

Social Justice Council News

Everyone is welcome to the **first meeting of the Social Justice Council (SJC) this fall which will be held on Saturday, 9/15, at 9am** in the Parlor of the Parish House.

Join us if you would like to suggest a social justice activity for the coming year, are interested in helping to plan our activities for this year, or are just curious about how the SJC works to support our congregation's chosen focus on "Protecting Vulnerable Communities."

The **Hingham Food Pantry** especially needs donations of back-to-school snacks, red pasta sauce, mac 'n cheese and canned soups and stews as they prepare for the September Pantries. Donations of any of these or other non-perishable foods can be left in the collection box at the entrance to the Parish House or can be dropped off at the collection centers around town located at Stop and Shop on 3A, the offices of Coldwell Banker 56 South St and Jack Conway 321 Main St. The Hingham Food Pantry which serves 175 Hingham families greatly appreciates the support Old Ship has given over the last many years!

Interested in welcoming immigrants to our area and helping them learn English? Through South Shore Action, Old Shippers are helping prepare lunches and bring them to share food and conversation with English language students at the International Institute of New England (downtown Boston) on a monthly basis. You can help by providing ingredients, helping prepare and pack the bag lunches, and/or go into Boston for the lunchtime sharing of food and conversation. Lunch prep begins at 9:15 am, the group leaves for Boston around 11 am and is back by 2:45 pm (and some meet the group at the IINE office on Washington Street from noon-1:30pm). This Fall the dates are: Thursday, September 20th; Thursday, October 18th; Tuesday, November 13th and Wednesday December 19th.

If you would like to help with any part, please contact Meg Glazer (megglazer@gmail.com) or 617.290.6322

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.