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June 2026 Monthly Newsletter

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Deadline for July's newsletter: Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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!](#)

May 31st

"An Indian in King Arthur's Court"

Rev. Danielle Di Bona, Christopher Nickelson-Mann

As we continue our search for meaning and our spiritual growth, we will examine together what it means to be an Indigenous person in Unitarian Universalism in Massachusetts.



Reverend Danielle Di Bona
Guest Minister

The Reverend Danielle Di Bona has served Unitarian Universalism for over 30 years, and is the 2018 recipient of the Award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Unitarian Universalism, and the 2004 recipient of The Melvin Hoover "Beloved Community Award" for outstanding service to Communities of Color in Unitarian Universalism. Rev. Di Bona received an Honorary Dr of Divinity Degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in 2020, and was named Emerita Chaplain of DRUUMM in 2025. Danielle retired this year as the Palliative Care chaplain at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, MA

She has served as a member of the UU Nominating Committee, the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation board, and the Board of the Church of the Larger Fellowship. She previously provided AR/AO/MC support to the GA Planning Committee. Rev. Di Bona is the former President and Vice President of the Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries,

and former DRUUMM Chaplain. She now serves on the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Nominating Committee, and as a Chaplain to the UUA Board of Trustees. In addition she provides consulting services for a small congregation in Eastern Massachusetts and is an “itinerant preacher.”

Danielle identifies as bi-racial. Her father was born in Italy and came to the United States when he was 7. Her mother was Wampanoag, a tribe that has lived on the south shore of Massachusetts for thousands of years.

In her retirement she trains and shows her dogs and had the honor of showing Rozi (Champion, Grand Champion Blue Ridge Vista Csendes) and Aldas (Blue Ridge Vista Aldas) at the Thanksgiving National Dog Show in Philadelphia and Westminster in Manhattan. And she has a new puppy, Pastore Cosimo, (aka Juvenile Delinquent) who is in the show ring, winning points toward his championship.

Flourishing Together June Newsletter



June 7th Flourishing Together

Join us for this end-of-year celebration of all things Old Ship. This service will include reflections from the Transitional Ministry Team. Be sure to look at their end-of-year report on [Congregational Life Insights](#).

Following service, the Transitional Ministry Team will facilitate an informational forum with time for Q&A in the Meeting House.

June 14th Pride Celebrations and Flower Communion

This year we celebrate the annual Flower Communion with a faithful commitment to our LGBTQIA+ siblings. The service will close with Pride Celebrations on the front lawn. Feel free to bring a picnic basket for you and your family along with a snack to share.

Please invite neighbors, friends and family to the Old Ship Pride Celebrations, picnic and a dance party on the front lawn of the Meeting House following the service.

June 21st [UUA General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship](#)

Sunday morning worship is the heart of General Assembly, drawing our entire community together in shared spirit. Through music, preaching, and ritual, we

will ground ourselves in our Unitarian Universalist faith and be renewed for the work of justice, compassion, and community in the world. This Sunday's service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a Community Sing. At 11:00 a.m. we will live stream the UUA General Assembly Sunday morning service from Kentucky in the Meeting House. Come experience this faith movement with Old shippers and UUs from across the country.

June 28th Summer service begins with Karen Churchill, Diane Elliott, Chris Sullivan and friends

Everyday Ordinary Theologies...

"We are bound together — not by agreement, but by covenant."

~ Alice Blair Wesley



In the days following our Annual Meeting, many among us are carrying a mix of emotions—sadness, disappointment, anxiety, gratitude, hope, and concern for the future of Old Ship. Conversations surrounding finances, staffing, and change can touch deeply held values and relationships. Even when decisions are made with care and commitment, they can still leave wounds and uncertainty in their wake.

At moments like this, it is important to remember who we are called to be together.

Congregational life is not sustained by unanimity. It is sustained by covenant: by the willingness to remain in relationship with one another even when we disagree, grieve, or struggle. Our faith invites us not toward perfection, but toward compassion, humility, honesty, and shared responsibility.

This community has weathered many seasons across generations with resilience, courage, and commitment. Through times of growth and times of challenge, Old Ship has endured because people continued to show up for one another—with generosity, patience, courage, and love.

As we move forward, may we resist the temptation to reduce one another to positions taken in a meeting or votes cast in a moment. Instead, may we continue to listen deeply, speak kindly, and remember the wider purpose that gathers us here: to nurture spiritual life, care for one another, seek justice, and serve the world beyond ourselves.

May we move gently with one another in the days ahead.

