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July 2025 Monthly Newsletter

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Deadline for August's newsletter: Tuesday, July 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!](#)



Summer Services will be begins Sunday, June 22nd at 11:00 AM

Note later time please for June 22nd only!

We hope you will join us for our Summer Services! Our first Summer Service will begin at 11:00 A.M. in the Meeting House, when we gather for a zoom Worship Service from the UU General Assembly from Baltimore. All other services will start at 10:30 A.M. in person in the Meeting House as well as zoom. Each service is hosted by the Worship and Music Committee and a guest speaker. The Zoom link is our usual [Sunday worship link](#)

Don't miss the opportunity to continue sharing, bonding and worshipping together all through the summer months. We have put together some interesting and thought provoking services so far but we need your help. There are speaker dates available and we need a few more volunteers to tell their story. Services are informal and this is a great way for your voice to be heard.

Contact Karen Churchill if you have any questions or would like to chat about volunteering. Phone 781-812-5518. Email: xplasticfishx@yahoo.com.

Here's what we have so far:

June 22 - Jesse - General Assembly Zoom Worship shown **at 11:00**

June 29 - Eric Cornetta Ceilidh Service

July 6 - Nina Wellford TBD

July 13 - Catherine Mayes Meditation in Motion

July 20 - Elizabeth Torrey Poetry Service

July 27 - Judi Madden & Barbara Prince Celebrate Native American Culture

August 3 - Aggie Raeven leads a Quaker Service

August 10 - Clayton leads Bluegrass Group

August 17 - Elaine Gomez - TBD

August 24 - Karen Churchill - Bees

August 31 - No Service



EVERYDAY ORDINARY THEOLOGIES

From the desk of Rev. Carie

Friends and members, It has been an extraordinary year of grace, joy, change, healing, and transformation. As the national and world stage disrupted our freedoms, security, and sense of unity, we found a Love at the Center to respond with outrage and advocacy. In the Meeting House we gathered for restorative and inspirational services so as to respond with our Unitarian Universalist values – generosity, pluralism, independence, equity, justice, transformation. As I head off to study leave, I commit to spending time this summer reflecting on the busy year at Old Ship. I look forward to seeing you all in August.

In the meantime, I have arranged for **emergency pastoral care coverage**. The pastoral care team members providing coverage will consult with Trish McAleer, Board President to determine if reaching out to me during my break is appropriate.

Week beginning

June 23rd [Ralph Brown](#) 781-248-0860

June 31st [Louise Smith](#) 781-690-1165

July 7th [Liz Flint](#) 508-560-1572

July 14th [Joan Wilson](#) 617-947-4664

July 21st
July 28th

[Fan Leonard](#) 781-749-2852
[Louise Smith](#) 781-690-1165

With Love at the Center,
Rev. Carie Johnsen
RevCarie@OldShipChurch.org
Office phone 781-749-1679
Cell Phone 508-221-5295
Office Hours: Thursday 1:00 - 4:00

Fellowship Hour & Snacks Sunday, June 22nd

There will not be a Fellowship Hour this Sunday.



Pastoral Care Needs During the Summer

The Pastoral Care Leadership Team will not be meeting again until the end of August. If you have a pastoral concern or need help, please contact any member of the Pastoral Care Leadership Team listed below. We will do our best to assist you.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer!



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.

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WISDOM OF THE POETS

THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS

by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives
may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake



rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

This poem-prayer is my wish for everyone - moments and places of deep peace this summer.

PS "In everyone's heart there is anchored a little schooner."
a poetic musing by American writer Henry Miller

Wishing everyone moments of deep peace, gratitude, and happiness this summer. Responses always welcome: elizabethtorrey@hotmail.com

Welcome Newcomers!
Join Us for a
Monthly Newcomers Coffee
Sunday, July 20th

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, July 20th. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Janet Asnes](#), [Elaine Cusker](#), [Diane Elliott](#), or our Minister, [Rev. Carie Johnsen](#)



Trans Parent and Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, June 19th 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 third Thursday of each month. Please contact Bob Caravana at bobcaravana@gmail.com.



