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April 2025 Monthly Newsletter

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Deadline for May's newsletter: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Multi-Platform:
Join us in-person in the Meeting House
or on Zoom
Zoom link opens at 10:15 a.m.

[Click here to join Sunday Worship!](#)

March 30th

Communities of Resistance and Resilience

Rev. Laura Randell, Pulpit Guest

Authoritarian regimes depend on making people feel alone and powerless. The truth is that we have incredible collective power through communities of resistance, resilience, and mutual aid. Join us as we welcome the Rev. Laura Randall from the UU Service Committee. She will share stories from UUSC grassroots partners who are showing us how to survive, and thrive, in turbulent times.

Rev. Laura Randell, Pulpit Guest

As the Director for Congregation Relations at UUSC, the Reverend Laura Randall (she/her/hers) facilitates partnerships to strengthen the impact of the UU Service Committee and the social justice reach of UU communities. Prior to joining UUSC, Laura's ministry included serving as the Legacy Campaign Director for the Unitarian Universalist Association and hospice chaplaincy. She lives in Medford, Massachusetts with her spouse and their two dogs



April Newsletter
Monthly theme:



April 6th

Living Our Values

Rev. Carie Johnsen

It's been a year! We entered into new ministries, cultivated a relationship of trust, encountered our human imperfections, acknowledged our growing edges, embraced the practice of historical stewardship, and found comfort in community. Let's affirm and celebrate as we deepen our commitment to another year of ministry with Love at the Center.

April 13th The Way of the Naturalist

Rev. Carie Johnsen

This Sunday service will expand upon on the illusion of separateness from in the March service on mycelium mushrooms. Sharing experiences and expressions of religious naturalism, we will further reflect upon the nature of reciprocity.

April 20th

Joy Rising

Rev. Carie Johnsen

With Easter and Earth Day landing in the same week, we will gather to affirm joy in rebirth and renewal.

April 27th

**Solidarity, Faith, and Action:
What our Youth and Young Adult UUs Have Taught Us**

Rev. D.L. Hefler

From campus sit-ins to millions of marchers, young people led the way demanding an end to this current genocide in Palestine. As politics shift toward authoritarian actions, these youth remain persistent, clear on what they are fighting for. What, then, might they teach us today?

Rev. DL Helfer, Pulpit Guest

Rev DL Helfer is non-binary, and in general avoids boxes which traps them into "this" or "that." Instead, they search for possibility, for deeper truths, and share those glimmers of possibility with others. Rev. DL is also a licensed social worker, presently working for a community health agency.. Rev. DL hails from Southern California but now calls Providence, RI home. They share that home with their beloved partner and two overzealous cats.



What if joy is not only
entangled with pain,
suffering or sorrow,
but it's also what
emerges from how we
care for each other
through those things?

Ross Gay



I don't think anyone
"finds" joy. Rather,
we cultivate it by
searching for the
preciousness of
small things.

Dawna Markova



EVERYDAY ORDINARY THEOLOGIES

From the desk of Rev. Carie

In this month's article, I am choosing to lift up the voice of Adam O'Dell, the Soul Matters Music Resources Coordinator. For those of you unfamiliar with Soul Matters, I offer context. Soul matters is a monthly worship resource curated by Unitarian Universalist religious professionals. The First Parish Hingham, Worship and Music Committee is a subscriber. We turn to the resource multiple times a month in preparations for Sunday services,

In Adam's April article, he reminds readers joy is a practice.

It's one thing to identify joy when you feel it. It's one of the easier things we do as people. It is another thing entirely to practice it.

Adam's reflects on researching joy on the heels of a divorce.

...when I saw quotes about true joy being about loving another person, I noted (perhaps uncharitably) that those quotes tacitly invalidate any joy I may be feeling right now. When I saw quotes about true joy coming from within, I thought about the times in the past two months where a friend or family member has cheered me up when I didn't have the strength to conjure joy from within.

The quotes about joy from achievement seemed especially foreign when I read them, seeing as I've had many a day without achievements in the last few months (at least in the traditional sense of the word).

Perhaps considering these quotes more charitably, I can at least proclaim for myself that I deserve joy despite no longer being in a loving marriage, despite not being able to do it all by myself on a given day, or despite not "achieving" any more than getting out of bed.

For all the pain this time has brought, I have thankfully been more strongly reminded of the sources of joy in my life: my friends, family, and

congregation among them. I feel joy in these moments because I am practicing joy, not simply hoping it shows up.