In faith, covenant and hope with all of you,
Rev. Carie

June Board of Trustees Update

May Board Meeting:

The Board met on May 13th for our monthly meeting. Here are relevant items not discussed elsewhere:

Merrie Market and Fundraising Idea - Guest Dave Petrie shared information on pew doors from Old Ship Church that had sold at auction for \$8000. Recently Dave had discovered two pew doors in the Old Ship Meeting House cellar and a shutter. It was agreed that the Congregation be informed about the pew doors and shutters and perhaps to have discussion at Annual Meeting. Also, we need a place to store treasures for 6 months until Merrie Market. Dave would prefer a space big enough to hold all of treasurers items together. If we rent a storage unit it would cost approximately \$900. It was also agreed that an announcement be made at Annual Meeting asking for members to offer space in their homes. The Board will vote on the storage issue no later than the June meeting.



Personnel Advisory Group Report - Guest Mary Markel Murphy explained the process of preparing a Personnel Manual, though not needed by the State, it was deemed desirable and a UUA template was used as a starting place. The manual was unanimously approved. Mary and Janet Asnes were enthusiastically thanked by Board for their work on the manual. It was also noted that The Deacons have provided a gift card for Sara Herlihy, the pro bono attorney who assisted with this major endeavor.

Transitional Ministry Team Report - Guests Caryn Schneider & Chris Johnson related that Congregational retreat in January and the demographic survey provided the data for the report. It was agreed that Chris Johnson would speak about the report at the Annual Meeting and copies of the report will be given to attendees. In June the intention is to have a service to consider this. In addition, it was a consensus to ask Hilary Allen from UUA to facilitate action on the recommendations for consideration by the congregation with goal setting.

Women's Alliance Funds - Guest Mike Dwyer explained that there has been a Bank Account at Hingham Institute for Savings containing funds for the now defunct Women's Alliance. A small amount of Hersey Trust generates a small amount of money; approximately \$600. President Trish McAleer and past Treasurer Clayton Handleman have been the most recent signatories. Bank of America is custodian of the Hersey Trust. Fan Leonard, prior Women's Alliance Chair, suggests using the money for staff gifts or pastoral care. Mike suggested designating this annual amount to the Deacons, but he will work with the Acting Treasurer Jack Gomez to make a proposal on how to manage this now that the Alliance is dormant.

2026 Annual Meeting

On May 17th, the 2026 Annual Meeting was held in the Meeting House and on Zoom. See the 2026 Annual Report [here](#). Below is a meeting summary;

Board President Trish McAleer convened the meeting following confirmation of a forty-nine member quorum (forty-two in person and seven in zoom) as reported by Clerk Elaine Cusker. Rev. Carie Johnsen offered words of inspiration with a chalice lighting followed by the reading of the Old Ship Covenant by Vice President Janice McPhillips. The Congregation then heard a report from Board President Trish McAleer who spoke on some of the significant areas of growth in the church this past year along with challenges we continue to face, and expressed gratitude for great work of the Old Ship staff, committee and team members. Acting Treasurer Jack Gomez gave a Parish fiscal report and also reported on our invested funds.

The Congregation's voting members voted on the following articles:

Article 1: 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes Acceptance. The minutes were corrected to indicate the vote was not unanimous approval, but rather that fifty-one voted yes and one voted no. *The corrected version was unanimously approved.*

Article 2: Special Meeting Minutes Acceptance: *This was unanimously approved.*

Article 4: Nominating Committee Slate of Nominees: *The following members were unanimously elected to be seated July 1st.:*

Board of Trustees

President (one year – 1st term) Jane Zimmermann
Vice President (one year- 3rd term) Janice McPhillips
Treasurer (one year – 1st term) Open
Clerk – (one year – 3rd term) Elaine Cusker
Trustee at large (three year - 3rd term) Corey Fitz-Marquez
Trustee at large (three year - 1st term) Chris Johnson
Trustee at large (three year - 2nd term) Kathy Mignacca (filling unexpired term)

Nominating Committee – (one year – restricted to three terms)

Dana Kintigh (3rd term)
Joan Wilson (3rd term)
Claire Petrie (2nd term)

Collectors of Funds - (one year – restricted to three terms)

Eric Cornetta (2nd term)
Asst. Collector, Eric Espinosa (3rd term)

Trustees of Invested Funds (five one year – restricted to one term)

Janet Asnes (5th term)
David Murphy(4th term – not standing for re-election 2026; still within term)
Mike Dwyer (1st term)
Laura Harbottle (1st term)
Susannah Thomas (1st term)

