



First Parish, Hingham
Old Ship Church

Unitarian Universalist
14 Main Street Hingham, MA 02043
(781) 749-1679
office@oldshipchurch.org www.oldshipchurch.org

November 2024 Monthly Newsletter

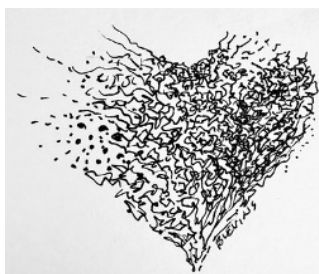
Trouble viewing this email or want to print? [View as Webpage](#)

Deadline for December's newsletter: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Multi-Platform:
Join us in-person in the Meeting House
or on Zoom

Zoom link opens at 10:15 a.m.

[Click here to join Sunday Worship!](#)



November Services
Monthly Theme:
Living Love Through the Practice of
Repair

SUNDAY SERVICES

November 3rd Liminal Spaces Rev. Carie Johnsen

In times of not knowing, in the waiting spaces, cavernous gap between reality and aspiration, the opportunity to dance with anger and joy abounds. In these times the movement from action and advocacy to peace and stillness is a useful skill to balance life. Let's practice together.

November 10th For Love of Humanity and Country Rev. Carie Johnsen

The election is over. The ballots may or may not be counted. The outcome may or may not be known. Now What? Where do we go from here? Join us as we reflect on the work that awaits regardless of what the electoral votes reveal. Turn off the pundits, commentators, podcasts, and internal drama. Sunday services is anticipating your presence and brilliance, conviction and grace.

**November 17th Meaningful Hymn Sing Christopher Nickelson-Mann
Diane Elliott**

This Sunday has been set aside to offer a mid-month reset with music and song. Join Old Ship music director, Christopher Nickelson-Mann and worship associate, Diane Elliott to lift up some holy noise.

**November 24th Grieving and Gratitude Rev. Carie Johnsen
Ellie Handleman**

Rev. Carie and Ellie will reflect on our journeys of understanding the mythology and reality of Thanksgiving and what that means to us as UUs. Congregants will be encouraged to engage in personal reflection with open mind - open heart - open will.

EVERYDAY ORDINARY THEOLOGIES

A THANKSGIVING INVITATION from Rev. Carie and Ellie Handleman

As we approach the holiday season at First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship), we invite our fellow Unitarian Universalists (UU) to join us in a personal examination of the mythology surrounding Thanksgiving. Guided by our UU values and commitment to sovereignty of First Nations peoples, we affirm the call to dismantle systems of oppression and modern-day colonization that continue to harm indigenous people today.

On Sunday, November 24th Ellie Handleman and Rev. Carie will reflect on our journeys of understanding the mythology and reality of Thanksgiving and what that means to us as UUs. Congregants will be encouraged to engage in personal reflection with open - mind - open heart – open will.

On Wednesday the 27th, Rev. Carie will join local colleagues to host the annual Thanksgiving Service. She brings to this service her ministerial experience working to **decolonize faith** and a commitment to speaking truth with love.

On Thursday the 28th, Ellie will volunteer as a peacekeeper at the 54th Annual Day of Mourning. Rev. Carie will join in *honoring Indigenous ancestors and Native resilience*. We invite you to join us for this *day of remembrance and spiritual connection, as well as a protest against the racism and oppression that Indigenous people continue to experience worldwide*. ~

<http://www.uaine.org> We hope you will join us via livestream or in person.

Practicing Liberating Love

Our 2024-25 Themes!

September: Invitation
October: Deep Listening
November: Repair
December: Presence
January: Story
February: Inclusion
March: Trust
April: Joy
May: Imagination
June: Freedom



Thanksgiving Service

Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association

Wednesday, November 27, 2024
7:00 pm at The Meeting House

54th Annual National Day of Morning
Thursday, November 28, 2024
12:00 noon at Cole's Hill in Plymouth
United American Indians of New England
Attend in person or livestream

RevCarie@OldShipChurch.org

Office phone 781-749-1679

Cell Phone 508-221-5295

Office Hours: Thursday 1:00 - 4:00



Election Prayers Across New England
A time of contemplation and prayer to lift up
the Spirit of Life, Love and all that is Holy
during the 2024 Election

Rev. Carie will collaborate with New England Clergy to provide several opportunities for contemplation, prayer, song, and silence on election day, Tuesday, November 5th and post-election Wednesday, November 6th.

