

Serving Others



News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)

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>

Opportunities this month to help those in need — We have identified two specific projects to help our neighbors in need this month. Please help as you are able with one or both of this projects.

1. **Blanket Drive for the migrant families at the Quincy Welcome Center on October 6** — We are collecting NEW blankets for migrant families being served by Bay State Community Services. Bring your blanket to church on Sunday, October 6. The blankets will be delivered to Bay State the next day. If you are unable to bring your blankets to church that day, please drop them off at 14 Main before October 6. Thanks in advance for spreading warmth and love to these families.

2. **Providing "Birthday Kits" for the Hingham Food Pantry on October 20** — We are seeking to create 30 "birthday kits" for the Hingham Food Pantry. We are asking members of our community to put together a box of cake mix, a 12 ounce can of soda, and a can of frosting. Place these items in a bag and bring to church on October 20. The SJC will add candles and an aluminum baking pan. We discovered that the soda replaces the need for oil and eggs in the cake mix--and we tested this to ensure that the resulting cake was delicious (it was!). Here are the combinations of cake mix and soda to use in putting together your donation: Coca Cola + Chocolate Cake Mix, Sprite + Yellow Cake Mix, Dr. Pepper + Red Velvet Cake Mix, A&W Cream Soda + Vanilla Cake Mix, Barq's Root Beer + Spice Cake Mix, Canada Dry Ginger Ale + Carrot Cake Mix, Mountain Dew + Lemon Cake Mix, Fanta Strawberry + Strawberry Cake Mix, Sierra Mist + Butter Pecan Cake Mix, Pibb Xtra + Devil's Food Cake. Thanks for contributing to this project that will help our neighbors celebrate their birthdays!

UU the Vote - get involved! UU the Vote is partnering with Reclaim Our Vote of the Center for Common Ground, an organization that fights for voting rights and mobilizes communities of color. Ellie Handleman is making packets of 10, 20, or 30 postcards with all the information you need to write on them and send them out. You'll receive general instructions, instructions specific for the location you're addressing cards for, stickers you put on the cards (containing the meaty information about numbers they can call or websites they can visit to check on their voter registration, or to register), a list of addresses, and postcards. There will be a script for a sentence or so to write above the sticker, and a few phrases around the card (preferably in color). The

addresses are to be hand-written on the cards. Ellie can make up packets on demand, and bring them to church - or you can pick them up at her house. Contact her at ellie@thehandlemans.org OR text or call (781)985-2659. Postcards need to be mailed by mid-October.

IN ADDITION, for determined and devoted souls, there is a UU the Vote phone bank every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. through Oct. 29. There's a Zoom call to get all the instructions and support you need - then some time for making calls, then a brief re-gathering to discuss. You can stay on the Zoom call while making calls, so you won't feel (or be) alone. AND - Ellie will be on the support team for every phone bank, so if you come you can count on seeing at least one familiar face. To register for a phone bank, go to <https://sidewithlove.org/>, scroll down to events, then keep scrolling until you get to an event entitled "UU the Vote 2024 Weekly Phonebank." Ellie says it's a lot more fun than it sounds like, and she'd love to see you there!

October Special Plate Collection: Hingham Food Pantry — Given the increase in food insecurity, we have decided to name the Hingham Food Pantry as our special plate recipient for the month of October. We think this is an important way to serve our Hingham neighbors in need. Donations can be made online through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Hingham Food Pantry. The special plate during a Sunday service will be announced in a weekly Constant Contact.

In addition to this month's special "Birthday Kt" collection, we also collect food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry each week in the Meeting House and at 14 Main; there is a basket in the vestibule for donations. Currently, the following items are especially needed for the pantry: Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Granola Bars, Canned Tuna, Cookies, Minute Rice, Noodle or Potato Side dishes, and Canned Vegetables.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop In Book Group meeting on October 20 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom — All are welcome to join us as we discuss *The Black Box: Writing the Race* by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Professor Gates based this book on his lectures in his Introduction to African American Studies course at Harvard. He writes, "Black people have actually been arguing with one another about what it means to be Black since they began to publish their thoughts and feelings in the latter quarter of the eighteenth century....there never has been one way to be Black; the African Americans are as varied and as complex in their political and religious beliefs." This book explores the thoughts and writings of many of these writers. Patti Smith will facilitate our discussion. Here is the Zoom link for the meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82584819266?pwd=y3JmzfA6OveyZSxO3DvqbygTtahDZV.1>.

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. Send your email address to [Davalene Cooper](#), Keeper of the List.

Author Talk - Safety through Solidarity: A Radical Guide to Fighting Antisemitism. As Old Ship holds teach-ins on the Middle East through October, we must also address the intersectionality of struggles against oppression. [Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East](#) is hosting this [Zoom conference](#) with authors Shane Burley and Ben Lorber, who explain how marginalized groups' liberation is collective, and how to build true solidarity with neighbors. Conference is on October 9, 7:30-9 PM. RSVP required.

