

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)

Next Meeting is Saturday, November 18, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome! Here is the link to the meeting:



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89323116612?pwd=O0WGNra1piFvG52qMyW1wS0rApN5d3.1>

November Special Plate Collection: Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore — Given the increase in the need to provide shelter for families without homes throughout the Commonwealth and on the South Shore, we have selected the Friends as our special plate recipient for the month of November. Donations can be made online through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore. The special plate collection during a Sunday service will be announced in a weekly Constant Contact.

What can you do to affect Climate Change? Presentation on Tuesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House —As part of our work for climate justice, we are hosting a forum on what we as individuals can do to affect climate change. Join us for a community discussion on ways each of us can act now to care for our common home—Planet Earth. Presenters, including members of the Hingham Climate Plan Committee and Hingham Net Zero, will provide specific ways each of us can act now and in the near future to help protect our common home. Please share this information with your family and friends.

If you were not able to join us on October 24 to view the film, *The Letter*, it can be viewed at [Home - The Letter \(theletterfilm.org\)](http://theletterfilm.org).

Hingham Food Pantry — We collect food each week for the Hingham Food Pantry. Please leave your donations in the bins located in the vestibule of the Meeting House and at 14 Main Street. Items especially needed this month include the following: Pasta Sauce, Healthy Cereal, Grape or Strawberry Jelly, Rice, and Cookies. Also, as another way to donate food, we are pleased to hear that the box for donations is back at the front of Stop and Shop!

Public Standout for Side With Love on Saturday, November 4 — First Parish in Norwell has invited Old Shippers and others to join them on the Norwell bridge over Rt. 3 from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, November 4 to demonstrate our commitment to love, diversity, and justice. Bring your rainbow flags and other signs of love to show support for these values on the South Shore.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop-in Book Group meeting on

November 19 at 7 p.m. on Zoom — All are welcome to join us as we discuss *There There* by Tommy Orange. This novel follows twelve characters from Native communities who are traveling to a big Powwow. Together, these characters share “the plight of urban Native Americans—grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion and sacrifice and heroism.” Here is the Zoom link for the November meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89681672529?pwd=SPt6lN01bScsOhLseHeOwdThbsuk61.1>.

News from the UU Urban Ministry —

Community Conversations: This year, the theme for community conversations is how housing has contributed to racial inequity, especially in Boston. These conversations will examine various aspects of this topic, including public housing, affordable housing, and new models of housing. The first conversation is *Housing and Racism in Boston: A History* on **November 14 from 6-7 p.m.**, both in person and on Zoom. Details can be found at [Community Conversations: Housing and Racism in Boston: A History \(w/ Byron Rushing\) | UUUM - Boston, MA.](#)

Holiday Gift Shopping? Consider supporting a Roxbury-based artist of color through the UUUM’s Directory of Artists, which can be downloaded or viewed at [Arts and Humanities Programming | Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry \(uum.org\)](#). This is an opportunity to peruse and purchase some incredible local art while supporting artists of color.

Thanksgiving Fund for Father Bill’s & Mainspring — Father Bill’s serves turkey dinners to those in need at Thanksgiving. There will be two community meal services, one in Brockton and one at the new Housing Resource Center in Quincy. Meals also are delivered to those who are homebound or alone on Thanksgiving. Father Bill’s expects to provide about 1500 meals, which will be a single day record for the organization. As a result, Father Bill’s needs to raise \$15,000 for this program. We at Old Ship support Father Bill’s in many ways and we encourage our community to support this special outreach for the holiday. Donations can be made at [Thanksgiving Fund – Father Bill’s & MainSpring \(helpfbms.org\)](#). Thanks in advance for your support!

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.