

## Serving Others

### News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



***Next Meeting is Saturday, October 22, 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](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net) for the Zoom link. All are welcome!***

***UU the Vote: Our Special Plate Collection for October*** — We return to our special plate collections in October. As part of the Social Justice Council's support for UU the Vote this fall, we are designating them as the recipient of our special plate. Throughout October, we will be alerting members of our community as to how they can participate in UU the Vote actions to get out the vote for the November 8 elections. We especially encourage you to engage in postcard writing and/or phone banking. Our financial support will help UU the Vote to organize to fight for fair elections, advance voting rights, protect abortion access, and resist the targeting and criminalization of Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities. For more information and/or to sign up to receive emails from the project, go to [UU the Vote - Faith, Love, and Action. Together.](#)

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

### ***Anti-Racism/Social Justice Book Group meeting on October 16 at 7 p.m. on Zoom*** —

**We will discuss** discuss a book about immigration, "*Solito, Solita*." It is transcribed oral history about the horrific incidents that occur with young people immigrating from Central America. It is a free download--please contact Davalene Cooper at [davalenecooper@verizon.net](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net) and she will send you the PDF. You also may purchase the book from Amazon or perhaps other places. Patti Smith will lead our discussion.

**At our November 20 meeting, 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 October meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84810976357?pwd=QIJGY0VyQVZOTXJWYUIENHNuVld4dz09>.

***An Event from Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light: Love. Earth. Justice: A Multifaith Service of Prayer, Celebration, and Resolve*** — Sunday, October 16, from 2:00- 5:00 p.m. at First Unitarian Church of Worcester, 90 Main Street, Worcester and on line. Celebrate creation and community, mourn all we have lost, and call each other to faithful action. The event will open with worship. Workshops will teach key skills of climate action and resilience. [RSVP here](#). Please contact Miriam at [mcohen@massipl.org](mailto:mcohen@massipl.org) with any questions.

***Volunteers Still Needed to Help Feed the Hungry*** —

As you may know, we are 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 and serve. One of our teams needs one more cook. This team makes lasagna on the second Thursday in September, December, March, and June. If you would like to join this team, please contact Davalene Cooper, [davalenecooper@verizon.net](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net).

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](mailto:Davalene Cooper) at [davalenecooper@verizon.net](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net) for the sign up link.

**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: Cookies, Pasta Sauce, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Spaghetti, Dried Fruit, Nuts, and 1 lb. bags of Granulated Sugar. Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 685 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043.

**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](#).

**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.