

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. There are opportunities to be involved in several different ways to get out the vote. We will continue to let the congregation know about these activities through our weekly and monthly newsletter. Here is what we know at this time.

In person canvassing in swing states for anyone who might like to travel:

- Philadelphia Sept. 6-8 (Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt will be attending)
- Pittsburgh Sept. 20-22
- Athens (GA) Sept. 28 – this action is led by a partner organization
- Dallas/Fort Worth Oct. 4-6 (Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt will attend)
- Phoenix Oct. 25-27
- North Carolina – late October – this action is also led by a partner organization
- Wisconsin/Florida/Colorado – Nov. 1-5

In addition, there will be weekly phone banks on Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm, starting Aug. 27 through Oct. 29.

Finally, if you would like to write "get out the vote" targeted postcards, they can be written starting now, and then they are held to be mailed until Sept. 6 if going to Virginia, Sept. 15 if going to Georgia, or Oct. 1 if going elsewhere.

To sign up to do any of these things, please contact Ellie Handleman, who is organizing our UU the Vote efforts at Old Ship. Send her an email at

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.

Hingham Food Pantry — We have been told that the food pantry is very low on a few items. If you are able, please donate the following: Crackers, Cookies, Pasta Sauce, and Cracker Sandwiches. Please leave your donations in the bins located in the vestibule of the Meeting House or at 14 Main Street. Donations also can be made at the Hingham Stop and Shop.

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, 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.