, the Mother's Day Walk continues to be a powerful way to honor loved ones who have been murdered and embrace partners in peacemaking. The Institute is a center of healing, teaching, and learning for communities impacted by murder, grief, trauma, and loss. To register to walk that morning or to donate, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/yxe9xxxq>. contact/OSC team leader: Pam Harty pamharty@comcast.net

Green Sanctuary

Next meeting of our Green Sanctuary/350MA node will be Tuesday 4/2 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Connie Gorfinkle to be added to the email distribution of Agenda and other notes from our local 350MA node : connieg1233@gmail.com

Interested in advocating for vulnerable communities?

Sign up for the Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network to find out about specific advocacy opportunities such as letter writing, advocacy calls, participating in educational/advocacy events with local legislators. Send your email address to Davalene Cooper, Keeper of the List, at davalenecooper@verizon.net

Coffeehouse off the Square

Saturday, April 20th at 8pm in the Fellowship Hall -**Eric Cornetta and friends** - - - - -

Always entertaining and always someone to sing along with, Eric Cornetta shares songs which took him from coffeehouses in Chelmsford and Harvard Square to Greenwich Village, Nova Scotia, and London. His first CD shows folk roots - simple voice and guitar, and his second, polished by Wilfred Raterink, his Dutch friend and songwriting partner. You'll be encouraged to join in enjoying a cheerful mix of originals, covers, and traditional songs with this long time local Hingham troubadour.

Note: Proceeds from Coffee House on the Square performances benefit the UU Service Committee

Interested in Social Justice work at Old Ship?

You are welcome at any Social Justice Council meeting to talk with us about your ideas of how Old Ship can Serve Others. Please contact Brenda Black blackpollara@verizon.net or 781 740 2835