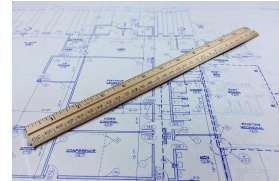
UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Hello fellow Old Shippers,

I am excited to report that I will be heading to my 1st General Assembly Conference of UU congregations next week and am really happy to share all that I experience when I return either in person as we see one another or furring one of our Sunday am informal meetings during the summer
Thanks for all the support and encouragement
Sincerely Corey Fitz- Marquez

Community Space Team Update

Our architect, David Torrey, provided the Community Space Team with a revised plan for the new parish house that reduces it in size and scope in an effort to bring the project in line with our budget. The plan includes various options that we may want to undertake if the budget allows. The Team has given the revised plan to several qualified contractors for their construction cost estimates and expects to receive these estimates within a few weeks. Once the estimates are in, the Team will vet them and consider the various options that the plans have outlined. This process will take several weeks at a minimum. Once the Team is able to fully assess the estimates, it will make a recommendation to the Board and Congregation on how to proceed.



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, July 1st 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>

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, June 26th

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 – but taking a break in June, July and August. Our next gathering will meet on **Sunday, September 28th**. Contact [Ralph Brown](#) or [Rich Elliott](#) for information and a Zoom, link.

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC) —



Summer Planning Meeting on July 28 at 4 p.m.— If you would like to help us plan our social justice activities and events for the next church year, you are invited to attend our summer planning meeting. Contact [Davalene Cooper](#) for more details regarding this in-person meeting. Everyone is welcome to be part of our social justice work at Old Ship. Additionally, we thank everyone who has supported our work this past church year by attending our programs and supporting our outreach efforts.

UU Urban Ministry Roxbury Youth Program Special Plate/Outreach Collection — Thanks to everyone who donated to our May outreach offering for this important program. We sent them a check for \$1262.70. These funds will make a big difference in the life of the youth being served by this program. Many thanks! Thanks also for your support of all of our special plate collections during this past year; your generosity is evidence of putting our UU values out into the world through supporting these important organizations!

Hingham Food Pantry — The food pantry is especially in need of the following items: Canned Pasta Meals, Cookies, Crackers, Healthy Cereal, and Tuna. Items may be dropped off at 14 Main or at the Meeting House. Donations also can be made at the Stop and Shop in Hingham.

Planning Ahead for the Fall Sessions of the Antiracism Drop in Book Group — The following books have been chosen for the fall: September: *Ruin Their Crops on the Ground*, by Andrea Freeman, October: *Why Black Men Nod to Each Other*, by Bill Raynor, and November: *White Evangelical Racism*, by Anthea Butler. We will share more information in the September newsletter, but we wanted to let everyone know the books in case anyone is looking for summer reading!

Join the Friendly Team of Meeting House Tour Guides!

As we fly towards summer, The Friends of Old Ship is ramping up our roster of Old Shippers who can show the Meeting House and explain a bit of our fascinating history to visitors from across the country. We provide the script and will gladly show you the ropes, plus you



can join a more seasoned guide at first if you like. The Meeting House will be open for whomever drops in on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm in July and August, so we need coverage for about 27 days. Please let us know if you are interested - we will send you the schedule and arrange for a training. It is relaxing, fun, educational and inspirational - you meet the most interesting people, or have a quiet morning to read under the tree. Contact Nina at ninawellford@gmail.com or Bev at bbvernon39@gmail.com. Thanks!

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.



Today, an email went out supposedly from Reverend Caries asking for a PDF of our church directory. Look at the email address. It is NOT Rev. Carie's email. **Please do NOT share the directory with anyone!**

If they wish to have a copy, ask them to reach out to [Lisa](#) in the office

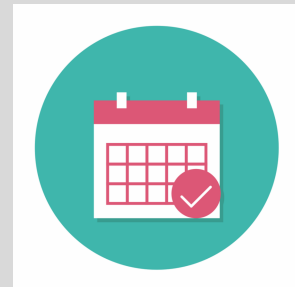
Always remember that Rev Carie would never ask you to purchase gift cards!

The Old Ship Calendar

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

- **Community Space Team** - Tuesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. Zoom

Office Closed

Starting on **Tuesday, June 17th through June 30th**, Lisa will be out of the office. She will return on Tuesday, July 1st at 9:00 AM. Summer Hours will begin on July 1st, and are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 P.M. If you need assistance during this time, please reach out to [Trish McAteer](#)



Summer (July & August) Office Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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!



Have you seen the new website?

Do you wish to see the online directory?

In order to view the online directory, you will need to activate your Breeze Account and use your password for access.



Also do you know that in your Breeze account, you can view your profile, update your contact information, donate once or set up a recurring donation, view your donation history and view the Old Ship events calendar! If you would like to set up your Breeze account, please [email](#) or call Lisa in the office and she can assist you.

If you update your email address in Breeze, please send an email to Lisa, she will update your email address in our Constant Contact account also.



**Happy Summer from your friends at
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