I so appreciate the way in which Adam offers a real experience of being with joy in moments of pain and heartbreak. He also affirms the necessity of joy in outrage and advocacy. In reflecting on the attempts by ICE to detain and deport, he draws on the civil rights movement reminding us,

one of the most bold acts of resistance we perform is the act of stubborn joy in the face of those who wish to see us silenced, scared, and hopeless.

As I read his words, I feel joy move through my being with thoughts of our very own Hingham elders organizing street protests in front of the post office every Wednesday morning. I vividly recall a conversation with two of the ninety-something organizers sharing experiences from their 60+ years of protesting together. One leaned in wisely to joyfully and proudly assert, “I’ve been arrested twice. I think I have one more in me.” There my friends is a poignant powerful and persistent practice of Joy!

May we all be so wise in our practice of joy this month. May we find ways to practice joy, cultivate joy, and spread joy in our days, in our relationships, and in our advocacy.

With Love at the Center,
Carie

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Living Our Vision - Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign Kicks Off!

April is our Stewardship campaign month at Old Ship and this year our Board of Trustees is leading the campaign. Our chosen theme is **Living Our Vision**. As Unitarian Universalists we share a vision of lives committed to UU values. And, as our Old Ship vision statement reads, we wish our church to be “an active, ethical and spiritual force working together to make the larger community a better place to live.” Together through our generosity expressed in financial commitment to Old Ship, we can turn this vision into a reality.

This year, with the inspired ministry of Reverend Carie, we have turned a corner at Old Ship. Your financial support will allow us to continue our transition ministry process. We can sponsor more community events, grow our RE program, and care for our beloved Meeting House. We can pay our staff fairly, fund our Social Justice initiatives, offer Life Learning courses, and continue to be inspired every week by our worship and music service. Of course, this all requires the necessary resources only we provide. As a UU congregation, we are completely self-supporting. **It is up to each one of us to support Old Ship to the best of our ability.** You should receive a giving guide and pledge card by mail this week. Please return your pledge card or go online to pledge now by visiting www.oldshipchurch.org/giving.

The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a kick off event at coffee hour following service on Sunday, April 6th. Please join us to celebrate the generosity, abundance and enthusiasm present in our Old Ship community! If you have any questions, please contact our Board President and Stewardship Chair, Trish McAleer at president@oldshipchurch.org.

April Board of Trustees Update

The Board of Trustees met on March 6th for our monthly business meeting. Below are items of note not listed elsewhere in the newsletter:



GA Delegates Wanted! The Board is looking for delegates to this year's [UUA General Assembly](#) in Baltimore, MD, June 18-22. Those of us who have attended in past years know how incredible it is to be with UUs from around the world and learn about the greater issues we face together. If you can not attend live, there is also a virtual option. Financial assistance is available. Please contact Board President Trish McAleer, president@oldshipchurch.org.

Building and Grounds Update: The Board voted to approve an expenditure up to \$2000 for heating system repairs from Wilkinson Heating. A new rental agreement has been developed. Two events coming up will provide \$400 each for rentals in March and April. It was a consensus that an event assistant is required and is additionally paid per hour (\$25). The security deposit is returned in full if all is in good repair and clean. Contract, fee schedule, and description of an event assistant will be provided to all renters. Website sensitive information - Vice President Janice McPhillips advised the following; the new website is now live. The directory has a link which all have to log in for access to Breeze. It was a consensus not to post minutes or annual reports on the website. Members may have access to these by contacting Lisa Beck in the office.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Clayton Handleman reported the following; The largest category with high expenditures is the Building maintenance. There was discussion relating to best ways to address the budget needs of the Music program. Rev. Carie will facilitate this process. Also raised was the possibility of rescheduling the BOT meeting to the second week of the month so that the Finance Committee could meet the first week as soon as they get the monthly financials and then can prepare for the BOT. This change would best be

implemented at the start of a new church year. Treasurer Handleman is seeking a process to manage these funds in the Auxiliary Women's Account that currently have no signatories. The bank will accept Clayton as an authorized signatory. In the summer, Clayton will develop a proposal for the disposition of this money and the regular contributions for this from the Hersey Trust. The Board approved a motion to add the Treasurer and President signatories on the Auxiliary Women's Account. Lastly, President Trish McAleer requested that the BOT be allocated a larger budget in future years so that the expenses are able to be supported and not covered by BOT members' personal monies.

Membership Initiative - Clerk Elaine Cusker advised that a monthly Newcomer Coffee after service will be organized once a month.

