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December 2025 Monthly Newsletter

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Deadline for January's newsletter: Tuesday, December 16, 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.

NO ZOOM SUNDAY 11/30/25

[Click here to join Sunday Worship!](#)

Message from the Board of Trustees: Old Ship participation in tomorrow's Interfaith Community Service of Thanksgiving and Healing

Yesterday Rev. Carie shared with the Board her decision to withdraw from participation in this Wednesday's Interfaith Community Service of Thanksgiving and Healing. We share with you a portion of Rev. Carie's e-mail:



"This morning I received a copy of the Thanksgiving service liturgy in which I was assigned to read the "Wampanoag Prayer" by Slow Turtle. Last year this prayer was offered by Chief Tom who, upon my request, participated fully in the service."

"I replied to the service organizer stating I was not comfortable reading an indigenous prayer as I was not indigenous. I also expressed how this reading would be an act of misappropriation and modern day colonization. The organizer was happy to give me a new reading but chose to keep the prayer."

"Unitarian Universalism has a long history of supporting indigenous sovereignty, acknowledging historical injustices, and working to dismantle

systems of modern day colonization and oppression. Old Ship has demonstrated commitment to this work with the release of the report on slavery and current efforts to examine best practices for land acknowledgments. As such I cannot in good conscience participate in this service or recommend we send a replacement speaker.”

We have since learned that no Wampanoag tribal leaders were invited to participate this year by the service planners. The Board of Trustees regrets this significant omission and supports Rev. Carie’s decision to decline participating. We have decided not to send another representative from Old Ship. The Board believes that the exclusion of the Wompanoag does not reflect our commitment to Unitarian Universalist principals and values. Rev. Carie has shared her concerns with HHLRA leadership and we are hopeful that future interfaith services will be more representative of Unitarian Universalist values.

Though there will be no official representation from Old Ship, church members and friends may still opt to attend. The Thanksgiving offering will support the Diane Edson Fund at Wellspring Multi-Service Center. It is asked that those attending bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Hingham and Hull Food Pantries.

The service may be live streamed at <http://shaaray.livecontrol.tv/767108ec>

NURTURING GRATITUDE November Worship

**There is NO Order of Service or Zoom this Sunday!
Sacred Cafe will be at 14 Main Street.**

November 30

Sacred Café at 14 Main Street

Karen Churchill

On this Sunday after Thanksgiving, we’re going to try something new and deeply relational. We will gather for the practice of Small Group Ministry. Members of the worship team will welcome you to Old Ship office building at 14 Main Street at 10:30 for *Sacred Café*. After gathering up a morning snack and preferred beverage, attendees will be randomly assigned to a small group for a chalice lighting, a reading to center the conversations, and questions to guide group reflection. All ages welcome!

JUST TO BE VERY CLEAR: THIS “SERVICE” WILL BE HELD AT 14 MAIN STREET!



**Choosing Hope
December Worship**

Dec. 7th Hope and Other Acts of Radical Resistance

Rev Carie Johnsen and Christopher Nickelson-Mann

In times when despair feels reasonable and cynicism seems wise, we gather to practice radical hope. Not passive waiting but active defiance against forces that would diminish our humanity. Together, we choose hope as resistance, imagination as rebellion, and love as our most revolutionary act. ~ Rev. Michelle Collins

Dec 14th Love at the Center: Pluralism

Rev Carie Johnsen and Christopher Nickelson-Mann

In this season of holidays, we affirm all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology. We covenant to learn from one another in our free and responsible search for truth and meaning. We embrace our differences and commonalities with Love, curiosity, and respect. ~ UUA Values description

Dec 21st Interactive Nativity

Rev Carie Johnsen, Christopher Nickelson-Mann, and Spiritual Exploration Community

With gratitude for author Norman Allen, we celebrate the season with an interactive nativity for all ages. This contemporary telling of the arrival of baby Jesus offers opportunity for involvement from the gathered community. Participants of all ages are welcome for this unrehearsed pageant.

