

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=2jyjPJoZSjVbJEOuwIK6qG5HB3sbm2.1>

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 \(helpfbms.org\)](https://www.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.