

Serving Others

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*Our next meeting is Saturday, March 19, at 9 a.m. on Zoom.
Contact Davalene Cooper, if you need the Zoom link.*



March's Special Plate Collection is for the Old Ship Youth Group's Service Trip(s) – Every other year, we designate one special collection to support the Youth Group's service trip. As you can imagine, COVID has made the planning for such a trip more challenging. However, the Youth Group *will* be making a service trip this year. It may be a weekend trip instead of a full week. Additionally, there is an overnight trip planned with Common Cathedral in Boston. Despite the uncertainty over exactly what form the Youth Group's service trip or trips will take this place, the SJC believes we should financially support whatever the group ends up being able to do. So, this month, you are invited to support our youth as they learn more about serving others and living our Unitarian Universalist values in the world. You may make your donation [online](#) through the Old Ship website by designating your donation to Outreach or by sending your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, with Youth Group Service Trip designated on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Special Plate Collections Thank You – We received the following note of thanks from Kenzie Blackwell, who is the coordinator of the Free. Program from St; John's. She wrote, "I am so thankful for the generous donation from your congregation!! The money you provided will support 343 months of support, or 28 of our neighbors for a full year. This is a HUGE boost for Free. and will enable us to continue to do this necessary work in our community."

UU Mass Action Advocacy Day on April 12 – Join UU Mass Action for the annual UU Advocacy Day at the Massachusetts State House. At this annual event, UUs from across the state come together to meet with legislators about UU Mass Action's key areas of Immigrant Justice, Climate & Environmental Justice, Economic Justice, Indigenous Justice and Decarceration & Ending Solitary Confinement. There is also an advocacy day training meeting on March 2nd. To register or to learn more about these events, go to [Upcoming Events – Unitarian Universalist Mass Action \(uumassaction.org\)](https://uumassaction.org).

Hingham Food Pantry – We are collecting food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry. There is a basket in the vestibule of the Meeting House for donations. Donations may also be left in the bins in the vestibule of the Parish House (front door) anytime the office is open. ***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 any time: beef stew, hearty soups, small bags of granulated sugar, cookies, crackers, and 64 oz. bottles of juices. Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 685 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043. Thanks to Kate Philbin for delivering our donations to the food pantry.

Anti-Racism "Drop-In" Book Group – We will next meet on Sunday, March 20, on Zoom, at 7 p.m. We will be discussing pages 249-480 of *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*, created by Nikole Hannah-Jones. Patti Smith will be leading our discussion of this important book. For more information or if you have questions, contact [Davalene Cooper](#). This group is open to all who are interested in learning more about racism and its impact on our nation, past and present. 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 March meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93736639621?pwd=STBhdmU0OVBMMeTVnZnBkUXhzU0N1Zz09>.

Mark your calendars for our May meeting which will focus on A Conspiracy of Mothers by Colleen Van Niekerk (2021). The novel explores South Africa's racial classifications during apartheid, the government's construct of whiteness, and how those classifications affected laws and practices related to sexual assault. Patti has made arrangements for the author to join us for our discussion. To accommodate Colleen's schedule, we will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11 on Zoom. Thanks Patti! And what an exciting event to hear from the author herself!

Special Virtual UUSC Justice Sunday 2022 – Looking for some hope and some grounding in these chaotic times? There is a special virtual UUSC Sunday worship service guided by the Reverends Jacqueline Brett, Ned Wight, and Aisha Ansano available on the UUSC website. Together, they journey around the world, grounded in courage and gathered in justice, to hear from our UUSC partners. This is a moving service of words and music and will inspire you to continue your work for justice. You may view the service at [UUSC Sunday - Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#).

UUA's Side with Love Campaign – This is an advocacy campaign seeking to harness the power of love to work for justice and stop oppression in its many forms. You can learn more about the campaign and sign up to receive updates on how to participate at [Side With Love](#).

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.