**Intergenerational Service, all ages welcome to participate.
No children's classroom today. Children will stay in the Meeting House.**

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve Service

Rev. Carie Johnsen & Christopher Nickelson-Mann

As in past years, Old Ship's Christmas Eve service will continue the beloved tradition not only for those of us who regularly worship here, but for many others in the wider community. All are warmly welcomed to our beloved Meeting House for traditional carols and readings. .

The Meeting House fills early; wise ones plan to arrive before 4:30

Dec 28th New Year's Sharing Service

Karen Churchill

Our New Year's tradition of having a Sharing Service to welcome in the New Year continues! We will start with a shorter lay run Sunday service followed by attendees sharing readings, poetry, or maybe just some wonderful thoughts with each other. Please come with an open heart, a comfy outfit, *and a reading to share with fellow congregants* in peace and warmth. Our Sharing Service is one of our yearly favorites. There will be hot chocolate afterwards!

Seasonal Vespers

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Dec. 3rd

Dec 10th

Dec 17th

We are invited to gather for just over half an hour in the Meeting House (or to attend on Zoom) for our annual Vespers services. During



this sometimes hectic season, we can share a time of quiet, readings, and music in a gently lit Meeting House. [Click here for the zoom link](#)

Everyday Ordinary Theologies

With our monthly theme – Choosing Hope – I pause to be with and clear away the chaos, the busy-ness, and holiday expectations. It is, after all, in the season of lights and merriment, the minister's task is to tell the ancient stories of Love, and to inspire experiences and expressions of faith and hope.



Every year in my ministry, I have led a Blues Christmas event, a vesper service really, to give space and voice to the heartbreak and loneliness encountered in the lived experiences of people in the pews. At times, I have needed this service as much as anyone else in the community. In preparing and presenting, I have found the necessary healing and comfort to bear the unwelcomed and unexpected. This time of being real is essential to caring for ourselves and sustaining the dark long days of December.

Once upon a time these services focused on love lost, despair and depression, loneliness and grief. These days, we draw the circle wider to include injustice, deprivation, desperation, and the atrocity of human cruelty. With the rise of authoritarianism and the obliteration of civil and human rights, we need this space of pause to remember, witness, and hold sacred the goodness of humanity.

This year, we once again offer vespers services on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Each week you will find music and worship leaders from the community preparing space for all that is our lives. I hope you will join us.

This task of being human is not for the week kneed. We need each other to share the breath of life, to walk with in action, to sit with in despair, and to model Love no matter what.

In this season of lights and merriment, it is imperative that we strengthen, expand, and sustain the goodness of humanity. Called to Love at the Center, may we choose hope.

Let us gather on Wednesdays in December to embrace each other and encircle this community in care.

Let us gather at the Solstice on Sunday evening the 21st and Christmas Eve on the 24th.

Please share the invite and encourage your neighbors, friends, and family to join us in the light of faith hope and love these holidays.
Choose Hope, be the Love, keep resisting, pause and breathe, Rev. Carie

December Board of Trustees Update

On Wednesday, November 12th, the BOT met for its monthly meeting. Here are items of note;



Communication Team Update - Old Ship Member Chris Johnson presented to the Board on the activities of the newly formed Community Communications Team. The team is composed of Chris, Nina Wellford, and Karen Carpenter. Actions to date include: 1) display and OSC information material for Hingham Arts Walk, Christmas Eve Service, Merry Market; 2) obtaining a Old Ship banner used at Arts Walk and No Kings Rally and a table runner for events; 3) working on a Social Media campaign with help from Kerrin Griffin; 5) producing a new Merry Market flier, Wayside Pulpit sign, and a newcomer newsletter. To date expenses for the team have paid with Old Ship credits at Staples accrued from printer cartridge recycling.