Gift Policy -Clerk Elaine also shared that she contacted the UUA for a potential example of a gift policy for utilizing a Bequest. Hilary Allen responded that there are no standard examples but she offered a few which Elaine will share with the BOT.

Religious Education Update - President Trish McAleer advised that between four to six children are regularly attending class. Further discussion is needed to determine if hiring a DRE is appropriate next year as there is only one classroom of children. The Board discussed the possibility of continuing on with a teacher or a RE coordinator. Trish and Rev Carie will be meeting with RE Teacher Addy Handleman and Volunteer teacher Judy Flaherty for a meeting next week.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions by emailing us at President@oldshipchurch.com

Your Board of Trustees,

Trish McAleer, President
Janice McPhillips, Vice President
Clayton Handleman, Treasurer
Elaine Cusker, Clerk
Karen Churchill, Dennis Hogan, Corey Fitz-Marquez; Trustees-at-large

Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates for Several Leadership Positions

The Old Ship Nominating Committee is charged with identifying and nominating candidates to fill vacancies in elected positions within the congregation. This year's committee consists of Dana Kintigh, Susannah Thomas, and Joan Wilson.

This is an exciting time for our congregation, as we shape our vision for the future. It's an ideal time to get more involved in leadership!

The work has begun to identify candidates for the 2025/2026 church year. The following positions will be open as of July 1, 2025:



At-Large Member, Board of Trustees

One member needed to join the seven-member Board of Trustees

(Term = three years; maximum of two consecutive terms)

Serve on the Board of Trustees in a non-Officer role. If you have ever considered getting more involved in leadership at Old Ship, this is a perfect opportunity to ease in and learn the ropes.

Member, Nominating Committee Member

One member needed to join the three-member Nominating Committee

(Term = three years)

Help to identify candidates for elected positions in the church and assist with orientation and training for newly elected individuals.

Collector

One collector needed to join a two-member team

(Term = one year; maximum of three consecutive terms)

Support the Treasurer by collecting and accounting plate collections each Sunday. Duties are divided between two collectors, for staggered scheduling.

Member, Trustees of Invested Funds

One member is needed to join a five-member committee

Term = five years

Help to oversee Old Ship's investment manager in the sound management of the church's investment portfolio.

If you would like more information about any of the vacant positions, please contact [Susannah Thomas \(zanthomas@gmail.com\)](mailto:zanthomas@gmail.com). Ideally, we would like to know of your interest.

Attention Families!
Join us for Children's Religious
Education
programming on April 6th

Intergenerational Service,
Sunday March 30th Families will
stay in The Meeting House



Our RE programming meets the first and third Sundays with the fourth Sunday remaining our multi-generational Social Justice project day. Please have your kids join us next Sunday (April 6th & 20th) for children RE class. The kids will start in the meeting house and then go down the street with RE teachers Addy and Judi. For more information please email Trish McAleer president@oldshipchurch.org.

The final Sunday (April 27th) will remain our multi-generational Social Justice project day. On April 27th, all are welcome to join us to make and pack 80+ individual bagged lunches for Father Bill's/Mainspring Quincy Center, in support of people experiencing homelessness. For more information on Social Justice Sunday please contact Maureen Butler at butlermcginnis18@gmail.com.

New Information: Ministerial Discretionary Fund

Pastoral Care Leadership Team

We are all on the pastoral care team, but our "Pastoral Care Leadership Team" meets each month to share any concerns about parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or facing other significant challenges, and to coordinate responses. If you have a pastoral concern to share with our Team, please feel free to contact any member of the group listed below.



Ministerial Discretionary Fund

Have you encountered unanticipated medical bills? Are you experiencing financial strain from loss of employment or rising energy and food costs? Rev. Carie has modest ministerial discretionary funds to assist people in times of financial stress. Please reach out to her directly and/or encourage others to call to request assistance.

[Ralph Brown](#)

[Liz Flint](#) 508-560-1572

[Elaine Gomez](#) 781 820 4077.

[Fan Leonard](#) 781-749-2852

[Claire Petrie](#) 617-642-2438

[Joan Wilson](#) 617-947-4664

[Louise Smith](#) 781-690-1165

[Rev. Carie Johnson](#) 508-221-5295

Musical Notes

Dear Old Ship,

Spring is here and the days are getting longer. I'm so happy to see warmer days in the forecast. As many of you know, I'm an avid gardener and this time of year I can usually be found in my backyard or out on a trail observing the many magnificent details of plants, rocks, soil, and a plethora of organisms big and small that surround us every single day.