Tuesday Evening Vespers at 7pm

with Rev. Amy McCormick from UU Church in Belfast, ME

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>

Meeting ID: 469 537 6814

Wednesday Morning Matins at 8am

with Rev. Sara Hayman from UU Church of Ellsworth, ME

ZOOM Link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96669607701>

Meeting ID: 966 6960 7701

Wednesday Noon Meditation at 12:00 pm

with Rev. Carie Johnsen from First Parish in Hingham, MA (Old Ship)

Zoom Link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9269195045?
pwd=QW9paEMzS1JpUIhxNTJXSdIMTJNUT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9269195045?pwd=QW9paEMzS1JpUIhxNTJXSdIMTJNUT09)

Wednesday Evening Vespers at 7pm.

with Rev. Hilary Collins Gilpatrick from First Universalist of Yarmouth, ME

Zoom Link: [https://zoom.us/j/96739357220?
pwd=Ulo2N1V1UTJnZDZlY3dXSXJ3ZzJBZz09](https://zoom.us/j/96739357220?pwd=Ulo2N1V1UTJnZDZlY3dXSXJ3ZzJBZz09)

If you are looking for pastoral connection, Rev. Carie will be offering open

office hours on Wednesday the 6th and Thursday the 7th from 4 :00 – 7:00.
Feel free to stop by for a cup of tea and spiritual companionship.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Event time and location to be determined

As a Welcoming Congregation, First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship) has made a commitment to opening its doors to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. This commitment saves lives! **Please contact Ellie Handleman at ellie@thehandlemans.org or RevCarie@OldShipChurch.org if you would like to be a part of organizing a public vigil for Transgender Day of Remembrance.**



Board of Trustees Update

Members Approve New Parish Building Funding

On Sunday, October 20th the congregation met for a Parish meeting to consider funding the new parish building. Following a presentation by Architect David Torrey and Community Space Team and a question and answer period, **Old Ship members unanimously approved the article to authorize the funding and construction of a new Parish House on the lot adjacent to the Meeting House.** It is expected the multi-phase project will move forward with the completion of the building forecasted for 2026.



Earlier on October 8th, the Board of Trustees met for the monthly business meeting. Here is a summary of items discussed not noted elsewhere:

Diana Gay Bequest: Diana Gay was a beloved long time Old Shipper who we lost this past May. Recently Old Ship has been notified that the Diana Gay's estate includes a bequest to the Parish. A signatory authority must be designated in order to receive the funds. Clayton Handleman (Treasurer)

moved and Elaine Cusker (Clerk) Seconded the following motion: *The Board of Trustees authorizes John W. Gomez, the Assistant Treasurer, to sign the Dianna Gay Family Remainder Unitrust settlement documents on behalf of First Parish of Hingham Old Ship Church.* It was unanimously approved.

Congregational Budget Meeting & Vote: It was unanimously agreed that due to the expected length of the Parish Building Vote meeting on Oct. 20th, an separate Parish Meeting and vote on the new budget should be scheduled for Sunday, November 17.

The Board welcomes questions and comments from our members and friends. Please contact us at President@oldshipchurch.org. We look forward to a great church year together with you!

Attention Families! Join us for Children's Religious Education Nov. 10th & 24th



We hope your kids will join us for Children's RE programming next Sunday, November 10th. Our kids will begin service in the Meeting House and then depart for a RE lesson up at 14 Main.

Social Action Sunday Sunday, November 24th

For all ages- children and youth / teens. Join us to work together to make sandwiches and pack 80+ individual bagged lunches for Father Bills / Mainspring Quincy Center, supporting people experiencing homelessness. They are so appreciative of these extra lunches for the people who stop in and use the services. In addition to having fun making the lunches, we will spend time getting to know each other and thinking, talking about future social justice projects we can take on together. We'd really like input from our participating children and youth! Please reach out to Trish McAleer, President@OldShipChurch.org

Pastoral Care Leadership Team

We are all on the pastoral care team, but our "Pastoral Care Leadership Team" meets each month to share any concerns about parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or facing other significant challenges, and to coordinate responses. If you have a pastoral concern to share with our Team, please feel free to contact any member of the group:



[Ralph Brown](#)

[Liz Flint](#) 508-560-1572

[Elaine Gomez](#) 781 820 4077.

