

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



Special Earth Day Programing from the Social Justice Council! On Sunday, April 23, the Social Justice Council will be presenting two programs related to climate change and climate justice. Each program will feature a short film (about 30

minutes) from the Current Revolution Film Series, a new film series about America's energy transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy

First Program: This event will take place in the Old Ship Meeting House following the Sunday morning worship service, starting about 11:45 a.m. We will view the first film, *The Transformation Cannot be Stopped*. This film "tackles the challenge of how the utility, auto, tech, and defense industries can help modernize the aging power grid to make it more secure and responsive to the needs of its users while enhancing environmental performance. With a focus on national security, economic prosperity, and environmental justice, the films, and campaigns will show how the nation can embrace smart policies and investments that support grid modernization through distributed renewable energy generation and the development of an electric vehicle infrastructure." Following the film, we will have time to discuss the film, as well as answer questions about renewable energy.

Second Program: This event will be a Zoom only event at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 23. We will view the second film in the series, *Nation in Transition*. This film focuses on the "coal-to-renewables transition on the Navajo Nation and across northern Arizona through the stories of workers, their families and communities, business and tribal leaders, utility executives, policy makers and environmental activists. The film offers a roadmap for accelerating and navigating just energy transitions for workers and communities everywhere." This film also highlights the way in which energy and climate decisions have negatively affected the poor and non-white communities in our nation. To register for the Zoom program, please contact [Davalene Cooper](#) for the sign up link.

Special Plate for April: Massachusetts Chapter of Interfaith Power and Light — We have chosen the Massachusetts chapter of Interfaith Power and Light as our special plate recipient for April. Since becoming a congregational supporter of this organization last year, we have been impressed with its work for climate justice and its assistance to churches and houses of worship working to become more energy efficient and carbon neutral. MassIPL says its "task is both daunting and exciting: to inspire and mobilize people of faith to do our part in bringing about what Joanna Macy calls *The Great Turning*—the global shift from a destructive, inequitable, extractive economy to a culture of conservation, fairness, and reverence." You may learn more about this amazing organization, including its

work at the intersection of climate justice and dismantling white supremacy, at [Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light \(massipl.org\)](https://massipl.org).

Although the special plate in the Meeting House will be on Sunday, April 23 as part of our Earth Day Programing, donations are accepted throughout the month of April [online](#) through the Old Ship website by designating your donation to MassIPL or by sending your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, with MassIPL designated on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Food Donations for the Hingham Food Pantry — We continue to collect food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry each week in the Meeting House; there is a basket in the vestibule for donations. ***Donations may also be made at the Hingham Stop and Shop (large bin at the front of the store).*** The food pantry only accepts non-perishable, unopened, and unexpired food. Although all donations are appreciated, the following items are among the most needed at this time: Cookies, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Ravioli, Beefaroni, or Spaghetios, Cheese or Peanut Butter Cracker Sandwiches, and Granola Bars.

Want to Help Provide Lunches for the Anderson Veterans Home in Hingham this Coming August?

We at Old Ship are part of a community wide interfaith effort to provide six lunches twice a week (Tuesday and Friday) to the Anderson Veterans Home on Fort Hill Street in Hingham. Lunch consists of a deli-meat sandwich, chips, fresh fruit, cookie, and water or juice. Old Ship is responsible for the month of August; we are looking for volunteers to take one of the August dates and provide the six lunches. You could do this individually, as a family, or as a group of friends. The lunches are left in a cooler outside the side door of the home. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact [Davalene Cooper](#).

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Book Group meeting on April 16 at 7 p.m. on Zoom — Our April book is *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich. This novel offers "profound insights into the effects of the global pandemic and the collateral damage of systematic racism." Here is the Zoom link for the March meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84810976357>.

Upcoming Event at the UU Urban Ministry — *Community Conversations: A New Path to Closing the Racial Wealth Gap* with Dr. Karilyn Crockett. Dr. Crockett will discuss new ways to look at and address the racial wealth gap in Boston and beyond. This is a Zoom event on April 18, 2023, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545572954>.

Important New Film about Reparations — Many of us studying white supremacy and the history of enslaved people have talked about reparations. There is a new documentary film that is available via streaming that follows the reparations debate in Evanston, Illinois, a city that has enacted a

reparations program. The film, The Big Payback, can be seen at the following link: [The Big Payback | First Reparations for Black Americans Stirs Up Debate \(pbs.org\)](#). Additional information and resources on reparations may be found at [The Big Payback \(bigpaybackmovie.com\)](#).

Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network — Sign up for the Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network to find out about specific advocacy opportunities such as letter writing, advocacy calls, and participating in educational and advocacy events with local legislators. Send your email address to [Davalene Cooper](#), Keeper of the List.