

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



Special Summer Service from the Social Justice Council

on July 14 — Instead of a more traditional summer service, the SJC will be showing the documentary film, *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code*. "In the summer of 1995, Chicago experienced an unthinkable disaster, when extremely high humidity and a layer of heat-retaining pollution drove the heat index up to more than 126 degrees. *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code* tells the story of this tragic heatwave, the most traumatic in U.S. history, in which 739 citizens died over the course of just a single week, most of them poor, elderly, and African American." We will be showing the film at 14 Main, and due to the distribution rights, we cannot show the film on Zoom, so there will not be a Zoom link for this specific service. We will be providing food and beverages for our audience. The movie is about 80 minutes in length. There will be time to discuss the film for those who wish to stay a bit longer to do so. We hope to see you on July 14 for this important part of our social justice work!

UU the Vote Activities — Old Ship has signed up to be a "good trouble congregation" through the UU the Vote Program. We anticipate there will be opportunities this summer to participate in phone banks, text banks, and postcard writing. If you would like to be informed of these opportunities, Ellie Handleman is creating an email list and will contact people as these opportunities arise. To be on this list, send an email to ellie@thehandlemans.org.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop-in Book Group — We will begin again on September 15 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Here are the books for our first three months of the church year.

September 15 -- *All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis* (2020), edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katherine K. Wilkinson.

October 20 -- *The Black Box: Writing the Race* (2024) by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

November 17 -- *Wandering Stars* (2024) by Tommy Orange.

All are welcomed to join us.

Appreciation for Donations from Old Ship Members and Friends to the Pink Haven Coalition — We recently sent a check for \$834.06 to Pink Haven Coalition to support their work assisting trans individuals and families. We do not have special/outreach plates during the summer months, but they will resume in October. Thanks to everyone who supported our recipients this past year! This is one of the ways in which we help to create a more just and fair world!

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: Granola Bars, Cracker Sandwiches, Beef Stew, Side Dishes, Cookies, Crackers, Ketchup, Mayonnaise (small jars), Instant Coffee or

Instant Decaf Coffee, and Diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6, or 7. Donations also can be made at the Stop and Shop in Hingham.

Summer Planning Meeting on July 28 at 4 p.m. — If you would like to be a member of the Social Justice Council, please attend our summer planning meeting. Contact [Davalene Cooper](#) for more details regarding this in-person meeting. Everyone is welcome to be part of our social justice work at Old Ship. Additionally, we thank everyone who has supported our work this past church year by attending our programs and supporting our outreach efforts.

Summer Concerts at the UU Urban Ministry — The Makanda Project will have three jazz concerts this summer at the Urban Ministry, 10 Putnam Street in Boston. Everyone is invited to attend these free concerts under the summer sky in the heart of Roxbury. Here are the dates for the concerts: Saturday, July 13th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm, Saturday, August 17th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm, and Saturday, September 14th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

Update on SOLA and Shabana Basij-Rasikh — As you may recall, we have supported SOLA and welcomed Shabana as a speaker at Old Ship. Recently, she was selected as part of a group that Melinda French Gates has named to receive a \$20 million grant that this group can distribute as they wish. Congratulations to Shabana and the important work she is doing to educate girls from Afghanistan. As you may know, her school is located in Rwanda at the present time. To learn more about SOLA, go to [SOLA \(sola-afghanistan.org\)](http://SOLA(sola-afghanistan.org)).

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. Also, if you have an action alert you think our list would like to know about, please send it to Davalene and she will send it out as long as it fits the advocacy requirement for items. Send your email address to [Davalene Cooper](#), Keeper of the List.