

## Serving Others

### News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)

*The next SJC Meeting will be a planning meeting in August. All are welcome to join us in supporting social justice service and action at Old Ship, and in planning our program for the new church year. Please contact [Davalene Cooper](#) if you are not currently a member of the SJC and would like to be informed of the time and date for that planning meeting.*



**Special Plate for May: Holly Hill Farms' Farm to Food Pantry Program** — We are aware of the increase in the number of people being served by area food pantries and the need for those food pantries to have fresh and healthy produce for their clients. As a result, we are again supporting Holly Hill Farm's Farm to Food Pantry (F2FTP) program that provides fresh and healthy food for local food pantries. 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 area 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. Last year, this program donated over 2,000 pounds of fresh produce to local food pantries. Supporting this important work is another way in which we can demonstrate our love and care for our neighbors in need.

Although the special plate in the Meeting House will be on Sunday, May 14, donations are accepted throughout the month of May [online](#) through the Old Ship website by designating your donation to F2FTP, or by sending your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, with F2FTP designated on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations.

**Food Donations for the Hingham Food Pantry** — We continue to collect food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry each week in the Meeting House; there is a basket in the vestibule 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: Cookies, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Ravioli, Beefaroni, or Spaghetios, Cheese or Peanut Butter Cracker Sandwiches, and Granola Bars.

**Want to Help Provide Lunches for the Anderson Veterans Home in Hingham this Coming August?**

We at Old Ship are part of a community wide interfaith effort to provide six lunches twice a week (Tuesday and Friday) to the Anderson Veterans Home on Fort Hill Street in Hingham. Lunch consists of a deli-meat sandwich, chips, fresh fruit, cookie, and water or juice. Old Ship is responsible for the month of August; we are looking for volunteers to take one of the August dates and provide the six lunches. You could do this individually, as a family, or as a group of friends. The lunches are left in a cooler outside the side door of the home. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact [Davalene Cooper](#).

**Anti-Racism/Social Justice Book Group meeting on May 21 at 7 p.m. on Zoom** — Our May book is Jeremy Williams book, *Climate Change\* Is Racist: Race, Privilege and the Struggle for Climate Justice*. This book explores how White privilege and climate change overlap, unleashing the damage from climate change primarily on people of color--at least thus far. Brenda Black will lead our discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend this drop-in book group. Here is the Zoom link for the May meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84810976357>.

**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.