Article 7: Proposed 2026-2027 Budget. Board members noted that due to pledging shortfall, reductions were made in the weekly hours of the Music Director and the Office Administrator. Considerable discussion ensued regarding a reduction in the hours of the Music Director from 20 to 15 for a savings of \$12,000. Board members noted that the Music Director was originally hired for 15 hours, but increased to 20 hours during the COVID pandemic. It was also stated that 10-15 hours is the standard weekly amount for UUA music directors. Board members also clarified that the proposed budget had been discussed and voted on in an open Board meeting on April 29th. Also per the Old Ship bylaws, the proposed budget was sent out ten days prior. Among the suggestions for alternate budget reductions was a reduction in proposed \$6000 budget for an RE coordinator as proposed by the Spiritual Exploration Team. The merits of the earmarking funds for a position not yet hired were debated. Other members spoke on the need to add revenue to restore the Music Director position to 20 hours. Some indicated they would increase their pledges by 1K to help support the additional \$12,000. It was clarified that while specific pledges cannot be designated for a particular line item, a congregational vote to increase the position and line item would be

binding. A motion was made to end debate but failed to receive the required 2/3 vote for approval, thus debate continued. A motion was then made to amend the budget and increase the line item for the Music Director position back to \$12,000 to retain the position at 20 hours and balance the budget by increasing the Pledge line under revenue. *This amendment was approved by a vote of 35 in favor and 13 opposed. The vote on the amended budget was then unanimously approved.*

Article 8: Budget adjustment based on final pledge results and other relevant information at the end of fiscal year. *This was approved by voice vote – all in favor except for three opposed.*

Article 6: Line of Credit Using the Meeting House as Collateral:

Background: Previously, the Parish had approved a projected \$300,000 line of credit using the endowment as collateral. However, Hingham Institution for Savings only provides credit collateralized by real estate. Thus establishing this line of credit would require using our Meeting House as collateral. The purpose of the credit line is to bridge *Grants* that are provided as reimbursement after the project is complete and costs are incurred. Lines of credit are needed to cover this initial cost (projected at \$300,000). Amounts borrowed for this purpose will be repaid as the grant payments are received. As Capital Campaign pledges of \$180,000 will be sought over a three-year period, some pledges may be fulfilled after construction costs are incurred, in which case a line of credit may be needed to cover costs until the pledges are received and the amount repaid. The credit line would be available over a longer period to provide emergency cash flow funding. *The vote was 41 in favor, and one was opposed, thus receiving the required ¾ approval.*

Article 9: Future borrowing of necessary funds. *This was unanimously approved.*

Article 11: Amending the First Parish Bylaws changing the name of the “Religious Education Committee” to the “Spiritual Exploration Team” (A two thirds vote is required for adoption) *This was approved by voice vote – all in favor except for one opposed.*

Rev. Carie Johnson referred to her Minister's Report and praised both the work of the Transitional Ministry Team and the Personnel Advisory Group.

Transitional Ministry Team Chair Chris Johnson shared the team's 2026 Report for which copies were available after the meeting for all. The work to date is understanding who Old Ship was, who we are today, and what we can become in the future. A June 7th Service will offer this as a focus.

Community Space Team Liaison Dennis Hogan shared the final 1st and 2nd floor plans indicating dimensions, building capacity of 112, security, accessibility, and amenities. Basement plans are not yet finalized but will be shortly as the next step is permitting with Hingham town agencies as well as Mass Historical.

Clerk Elaine Cusker shared with the meeting the urgent need for storage space for Merrie Market. Dave Petrie, extraordinary chair of Merrie Market, is seeking a space of 10'x12'. Otherwise, a rental of this size for 6 months would cost \$900. In addition, she informed the meeting that in the basement of the meetinghouse there are two pew doors and two fan window shutters that could have considerable sale value. She will send out photos to elicit a response from parishioners to help the Board with any consideration of a sale. Several

supported the sale, and others spoke against it as inconsistent with the stewardship of the Meetinghouse as well as the value of the items as templates.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

The Board welcomes your questions and comments. Please email BOT President Trish McAleer at president@oldshipchurch.org.

Summer Services will be begin on June 28th!

Services start at 10:30 a.m and will be in person in the Meeting house as well as on Zoom. Each service is hosted by the Worship and Music Committee and a guest speaker.



Don't miss the opportunity to continue sharing, bonding and worshipping together all through the summer months. We have put together some interesting and thought provoking services so far but we need your help. There are speaker dates available and we need more volunteers to tell their story! Services are informal and this is a great way for your voice to be heard. What makes your spirit whole? What lights your heart?

