

News from the Social Justice

Council (SJC)

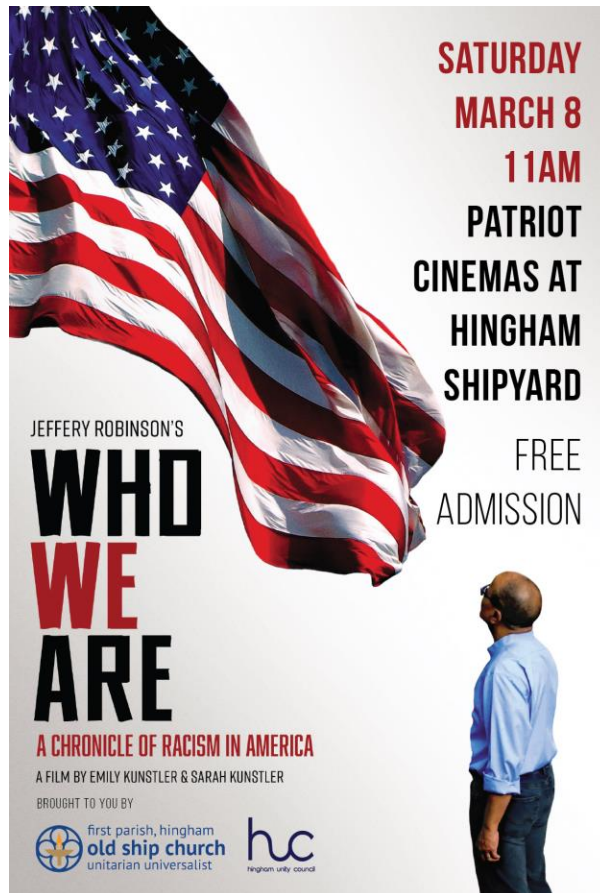


Our Next Meeting is **Saturday, April 5, at 9 a.m.** on Zoom. All are welcome! Here is the link to the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89786941158?pwd=ch18LpVj1Hqsd3p9ruwBJyjID16rag.1>

March is a Busy Month for Our Commitment to Anti-Racism Work at Old Ship —

First, we will be showing the film, ***Who We Are*, on Saturday, March 8, at 11 a.m. at the Shipyard Theaters.** This will be a free community event; we are co-sponsoring the film with the Hingham Unity Council. This documentary film examines our national history of racism. It is a compelling film and we are grateful for the support of the Shipyard Theater in donating the space and staff to share it with the community.



Second, on March 16, after church at 14 Main, we will be showing the video of the lecture from the Hingham Historical Society on slavery in Hingham. This lecture led to several of us learning that our Old Ship Minister Ebenezer Gay had enslaved people. Even if you saw the lecture when it was given, you might find it useful to see it a second time.

Third, members of the SJC have researched the history of enslaved and native people at Old Ship, including the history of our early ministers who enslaved people. Although we may discover more information in the future, we will be releasing the report of our research through the weekly email on March 18. We have scheduled an opportunity to react and discuss the report after church on Sunday, March 23.

We look forward to sharing these events with the congregation.

All Church Read and Discussion: *Authentic Selves: Celebrating Trans and Nonbinary People and Their Families* — This important and interesting book has been selected by the UUA as a Common Read for Congregations during this church year. The SJC invites

everyone to read the book and attend an in-person or Zoom discussion in June as part of Pride Month. Rev. Carie also will be discussing the book in one of her sermons or reflections that same month. The book is available from bookstores, including online ones. However, if we purchase books through the UUA Bookstore, we can get a discount of either 10 or 20%, depending upon how many books we order. The cost of the book without a discount is \$22.00. If you would like to be part of an Old Ship order, let Davalene Cooper know by email at davalenecooper@verizon.net by March 21. She will order the books and let you know the final cost. You may learn more about the book at [inSpirit: UUA Bookstore and Gift Shop: Authentic Selves](#).

March Special Plate/Outreach Collection: UU Mass Action —

UU Mass Action was founded in 2006, and is the original state-wide UU organizing and advocacy group in the US. Its mission is to organize and mobilize the 20,000 Unitarian Universalists and 142 congregations in Massachusetts to confront oppression. All of this work is in partnership with larger campaigns and coalitions. UU Mass Action selects its pathways to justice by identifying the priorities in which congregations are engaged, taking part in coalition partners' shared priorities, assessing legislative momentum, and identifying who are the most vulnerable people in the Commonwealth.

Donations can be made as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House on Sunday, March 2, or at anytime throughout the month through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering:UU Mass Action. Thanks in advance for your support of this important work that puts our values out into the world.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our January outreach collection for the UU Urban Ministry's Renewal House. We sent them a donation of \$1349.60. Thanks for supporting this important expression of our UU values!

UU Mass Action Advocacy Day — Upset about current affairs? Wish there were something you could do? There IS! Join Ellie Handleman and lots of other UUs for Mass Advocacy Day on April 8. This takes a bit of time, but UU Mass Action does ALL the leg work. They gather all the information we need and deliver it clearly, so that we can be prepared to meet, via Zoom (you *don't* have to travel into Boston), with state senators and state representatives to advocate for legislation on topics like Climate and Environmental Justice, Indigenous Justice, Economic and Housing Justice, Decarceration

and End Solitary Confinement, and Immigrant Justice. Catch Ellie to discuss at coffee hour, or email (ellie@thehandlemans.org) or call (781-985-9593) her, she'd love to answer your questions.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop In Book Group next meeting on March 16 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom — We will be discussing *Stories from the Shadows: Reflections of a Street Doctor* by Dr. Jim O'Connell. This book contains Dr. O'Connell's collection of stories from his more than 30 years of caring for homeless persons in Boston. It is a beautiful book! Patti Smith will lead the discussion. Here is the Zoom link for the book group discussion: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81315204148?pwd=8WYX39hSuqdNFQAp6cJ3H9P3wZQbca.1>

Hingham Food Pantry — This month, the food pantry is in need of the following items: cookies, healthy cold cereal, minute rice, two pound bags of sugar, granola bars, decaf ground coffee, and pasta sauce. Items may be donated each week during Sunday services at the Meeting House or dropped off anytime the office is open at 14 Main Street. There also are drop off boxes for the food pantry at Stop & Shop (near the Beal Street Entrance/Exit), at Jack Conway and at Coldwell Banker. Thanks to everyone who supports our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

UU Urban Ministry News — Community Conversations: Revolution of Historical Examination, on Thursday, March 6, from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom. (link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82902440676>). Join Aabid Allibhai, Mary Snyder, and Dr. Michael Curry, Collin Knight, and Reggie Walker for a discussion of why uncovering, examining, and understanding Black and Brown history matters in 2025.