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May 2025 Monthly Newsletter

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Deadline for June's newsletter: Tuesday, May 20, 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!](#)

May Newsletter
Monthly theme:
Living Love Through the Practice of Imagination



May 4th Music Sunday

Christopher Nicholas-Mann
Rev. Carie Johnsen

This year we will explore the importance of using one's voice to make the world a better place. How can we create peace, unity, and understanding through spoken and sung word? Expect to see and hear from our wonderful choir as well as guest musicians. In addition to the music, there will be meaningful readings to tie everything together.

May 11th The People Who Love Us

Rev. Carie Johnsen
Adeline Handleman

In recognition of Mother's Day, we pause to celebrate those who have nurtured

us into authentic expressions of truth and love. Join as we celebrate all the people who have loved us into being.

* This service will introduce the UUA Common Read –[Authentic Selves: Celebrating Trans and Nonbinary People and Their Families](#), interviews by Peggy Gillespie. See article in June for group discussion and other Pride events.

May 18th Journeys of Belonging and Commitment Rev. Carie Johnsen

All of life is a journey of belief and belonging, connection and commitment. In ever deepening and widening relationships, we cultivate home in ourselves, with others, in community, and with something beyond our knowing. In this service, we will release unhelpful tensions and turn toward the future unfolding.

* This service will include a New Member Ceremony.

May 25th

Playing with Holy Imagination

Jesse Flaherty

Join us for a service yet to be imagined. Come with an open heart and curious mind to playfully imagine ways to being that open the horizon to living and loving at the edges of what we cannot yet envision.

Spring New Member Ceremony --

SUNDAY MAY 18TH

Membership in Unitarian Universalist communities is a journey of belonging and becoming.



Our monthly Sunday Newcomer Coffee have offered opportunities for us to get to know each other, share spiritual experiences, learn about First Parish Hingham, and guide connections for deeper relationships. Our newcomers and guests have shared their experiences of welcome and a growing sense of belonging. With the support of community invitations to become engaged, our newest members have been actively weaving their way into the community at Old Ship. With time and growing connections, some have chosen to take the next step of becoming a member at First Parish (Old Ship). We look forward to celebrating their membership.

If you are ready to talk about membership at First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship), please reach out to Rev. Carie at 508-221-6295 or revcarie@oldshipchurch.org to schedule a time to sign the membership book on May 18th.



EVERYDAY ORDINARY THEOLOGIES

From the desk of Rev. Carie

*We tend to consider imagination too lightly, forgetting that the life we make,
for ourselves individually and for the world as a whole,
is shaped and limited only by the perimeters of our imagination.*

~ Thoms Morre, The Re-enchantment of Everyday Life

As we explore this monthly theme of imagination, I invite you to consider the limiting and boundless edges of your imagination. Each week pick a question below. Write it on a piece of paper. Post it in a prominent place. Walk with it on your heart and mind. Write about it. Talk about it with a trusted friend. Be honest. Practice humility. Bring one to a group discussion. Playfully engage with compassion and thoughtfulness. Begin to imagine and live beyond the confines of limiting beliefs. Send me a note to share insights and learnings.

- What beliefs, ideas, habits or creature comforts constrain your living and loving?
- How might you regulate anxiety, accept not knowing, and welcome holy imagination?
- How might you keep your heart and mind curious when uncertainty is holding court?
- How might you lean into gratitude for what you see while considering all that is beyond your sightline?
- How might you trust the process when your nature is to find comfort in the illusion of control?
- Can you let the earth shake under our feet and stay grounded in self and the community you love?
- What do you need to let go and allow creativity to blur the edges and inspire new realities?
- The question yet to imagine is _____.

Our services this month will explore the many ways in which our holy imagination opens the door to all that we cannot yet envision. We hope you will join us as we thoughtfully and graciously imagine a future where love lives boldly and compassionately at the edges of not knowing.

*May we approach each moment with the expansive light of the chalice flame.
May we faithfully imagine a future where all people are valued, celebrated and
blessed.*

*May our days faithfully nurture a community where our authentic selves find
welcome.*

*May this welcome prepare our weary souls for our call to build the world we
imagine.*

*May Love's Grace guide our living, inspire our loving, and sustain us along the
way.*

With Love at the Center,

Rev. Carie Johnsen

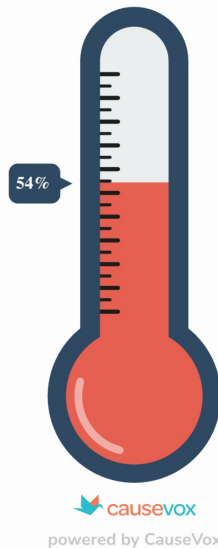
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GOAL: \$285,000



Urgent Request - Please Send Your Pledge in Now!

