

Social Justice Council (SJC) News for January 2019

Faith in Action: Living Our Values, Building Our Vision

Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:15AM-3PM

You are invited to a special program helping UUs to learn how to better advocate for the world we wish to see!

Faith in Action: Organizing Effective Justice Ministry Teams presented by the UU College of Social Justice (10:00 AM-12 Noon)

In a political climate hostile to human rights, environmental protection, and even to the truth, we want to show up and speak out in ways that will make a difference. This workshop explores how we can better organize ourselves to harness the power at the intersection of faith and justice.

Climate Justice and Action presented by UU Mass Action (1:00 PM-3 PM)

The impacts of the climate crisis effects us all, but some communities bear the burden fossil fuels use more acutely than others. This workshop includes an overview of the MA 2008 Global Warming Solutions Act, discussion on achieving 100% renewable energy by 2050 and why we must prioritize equity in all that we do.

You are welcome to come to part or the full program. There is no charge for the event which will be held in the Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To register: contact Davalene Cooper at davalenecooper@verizon.net or 781-749-0790

For details : http://www.oldshipchurch.org/uploads/3/4/4/6/34464488/faith_in_action_program.pdf.

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.

We are happy to report that our donations to the pantry have increased over last year and the Pantry wrote in December: "Our Thanksgiving Pantry was a great success as a direct result of the generosity of the members of our community. We were able to provide our clients with a delicious Thanksgiving dinner and groceries for the month."

Fall 2018 our donations to the Hingham Food Pantry totaled:

Sept – 55 lbs

Oct. - 73 lbs

Nov - 146 lbs

Click here for the full list of items the pantry needs:

<http://www.oldshipchurch.org/opportunities-to-serve.html>

Green Sanctuary

We call to your attention the special program on January 26th and hope that you will attend to learn more about how to organize successful social justice actions and understanding the social justice impact of global climate change (described above).

Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore Holiday Party

Thank you to all Old Shippers who donated to our Social Justice Special Plate in November and who helped with cooking, serving, and holding babies for the Holiday Party on December 13th. It was a joyous event, full of good food and fun for the families who were very appreciative!

U.U. Urban Ministry

Looking for ways to deepen your anti-racism commitment and learning? Join the many ways to support the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, based in Roxbury. 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."

If you are curious about other ways to be in community with the UUUM in Boston, click [here](#) to learn more about their other opportunities.

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.

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

Ry Cavanaugh & Jennifer Kimball

January 19th 8pm in the Fellowship Hall

Ry is best known for founding Session Americana, & Jennifer was half of The Story. Each have released solo records. Now these two great talented singers, writers, & players can be seen & heard together in a very exciting duet experience.

<http://www.rycavanaugh.com>

<http://www.jenniferkimball.com>

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. **Next SJC meeting will be Sat 1/5/2019 at 9 am in the Parlor.**