Being in nature is a great way to help myself feel grounded and refreshed; I'm sure many of you feel similarly. I'm always excited when I see two of my biggest passions (music and nature) overlap in interesting ways. I'm sharing an article about how mushrooms respond to sound and music called "[Nature Is Always Listening](#)." One small excerpt particularly resonated with me: "What an astonishing world we live in — a world in which, as the poetic naturalist John Muir observed epochs before our science, 'when we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.'"

Happy Spring!

Musically,
Christopher



WISDOM OF THE POETS

April is national Poetry Month and to celebrate poets, I'll be holding 2 Poetry Salons from 3-5 PM at my house (34 Ship St.) Dates to be determined. Watch Constant Contact for details.

Over the land freckled with snow half-thawed
The speculating rooks at their nests cawed
And saw from elm-tops, delicate as flowers of grass,
What we below could not see, Winter pass.

Edward Thomas, "Thaw" English Poet and friend of Robert Frost.

responses always welcome: elizabethtorrey@hotmail.com



Community Space Team (CST) April Update

We received approval from Massachusetts Historical Commission to dig trenches on the property for the new Parish House. The result of the trenching was good news: no archeological artifacts. We will now go ahead with soil borings that will give us all the information we need to complete the foundation design. We will then send the complete schematic design to a cost estimator who will give us a detailed estimate of the construction cost. At that point, we'll assess the cost and our budget and make recommendations on next steps.



The Community Space Team
Stuart Patterson, Dennis Hogan, Ron Pollara, Elaine Gomez and Laura Harbottle

Transitional Ministry Committee Listening Circles

The Transitional Ministry Committee will host Listening Circles in April to further explore our joys and concerns as we move through this time of shared discernment as a church community. Please join us on one of the following dates:

Tuesday, April 15: 6:00pm on Zoom
Wednesday, April 16: 1:00 pm at the
Gathering, 14 Main Street
Sunday, April 27: 12:00 pm, 14 Main Street



Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall at the office at 14 Main Street. Responses can also be called in to Lisa at 781-749-1679 or emailed to office@oldshipchurch.org.

We look forward to continuing the conversation!

Welcome Newcomers! **Join Us for a** **Monthly Newcomers Coffee**

Are you new to our congregation and are wondering what we are all about? Do you have questions about Unitarian Universalism, Old Ship Church or just looking for a warm place to connect? We invite you to join us for our Monthly Newcomers Coffee Hour! It's a relaxed and friendly space where you can meet fellow newcomers, chat with long-time members, and learn more about the life and spirit of our community. Grab a cup of coffee (or tea!) and come as you are – we look forward to welcoming you! The Newcomer Coffee Hours will usually be held the third Sunday of each month. The Newcomer Coffee meet at our church offices (14 Main Street) following the service. This month, the date will be determined shortly and shared. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Janet Asnes](#), [Elaine Cusker](#), [Diane Elliott](#), or our Minister, [Rev. Carie Johnsen](#)



Spring Membership Ceremony

Membership in Unitarian Universalist communities is a journey of belonging and becoming. We are hopeful you are experiencing a growing sense of belonging as you weave your way into the community at Old Ship. Our monthly 3rd Sunday Newcomer Coffee offers an opportunity for us to get to know each other, share spiritual experiences, learn about First Parish Hingham, and guide connections for deeper relationships. With time and growing connections, you may decide to take the next step of becoming a member at First Parish (Old Ship). The ritual of signing the membership is completed with our minister, Rev. Carie Johnsen. If you are at this step in your journey of belonging, please reach out to her at 508-221-6295 or revcarie@oldshipchurch.org. We look forward to welcoming all new members through a spring Membership Ceremony at Sunday service. Stay tuned for the date to be announced.

RASA STRING QUARTET **PRESENTS: REDEFINING HOME**

Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
Old Ship Church

Formed in 2019, the Rasa String Quartet explores the profound connection between music and storytelling found at the heart of folk traditions worldwide. Their upcoming concert, "Redefining Home," celebrates each artist's musical roots through a vibrant tapestry of sound.



Journey with the quartet through evocative Indian ragas, mysterious Argentine tangos, and spirited Celtic fiddle tunes. This unique collaboration evokes the feelings of home and comfort inherent in our earliest musical memories while exploring rhythmic connections across diverse genres.

The program culminates in the world premiere of a new work for string quartet and percussion by guest percussionist Brian Shankar Adler, inspired by this remarkable musical collaboration.

