

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council



Our Next Meeting is Saturday, July 9th, at 4 p.m. in person. We will be gathering at a member's home to plan our work for the coming church year. Please contact Davalene Cooper, davalenecooper@verizon.net, if you would like to attend and be part of our planning process. All are welcome!

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Book Group Next Meeting Sunday, September 18, at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

For this upcoming church year, we will again meet on Zoom the third Sunday of each month, except for December, when we will not meet. We will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We are expanding our range of books to include environmental/climate justice, which aligns with the congregation's specific focus regarding social justice. Our book for the September 18 meeting is *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.

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.

Special Plate Collections – We have completed our special plate collections for this church year. Special plates will begin again in October. Here are the amounts donated for our last three special plates.

March: Old Ship Youth Group Service Trips \$2,279.56.

April: Mass. Climate Action Network \$903.95

May: Outright Ukraine Emergency Fund \$1,193.14

Overall, we donated over \$17,000 through out special plate collections this past church year! Thanks to everyone for their generosity during this challenging time.

Hingham Food Pantry – During the summer, there are limited opportunities to make food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry through our summer services, which will be on Zoom, or through the office, which has limited hours. As a result, ***we encourage everyone to make donations 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: Pasta Sauce (plastic jars

preferred), Packaged Cookies, Flour, 2 lb. or 5 lb., Mayonnaise, small jars (plastic jars preferred), Dried Fruit, raisins, cranberries, etc., and Nuts. Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 685 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043. The need continues and we appreciate everyone who is able to help the Hingham Food Pantry.

UU Urban Ministry (UUUM) – This summer, there will be a series of Jazz Concerts on the Greenspace at the UUUM. These concerts are free and will take place on July 16, August 13, and September 10, from 1-4 p.m. You may learn more about the programs of UUUM in the area of domestic violence, Roxbury Youth, and Arts and the Humanities at www.uuum.org. Thanks to Lisa Sawyer, Dianne Walcott, and Davalene Cooper, who were delegates from Old Ship to the UUUM Annual Meeting in May.

UUMassAction Action Hour on July 20 from 12 to 1 p.m. on Zoom –This gathering is an opportunity to hear updates about UUMass Action campaigns and take action together, such as calling your legislators, signing petitions, and more to support our frontline and coalition partners. The focus will be on climate justice, immigrant justice, criminal law reform, Indigenous Legislative Agenda, and economic justice. This will also be a chance to connect with other UUs from across the state! Sign up to attend at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoc0ugrz0vG9eipUngWvYvsi1DZZSZusjm>.

UU the Vote 2022 – 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.](#)

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.
