

Social Justice Council (SJC) News for November 2019

November Special Plate Collection—Sunday, November 10

This month's special plate collection will benefit the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore. As you may know, Old Ship hosts a holiday party for families who are housed by this organization each December—this year's party will take place on Thursday, December 12. Old Shippers provide and prepare the food for the party and other Hingham based groups provide other items needed to have a wonderful evening for our guests. Special Plate monies will be used to purchase the food for the party and any remaining funds will be donated to the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore.

Thanks to everyone who donated to last month's special plate collection, "No More Deaths." We raised \$550.78 to support their humanitarian aid work.

Save the date: If you would like to help with the fun and very special holiday celebration for the parents and children living in our local family shelters, the **Holiday Dinner/Party will take place on Thurs. Dec 12th from 6-8pm.** Old Shippers will be needed to prepare some of the foods at home, help with last minute cooking at Old Ship, serve the holiday meal and clean up after the party. Look for information about signing up to help in any of these ways in the weekly announcements and in the December Newsletter.

Guest at Your Table is Coming!

Our annual fundraising drive for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), known as Guest at Your Table, will begin Sunday, November 24 and end Sunday, December 15. The theme for this year's program is "Women Leaders, Strong Communities." We will learn more about women leaders from UUSC partner organizations who are taking on some of today's greatest human rights challenges.

Who are these women? A climate activist from Kiribati, Pelenise is responding boldly to climate change in the Pacific. Marta is working to support victims of violence and eradicate violence against women in Honduras. Wai Wai is helping prevent violence and bridge ethnic and religious divides in Burma. And in Mexico and the U.S., Monica is using the arts to bolster resiliency and leadership among migrants.

For newer members of our Old Ship Community, Guest at Your Table is UUSC's annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. Since UUSC works in more than 20 countries, with over 60 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals, those referenced above, who are this year's "guests."

Questions? Contact Davalene Cooper, our UUSC Congregational Liaison, at davalenecooper@verizon.net or 781-749-0790.

Serving Others by Supporting the Hingham Food Pantry

The SJC invites you to continue to Serve Others by **bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry whenever you come to Old Ship.** There is a collection basket in the vestibule of the Meeting House each Sunday to receive your donation. The collection box in

the outer vestibule of the Parish House is also available to accept donations when you come for classes or meetings or anytime.

The Hingham Food Pantry would like to thank Old Ship Church for your donation of 53 pounds of food for the month of September 2019. In addition, the Old Ship Stop & Shop Food Drive yielded 1,283 pounds of food and \$169 in cash. This abundance of food was received with gratitude by all those involved in the operation of The Pantry. We are so very grateful for the support we receive from all the members of your congregation.

For November, the Pantry has asked for the following items which are especially needed:

Grape or strawberry jelly
Dinty Moore Beef Stew
Pasta sauce
Rice
Granola Bars
Individually bagged or packaged snacks

Green Sanctuary

-Bill McKibben's piece in the New Yorker (9/17/2019) "**Money Is the Oxygen on Which the Fire of Global Warming Burns: What if the banking, asset-management, and insurance industries moved away from fossil fuels?**" proposes that the [fastest way to lower CO2](#) is targeting banks underwriting of Fossil Fuels.. See the 350.org [newsletter](#) for the campaigns to transfer investment from fossil fuels to renewables.

- To find out what your investment fund(s) are supporting see <https://www.banktrack.org/> and [fossil fuel finance reportcard](#). You can find your investment funds and their [fossil fuel letter grades at this website](#).
- To find out which insurance companies are underwriting fossil fuel extraction projects see <https://350.org/ring-aig-to-stop-adani/> and this [ranking of insurance companies](#) on their distancing themselves from coal

UU Urban Ministry (UUUM)

Events and volunteer opportunities with our Roxbury-based partner, UU Urban Ministry (UUUM)

Sat, November 2, 3-4 pm at the UUUM: The Handel + Haydn Society returns to the First Church in Roxbury for a community "Every Voice" concert highlighting Black and Jewish composers. Details can be found [here](#) and tickets should be reserved. Would you like to help with set up or clean up? Please contact engagement@uum.org.

Help us welcome a new life! Renewal House has a mama in shelter who will be welcoming a daughter this winter. We are looking for a congregation or individual (or a few) who can sponsor a festive baby shower for her to help her celebrate and prepare for this new arrival.

We are looking for the following items, please contact UUUM liaison Pam Harty at pamharty@comcast.net by 11/21:

- Stop and Shop gift cards (for a cake and other treats)
- Target gift cards (some for decorations, others to give to the mama so she can pick out items she needs for her baby and herself)

Identity / Diversity Learning Opportunity

Monday, November 25th from 6-8PM in the Cohasset High School Auditorium. South Shore Unity Council (umbrella org of [Hingham Unity Council](#)) invited you to a free screening of [Dawnland](#), followed by a discussion with the film's co-director and producer Adam Mazo, and Wabanaki educator Roger Paul. Dawnland is an Emmy-award-winning documentary about cultural survival, stolen children, and the first truth and reconciliation commission for Native Americans.

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

Coffeehouse off the Square – Geoff Muldaur

Saturday November 16, 2019 at Fellowship Hall

Admission is \$20.00 per person. Open mike begins at 7:30 p.m.

This month's coffeehouse features Geoff Muldaur, once of the great voices and musical forces to emerge from the Cambridge folk, blues, and folk-rock scene of the '60s. He was a founding member of the noted Jim Kweskin Jug Band; has composed TV and film scores, garnering an Emmy; and has collaborated with such notables as Jerry Garcia, Eric Von Schmidt, and Bonnie Raitt. Profits from the Coffeehouse are donated to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), so this is another way to support UUSC and their justice work around the world!

Profits **benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**. This is another way we support UUSC! And we get to hear great, live music!

Interested in Social Justice work at Old Ship?

You are welcome at any Social Justice Council meeting to talk with us about your ideas of how Old Ship can Serve Others. Our next meeting will be Saturday 11/23 at 9 am in the Parlor of the Parish House. Contact Brenda Black blackpollara@verizon.net or Davalene Cooper davalenecooper@verizon.net