

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)

Next Meeting is Saturday, September 16, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome!



Sunday, September 10 — Come to our first service of the new church year with your water and with A DONATION FOR OUR NEW NEIGHBORS AT THE QUINCY FAMILY WELCOME CENTER AND TEMPORARY SHELTER!

This new shelter is one of several opening across the state to serve the increase in migrants, especially from Haiti and South America, and those experiencing homeless. Although this is a state funded shelter, there are still many needs. Donations needed include baby wipes, strollers, new car seats, portable playpens, diapers (all sizes), formula, milk (powdered), toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, unscented Dove bar soap, men's and women's deodorant, Cerave baby lotion, Vaseline, individual packets of Pedialyte and gift cards to Target and Walmart. (If you donate cash, the SJC will purchase additional gift cards). Members of the SJC will be available to take your donations. If you are not at church that Sunday, you can drop your donations off to the office at 14 Main Street.

Public Stand on the Side of Love, on Saturday, September 9 — First Parish in Norwell has invited Old Shippers to join them on the Norwell bridge over Rt. 3 from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, September 9th 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 [Ellie Handleman](mailto:ellie@thehandlemans.org) at ellie@thehandlemans.org.

Food Donations for the Hingham Food Pantry — We collect food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry each week in the Meeting House; there is a basket in the vestibule for donations. At this time, the following items are especially needed for the pantry: Cookies, Pasta Sauce (red sauces preferred), 64 oz Juices, Mac & Cheese, Rice Sides, and Minute Rice. Donations may also be made at the Hingham Stop and Shop (large bin at the front of the store). If you prefer to donate money to the HFP, send a check to the HFP at 685 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043. Also, please note that the HFP will be our special place recipient in October.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop In Book Group meeting on September 17 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom — All are welcome to join us as we discuss *North To Boston: Life Histories from the Black Great Migration in New England* by Blake Gumprescht. This book tells the story of 10 individuals who came from six southern states fleeing racism. They primarily settled in Roxbury, Dorchester, and

Mattapan. The book provides a glimpse into the real lives of ordinary people living in Boston's black community. Here is the Zoom link for the September meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83649714602?pwd=bHF5K2JTZzgzWktzMjlHaTk0UWpOQT09>

Anderson Veteran's House Lunches — During the month of August, Old Shippers provided bag lunches twice a week to the veterans living at the Anderson House on Fort Hill Street. Thanks to Eileen McIntyre, Lisa Sawyer, Judi Flaherty, Charlotte Champagne, Jack Gomez, Brenda Black and Ron Pollara, and Davalene Cooper for providing the lunches on specific days.

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.