[Fan Leonard](#) 781-749-2852

[Claire Petrie](#) 617-642-2438

[Joan Wilson](#) 617-947-4664

[Louise Smith](#) 781-690-1165

Musical Notes

Dear Old Ship,

Fall is here. The mornings are cool and crisp. The shortening days are sometimes sunny and warm or perhaps cloudy with a chill in the air. Looking at the changing colors of the leaves is a nice reminder that nothing is permanent and that change doesn't have to be scary; in fact, it can be beautiful. The music for November will often have themes of change, growth, repairation, and gratitude. I hope that this month's music will be meaningful to you in the ways that you need.

As always, if you are interested in singing with the choir, we always welcome new members. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or for more information. Now is a great time to get involved as we start to prepare for the upcoming holiday season, including the annual Christmas Eve service that features quite a bit of music from the choir as well as a brass quintet. If you're thinking about getting involved, give it a try -- we will welcome you with open arms!

Musically Yours,
Christopher



WISDOM OF THE POETS

Leaves by Ruth Moose

Bless the dance
Of last year's leaves.
They run on tiptoes
Across the ground.
Pushed by cold winds
They tumble
Cartwheel and leap
Into the new day. They are
Undaunted.
Their green life gone
And with it all they cling to.
Yet, they dance. Dry and brown.
they become light as paper
On which to write
A new song.



Responses always welcome (elizabethtorrey@hotmail.com)

Let's talk TRANSITION MINISTRY

Good news Old Shippers!

We have happily received over 30 submissions for consideration regarding the new "Transitional Committee" service members. We will be making final selections this week and will be notifying folks very soon.



Thank you for all your willingness and intentional participation!

Sincerely,

Corey Fitz-Marquez, Board of Trustees fitzcorey92@gmail.com

Judi Flaherty, Committee on Ministry yruumom@gmail.com

Rev. Carie Johnsen, Contract Minister RevCarie@oldshipchurch.org

Community Space Team

Tuesdays 7:00 PM

Zoom



The Committee is returning to a weekly schedule by planning to meet via Zoom every Tuesday at 7-8:30 pm and we'd like to invite interested members of the congregation to attend to upcoming meetings of the committee that do not involve third-party contractors involved in the project. The Zoom Link for these meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85668053025?pwd=aGL8YDwh6KmiaLbL69NAeD1prFqc4w.1>

Life Learning Offerings

Our Life Learning Committee has completed the schedule of classes and groups for 2024-2025.

[Please click here for the schedule.](#)



Ceilidh! – Gathers on the first Tuesday of each month. This means our next monthly song/poem circle will be on **Tuesday evening, November 5th at 7:00 p.m.** We are currently planning to gather in the Parlor as well as on Zoom. Email [Eric Cornetta](mailto:Eric.Cornetta) with any questions about Ceilidh. The zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/92888235659>

The Gathering

The Gathering will meet **every Wednesday at 1:00p.m.** in 14 Main Street Parlor. All women are welcome! For info contact [Diane Elliott](#) or [Carol Valentine](#).

Sacred Texts Meditation Group

Next gathering: Thursday, November 14th

4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Zoom

Second and fourth Thursday afternoons

Each session will have a reading, a 15-minute meditation, and exploration of

one chapter from the Tao Te Ching (including its meaning to each of us), as well as related writings, poetry or art. Newcomers are welcome. Gatherings will be Zoom only. For information and the Zoom link, contact [Rich Elliott](#).

Bodhisattva Study Group - Every Sunday morning, 8:30 AM. Zoom only. Twenty minutes of sitting meditation followed by discussion of a Buddhist or related text, facilitated by members of the group. For questions and Zoom link, email [Lisa Sawyer](#).

Men's Breakfast – Meets on the Fourth Sunday morning of each month at 8:30 a.m. in 14 Main St. Parlor and on Zoom. Our next gathering will meet on **Sunday, November 24th**. Contact [Ralph Brown](#) or [Rich Elliott](#) for information and a Zoom, link.

Love at the Center: Living our UU Values Second Sundays Starting Sunday, November 10th 12:30 PM at 14 Main Street



**SIGN UP NOW THIS CLASS STARTS IN A
COUPLE WEEKS!**

I hope you will join me and Rich Elliott for the year-long Life Learning class **Love at the Center: Living Our UU Values**. With the embrace of supportive community, we will embark on a personal journey of living our Unitarian Universalist values in a complicated and adventurous world. Participants in this class will: engage in monthly reflection and examination of Unitarian Universalist values; bear witness to the divergent experiences and expressions of shared values; notice, name, and lean into discomfort, fears, and tensions inherent in living UU values; and finally, make monthly personal commitments to spiritual growth through manageable action.

