

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council

Next SJC Meeting is Saturday, March 13, at 9 a.m. Please contact [Davalene Cooper](#) for the Zoom link. All are welcome to join us in supporting social justice service and action at Old Ship.



Coming March 7: How Might We More Directly Support the UU Urban Ministry (UUUM)? — We are excited that our worship service on March 7 will feature the Executive Director of UUUM, Rev. Mary Margaret Earl, who will be our preacher, sharing the service with our minister, Ken Read-Brown. Immediately following the service, we will have an opportunity to learn more about the programs of the UUUM. This Forum has been scheduled as a follow-up to our fall discussion regarding Old Ship's interest in engaging more deeply and directly in antiracism work. UUUM offers many opportunities to engage with the people served by the UUUM and the area around Dudley Square. Please join us for this important conversation about how we will continue our work to dismantle white supremacy and create a more beloved community.

Special Plate Collection for March: Holly Hill Farm — This month, our special plate collection recipient is Holly Hill Farm's programs that produce fresh and healthy food for local food pantries, including its Farm To Food Pantry (F2TP) Program. Through the F2TP Program, volunteers plant, grow and deliver organic vegetables and herbs to local food pantries on the south shore. This program is often staffed by high school students who are involved in planting, composting, cultivating, harvesting, cleaning and prepping vegetables, and finally, delivering the organic produce to three grateful food pantries. This is another opportunity for our congregation to support those with food insecurity--and to provide healthy food that is otherwise not easily obtained through food pantries.

You may make your donation [online](#) through the Old Ship website by designating your donation to Holly Hill Farm or by sending your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, with Holly Hill Farm designated on the memo line. We thank all of you for your support of special collections during the pandemic!

Hingham Food Pantry — The food pantry continues to collect non-perishable food items on the following dates: Monday, March 1, 15, and 29, from 2:30-4 p.m. and Wednesday, March 3, 17, and 31, from 12:30-2 p.m. General food items needed include cookies, granola bars, canned beef stew, canned spaghetti, tuna, pasta sauce, white rice, mac & cheese, and hearty canned soups. Donations also can be dropped off at Stop and Shop (large bin located at the front of the store, near the customer service area).

Continued Thanks to our Father Bill's Cooking Teams — The six teams of volunteers from Old Ship and the surrounding community have continued to "Serve Others" throughout this pandemic year by providing nutritious meals for the residents at the Father Bill's Shelter in Quincy. Currently our six teams are well staffed but if a family wants to help out, Father Bill's can always use donations of 30 bagged lunches. Check out the Bag Lunch information at [Father Bills-Mainspring Bag Lunches](#) and then contact the volunteer coordinator [Mary Ann Mendes](#) if you would like to participate. Other ways of helping can be found at [Ways to Help- Father Bills-Mainspring](#).

Anti-Racism "Drop-In" Book Group — We will meet on Sunday, March 21, at 7 p.m. via Zoom, to discuss David Grann, *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, This is a part of Native American history that many of us do not know. At one point, members of the Osage tribe were quite wealthy because oil was discovered on their reservation land. And then members of the tribe were being murdered. If you would like to join our discussion, contact [Davalene Cooper](#) for the Zoom link.

Also, for your reference, here is our schedule for the remainder of the church year: April 11, at 7 p.m. Toni Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*, May 16, at 7 p.m. Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, and June 13, at 7 p.m. Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*.

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/advocacy events with local legislators. Send your email address to [Davalene Cooper](#), Keeper of the List.