Ministerial Aspirant Sponsorship for Ellie Handleman. President Trish McAleer advised that Old Ship Member and Ministerial Aspirant Ellie Handleman, currently pursuing a Masters in Divinity, has requested congregation sponsorship. Per the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) "Congregational Sponsorship indicates a confidence in the applicant's potential and suitability for UU ministry. The MFC regards sponsorship as evidence that an applicant is actively committed to the Purposes and Principles of the UUA and the institutions which uphold them." Agreeing that Ellie has well demonstrated this active commitment through her service and engagement in our community for the last several years, the Board voted unanimously to sponsor Ellie on behalf of the Old Ship Congregation.

Archive Materials: Clerk Elaine Cusker updated the BOT regarding material returned from the Mass Historical Society. In their archives, they hold historical records of the Old Ship beginning with the oldest records. She raised the question of what records must, if any, be retained for our corporate status besides annually reporting officers. In 2022 the congregation adopted the "Restated Articles of Organization" that confirmed OSC as a corporate entity in compliance with Massachusetts state law regarding colonial congregations that were originally organized as both church and Town Meeting house. Elaine will consult with Davalene Cooper for any background in regard to any requirements for record retention or legal reporting.

CST Update: Board Liaison Dennis Hogan reported the following; Five builders are preparing estimates for a possible one story design. Elaine Gomez and Laura Harbottle are also in discussion with the Hingham Planning Board and Hingham Historical Commission. The one story proposal represents the third iteration of design. First one was in 2021 which identified specific "needs." Second design included those criteria but smaller, but cost was close to \$5 million. Further reductions (40%) resulted in a design with a cost of \$3.2 mil, especially regarding the hillsides that would require retaining walls and special drainage and sought to include ADA access from the Meetinghouse. Design #3 reduces the types of spaces retaining primarily the fellowship hall and offices with potential for expansion in the basement. Parking is a major concern which has to be addressed. The Planning Board has indicated that they would like parking; Mass Historical likes it without parking. Dennis recommended that we have an informational meeting in December to update the congregation, but not propose a recommendation for a vote at this time. The Board agreed that a congregational discussion will be held on December 7 after the service to update members on the progress of the project and familiarize them on potential build options. No vote will occur at this

meeting.

Final 24-25 Fiscal Results. Acting Treasurer Jack Gomez presented to the Board the results for the 2024/2025 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025. The profit/loss resulted in a deficit of \$96 thousand. This deficit was primarily made up of a budgeted \$45 thousand Congregation-approved subsidy of the rent at 14 Main Street, \$16 thousand expenditure for the new sound system in the Meeting House and approximately and \$19 thousand upward adjustment of Ministerial compensation and health insurance costs. This deficit was funded from an accumulated cash surplus. We note that with an anticipated deficit in the current fiscal year, this surplus will be largely exhausted at the end of this fiscal year. We are, however, maintaining an emergency cash balance of \$100,000 which should cover most unanticipated costs.

SSFH Dinner: Vice President Janice McPhillips shared that the South Shore Friends of the Homeless Annual Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16. As happened last year, Janice will solicit Board and church members to assist at this event.

Meeting Date Change: Please note that for the next two months, the Board will meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 at 14 Main and on Zoom.

The Board welcomes your comments and suggestions by emailing us at President@oldshipchurch.com.

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Sunday, November 16th Service is viewable on YouTube this week!

NEWS! We will be providing a link to the previous week's service for a 1-week time period so that anyone who missed the service can view it. The video will only be available for that one week. Please click [this link](#) for the Sunday, November 16, 2025 Service



Attention Families!
Join us for Children's Spiritual Exploration
(formerly known as RE)!

This Sunday, children and families begin at 14 Main Street for activities that explore our UU values



December's theme will be choosing hope. On the seventh, we will discuss hope and choosing to hope in one another. For the remainder of the year Corey will continue to work out of the book for the complete service book by Jennifer Dant "Kids Guide to our Seven Principles. Everybody is Important" Our focus next Sunday will be on the 4th Principle. Encouraging each others responsible search for truth and meaning And validate that all are free to find what is right and true for themselves Our game will be "Searching for Kwon Yon".

