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## News from the Social Justice

### Council (SJC)

*Our next meeting is Saturday, February 28th at 9 a.m. on Zoom. Here is the Zoom*



*link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441445452?pwd=ul4hSho0ea6bCpz5Kzh7TSd77YtGB9.1>*

### **February Outreach/Share the Plate: Supporting Immigrants at this Critical and Challenging Time**

We know many in our community want to help immigrants during this challenging time when so many immigrants and their supporters are having their lives upended by ICE. The Social Justice Council has decided to support [Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#), an organization raising funds to provide direct aid to members of the Minneapolis community who have been impacted by ICE operations. Our donations will provide flexible, immediate assistance for critical needs, including: groceries and basic household necessities, transportation support, and emergency support for families facing sudden loss of income. The goal of this organization is to help community members stay housed, fed, and supported during moments of profound uncertainty. This is neighbors showing up for neighbors, preserving dignity, stability, and safety when our systems fall short. We learned of this organization through the Rev. Ashley Horan, a UU Minister who lives in the neighborhood where Renee Good was killed by ICE agents. In March, we will be supporting a local organization working to help immigrants, but we feel that the situation in Minnesota needs our help first.

Donations can be made as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House on Sunday, February 8, or at anytime throughout the month through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Thanks in advance for your support of this important work that puts our values out into the world and take a stand against oppression and inhumane treatment of immigrants.

## Seeking cooks for a Father Bill's Cooking Team

Since 1990, our Old Ship members have provided meals for Father Bill's in Quincy, our local service provider for adults experiencing homelessness. Currently new cooks are needed to prepare four meals each year by cooking a main dish or making a salad, delivering the food to Quincy, and helping serve the dinner meal (if your schedule allows, not required).

What's involved?

Shopping for and preparing a dinner dish or salad for four dates a year (known well in advance). You will get a recipe and list of ingredients for a nutritious main dish or salad. Currently, food costs for each meal are approximately \$50-70 per cook.

Delivering the dish to the Yawkey Housing Resource Center, 39 Broad Street, off of Rt. 3A in Quincy which can be done on the day of the scheduled meal, or a day or two in advance per your schedule. If delivery of your contribution is a challenge, team members can help.

And if you are interested, helping to serve the meal at 5pm on the scheduled day, a fun and meaningful way to engage with our neighbors in need.

Please contact Brenda Black at 781 740-2835 or

[blackpollara@verizon.net](mailto:blackpollara@verizon.net) if you want to learn more about helping with a Father Bill's cooking team. If you are not a cook but want to help, there are ways you can support a cook by sharing in the food costs, by helping with delivery or serving the meal. As always, many hands make for lighter work.

For more information about the Father Bill's/Mainspring model and how the meals we provide contribute to their work see <https://helpfbms.org/yawkeyhrc/>.

## 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. We have noticed that our donations have dwindled in the new year. We want to remind everyone that given the economy and the reduction in federal SNAP benefits, 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 November, we donated 89 pounds of food to the food pantry. ***The food pantry is currently in need of canned beef stew, pasta sauce, and cookies.***

### **Antiracism/Social Justice Drop in Book Group**

Our next book group meeting will be on February 15, 2026. We will be discussing *The Great White Hoax: Two Centuries of Selling Racism in America* by Philip Kadish. This is "a book that brilliantly puts our current era into historical context, *The Great White Hoax* uncovers a centuries-long tradition of white supremacist hoaxes, perpetrated on the American public by a succession of political hucksters and opportunists, all of them willfully using racial frauds as tools for political and social advantage. In the antebellum era, slavery's defenders used bogus science to "prove" the inferiority of African American people; during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln's enemies circulated a sham pamphlet accusing him of promoting a dilution of the white race through "miscegenation" (a racist term invented by the pamphlet's authors). . . .*The Great White Hoax* reveals white supremacy as today's real "fake news"—and exposes the cast of villains, past and present, who have kept American racism alive."

The Zoom

link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87637841227?pwd=LVEbQGUtuRZlB83OZ5U9atbNmfgAHN.1>. Contact Patti Smith if you have any questions.

### **Join UUSC's Resistance Network: Building Power to Defend Human Rights and Democracy**

This is a rapid response network that mobilizes people of faith and conscience to defend freedoms and protect communities facing injustice. Whether resisting civil society crackdowns, defending trans and non-binary communities, supporting people in migration, or countering climate regression, our network acts with urgency and solidarity. Click here to join the network: [Join UUSC's Resistance Network – UUSC](#).