

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



Next Meeting is Saturday, October 14, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome! Here is the link to the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86766866670?pwd=9GQ0PcB6nPz1NYEnMjbK7ZWglQaf5P.1>

October Special Plate Collection: Hingham Food Pantry — Given the increase in food insecurity, we have decided to name the Hingham Food Pantry as our special plate recipient for the month of October. We think this is an important way to serve our Hingham neighbors in need. Donations can be made online through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Hingham Food Pantry. The special plate during a Sunday service will be announced in a weekly Constant Contact. We also collect food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry each week in the Meeting House; there is a basket in the vestibule for donations. Currently, the following items are especially needed for the pantry: Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Canned Tuna, Cookies, Minute Rice, Noodle or Potato Side dishes, and 64 oz Juices. Also, please note that Stop & Shop on Rt. 3A is currently collecting food for the Pantry at the Service Desk; there is not a bin for collections at the moment.

Public Standout for Side With Love on Saturday, October 7 — 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, October 1st 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. For more information, contact Abby Diamond-Kissiday, abby@abbycpa.com.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop-in Book Group meeting on October 15 at 7 p.m. on Zoom — All are welcome to join us as we discuss Richard Rothstein's, *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*. This book explores how laws were used to segregate housing in the United States. It is an important study of how segregated housing was created in urban areas. Here is the Zoom link for the October meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84935047590?pwd=ldT5TIY49boEmcnQRNnV3LLTDJFUxO.1>

Upcoming Events this Fall focusing on Climate Change — Please mark your calendar for these important events, open to the community at large. On **Tuesday, October 24**, we will be screening an important film, *The Letter*, based on Pope

Francis' Message for the Earth. This film showcases the commitment to climate change of five individuals from all over the world. It is a powerful film, making clear how important it is to be working to confront the disasters awaiting us from climate change. Two weeks later, on **November 7**, we will host a forum on what we as individuals can do to affect climate change. Both events will take place at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House and are free to the public. More details will be in next month's newsletter.

News from the UU Urban Ministry —

Everyone is invited to a special tour of the “Trees of John Eliot Square: A historical perspective.” Enjoy a stroll around the neighborhood focused on Roxbury's agriculture and horticulture and how these shaped the neighborhood over the years. Tour led by historian Thomas Plant. This tour takes place on **Saturday, October 7**, from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. The tour begins at the UU Urban Ministry, 10 Putnam St, Boston, MA. Beginning to think about 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.

Update on Migrant Shelter Collection — Thanks to Everyone Who Contributed Items and Gift Cards to the Temporary Migrant Shelter in Quincy! We delivered an SUV full of pack 'n plays, diapers, baby wipes, and personal hygiene items, as well as \$565 in gift cards for the shelter to use to purchase needed items. Thank you for your generosity toward our new neighbors! This is an important example of acting on the side of 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](mailto:Davalene.Cooper@oldship.org), Keeper of the List.