Please note: families with children of all ages are also welcome to stay in the Meeting House

Fellowship Hour & Snacks Sunday, November 30th

Fellowship Hour will be held at 14 Main Street. **Last names beginning I - P** are asked to bring a snack on **Sunday, November 30th**. Some type of finger or toothpick food that can be placed on a napkin is best. We don't have volunteers to hand wash dishes and are going to keep things simple. Please bring your food item ready to go. Food can be left in its box or served on a paper plate. Thanks everyone.



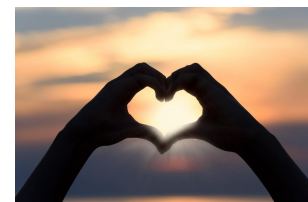
Among Us

We extend our deep sympathies to Karen Churchill and her family after the recent passings of her sisters, Nancy Churchill and Pam Churchill. We send our deepest sympathies to the Churchill family and especially to Karen.



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 Church,

As the days grow shorter, the music at Old Ship Church grows brighter. This December, we look forward to sharing a variety of beautiful music to celebrate the season. Check the calendar for more information about Vespers and Christmas Eve services.



We are thrilled to welcome the brass ensemble again this year to help highlight Christmas Eve and join the choir for Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. The organ, brass, and voices will fill the meeting house with traditional carols and anthems, so come ready to sing! This service weaves together cherished musical selections with beautiful seasonal readings, helping us all find a moment to pause and reset after a long holiday season. We hope to see you there!

Musically,
Christopher

Save the Date!
New Parish House Forum
Sunday, December 7th at 12:00 P.M.
Meeting House/Zoom

Our Board appointed Community Space Team will host a new Parish House forum on Sunday, December 7 @ 12:00 pm in the Meeting House. The team will review its work over the past year, address issues for the site, including considerations for a one or two-story building, the budget implications, next steps and a potential timeline. Note: There will be no voting at this forum. The goal of the forum is to bring members up to date and answer questions in preparation for future community decisions about a Parish House. We hope to see you there! [Click here for the Zoom Link](#)



Welcome Newcomers!
Join Us for a
Monthly Newcomers Coffee
Sunday, December 21st

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 are 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 Hour 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, December 21st. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Elaine Cusker](#), [Diane Elliott](#), [Teri Lillis](#) or our Minister, [Rev. Carie Johnsen](#)

Trans Parent and Caregiver Support Group **Thursday, December 18th 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 Offerings

Our Life Learning Committee has completed the schedule of classes and groups for 2025-2026.

[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, December 2nd 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

NO GATHERING ON 11/26/25, this Wednesday!

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, December 11th

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, December 28th**. Contact [Eric Espinosa](#) or [Rubin Marquez](#) for information and a Zoom link.

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)

Our next meeting is Saturday, January 24 at 9 a.m. on Zoom.



December Special Plate/Outreach Collection: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Guest at Your Table Program —

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is UUSC's annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. Since it began in 1975, GAYT has introduced generations of Unitarian Universalists to our grassroots partners working for justice around the world with your support. This partnership model centers the solutions that come from grassroots communities most impacted by injustice. Relationship—listening deeply to, following the lead of, collaborating with, and resourcing these grassroots organizations on the front lines of resisting oppression and advancing change—is at the heart of our work at UUSC. GAYT offers us the opportunity to learn deeply from a few of UUSC's grassroots partners invites you and members of all ages to expand the borders of our compassion and recognize the ways we are all called to plant seeds of justice so that love can flourish everywhere.

