

News from the Social Justice

Council (SJC)



Social Justice Council Meeting — Everyone who is interested in invited to our next meeting, which is on Saturday, October 25, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. Here is the Zoom

link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89615305030?pwd=ZaGjGqWI4LD8zKaboqfNFEWFK3PvAo.1>. Contact Davalene Cooper if you have any questions.

Special Program at Old Ship: *Becoming Trustworthy White Allies* on Thursday, October 23, from 7-8 p.m. on 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](#). If you are interested in reading her book, it is available from Duke University Press for a 30% discount with this code: E25MRRSN. The discounted price for the paperback is \$16.77 instead of \$23.95. The dedicated web link for the book is <https://www.dukeupress.edu/becoming-trustworthy-white-allies>. It is not necessary to read the book in order to attend 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. Here is the Zoom link for this program: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86132803836?pwd=qUdJCdykONXVblirmbW2TPuem1tA5N.1>.

October Special Plate/Outreach Collection: The Weetumuw School in Mashpee — This school is a culture and language school where children from ages 2 to 9 are immersed in Wampanoag culture and language in a safe, healthy, and loving environment. The school aims to eliminate the separation that many tribal members have experienced between their education and their culture. You can learn more about the school [at this link](#) or at [HOME | Weetumuw School](#). We believe supporting this school is an important part of our work in supporting indigenous communities.

Donations can be made as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House on Sunday, October 5, or at anytime throughout the month through the Old Ship website.

Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: Weetumuw School. Thanks in advance for your support of this important work that puts our values out into the world and supports those who are teaching their cultural values and language to their children.

Antiracism Drop in Book Group Meeting on October 19 at 7 p.m. on Zoom — All are welcome to attend our discussion of *Why Black Men Nod to Each Other: Some Lessons and Observations on Life (A Memoir)* by Bill Raynor. The book is described as a memoir that "offers an array of snapshots into his life. The reader is allowed to follow him from Boston's housing projects to the villages of Senegal. Race is a central theme as he provides context to how it intersects with every fabric of life. Bill explores his journey from teaching, coaching, entertaining and his work with young men of color. The book explores the phenomenon of Black males' connection to each other through their shared experiences of intentional and unintentional institutional racism. Raynor offers personal examples from his time at a private catholic high school to his time at Dartmouth college and his long tenure as a college basketball coach and his experience as a Director of the Young Men of Color initiative." This book is an important contribution to our understanding of white supremacy culture and how it impacts black men in our society. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87637841227?pwd=LVEbQGJGUtuRZlB83OZ5U9atbNmfgAHN.1>. Contact Patti Smith if you have any questions.

Hingham Food Pantry — We collect food for the Hingham Food Pantry each week in the Meeting House and at 14 Main. *During the month of October, the food pantry is especially in need of Mac & Cheese and hearty soups.* Of course, all food nonperishable food items are accepted. Donations also can be made at the Stop and Shop in Hingham.

Immigration Issues — Several members of our community have expressed interest in learning more about how we might confront issues around the current immigration situation in our country. We continue to explore opportunities for us to learn and advocate on this issue. In the interim, we encourage those interested to view a list of resources from the Hingham Unity Council, which can be found at [Resources for Immigrants - Hingham Unity Council](#). Additionally, the League of Women Voters in

Hingham is planning a program on immigration later this fall. We will keep the congregation informed of these efforts as the fall progresses.

Thanks to our Father Bill's Cooking Teams — As you may know, our community provides dinner for those served by Father Bill's in Quincy for a total of 24 days. Each of our six teams prepares dinner four times each year for about 150 clients. In this newsletter, we want to thank those members of our community who provide these meals. Thanks to each of you! Here are the members of each team. **Team 1:** Charlotte Champagne (team leader), Mary Petrino, Bob Casey, Kathy Lynch, Kevin Mulvey & Bruce Mauer. **Team 2:** Sharon Prehn (team leader) Nina Wellford, Chris Johnson, Ellen Curtin, Susan Weisenbeck, Judy Sneath, Mary Markel & David Murphy. **Team 3:** Peggy Weymouth (team leader), Ronnie Scott, Julie Kembel, Avis Goldstein, Stephanie Connolly, Kathi Lesko, Pam King. **Team 4:** Dave Petrie (team leader), Mid Walsh, Brenda Black & Ron Pollara, Jean Railton, Stewart Lewack, Diane and Rich Elliott, Liz Maillet, Diane and Bill Walcott. **Team 5:** Janice McPhillips (team leader), Janet Blampied, Susan Read-Brown, Roseanne Bush, Laura Harbottle, Kathie Mignacca, Caryn Schneider, Gail Moran Slater, Jill Temme. **Team 6:** Lisa Sawyer and Pia Young (Co-leaders), Fan Leonard, Davalene Cooper, Jack Gomez, Susannah Thomas, Catherine Mayes, Kathryn White, Margo Mitchell, Elaine Cusker, Glenda Tabaczynski.