

## News from the Social Justice

### Council (SJC)



### **November Special Plate/Outreach Collection: Friends of the**

**Homeless of the South Shore (Friends)** — As we have each November in recent years, our outreach/special plate offering this month will be for Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore. Given the increase in the need to provide shelter for families without homes throughout the Commonwealth and on the South Shore, and the decrease in government funding, there is even more need this year to support this group that provides shelters and housing for families in our area. You may learn more about FHSS and its programs at [Home | Friends Of The Homeless](#).

The share the plate offering in the Meeting House will take place on Sunday, November 23. Odalis Rull, the new Executive Director of FHSS (Herb Newell retired last year) will be with us for the service and will speak briefly before the offering. Donations also can be made online through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore.

**Additional Support for the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore (Friends)** — As you may recall, we use some of the outreach donations to provide food for the holiday dinner for the families served by the Friends. We then donate the remaining funds to the group to use as it needs. The holiday dinner will take place on either December 14 or 16 at a place to be determined. We are looking for a few people to help coordinate volunteers for the dinner and to help with shopping. We will be asking for volunteers to cook and serve the dinner later in the month. Right now, we need help with these organizing tasks. If these are ways you would like to help, please contact Janice McPhillips.

We also will again participate in the holiday gift program for families served by the Friends, as we have done the past three years. We do not have the details yet for the program, but Davalene Cooper will update the congregation once we have additional information in a weekly email.

**Antiracism Drop in Book Group Meeting on November 16 at 7 p.m. on Zoom** — All are welcome to attend our discussion of *White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America*, 2nd ed., by Anthea Butler. Butler argues that racism is at the core of conservative evangelical activism and power. The book explores how white evangelicals have used the Bible and their religion to defend slavery and to oppose racial equality and civil rights. Butler is a historian and a Professor in American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87637841227?pwd=LVEbQGUtuRZlB83OZ5U9atbNmfgAHN.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 November, the food pantry is especially in need of Healthy Cold Cereal, 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.

**Thanks to our members and friends who provided lunches for the Anderson Veterans House in Hingham in October** — As you may know, our interfaith community provides lunches twice a week to the formerly homeless veterans living at the Anderson House in Hingham. Old Ship provides these lunches in October. Thanks to the following members of our community who prepared lunches this past month: Charlotte Champagne, Judi Flaherty, Chris Johnson, Meg Gibbons, Lisa Sawyer, and Louise Smith. Thanks for helping us with this project!

### Green Sanctuary

In September, Green Sanctuary wrote letters opposing the EPA's move to rescind the Endangerment Finding. Now the EPA proposes suspending the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, which measures the pollution that drives climate change and endangers public health. No data, no regulatory enforcement! Please tell the EPA to uphold the Program. Read more at



sidewithlove.org. <https://sidewithlove.org/action-center-updates/2025/10/14/101425-action-center-update?rq=EPA>

Two ways to send comments, identified by Docket Id. No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0186:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0186/document>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Office of Air and Radiation Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

**Save the Dates--Coat Drive on Sunday, November 2nd & 9th** The Social Justice Council, Rev. Carie, and her colleague, Rev. Dr. Althea Smith, are sponsoring a winter coat drive for those being served by the Massachusetts Bail Fund. Please bring your well-loved, new or lightly used coats, to the Meeting House on either of the Sundays referenced above. Rev. Carie's car will be parked in front of the Meeting House. ready to receive your donations. This is a wonderful way to help keep our neighbors facing difficult situations warm this winter! Thanks in advance for your support!



**Winter Coat Drive**

Support the MASSACHUSETTS BAIL FUND to keep members warm.  
Fill Rev. Carie's vehicle with coats, gloves and hats ONLY!

**DROP OFF ON NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AS YOU ARRIVE TO SUNDAY SERVICE**

First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship)  
90 Main Street, Hingham, MA

Sponsored by Social Justice Council.  
For more information on the drive contact:  
RevCarie@OldShipChurch.org  
For more information on the MA Bail Fund contact:  
Rev. Althea at healthspirit6@gmail.com

The poster features illustrations of a brown scarf, a brown sweater with white stripes, and a pair of red and white mittens.