

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



Next Meeting is Saturday, November 19, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. If you are not a member and would like to join us for the meeting, contact Davalene Cooper, at davalenecooper@verizon.net, for the Zoom link. All are welcome!

UU the Vote: We are continuing to engage in UU the Vote events until the November 8 election. We thank the 21 people in our Old Ship community who wrote 875 postcards to voters in Arizona, Florida, and Texas as part of the Reclaim the Vote initiative from UU the Vote. We also know other members of our community wrote postcards as part of other community efforts to get out the vote. Thanks to all of you!

We also thank those who have participated in phone and text banks. There is another [UU the Vote Text Bank](#) on *November 7 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM*. There are [UU the Vote Phone Banks](#) on *November 2, and 3, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM*. Our Old Shippers who have done this report it is a lot of fun--the event organizers build community, train you to make calls that make a difference, and have fun. To sign up for these event, go to [Fall Flex for 4 Million - UU the Vote](#).

November Special Plate: Friends of the Homeless of the South

Shore: November's special plate will provide the funds for the annual holiday dinner for the families served by the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore (FHSS). This dinner is returning this December for the first time since 2019; it was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. As you may recall, we at Old Ship purchase and prepare the food for the dinner. Any funds remaining after purchase food and other dinner supplies will be given to FHSS to meet their needs in serving their clients.

Remember, you also may make your special plate donation [online](#) through the Old Ship web site by designating your donation to FHSS or by sending your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, with FHSS designated on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Additional Opportunities to Support FHSS: At the time of this newsletter, we are planning to host the annual dinner in December for the families served by the FHSS, but we do not have an exact date yet. We will be needing people to cook and to serve the dinner. When we did this before COVID, we cooked dishes in our homes and brought the food to Fellowship Hall. Some food was kept warm in crock pots. We will share the details in the weekly newsletters as we have them. Stay tuned! This is a really fun event and the families served by FHSS are grateful for this holiday celebration!

We are also planning to participate again in the holiday gift program from FHSS that provides gifts for families in their shelter, or families recently relocated to permanent homes. We will be providing gifts for 10 families, as we did last year. Again, stay tuned to the weekly newsletter for details. We should have the details shortly before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, contact [Davalene Cooper](#).

Cooks needed for Father Bill's Cooking Teams: As you may know, Old Ship is part of an effort on the South Shore to provide meals to Father Bill's shelter in Quincy. We staff 6 cooking/serving teams that provide meals throughout the year. Each team is assigned 4 dates to cook; it is now possible to serve the meal on your assigned dates if you would like, but it is not required. You will be provided with a recipe and amounts of ingredients needed to make your team's entrée or the salad. If you cannot be present on the date of the meal, it is possible to cook beforehand and freeze your entree. The teams currently needing cooks provide meals on four Thursdays of the year, one each quarter. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to join a team, please contact Brenda Black at blackpollara@verizon.net.

Lunches for the Anderson Veterans Home: 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. If you would like to be a part of this effort, by agreeing to provide lunch for one or two days during the year, please contact [Davalene Cooper](#) for the sign up link.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Book Group meeting on November 20 at 7 p.m. on Zoom: We will be discussing Clint Smith's *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*. This book examines the role monuments and statues honoring the confederacy perpetuate white supremacy. Some of you may remember that Clint Smith was the editor of the anthology of African American poetry many of us read about two years ago. Davalene Cooper will lead our discussion.

For more information or if you have questions about the group, contact [Davalene Cooper](#). This group is open to all who are interested in learning more about these social justice issues. 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 November meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84810976357>.

Hingham Food Pantry — We are again 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 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: Turkey

Gravy, Canned Yams, Canned Green Beans, Cookies, Pasta Sauce, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Spaghetti, Dried Fruit, Nuts, and 1 lb. bags of Granulated Sugar (nothing larger please). Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 685 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043.

Upcoming Community Discussions at the UU Urban Ministry (on Zoom):

Why the Gap: Racialized Property and Wealth in Boston is on November 15 from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom. Historian Byron Rushing, who served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for over-thirty-years, and was also the president of the Museum of African-American History in Boston will be the speaker. Here is the Zoom link for the

program: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88687467587?pwd=eIRIU0RQcU5ab3V0Q1NkUEJsRmJjZz09>.

Supporting Small Business in the City: Barriers and Opportunities on December 6 from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom. Rev. Willie Bodrick, II, J.D., M. Div. –14th Senior Pastor (2021-present) is the talented, enthusiastic, and anointed Senior Pastor of the Historic Twelfth Baptist Church in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, MA. He is also the President & CEO of The American City Coalition (TACC). TACC is a nonprofit organization grounded in an inclusive, comprehensive, and collaborative approach to neighborhood revitalization. Our mission is to help improve urban neighborhoods so that families flourish in safe environments and fully benefit from the economic opportunities of American cities. Here is the Zoom link for the program: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88687467587?pwd=eIRIU0RQcU5ab3V0Q1NkUEJsRmJjZz09>.

Additional Support for the UU Urban Ministry Programs: As you may recall, the UUUM supports Roxbury artists of color through its Arts and Humanities Programming. This is a good place to find gifts for the holidays! To see the artists who are spotlighted and to download the catalog, go to [Arts and Humanities Programming | Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry \(uum.org\)](#).

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](#). This is the program Rev. Ashley Horan leads, so if you were moved by her sermon at Old Ship on October 23, now is the time to learn more about how you can be involved in the various campaigns!

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.