In the final week of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, we are only **54% toward our pledge goal**. There are still many, many members and friends we need to hear from. But we are hoping you will come through for us by sending in a pledge this week! We can not fund our current programs without everyone doing their part. Please return your pledge card today or go online to pledge now at www.oldshipchurch.org/giving.

The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a Sharing Our Vision with Pizza event at the Hingham Community Center following service on Sunday, May 4th. Please join us to celebrate our Old Ship community and the end of our pledge campaign.

May Board of Trustees Update

The Board of Trustees met on April 3rd for our monthly business meeting. Below are items of note not listed elsewhere in the newsletter:



Gift Policy Update - Clerk Elaine Cusker shared examples of gift utilization policies from three congregations. By and large they indicate the Board and Minister determine the needs. Elaine will draft a Gift policy we will engage congregation members as needed. Elaine will also share an example of a Gift Acceptance Policy.

Building & Grounds Report - Board Liaison Janice McPhillips reported. The heating tank overflow needs repair. Eventually the heat system on the new Parish House will function for the Meetinghouse as well. Nonetheless this repair ~\$4579.00 is required regardless of future heating systems. Clayton moved that up to \$5000 be expended on this repair. This was voted on and unanimously approved. Janice will recruit among tour guides to serve as event assistants with training on the sound system for future rentals.

UUA General Assembly – Old Ship will have three delegates; Karen Churchill, Ellie Handleman, and Corey Fitz-Marquez wish to be delegates. The Deacons will pay the registration fee for any Old Ship registrant. Treasurer's Report; Treasurer Clayton Handleman advised that to date, 84% of this year's pledges are in. It was confirmed that Clayton should develop a budget for next years based on \$285,000.

Administrative Professionals Day -Members of the Board took our Administrative Extraordinaire Lisa Beck out to lunch at the Square Cafe on April 23 to thank her for all her fine work through out the year.

May Board Meeting Date Change -To allow for final pledge numbers to be considered in preparation for a budget vote, the May meeting will now take place on May 8.

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

Attention Families!
Join us for Children's Religious Education
programming on May 4th



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 this month on Sunday, May 4th & 18th, for children RE class. The kids will start in the meeting house and then go down the street with RE teachers Addy and Judi.

The final Sunday (May 25th) will remain our multi-generational Social Justice project day. On May 25th, 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.

Fellowship Hour & Snacks
Sunday, May 4th
Stewardship Celebration
Hingham Community Center



The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a Sharing Our Vision and Pizza event at the Hingham Community Center following service on Sunday, May 4th. 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.

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,

Happy Spring! It's finally here. The weather is warming and my spirits are lifting. Does anyone else feel like their optimism is solar powered?



This May we start the month with Music Sunday on the 4th. The service will be full of beautiful music and meaningful readings. I hope to see you there! As we finish out the church year I want to say thank you for all the love you give to the musicians at Old Ship. From the choir regulars to guest instrumentalists, you're always so supportive and appreciative of the music at Old Ship. I look forward to sharing more music with you in the weeks to come.

Musically,
Christopher

WISDOM OF THE POETS

THE THING IS

to love life, to love it even
when you have no stomach for it
and everything you've held dear
crumbles like burnt paper in your hands,
your throat filled with the silt of it.
When grief sits with you, its tropical heat
thickening the air, heavy as water
more fit for gills than lungs;
when grief weights you like your own flesh
only more of it, an obesity of grief.
you think, How can a body withstand this?
Then you hold life like a face
between your palms, a plain face,
no charming smile, no violet eyes,
and you say, yes, I will take you
I will love you again.

by Ellen Bass (American poet)

responses always welcome: elizabethtorrey@hotmail.com



Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 17th Meeting House 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The annual Old Ship Plant Sale is being held on the lawn in front of the Meeting House on Saturday May 17, 2025 from 9am – 1pm. We need help in many ways:



1. If you have a garden and can pot-up some perennials to share, please do so. Please carefully label your plants with as much information as possible, including growth habit, height and bloom time. It's great if you can include a photo or a picture of the flower. We find that having photos helps shoppers envision how the plant will look in their yard and this is one of the secrets to the huge success of our plant sales over the past years. If you need pots, please reach out to Janice McPhillips or Brenda Black.
2. We need helpers to pot up and label a large variety of perennials from Brenda Black and Ron Pollara's garden on Whitcomb Avenue in mid-Hingham. No gardening experience or equipment necessary. Potting up dates will be rain or shine- there is a garage to do the potting up work in bad weather. Good company, good tunes, lots of fun! Contact Louise Smith if you can help on one of these days:
Sun 5/4 3-5:30 pm
Mon 5/5 12-3 pm
Fri 5/9 1-4 pm
Sat 5/10 1-4 pm
3. We also need help transporting plants from Brenda and Ron's house to the

Meeting House on Friday May 16 where we'll arrange them for the sale on lawn in front of the Meeting House.