This class will be offered in-person on the second Sundays, beginning November 10, 2024 from 12:30-2:30 at 14 Main Street. The class is limited to 16 people and runs till the second Sunday in June. **Please sign up early with office@oldshipchurch.org to ensure a seat.** This is NOT a hybrid class. If you would like to participate in a zoom class, sign up with this specific request. If we have at least 8 people interested in zoom, we will schedule a second zoom class.

Fellowship Hour & Snacks

Fellowship Hour will be held at 14 Main Street. Last names beginning A- H are asked to bring cold drinks and a snack on Sunday, November 3rd. Some type of finger or toothpick food that can be placed on a napkin is best. We don't have volunteers to hand wash dishes and are going to keep things simple. Please bring your food item ready to go. Food can be left in it's box or served on a paper plate. Thanks everyone.



In Sympathy

Elizabeth Falls, mother-in-law of Lauren Falls, died on March 29, 2024. Lauren is the daughter of Geraldine and Laurence Stein. There will be a private service of interment in the Old Ship Memorial Garden on November 2nd. We extend our sympathy to Lauren, her family and friends.



Friends of The Old Ship Church Pew Cleaning Team Saturdays, November 2nd, 9th & 16th 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

It has been years since the days of cleaning the pews - gently removing graffiti and treating the wood - led by Marty Saunders. The cleaning has started and will continue until completed. The several team efforts will be held on Saturday mornings starting at 9:00 am. Please join members of the Friends - just show up! Thank you!



News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)

Our Next Meeting is Saturday, November 2, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome! Here is the link to the meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89616584508?pwd=2jyjPJozSjVbJEOuwlK6qG5HB3sbm2.1>



November Special Plate/Outreach Collection: Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore — Given the increase in the need to provide shelter for families without homes throughout the Commonwealth and on the South Shore, we have selected the Friends as our special plate recipient for the month of November. Donations can be made online through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore. The special plate collection during a Sunday service will be announced in a weekly email.

We are in the process of learning whether there will be a holiday dinner this year for the families served by the Friends. We will update the congregation on this event in a weekly email.

Finally, we plan to participate in the holiday gift program for families served by the Friends, as we have done the past two years. We do not have the details yet for the program, but Davalene Cooper will update the congregation once we have additional information.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop In Book Group meeting on November 17 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom — All are welcome to join us as we discuss *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange. This is his second novel; we read his first novel, *There There*, last year. This new novel extends "his constellation of narratives into the past and future, Tommy Orange traces the legacies of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864 and the Carlisle Indian Industrial School

through three generations of a family in a story that is by turns shattering and wondrous." Davalene Cooper will facilitate our discussion. Here is the Zoom link for the meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86211336283?pwd=2ZgvqdlsyZxS2OtBFiZTfuarrZio32.1>.

Hingham Food Pantry — We collect food each week for the Hingham Food Pantry. Please leave your donations in the bins located in the vestibule of the Meeting House and at 14 Main Street. Items especially needed this month include the following: cookies, crackers, mac and cheese, hearty soups, pasta, and rice and pasta side dishes.

UU Urban Ministry's Community Conversations — The upcoming season is entitled *Revolution Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*. "As we approach the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution - a fight that played out here in Roxbury - we will explore that little-known history, and also look at revolutionary leaders today - and hear from young people about what revolution looks like tomorrow." The first conversation, *Revolution in Roxbury*, hosted by Thomas Plant, will take place on Thursday, November 7, from 6 to 7 p.m. on Zoom. "Thomas will be discussing how the Revolution's role in Roxbury. He will shed light on the significant events, key figures, and effects that the Revolution had on the social, political, and economic fabric of Roxbury. Through his discussion, by examining the Revolution's role in Roxbury, he will offer analysis that highlights the interconnectedness between national movements and grassroots initiatives. Thomas's insights will provide a deeper understanding of how Roxbury navigated the challenges and opportunities brought about by the Revolution." Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83582114133>

