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August 2025 Monthly Newsletter

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Deadline for September's newsletter: Tuesday, August 19, 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!](#)



We hope you will join us for our Summer Services! 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](#)

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

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

July 28th [Louise Smith](#) 781-690-1165

With Love at the Center,
Rev. Carie Johnsen
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Cell Phone 508-221-5295
Office Hours: Thursday 1:00 - 4:00

Fellowship Hour & Snacks

Sunday, August 3rd

Fellowship Hour will be held outside the Meeting House (weather permitting). People are asked to bring some type of finger or toothpick food that can be placed on a napkin.

We don't have volunteers to hand wash dishes and are going to keep things simple. Please leave your food item on the table outside the Meeting House ready to go. Food can be left in it's box or served on a paper plate. Thanks everyone.



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

No Longer Forward nor Behind

No longer forward nor behind I look in hope or fear;
but grateful, take the good I find, the best of now and here.

I break my pilgrim staff, I lay aside the toiling oar;
the angel sought so far away I welcome at my door.

For all the jarring notes of life seem blending in a psalm,
and all the angles of its strife slow rounding into calm.
And so the shadows fall apart, and so the west winds play;
and all the windows of my heart I open to the day.

- John Greenleaf Whittier, (1807-1892) Massachusetts poet and Abolitionist.
- This is hymn # 9 in our Hymnal

And then the words of poet Rasul Rza: "While yet there is time/let the hand of a friend/feel the warmth of your hand."

Enjoy the rest of summer everyone!

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Welcome Newcomers!
Join Us for a
Monthly Newcomers Coffee
Sunday, August 17th



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 or outside depending on weather) following the service. This month, the date will be Sunday, August 17th. 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, August 21st 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.



Our, Davalene Cooper was recognized
as July's Delegate of the Month for the
UUUM!

"Davalene Cooper, UUUM Delegate from Old Ship Church in Hingham

We are pleased to recognize Davalene Cooper from Old Ship Church in Hingham as July's Delegate of the Month.



Davalene is the consummate ambassador for the UU Urban Ministry. As a delegate from Old Ship, she actively builds bridges between Old Ship and the work of UUUM. Thanks to her, our presence is felt and seen in meaningful ways. Every year, she helps to ensure that UUUM Executive Director Rev. Mary Margaret Earl is invited to preach in Hingham, and that Director of Development Vinnie Myles is given a few minutes to share news about Roxbury Youth Programs or Renewal House.

Davalene also gives so generously of her time and her thoughtfulness. She is an active member of the Congregational Engagement Task Force, where she helps us think through how we grow relationships, communicate with care, and stay connected to the people who support this work. She was also one of the key people who helped bring Bridges of Understanding, our race and bias workshop, to life this

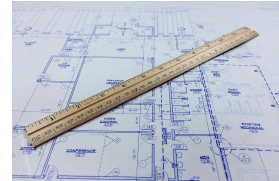
past spring. She worked closely with a small group to shape something that reflects our values and vision.

What stands out most about Davalene is not just her commitment, but her openness. She listens with curiosity, shows up with intention, and engages with a willingness to learn, stretch, and grow. She is someone who leads not with flash, but with deep, steady care.

Davalene, we are incredibly grateful for your partnership, your voice, and your spirit. Thank you for all the ways you continue to lift up this work and help carry it forward."

Community Space Team Update

The Community Space Team is expecting to review four contractors' estimates in late July and early August. We will then make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on the next steps for the project.



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, August 5th 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](#).

Sacred Texts Meditation Group

Next gathering: Thursday, July 28th

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) —



Needed: Volunteers to make six lunches for the Veterans Home in Hingham this coming October — We at Old Ship are part of a community wide interfaith effort to provide six lunches twice a week (Tuesday and Friday) to the Anderson Veterans Home at 111 Fort Hill Street in Hingham. Lunch consists of a deli-meat or PB&J sandwich (no chicken or tuna salad), bag of chips or pretzles, piece of fresh fruit, cookie, and water or juice.

Old Ship is responsible for the month of October; we are looking for volunteers to take one or more of the October dates and provide the six lunches. Dates we need to fill are October 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, and 31.

The lunches are left in a cooler outside the back door of the home by noon on each date. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact Davalene Cooper at davalenecooper@verizon.net or 781-749-0790. Thanks for considering this outreach to the community!

Save the Date: *Becoming Trustworthy White Allies* on Thursday, October 23, from 7-8 p.m. in Zoom. — We have arranged for Melanie Morrison, a racial justice educator and UCC minister, to present information on her newest book, *Becoming Trustworthy White Allies* on Thursday, October 23, from 7-8 p.m. in Zoom. You may learn more about her work at [Melanie S. Morrison](#), including information about the book, which will be released by Duke University Press on September 19. It is not necessary to read the book in advance of the presentation. This is our opportunity to learn more about being a trustworthy ally in our racial justice work. We intend this to be an opportunity to follow up on the racial justice work we did at Old Ship last year.

Hingham Food Pantry — The food pantry is especially in need of the following items: Pasta Sauce, Boxed White Rice, Crackers, 1 or 2 pound Bags of White Sugar, 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. This group meets on the third Sunday of each month, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. We will share more information about each book as we begin the church year, but we wanted to let everyone know the books in case anyone is looking for summer reading!

Thanks from the PCRF (Palestinian Children's Relief Fund), Team

Boston — Here is what they wrote in a recent online publication:

A heartfelt thank you to the Social Justice Council at First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Hingham, MA, also known as the Old Ship Church, for their generous support of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF). We are deeply grateful that PCRF was chosen as the recipient of the April Special Plate/Outreach Offering. Thanks to the compassion and commitment of your congregation, a total of \$2,773.11 was raised, including a matching gift of \$1,000 from a dedicated member.



Their thoughtful invitation to join the April 27th service and speak about our mission was truly meaningful. The community's desire to support humanitarian efforts for children in Palestine runs deep and this outpouring of generosity reflects that.

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.

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

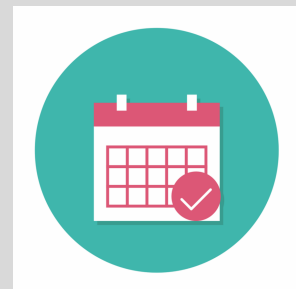


The Old Ship Calendar

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



Upcoming Committee Meetings

- **Community Space Team** - Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 p.m. Zoom

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 Old Ship Church!

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