4. And if you can help the day of the sale too, please join us.

To help in any of these ways, please contact Louise Smith at louise.smith@umb.edu or 781-690-1165. For questions about any of this, please contact Janice McPhillips at jbbmcphillips@gmail.com or Brenda Black at blackpollara@verizon.net. Thank you!

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 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 Sunday, May 18th. 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.

Cleaner Greener Hingham Day

Sunday, May 4

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Green Sanctuary encourages participation, working around the overlap of worship and clean-up hours. To sign up for a time and location, visit <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/537/Cleaner-Greener-Hingham-Committee>



Trans Parent and Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, May 15th 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.



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, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.** We are currently planning to gather in the Parlor as well as on Zoom. Email [Eric Cornetta](#) with any questions about Ceilidh. The zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/92888235659>

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, May 8th

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, May 25th**. Contact [Ralph Brown](#) or [Rich Elliott](#) for information and a Zoom, link.

News from the Social Justice

Council (SJC) — Roxbury Youth Programs (RYP) is an out-of-school-time youth development center housed at the UU Urban Ministry. The goals of the programs is to uplift and support young people in Roxbury and Boston and to create achievable pathways to social and economic success. RYP was established in 1992 in response to youth violence in the community, and as a safe space for young people to find supportive resources and connections. Today, RYP continues to equip and empower young people with the skills to become leaders in their communities and beyond. You may learn more about these programs at [Roxbury Youth Programs | Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry](#). Donations can be made as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House on Sunday, May 25, or at any time throughout the month through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: RYP. Thanks in advance for your support of this important work that puts our UU values into the world.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to our March outreach collection for UU Mass Action. We sent them a donation of \$1,162.38. Thanks for supporting this important expression of our UU values!

What if you didn't know when your next meal would be?

Father Bill's/MainSpring provides the answer for at least 150 people each night by serving a hot nutritious dinner to adults who are experiencing homelessness. Old Ship works to Serve Others by coordinating 6 teams of cooks who donate the Main Dish and the Salad for some of those meals. Each team provides food once a quarter (for a total of 4 meals each year by each team) on either Monday or Thursday evenings. Current team members say it easy and fun and deeply meaningful to truly help others in such a direct and important way.



Right now one of the Thursday teams needs new cooks to make Sheperd's Pie (recipe provided). The next cooking date will be the 2nd Thursday in July (7/10), followed by the 2nd Thursday in October, January and April. You will get a recipe and instructions on what you need to buy (costs average \$50) for your donation to your team's dinner. You can join team members in helping to serve the meal in Quincy starting at 5pm, or you may drop off your donation earlier the day of or the day before your team is providing the dinner, or ask another team member to pick up and drop off your donation.

If you are not able to help, do you know someone who might like to? Please let your friends know about the need for additional cooks. Our cooking teams have always been comprised of caring persons from anywhere in our community. If you have questions or are interested in helping out, please contact [Brenda Black](#) at blackpollara@verizon.net or 781 740 2835.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop In Book Group Meeting on May 18 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom — We will be discussing *Radical Reparations: Healing the Soul of a Nation* by Marcus Anthony Hunter. Hunter offers a unique and unconventional framework for considering reparations from political, intellectual, legal, economic, social, and spiritual perspectives; he offers a path forward on this important topic. Patti Smith will lead the discussion. Here is the Zoom link for the book group discussion: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86947096012?pwd=aXgcoFnPlobjb4lQB53aZLdBzFSpy5.1>

Report on Slavery at Old Ship — Just a reminder in case you missed it! We released our report on the history of enslaved and native people at Old Ship, including the history of our early ministers who enslaved people on March 18. Although we may discover more information in the future, the current report has been posted on the Old Ship website at [Slavery-at-Old-Ship-Final-Report-3-18-2025.pdf](#).

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, granola bars, minute rice and rice side dishes, crackers, pasta sauce, and 2 lb. bags of sugar. 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. 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 Mass Action Advocacy Day Report — On Tuesday, April 8, Nancy Bettinger, Ellie Handleman, Rev. Carie and a UU from the Duxbury church met with state Senator Patrick O'Connor to discuss the UU Mass Action legislative agenda. It was a successful meeting focusing on Right to Shelter, Dignity not Deportation, Indigenous Legislation including teaching of Indigenous history, eliminating Indigenous mascots, and replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day, as well as several climate bills. This is important political action that UU Mass Action keeps an eye on and gives us the opportunity to advocate on throughout the year. Feel free to ask any of our attendees for more details! And thanks to them for representing our Old Ship social justice ministry as part of this important event!

