

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



Next Meeting is Saturday, March 18, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. If you are not a member and would like to join us for the meeting, contact [Davalene Cooper](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net), at davalenecooper@verizon.net, for the Zoom link. All are welcome!

February's Special Plate Collection is for the Hingham Food Pantry — We at Old Ship have supported the Hingham Food Pantry since its beginning. Our weekly food collections have not generated a lot of food donations since Covid began. And now, given the challenges of the economy and the inflationary pressures on families, the food pantry is a critical organization for the families it serves. Therefore, the SJC decided to make the food pantry the recipient of our February special plate. We are planning for the special plate in the Meeting House to be on February 12th--let's make the food pantry our special Valentine and show our love by donating funds to feed our neighbors in need. For every \$1 we donate, the food pantry can buy \$3 of food from the Greater Boston Food Bank. Although the special plate will be on February 12, donations are accepted throughout the month of February [online](#) through the Old Ship website by designating your donation to the Hingham Food Pantry or by sending your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, with Hingham Food Pantry designated on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Food Donations for the Hingham Food Pantry — We will continue to collect food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry each week in February. There is a basket in the vestibule of the Meeting House 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: Canned Vegetables, Cookies, Pasta Sauce, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Spaghetti, Dried Fruit, Nuts, and 1 lb. bags of Granulated Sugar (nothing larger please).

Special Plate Reports and Thanks to Our Community — Thanks to all who contributed to our November special plate in support of the holiday dinner for the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore. We collected a total of \$963.88, and after deducting the expenses for the holiday dinner, we sent a check for \$544.93 to the Friends.

Thanks also to everyone who donated to our December special plate, UUSC's Guest at Your Table program. We raised a total of \$7889.54 to support the important work of UUSC.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Book Group meeting on February 19 at 7 p.m. on Zoom: Our February book is *Three Sisters*, by Heather Morris. This novel focuses on the story of three sisters who survived Auschwitz and shares their lives following that experience. It is our first book to explicitly address the holocaust and Anti-Semitism. Patti Smith will lead the discussion.

The books for the remainder of the church year are as follows: *The Other Side of Prospect: A Story of Violence, Injustice, and the American City*, by Nicholas Dawidoff (March 19), *The Sentence*, by Louise Erdrich (April 16), and *Climate Change is Racist: Race, Privilege and the Struggle for Climate Justice*, by Jeremy Williams (May 21).

Here is the Zoom link for the February meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84810976357>.

Upcoming Events at the UU Urban Ministry:

Lunch with an Artist (featuring Ayana Mack) on Feb 15, 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM (Zoom event); Designer Mack joins UUUM's Bithyah Israel to share work samples and the inspiration behind her work. To join the event, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85688818937>.

Community Conversations: Education: Do access and affordability level the playing field?

Discussion with Jackie Jenkins-Scott. Jackie Jenkins-Scott is the interim-president of Roxbury Community College. Prior to this, she was the 13th president of Wheelock College as well as its first African-American president. She is the founder and president of JJS Advising, a consulting company specializing in leadership development and organizational and corporate strategy. Jackie was also president and CEO of Dimock Health for 21 years, and has deep ties to the Roxbury community. Join the event on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86882685508>.

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](mailto:Davalene.Cooper@uuurban.org), Keeper of the List.

UU Mass Action Advocacy Day 2023--Save the Date! Tuesday, March

28 — This is a day where UU's come together in community and act on our values by meeting with legislators about critical statewide policies around our five core issue areas: Decarceration and Economic, Climate, Indigenous, and Immigrant Justice. [Sign up here](#) to stay tuned on when registration opens for our UU Mass Action Advocacy Day!