Thanksgiving Fund for Father Bill's & Mainspring — Father Bill's serves turkey dinners to those in need at Thanksgiving. There will be two community meal services, one in Brockton and one at the new Housing Resource Center in Quincy. Meals also are delivered to those who are homebound or alone on Thanksgiving. Father Bill's expects to provide about 1500 meals, which will be a single day record for the organization. As a result, Father Bill's needs to raise \$20,000 for this program. We at Old Ship support Father Bill's in many ways and we encourage our community to support this special outreach for the holiday. Donations can be made at [Thanksgiving Fund – Father Bill's & MainSpring \(helpfbms.org\)](http://ThanksgivingFund-FatherBill's&MainSpring(helpfbms.org)). Thanks in advance for your support!

Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network — Join this 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.

Old Ship Merrie Market
Saturday, December 14th
9:00am - 2:00pm
Hingham Community Center

Merrie Market Volunteers Needed!

Elves are needed for many tasks: baking for the bake table, donating silent auction items and treasures. We are setting up on Friday, 12/13,

staffing the market on Saturday, 12/14 and break-down.

Please schedule your time by emailing Carol Valentine at cvbostonma@aol.com, call or text Carol at 617-771-3383 or if you have any questions.

Silent Auction Items can be dropped off at 14 Main during office hours (Monday-Friday 10-2). We are looking for services you could provide, unique items, art/crafts and special antiques Please contact Carol Valentine, cvbostonma@aol.com. Pick up can be arranged.

Contact co-chairs: Lisa Patterson at pattersonlisa66@gmail.com and/or 617-529-1192 or Carol Valentine at cvbostonma@aol.com and/or 617-771-3383 with your questions.



Old Ship Candlelight Concert Sunday, November 17, at 4:00 P.M. Meeting House

Old Ship Candlelight Concerts kicks off its 51st season with the program I Lift My Lamp — Illuminations from Immigrant America by pianist Jacqueline Schwab on Sunday, November 17, at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting House. As the United States engages in difficult discussions about immigration and cultural diversity, I Lift My Lamp celebrates vintage songs and dances from American immigrants.



Inspired by Jacqueline's childhood years in vibrant, multicultural Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and her work with documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, this performance will highlight music from Western and Eastern Europe and the Caribbean and South America, as well as African American spirituals and ragtime.

Pianist Jacqueline Schwab's signature playing features in over a dozen of Ken Burns' documentaries, including, Baseball, Lewis and Clark, Mark Twain, The War, Benjamin Franklin and the Grammy-winning The Civil War. It is also part of other Public Broadcasting Systems documentaries, including The Irish in America — The Long Journey Home.. She has performed at the White House for President Clinton and has accompanied Scottish singer Jean Redpath on National Public Radio's A Prairie Home Companion and on CBS's Late Show with David Letterman.

For more information, please contact Christopher Sullivan at candlelightconcertsoldship@gmail.com.

Admission is free; your donation is welcome.



The Old Ship Church calendar is available on our website by clicking [here](#).

If you have an upcoming event or meeting and you want to see it on the calendar, please email [Lisa](#) in the office.

Additionally, if your contact information has changed, please email [Lisa](#) so she can update the Old Ship database.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

- **Community Space Team** - Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 P.M. Zoom
- **Choir Rehearsal** - Sunday, November 3, 9:30 A.M. Meeting House
- **Worship and Music Committee** - Sunday, November 3, 12:15 P.M. 14 Main St Conference Room/Zoom
- **Board of Trustees** - Thursday, November 7, 7:00 p.m. Zoom/Parlor ; [Click here for the zoom link](#) The agenda will be sent out next week

Printer Cartridge Collection

Please bring your used printer cartridges to 14 Main St and help raise funds for our office supplies. In 2023, we were able to convert used cartridges into almost \$500 of office supplies! Drop off your cartridges in the 14 Main Street office. Any brand or type of cartridge is fine. Thank you!



Scam Emails and Texts

Unfortunately, another scam text and email went out over the weekend. When a scam text or email is received, please Do Not Respond! **Reverend Carie would never ask for money or gift cards!**



Don't copy and paste links from emails, and don't hover over links to check their validity. Hackers can use coding to make a URL look legitimate

Out of Office

Lisa will be out of the office on Friday, November 1st, returning on Monday, November 4th at 9:00 A.M.



First Parish, Old Ship Church | 14 Main Street | Hingham, MA 02043 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!