UU Urban Ministry News — There are several exciting events coming to the

UUUM in May. Old Shippers are welcome to attend any of these events.

1. *UUUM's Program Spotlight and Open House* event on Thursday, May 1st, from 5 -7 p.m. at 10 Putnam Street in Roxbury. Questions and RSVP, email: development@uuum.org. Here's what you'll experience:

- A tour of UUUM led by students from our youth program
- Presentations from each of our programs for guests highlighting their work
- Program participants will be here to share their personal experiences
- Update from UUUM staff about our work, accomplishments, and hopes for the future
- Plenty of food, drink, and dessert
- A presentation by the students from our youth program

2. *Bridges of Understanding* on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UU Urban Ministry. "Bridges of Understanding" offers us an opportunity to explore our racial biases, their impact, and what we can do to promote equity for all. We invite folks of all ages to join us for courageous conversations, interactive activities, and an opportunity to engage with fellow learners journeying toward greater self-awareness and compassion. *Buy lunch at Nubian Market (a 5 min. walk from UUUM) or bring your own. Our own Davalene Cooper will be one of the program's facilitators. Register at [Bridges of Understanding | UUUM - Boston, MA](#).

3. *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 their services, advocacy, and training. Members of Old Ship have marched in the walk in the past, and this year both Nina Wellford and Ellie Handleman are walking. If you would like to walk or organize an Old Ship team, you may find more information, [CLICK HERE](#) to find a team to support or to register as an individual to walk on May 12th.

4. *The UUUM Peace Garden* is looking for gardeners to volunteer their services. If you enjoy getting your hands in the dirt and want to help bring beauty and life to the UUUM grounds and the peace garden, they would love to have you join them. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just someone who enjoys being outside and helping things grow, there's a place for you. If you're interested in lending a hand this season, reach out to Congregational and Volunteer Coordinator Robert Jones at rjones@uuum.org

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](#).

News from the International Institute of New England — We at Old Ship have received an invitation from the International Institute of New England to come together and support the organization and the immigrant community at their 100 year anniversary gala at the Omni Seaport Hotel in Boston on June 4 at 5:30 p.m. Click here to learn more and purchase tickets or a table at our special community partner rate (\$100 per person): <https://give.iine.org/CentennialGDA-CP>

Tour Guide Training Friday, May 9th at 10:00 AM



With the semiquincentennial, yes, 250 years since the start of the Revolutionary War in the state of Massachusetts, the request for tours at Old Ship Meeting House is increasing. This interest means that the Friends of Old Ship Meeting House need more tour guides. During the summer, beginning July 2, the Old Ship Meeting House will be open for drop in tours from 10 to 1 on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. It is hoped that you will learn the history in a training that will be provided on Friday, May 9 at 10 AM at Old Ship Meeting House. You can share your contact information with Nina Wellford at 781-223-3410, nina.welford@gmail.com or Bev Vernon, 617529-2867, bbvernon39@gmail.com, a member of the Friends and either Nina or Bev can confirming your interest and share with you the open dates or link to sign up. The time in this building is treasured. It is amazing to think of the discussions and people who have entered the doors. Come learn the history and share the building with others during this semiquincentennial year in Massachusetts. Your training will continue to be needed as the celebration for the 250th of the Declaration of Independence is next year and Hingham will continue to attract tourists from all over the world.

Hingham Celebrates America's 250th Tours of The Meeting House Saturday, May 17th 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

As part of Rev 250 events, including the Battle of Grape Island reenactment, in Hingham on the weekend of May 17-18, the Friends of Old Ship is offering 1/2 hour tours on Saturday, May 17th, between 12 and 5 PM. For these short tours, a contribution of \$5 is suggested, with proceeds going to upkeep of the Meeting House. Consider coming to the Plant Sale outside the Meeting House that morning and then taking a tour! [Click here for the complete Revolutionary Weekend Program Schedule.](#)



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, April 30, 3:30 p.m. Parlor
- **Pastoral Care Team** - Thursday, May 8, 2:00 p.m. Zoom/Parlor
- **Board of Trustees** - Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. Zoom/Parlor [Click here for the zoom link](#) The agenda will be sent out next week



Save the Date:
Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 18th
12:00 P.M.
Meeting House

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

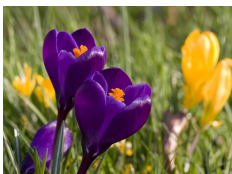
Scammers count on the fact you are distracted.

If a phone call seems weird or phishy, it probably is. Hang up immediately.



EZ Pass will not contact you by text for payment. Do not click on any links that ask you to sent a payment.

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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