Join us for an afternoon of boundary-crossing music that will transport you across continents while bringing you closer to home. Please contact Christopher Sullivan at candlelightconcertsoldship@gmail.com for more information. Admission is free; your donation is welcome.

Trans Parent and Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 P.M.
14 Main Street, Hingham

Gather with others who share your experience of being a transgender parent or caregiver. Come join us as we tell our stories in a safe and supportive environment. This group will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month. Please contact Bob Caravana at bobcaravana@gmail.com.



Saturday, April 26th at 8:00 a.m.
Virtual Workshop: Opportunity for learning - how to be welcoming to the LGBTQ+ community

First UU Society of Syracuse, NY, is holding an all-day virtual workshop called Building Beloved Community Beyond the Binary that some Old Shippers (and friends) will join in the parlor to watch on Saturday, April 26. Watch your weekly emails for more information!



Life Learning
at Old Ship
2024 – 2025



Life Learning Offerings

Our Life Learning Committee has completed the schedule of classes and groups for 2024-2025.

[Please click here for the schedule.](#)

Ceilidh! – Gathers on the first Tuesday of each month. This means our next monthly song/poem circle will be on **Tuesday evening, April 1st at 7:00 p.m.** We are currently planning to gather in the Parlor as well as on Zoom. Email [Eric Cornetta](mailto:Eric.Cornetta) with any questions about Ceilidh. The zoom link is:

Spiritual Eldering

Rich Elliott, Claire Petrie

Six Wednesdays, April 2 – May 7, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

As our lifespans continue to expand, we can expect more losses and pain, although we can also embrace the blessings these additional years bring. We plan in this gathering to share the group's collective wisdom as we navigate life's later chapters. Eldering can be cultivated when it is supported by loving awareness, conscious intention, self discovery and appreciation for the wholeness of life. For information and to sign up, contact [Rich](#) or [Claire](#).

The Gathering

The Gathering will meet **every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.** in 14 Main Street Parlor. All women are welcome! For info contact [Diane Elliott](#) or [Carol Valentine](#).

Sacred Texts Meditation Group

Next gathering: Thursday, March 27th

4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Zoom

Second and fourth Thursday afternoons

Each session will have a reading, a 15-minute meditation, and exploration of one chapter from the Tao Te Ching (including its meaning to each of us), as well as related writings, poetry or art. Newcomers are welcome. Gatherings will be Zoom only. For information and the Zoom link, contact [Rich Elliott](#).

Bodhisattva Study Group - Every **Sunday morning, 8:30 AM**. Zoom only.

Twenty minutes of sitting meditation followed by discussion of a Buddhist or related text, facilitated by members of the group. For questions and Zoom link, email [Lisa Sawyer](#).

Men's Breakfast – Meets on the Fourth Sunday morning of each month at **8:30 a.m.** in 14 Main St. Parlor and on Zoom. Our next gathering will meet on **Sunday, April 23rd**. Contact [Ralph Brown](#) or [Rich Elliott](#) for information and a Zoom, link.

Fellowship Hour & Snacks

Fellowship Hour will be held at 14 Main Street. Last names beginning **Q - Z** are asked to bring cold drinks and a snack on **Sunday, March 30th**. Some type of finger or toothpick food that can be placed on a napkin is best. We don't have volunteers to hand wash dishes and are going to keep things simple. Please bring your food item ready to go. Food can be left in it's box or served on a paper plate. Thanks everyone.



News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)

April Special Plate/Outreach Collection: Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) — The Palestine

Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) was founded in 1991 by concerned humanitarians in the United States. It provides free medical care to thousands of injured and ill children yearly who lack local access to care within their local health care system in Gaza and the West Bank. Thousands of affected children have been sent abroad for free medical care and thousands of international doctors and nurses have provided free medical care in local hospitals in Gaza and the West Bank. Additionally, at present, PCRF is supporting and providing aid to children in Gaza who have lost one or both parents in the war and children who have been injured themselves.



PCRF has received four stars from Charity Navigator, which is the highest possible ranking. Given the tragic situation in Gaza, the Social Justice Council encourages our members and friends to support this month's special plate. **Additionally, a member of our congregation has offered to match contributions up to \$1,000.** We also will have representatives from the PCRF's Team Boston with us at the April 27 service. You may learn more about PCRF at [PCRF](#).

