

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



Next Meeting is Saturday, January 21, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. If you are not a member and would like to join us for the meeting, contact Davalene Cooper, at davalenecooper@verizon.net, for the Zoom link. All are welcome!

January's Special Plate Collection is for Renewal House — Old Ship has supported Renewal House, one of the programs of the UU Urban Ministry for many years. As a reminder, here is the description of Renewal House from the UUUM website:

Renewal House is a domestic violence shelter for individuals and families who are fleeing violence or abuse. Since 1980, Renewal House has provided temporary emergency shelter and advocacy services to more than 1,000 individuals and families escaping domestic violence. Renewal House was one of the first domestic violence shelters in the state to provide shelter for male survivors as well as female, and is sought out by other agencies for its expertise in attending to the spiritual needs of survivors. Renewal House works closely with other programs that serve the LGBTQ communities, as well as those that serve elders and individuals with disabilities to provide the best support we can to these under-served populations

This is important work, and it deepens our connection to the UU Urban Ministry and its programs. You may make your donation [online](#) through the Old Ship website by designating your donation to Renewal House or by sending your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, with Renewal House designated on the memo line. We will indicate in the weekly email from the office the specific Sunday when the plate during the service will be donated to Renewal House. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Thanks to all who contributed to our October special plate in support of the UU the Vote program. We donated \$1725.45 to this important program in support of our Fifth Unitarian Universalist principle.

New Games and Other Supplies Needed for Father Bill's Shelter in

Quincy: Father Bill's is seeking wintertime activity supplies for guests. Donations of NEW board games (all types, scrabble, monopoly, chess, etc.), NEW coloring books and NEW coloring supplies would be gratefully appreciated. You may drop off any donations at Father Bill's any day before 11 or between 1-3pm. Address: 38 Broad Street, Quincy (just off Rt.3A behind the Quincy Police Station).

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Book Group meeting on January 15 at 7 p.m. on

Zoom: We will be discussing Denise K. Lajimodiere's *Stringing Rosaries: The*

History, the Unforgivable, and the Healing of Northern Plains American Indian Boarding School Survivors. This book is based on interviews with 16 survivors of U.S. government boarding schools for indigenous children. These schools were designed to destroy native cultures and assimilate the children into the broader white culture. Davalene Cooper will lead our discussion. For more information or if you have questions about the group, contact [Davalene Cooper](#). This group is open to all who are interested in learning more about these social justice issues. It is a drop-in group so members may attend whatever book discussions they are most interested in. Here is the Zoom link for the January meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84810976357>.

Hingham Food Pantry — We collect food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry each week. There is a basket in the vestibule of the Meeting House and in the Parish 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). Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 685 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043.

Upcoming Events at the UU Urban Ministry:

Community Conversations: Resolving to do Better: Banks and Black-owned Business Tuesday, January 10th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm | [Event Webpage](#). Join UUUM and its guest, Mark Watson, to discuss ways to support Banks and Black-owned Business Capital. This is a Zoom event.

The Ties That Bind: A concert honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monday, January 16th, 3:00pm | [Event Webpage](#) Opera unMet, led by founder Marshall Hughes, brings a soul-stirring performance. If you have heard Marshall perform before, you know this show is not to be missed! The concert will be followed by refreshments and optional story circle. This is an in person event.

"30 Days of Love--Spiritual Nourishment for the Long Haul"

Side With Love Campaign from January 16 to February 14, 2023:

This year's 30 Days of Love is a gift to our whole UU community: a love letter, a warm hug, a spiritual balm for all of the individuals, families, religious professionals, partners and communities that embody our values and work for justice and liberation year round. Each week will feature a spiritual theme overlapping with one of Side With Love's intersectional justice priorities, and we'll share an array of offerings to help nourish your spirit and give gratitude and affirmation.

WEEK 1 (January 16-22): **Interdependence :: Democracy & Electoral Justice**

WEEK 2 (January 23-29): **Embodiment :: LGBTQIA+, Gender & Reproductive Justice**

WEEK 3 (January 30 - February 5): **Resilience :: Climate Justice**

WEEK 4 (February 6-12): **Healing :: Decriminalization**
BONUS DAYS (February 13-14): **Blessings :: Liberatory Intersections**
To sign up, go to [Subscribe — Side With Love](#).

Thanks for Supporting Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore

(FHSS): Thanks to everyone who participated in our two major projects supporting the FHSS: the Holiday Gift Program and the Annual Holiday Dinner. Both were incredibly successful. We delivered over 126 gifts to FHSS for distribution to the 9 families we adopted. This was the first time since Covid that FHSS has been able to have the dinner. Special thanks to Fresh Market in the Hingham Shipyard for donating the ham for the dinner and to Brenda Black for organizing the food. Thanks also to our many volunteers who helped prepare and serve the food and then to clean up the kitchen and Fellowship Hall, including Asher Baynes, Bonnie Bayes, Liz Bienfang, Davalene Cooper, Abby and Mary Diamond-Kissaday, Kate Doyle, Diane Jordan, Trish McAleer, Karen Plaskon, Ron Pollara, Jean Railton, Lisa Sawyer, Gail Moran Slater, Patti Smith, and Carol Valentine. Thanks also to everyone who donated to the November special plate that provided funds to purchase the food and supplies for the dinner. Any leftover funds will be donated to FHSS. Finally, thanks to the Hingham Women's Club who provided crafts, decorations, table centerpieces, and boxes of cookies for the families to take home. And to Santa who brightened everyone's evening!

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.