

Social Justice Council News

Anti-Racism Work

We know that many Old Shippers are engaging with various aspects of anti-racism work during this critical time. If you are looking for additional ways to be involved, check out the website for the UU Urban Ministry at www.uuum.org. You might especially want to read the statement from the UUUM Board of Directors at http://www.uuum.org/?page_id=6457. One thing for us to consider for the future is how might we engage more directly with UUUM and its programs.

You can learn more about the Hingham Unity Council and its activities at <https://www.facebook.com/hinghamunitycouncil/>.

The UUA has resources related to anti-racism work at <https://www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/stop-calling-police-start-eradicating-anti-blackness>.

Likewise, UUMass Action has resources and action steps at <https://www.uumassaction.org/>.

UU the Vote

The UUA has launched a new initiative for the 2020 elections. The “UU the Vote” webpage and resources can be found at <https://www.uua.org/liberty/electionreform>. We will consider how Old Ship might participate in this initiative as the year progresses. Contact Davalene Cooper, davalenecooper@verizon.net, if you have ideas for us at Old Ship. One activity that many of us have done is to send “Get Out the Vote” postcards to areas where voter suppression is a particular problem. Let Davalene know if you would like to be informed of postcard opportunities.

Green Sanctuary

Last month, Old Ship was reaccredited as a Green Sanctuary from the UUA. Yea!! As part of our commitment to being “green,” we invite to consider and perhaps try new ways to reduce your personal carbon footprint. Hingham Net Zero, a citizen’s group working to reduce the town’s carbon footprint, has prepared a series of presentations and other materials to help residents learn how they can adopt a low carbon lifestyle and electric technologies thereby dramatically reducing personal/family carbon emissions. Anyone is welcome to go to the Hingham Net Zero website where you will find a menu of “What You Can Do Now” links to informational presentations as well as announcements of upcoming Zoom Chats on these topics <https://www.hinghamnetzero.org/>.

There are many aspects to the Green Sanctuary program—climate change issues, recycling issues, making sure our buildings at Old Ship are as green as possible. If this sounds like something you, or a group of you, would like to be more involved in, contact Davalene Cooper, chair of SJC for the new church year.

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. Also, if you have an action alert to share, contact Davalene Cooper and she will send it out, as long as it meets our criteria. (If it doesn't, she will discuss it with you.)

During this time of COVID—19, we encourage our community to help others in need as much as possible. Here are some ways you can help.

- 1. The Hingham Food Pantry continues to provide food for local families and continues to need donations to do so over the summer months. The pantry has experienced a more than 20% increase in need during the Covid Crisis shutdown. Here are ways you can help:**

Donations of non-perishable foods will be accepted at the rear parking lot behind Second Parish, contactless donations made possible by placing your donations into the carts located at in the parking lot. See the dates and times donations are accepted below.

The Pantry is currently most in need of the following:

Beef stew
Canned fruit
Granola bars
Peanut butter or cheese sandwich crackers
Granulated sugar (one or two-pound bags or boxes)
Grape or strawberry jelly
Canned spaghetti

Donations are accepted on

Monday, 6/29 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, 7/13 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, 7/27 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, 8/3 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, 8/17 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, 8/31 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

and Wednesday, 7/1 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 7/15 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 7/29 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 8/5 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 8/19 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 9/2 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

You can also donate **online through [Instacart.com](https://www.instacart.com)**. Items should be sent to Brooke Bartletta (note the “t” in Bartletta), [52 Fearing Road, Hingham, MA 02043](https://www.google.com/maps/place/52+Fearing+Road,+Hingham,+MA+02043)

Monetary donations are also always welcome. Checks may be made out and mailed to: Hingham Food Pantry, [685 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043](https://www.google.com/maps/place/685+Main+Street,+Hingham,+MA+02043) or Venmo @Brooke-Bartletta (note the “t” in Bartletta) with a note of Hingham Food Pantry in the “What’s It For” section. Brooke will provide Hingham Food Pantry with a check.

And, **if you are experiencing food insecurity**, the pantry is ready to help. Call to arrange for a first distribution which can take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month (781 740 8180)

- 2. Father Bill's/Mainspring are providing care for homeless individuals in new ways to keep clients safe during the Covid crisis. Mainspring is limiting the number of clients at their Quincy and Brockton shelters to allow for social distancing and many clients are staying in the shelters during the day, requiring additional breakfast and lunch meals.**

There are several ways you can help: would you or your family group like to donate a single day's meal? prepare bag lunches for a single day? or donate needed toiletry items? help raise funds? See the links below for information about how to help in each of these ways:

- To donate a meal (by cooking, donating continental breakfast foods, or ordering from a restaurant), contact Mary Ann Mendes to find a date mmendes@helpfbms.org and get delivery instructions. More information regarding meal needs at each site can be found at <https://helpfbms.org/support/covid19meals/>**
- To prepare bag lunches, see <https://helpfbms.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Bagged-Lunches-May-2020-rev.pdf>**
- And to donate other needed items and help in needed ways, see <https://helpfbms.org/support/coronavirus/>**

- 3. The Weymouth Food Pantry is accepting monetary donations at <https://www.weymouthfoodpantry.org/donation-page>.**
- 4. Aunt Dot's Kitchen, the Wellspring food pantry in Hull needs non-perishable foods, as well as fresh produce. Gift cards to supermarkets and monetary donations are especially helpful and greatly appreciated. To donate, go to <https://wellspringmultiservice.org/donate/>**