

## Serving Others

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



***Next Meeting is Saturday, September 10th, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. If you are not a member and would like to join us for the meeting, contact Davalene Cooper for the Zoom link. All are welcome!***

#### ***Volunteers 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 are also part of a community 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, please contact Davalene Cooper at [davalenecooper@verizon.net](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net) for the sign up link. Many thanks to Lisa Sawyer and Jean Railton for providing these lunches in August!

#### ***Anti-Racism/Social Justice Book Group meeting on September 18 at 7 p.m. on Zoom***

We will discuss *Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret* by Catherine Coleman Flowers (2020). This book "tells the story of systemic class, racial, and geographical prejudice that fosters Third World conditions" in the United States. The author is an environmental justice advocate at the Equal Justice Initiative. Laura Harbottle will lead our discussion. This book is an example of where racism and environmental justice intersect.

On October 16, we will 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.

For more information or if you have questions about the group, contact [Davalene Cooper](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net). 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 September meeting:

***UU the Vote Forum after church on Sunday, September 25 (in the Meeting House)*** — The Social Justice Council is supporting the UU the Vote Program this

fall. This program will allow us to participate in phone banking, postcard writing, and other activities to support getting out the vote for the fall elections. We will be presenting information about how to participate in this forum after church on September 25. Elle Handleman, who participated in 2020, will share her experiences with phone banking. This is an opportunity to learn how we can best put our values out into the world through the fall elections.

In general, UU the Vote is organizing on the state and local levels 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.](#)

**Hingham Food Pantry** — We are 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.