

Social Justice Council (SJC) News for October 2018

-The SJC invites you to **Serve Others by bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry** when you come to Old Ship. This fall we will have 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 serves 175 local families who are hungry and benefit greatly from the nutritious foods we donate. Any non-perishable food is welcome, and this month the Pantry especially needs donations of:

Regular coffee

- Regular tea
- Cookies
- Canned fruit
- Hearty soup
- Pasta sauce
- Beef stew
- Chef Boyardee canned pastas
- Crackers
- Cereals

-Our **Special Social Justice Plate Collection** for October will take place on Sun 10/21 and will go to UUMassAction and their climate action/climate justice work.

-Join Old Shippers who volunteer once a month with **UUUM's (UU Urban Ministry) Fair Foods** affordable food distribution at UUUM headquarters at 10 Putnam St in Roxbury. Email pamharty@comcast.net to be connected with them.

Based in Roxbury, "the UU Urban Ministry unites communities and transforms individuals through education, service, and advocacy. We engage communities and congregations in social action and change, with programs that empower youth and adults to realize their full potential."

If you are curious about other ways to be in community with the UUUM in Boston, click [here](#) to learn more about their other opportunities. One way to support them is simply to attend events, like the upcoming play, author discussion, and musical performance....

October 13, 3 pm at the UUUM: 2018 Mendelsohn Lecture featuring [Unveiled](#), a one-woman play written and performed by Rohina Malik. Mark your calendars!

October 30, 6 pm at the UUUM: Author of [The Penalty for Success](#), Josephine Bolling McCall, tells the story of her father's lynching in Alabama. Dinner will be served and all are welcome.

November 3, 3 pm at the UUUM: Handel + Haydn Society once again graces the First Church in Roxbury with their moving *Every Voice* concert, this year highlighting the

voices of Latinx people, members of the LGBTQIA community, and our nation's veterans.

-The SJC would like to call your attention to the **Question #3 on this November's Ballot**. Currently Massachusetts has a law preventing discrimination against transgender peoples in public spaces.

This fall there is a conservative initiative to remove the rights of transgender people to use the bathroom of their choice. The transgender community and their families fear that

if public accommodation protections are removed, it will have ramifications for other rights. A Yes vote will keep everything the same for now. As Old Ship is a Welcoming Congregation, we thought you'd like to know about this human rights issue.

To learn more go to: <https://www.freedommassachusetts.org/learn-more/>

-Interested in welcoming immigrants to our area and helping them learn English? Through South Shore Action's monthly **Meals and Conversation** program, a group from the south shore meets in Hingham to prepare a lunch meal for English language learners at IINE (International Institute of New England) and takes the lunches to their Boston office to share a meal and conversation in English with the students. Next date: Thus Oct 18th. Contact: Meg Glazer at megglazer@gmail.com or 617-290-6322

-Green Sanctuary: Save the date: Sunday November 11

Old Ship's Green Sanctuary Committee will present on "Why Address Climate Change and What are our State and local governments doing to respond to Climate Change?" with a soup lunch provided by the SJC. 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall

-Interested in advocating for vulnerable communities?

Find out about specific advocacy opportunities such as letter writing, advocacy calls, participating in educational/advocacy events with local legislators...

Sign up for the Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network. Send your email address to Davalene Cooper, Keeper of the List, at davalenecooper@verizon.net

-Next Coffeehouse off the Square –Dillon Bustin, Sat 10/20 at 8pm in the Fellowship Hall -

This inventive musician-singer-composer-author of the Joshua Slocum song cycle about that 19th-Century Seaman's solo sailing trip around the world returns to Hingham. He will do excerpts from the cycle and many other works, including his acclaimed musical settings of Ralph Waldo Emerson poetry. Dillon is a memorable performer with a great stage presence and is not to be missed. We are glad to welcome him back

Note: Proceeds from Coffee House on the Square performances benefit the UU Service Committee

-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. **Next SJC meeting will be Sat 11/3 at 9am in the Parlor.**