This year's program, centered on the theme Planting Seeds of Justice, presents stories from leaders of four of UUSC's partner organizations. You will hear from migration justice leader Victoria Sirois, housing LGBTQ+ asylum seekers in Philadelphia. You will meet political prisoner Ruth López, fighting for government accountability and human rights in El Salvador. You will learn about a Honduran community of water defenders carrying on the legacy of the late Juan López. And you will be introduced to Haitian activist Katia Bonté, fighting for the rights of people in migration to be treated with dignity. UUSC's partners are embodying hope and transforming lives.

Throughout December, we will learn more about this year's guests, but you also can learn more about them through the Stories of Hope book, available online at [Proof](#). We also will distribute hard copies of this book in the Meeting House.

Donations can be made in a variety of ways this month. You may make your donation as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House on Sunday, December 14. You also may make your donation online through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: UUSC Guest at Your Table. Finally, you may make your donation directly to UUSC at the following site: [Donate to Classy - Guest at Your Table](#). If you make your donation directly to UUSC, please make sure to indicate you are part of the First Parish in Hingham, Old Ship Church congregation. That way your donation will be included as part of our monthly outreach offering. Thanks in advance for your support of this important work that puts our values out into the world.

Hingham Food Pantry — Each week during the service, we collect food for the Hingham Food Pantry. We also collect food at 14 Main whenever the office is open or whenever there is a meeting or other event there. Although the federal government has reopened and SNAP benefits are being paid, there is

still a need for us to support the food pantry as much as we can. Many people are facing difficult times financially and being able to use the food pantry may permit someone to keep their home and pay other expenses. In October, we donated 144 pounds of food to the food pantry, and we expect our November donations will be even greater. Listed below are the current needs of the food pantry.



Antiracism/Social Justice Drop in Book Group Expands to a Book about Keeping Our Democracy — Our next book group meeting will be on January 18, 2026. We will be discussing *Giving Up is Unforgivable: A Manual for Keeping a Democracy* by Joyce Vance. This book puts our current crisis in historical context and offers a hopeful vision for the future while acknowledging the real challenges we currently face. She empowers readers to do something both individually and collectively to keep our democracy. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87637841227?pwd=LVEbQGUtuRZIB83OZ5U9atbNmfgAHN.1>. Contact Patti Smith if you have any questions.

UU Urban Ministry News — The Urban Ministry has worked with Artists of Color in the Roxbury community for the last five years. Their new catalog is available online at [RICH Roxbury | UUUM - Boston, MA](#). This is a wonderful source for holiday gifts that support the thriving community of independent artists in Roxbury.

Old Ship Merrie Market
Saturday, December 13th, 2025
9:00am - 2:00pm
Hingham Community Center

Volunteers for Friday's set up and Saturday's Merrie Market are still welcome and needed.

Friday: set up 10:30 am - 8:30 pm / transporters needed to bring boxes of treasures from the Elliott's garage to HCC starting at 11:30 am.

Baking for the bake table, additional donations for the silent auction, treasures and jewelry are encouraged.

Silent Auction: Items could be services you can provide, unique items art/crafts and special antiques or event tickets.



Lawn Signs: If you had one up last year and did not get one yet they can be picked up at 14 Main. We had 10 more this year if you'd like to have one for your front lawn please let Dave know and he will make sure you get one.

Donations can be dropped off at 14 Main (best to call ahead) or picked up by Dave Petrie (781-400-9434).

New volunteers can sign up online or contact [Dave](#), any amount of your time is welcome and appreciated.

If you wish to volunteer: [Click here to sign up.](#)

CALLING ALL BAKERS MERRIE MARKET BAKE TABLE NEEDS YOU!

The Merrie Market bake table offers a variety of homemade goodies and we would love to feature something from your kitchen. Pies, breads, muffins, cookies, brownies, fudge, and scones are always popular, or perhaps you have a special family recipe you'd like to share. Please label your item and package it in clear plastic wrap so customers can see what it is. Festive decorations or ribbons are great! All items need to be delivered to the Community Center by Friday, December 12th by 7 pm or Saturday, December 13th by 8 am. If you have any questions or would like to let us know what you will be contributing, please contact Liz Flint at elizabethflint@hotmail.com or (508) 560-1572.



Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore Holiday Dinner Tuesday December 16 from 6-8 pm.

Please save the date! Old Shippers will be cooking and serving the holiday dinner organized by The Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore on Tuesday December 16 from 6-8 pm. As many of you know from helping in the past, this warm and fun event is meant to bring some holiday cheer to families currently living in the family shelter system. Please email [Janice McPhillips](#) if you would like to help with shopping, cooking in advance, setting up, serving, cleaning up. Thank you very much!



Old Ship Memorial Christmas Wreaths are now on sale.

There are 5 Memorial Christmas wreaths, with big red bows, that are hung inside and outside the Meeting House all through December. The wreaths are placed around the Meeting House:
Left of Podium **(sold)**
Right of Podium
Balcony **(sold)**
Front door

Side door

You may purchase a wreath and give a one sentence dedication to Lisa. This will include your dedication and your name as the dedicator. The Wreaths are \$120 each and the proceeds go to Merrie Market. Please contact [Lisa Beck](mailto:lisa.beck@merriemarket.com) by email or you may call the office (781)749-1679 , if you wish to buy one of these wreaths.

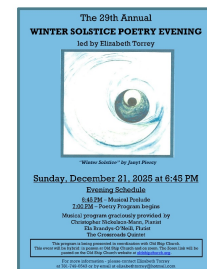
First come, first served.
The Wreath-Makers.

Door and house wreaths will not be sold by Old Ship this year. The Wreath Makers are hoping for a good plan to make, store, display and sell wreaths in the future!



29th ANNUAL WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION Sunday, December 21st at 6:45 p.m. Meeting House/Zoom

Annual Winter Solstice Celebration, led by Elizabeth Torrey. Everyone is invited to honor the 29th Winter Solstice Celebration with poetry and song on Sun., Dec. 21 (Musical prelude, 6:45 PM: Poetry Program, 7 PM). This event will be hybrid: both in person and on zoom. Audience members are invited to share a favorite winter poem. The Rev. Carie Johnsen will introduce the evening facilitated by Elizabeth Torrey. The event will be hosted at the historic Old Ship Meetinghouse in keeping with tradition. The Zoom link will be posted on the Old Ship Church website at oldshipchurch.org. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Torrey at 781-749-0543 or elizabethtorrey@hotmail.com. All are welcome. [Click here for the Zoom Link](#). [Click here for the Event Flyer](#).



Giving Tuesday - Tues, December 2nd

Each of us is a thread in the net of love, care and support of the Old Ship Community. If you are able, please make an extra donation on Giving Tuesday, 12/2, to help strengthen this net.

[Donate online](#)

What Is Giving Tuesday? - Celebrated on the Tuesday following both Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday kicks off the holiday season. Charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world come together in common purpose: to celebrate their cause and to give.



Save the Date!

Celebrating & Illuminating Shared Ministry

Saturday, January 17, 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hingham Congregational Church

The Transition Ministry Team seeks your input at a retreat session focusing on Shared Ministries
Shared Future
Shared Growth

Please [click here to RSVP](#) to Lisa in the office. Click [here to see flyer](#).

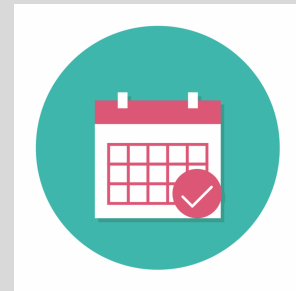


The Old Ship Calendar

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

- **Deacon's Meeting** - Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 p.m. Offsite
- **Board of Trustees** - Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m. Zoom/Parlor
[Click here for the zoom link](#) The agenda will be sent out the week of the meeting

Out of Office

Lisa will be out of the office Wednesday, November 26th through Sunday, November 30th. She will return on Monday, December 1st at 9:00 A.M.



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