Donations can be made as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House on Sunday, April 27, or at anytime throughout the month through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: PCRF. 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 February outreach collection for HEET. We sent them a donation of \$702.33. 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 April 20 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom — We will be discussing *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper* by Heather McGhee. This is the book Rev. Carie recommended during her Martin Luther King, Jr. Service in January. Davalene Cooper will lead the discussion. Here is the Zoom link for the book group discussion: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87694841119?pwd=SgKhenxzjtjZ914Va9ayTrsAITWSNbm.1>

Hingham Food Pantry — This month, the food pantry is running low on the following items and has asked us to consider donating these specific foods: cookies, rice side dishes, crackers, 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. We have noticed an increase in donations on Sunday morning--we are grateful, as is the food pantry!

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. You may learn more about the book at [inSpirit: UUA Bookstore and Gift Shop: Authentic Selves.](#)

UU Urban Ministry News —

Community Conversations: Revolution Today & Tomorrow (RYP Takeover) on April 3, from 6-7 p.m. in Zoom. Join the students from Roxbury Youth Programs (RYP) as they welcome special guests to discuss how youth can be the changemakers of today and in the future. Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83898583031>.

The Roxbury Collaborative Presents: Roxbury Patriots Day! This event is at the UUUM, 10 Putnam Street, Roxbury, and begins at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, April 21. Join others for the reenactment of William Dawes ride from Roxbury to warn the American colonists that the British were coming, a free buffet breakfast, historic talks, and even a historic trolley ride! All events are free and open to the public. See the schedule at [Roxbury Patriots' Day](#).

29th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace: The Mother's Day Walk for Peace is a beloved Boston tradition honoring the lives of our loved ones who have been murdered. It is the [Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's \(LDBPI\)](#) largest fundraising event to grow and sustain our services, advocacy and training. Members of Old Ship have marched in the walk in the past. If you would like to walk or organize an Old Ship team, you may find more information, [CLICK HERE](#) to find a team or to register as an individual to walk on May 12th.

Join the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Resistance Network!

UUSC is building power to resist authoritarianism. The fight for human rights has never been more urgent, and we refuse to be silent. The UUSC Resistance Network is a rapid mobilization hub—uniting people of faith and conscience to take action when civil liberties, democracy, and human rights are under attack. In the coming weeks, we will: 1) Feature stories of resistance from frontline communities and faith leaders, 2) Share which bills UUSC is watching and how to influence them, 3) Expand our resource library with knowledge, tools, and training, and 4) Mobilize for urgent actions in response to the Trump administration. Click here to join this network: [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee | Action Center](#).

Merrie Market Update

Dave Petrie has offered his time and energy and has accepted the role of Chair for Merrie Market 2025. He is encouraging those of us with any new ideas for the market or changes to it, to please let him know. "This event always brings together the wonderful Old Ship community and I'm happy to be on board!" Dave - 781-400-9434



The Old Ship Church calendar is available on our website by clicking [here](#).

If you have an upcoming event or meeting and you want to see it on the calendar, please email [Lisa](#) in the office.

Additionally, if you contact information has changed, please email [Lisa](#) so she can update the Old Ship database.



Upcoming Committee Meetings

- **Transitional Ministry Team** - Wednesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m., 14 Main Conference Hall
- **Choir Rehearsal** - Sunday, March 30, 9:30 AM, Meeting House
- **Pastoral Care Team** - Thursday, April 3, 2:00 p.m. Zoom/Parlor
- **Board of Trustees** - Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. Zoom/Parlor [Click here for the zoom link](#) The agenda will be sent out next week

Printer Cartridge Collection

Please bring your used printer cartridges to 14 Main St and help raise funds for our office supplies. In 2024, we were able to convert used cartridges into almost \$500 of office supplies! Drop off your cartridges in the 14 Main Street office. Any brand or type of cartridge is fine. Thank you!



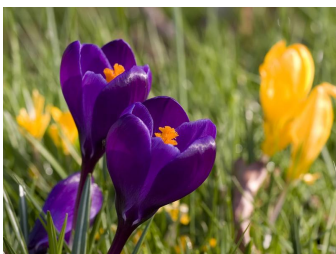
Scam Emails and Texts

Scammers count on the fact you are distracted.

Don't share your code: Verification codes and other ways to access your account are only for you and people you trust. If someone you don't know asks for your verification code, don't share it or any other private information.



**Always remember that Rev Carie would never ask you to purchase gift cards!
Do not respond to such emails! Delete and mark them as spam!**



**Happy Spring
from your friends at
Old Ship Church!**



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