
Serving Others



News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)

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.

Also, on June 6, Texas UU Justice Ministry is having a free, virtual event: a conversation with Steve Phillips about his book *How We Win the Civil War: Securing a Multiracial Democracy and Ending White Supremacy for Good*. To register, go to sidewithlove.org and scroll through upcoming events until you get to June 6.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop-in Book Group — Books have been selected for the first six months of the next church year; we do not meet during the summer. Here is the list in case you want to begin reading this summer.

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.

January 19 -- *In Search of Beloved Community: John Lewis* (2024) by Raymond Arsenault.

February 16 -- *1001 Voices on Climate Change: Everyday Stories of Flood, Fire, Drought, and Displacement from Around the World* (2021) by Devi Lockwood.

March 16 -- *Stories from the Shadows: Reflections of a Street Doctor* (2015) by Dr. Jim O'Connell.

We will again meet on the third Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. on Zoom. We do not meet in December. All are welcomed to join us.

Appreciation for Donations from Old Ship Members and Friends to Interfaith Power and Light — We recently sent a check for \$623 to Interfaith Power & Light, our April special plate recipient. Thanks to everyone who contributed to support the work of this important organization. We do not have special/outreach plates during the summer months, but we will resume with them 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.

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.