

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



November Special Plate Collection — This month, we are supporting Free., which is an ongoing ministry offered by St. John the Evangelist in Hingham, MA. The mission of Free. is to provide menstrual hygiene products to anyone in need. Products to support this biological function are an added expense placed on many who are already financially insecure. These products are not covered by benefits. This gap in need and coverage imposes yet another barrier to equity in education and employment as many are forced to miss school or work during their period. Donations can be made on our Old Ship website using the drop down donation menu. Additionally, the plate offering at the November 14 service in the Meeting House will be given to Free..

We will update the congregation on the results of our October special plate for IINE's Afghan resettlement program in the December newsletter.

Opportunity for Holiday Shopping and Supporting Artists of Color – The SJC invites you to an (on-line) Arts and Crafts Fair to support artists of color in this difficult Covid year and jump start your holiday shopping for unique gifts. The UUUM (Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry), the social justice organization based in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, works to support Artists of Color in their area through their Artist Amplification Project. Demonstrating the Urban Ministry's commitment to support and strengthen Roxbury commerce in meaningful ways, addressing economic and racial justice, they developed an online Artist Directory, featuring 24 artists and their work. Each artist has works for sale, through their own websites or through ETSY (the e-commerce platform for artisans and small businesses).

You can shop online through the 2021 Artists of Color Directory, at [7b9fdf_5a02df9a697648f090303a9ec543b644.pdf\(filesusr.com\)](https://filesusr.com/7b9fdf_5a02df9a697648f090303a9ec543b644.pdf). Help support these amazing artists by purchasing a creative piece of jewelry, pottery, poetry, children's books, paintings, textiles, clothing, or other art.

UUSC Guest at Your Table is Coming November 21 — Our annual Guest at Your Table (GAYT) Program will begin later this month. The theme of this year's program is "Now is the Time for Courageous Change." The goal of a world free from oppression, where all can realize their full human rights, is a big task! We need big ideas and bold change so we can fundamentally transform our world. Throughout GAYT, we will explore how UUSC is doing this work with its partners in ways that change the world. You can learn more about this year's guests from the Stories of Hope booklet, which can be accessed at [Stories-of-Hope-2021-2022.pdf \(uusc.org\)](https://uusc.org/Stories-of-Hope-2021-2022.pdf).

We were grateful to host UUSC President Rev, Mary Katherine Morn as our guest preacher in October at Old Ship. She invited all of us to become members of UUSC. Membership dues are as low as \$40 a year. For information about membership, go to [Membership & Benefits - Unitarian Universalist Service Committee \(uusc.org\)](https://www.uusc.org/membership).

Hingham Food Pantry — We are collecting non-perishable, unopened, and unexpired food for the Hingham Food Pantry as part of our Sunday morning worship service. There is a basket in the vestibule 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).*** Although all donations are appreciated, the food pantry reports that the following items are most needed at this time: rice side dishes, canned fruit, cookies, granola or cereal bars, and 1 or 2 pound bags of sugar (larger sizes are not needed). The food pantry is especially grateful for the support of the community since the start of the pandemic and the support from Old Ship members and friends. Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 685 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043.

Local South Shore Group Forming to Assist in Afghan Evacuee

Resettlement — A group of individuals on the South Shore are forming to help to resettle Afghan evacuees. They would like to do this locally, if possible. They are at the beginning of their work and would love to have anyone interested from Old Ship to join them. At present, they are gathering the information they need to engage in this work. Anyone who is interested in joining them should contact [Ann McCarthy-Egan](mailto:Ann.McCarthy-Egan@hinghampubliclibrary.org). There will be a meeting of this group at the Hingham Public Library on Monday, November 15, at 7 p.m. for anyone interested in helping with this project.

Anti-Racism "Drop-In" Book Group — We will next meet on Sunday, November 21, on Zoom, at 7 p.m. to finish our discussion of *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*, edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain. Although we will be discussing the second half of the book, Parts 7-10, everyone is free to attend even if you were not at the October meeting. Here is the Zoom link for the meeting, <https://zoom.us/j/92841925395>. For more information, contact [Davalene Cooper](mailto:Davalene.Cooper@hinghampubliclibrary.org). 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.

Father Bill's Cooking Teams — This month, we would like to thank our six Father Bill's cooking teams. Each group prepares four meals a year for those who are served by Father Bill's in Quincy. Prior to COVID 19, the groups also served

the meal, a practice they hope to return to in a post-Covid world! Thank you all for this important service to our community!

- Team 1: Charlotte Champagne (team leader), Mary Petrino, Jocelyn Burke, Bob Casey, Kathy Lynch, and Kevin Mulvey & Bruce Mauer.
- Team 2: Sharon Prehn (team leader), Nina Wellford, Erica Goode, Carolyn Locke, Judy Sneath, Mary Markel & David Murphy, and Elizabeth Morse.
- Team 3: Peggy Weymouth (team leader), Nancy Hills, Ronnie Scott, Charlie Woodard, Julie Kembel, Avis Goldstein, Stephanie Connolly, and Kathi Lesko.
- Team 4: Dave Petrie (team leader), Mid Walsh, Brenda Black & Ron Pollara, Paul Stone, Stewart Lewack, Libby Benson, and Frank Cheney.
- Team 5: Janice McPhillips (team leader), Janet Blampied, Susan Read-Brown, Roseanne Bush, Caryn Schneider, and Diane Clarke.
- Team 6: Pia Young and Lisa Sawyer (team leaders), Allan Greenberg, Connie Hill, Fan Leonard, and Davalene Cooper.

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.

Looking for Old Ship Elves!!

Old Ship is adopting 10 families without permanent housing for the holidays—and we need your help! This year, due to COVID, the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore (FHSS) are not able to have their holiday party, which is usually prepared, served, and hosted by us at Old Ship. Additionally, we have not been able to participate in the Gifts for Kids in Foster Care for the past two years. So given these facts, we have decided this year to participate in FHSS's Christmas Gift Program. We are adopting 10 families, which means we will purchase gifts for the children and parents in ten families who are currently living in shelters. This is our opportunity to make the holidays more special for those in need, and perhaps, even more special for those of us who participate! There will be a meeting of this group at the Hingham Public Library on Monday, November 15, at 7 p.m. for anyone interested in helping with this project.