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



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 14 – 21, 2026

MEET THE MOMENT: TOGETHER EVERYWHERE

This year the annual [General Assembly](#) of the Unitarian Universalist Association will be VIRTUAL. This *Meet the Moment: Together Forever* assemble of Unitarian Universalists across the nation is June 14 - 21. This is a great opportunity to experience and connect with the wider Unitarian Universalist movement.

We encourage members and friends of First Parish in him to join a growing community of attendees. Please look at the [schedule](#) and [registration](#).

For those who are interested, we will gather as a community at 14 Main or other predetermined location to view and participate in livestream business meetings, events, and celebrations together.

PLEASE NOTE: All participants in the gathering **MUST** be [registered](#) for General Assembly. If you would like to receive a scholarship for attending, please contact Rev.Carie@OldShipChurch.org.

I hope to see you there, Rev. Carie

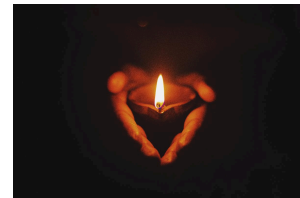
AV Training
Sunday, June 14th
12:00 PM Meeting House
Please RSVP!



Ever wonder how the Zoom sausage gets made? Would you like to learn how and be eligible to run the Zoom show from time to time? Then come on down to the Old Ship Meeting House on June 14th, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. to learn more! Colin will walk folks through the ins and outs of running the Sunday Worship Zoom Meetings. Please RSVP at this link:
<https://forms.gle/PRJJBqTRW3qJF6Mx9>

Among Us

We hold the Hall family in our hearts after the passing of Tamara Hall. A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. in the Meeting House.



Among Us

We hold the Malme Family in our hearts after the recent passing of Jane. She died peacefully on April 15th at Linden Ponds in Hingham, where she's lived since 2013 (with her husband Chuck until his death in 2021.). Jane was instrumental in Old Ship becoming a Welcoming Congregation, advocated for equal marriage. She also helped orchestrate the capital campaign that led to creating The Friends of Old Ship. And she loved giving tours! She was so honored to serve as a deacon in her later years. A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.



RENEWED PLEDGES

There was much discussion during our Annual Meeting on Sunday about just how tight our yearly budget is and the need to make cuts. As a result of this discussion, it was proposed that we reach out to our Community to see if some individuals would be able to increase their Pledge amount for 2026-27. If you are able to do so, it would be very much appreciated.



Please send an email to Lisa Beck in the Office at office@oldshipchurch.org. Let her know the amount you are increasing your Pledge by and your total pledge for 2026-27. This will be a confidential communication.

And if you have not completed your 2025-26 Pledge, please do so by 6/30/26. We have \$25,000 still to be received. And we need this for our current year's

bills.

Thank you everyone!
In Gratitude,
Pia, Janice and Trish

Fellowship Hour & Snacks Sunday, May 31st

Fellowship Hour will be held at the Meeting House (weather permitting) Last names beginning **A - H** are asked to bring cold drinks and a snack on **Sunday, May 31st**. 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 it's box or served on a paper plate. Thanks everyone.



Building & Ground Committee Meeting Sunday, May 31st at 12:00 P.M.

The Building and Grounds Committee will meet at the Meeting House at noon on Sunday May 31 at noon. We will be discussing current and future issues regarding the care and upkeep of the Meeting House and the surrounding grounds. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact [Janice McPhillips](#).

Building and Grounds



Please buy tickets now! Celebrate Spirits of '76 June 5th and 6th!

Friends of Old Ship Meeting House and Hingham Cemetery are joining together to celebrate *Spirits of '76*, with two unique events on Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th!



Friday evening at 7 pm, meet at the Meeting House for a brief, inspiring talk by historian Jim Conroy, who will connect the revolutionary spirit of 1776 to the questions Americans are wrestling with today. Then, in the twilight, we'll walk the path from the meeting house to the Cemetery's Ames Chapel. Massachusetts poet laureate Regie Gibson will toast the Spirits of '76 to kick off the rest of the evening, filled with tasty hors d'oeuvres, libations and good cheer. This fund-raiser is \$100 per person.

On Saturday, start at the Meeting House at 10 am for guided small-group tours through Hingham Cemetery. Eileen McIntyre has created a captivating glimpse into the stories of 36 everyday and influential townspeople who were alive during the Revolutionary War. The tours run for about an hour and a half; they

are appropriate for youth in 4th grade and older, and people comfortable with walking on uneven ground. The rain date is Sunday, June 7 at 1:00 pm. \$25/adult and \$5/youth.

The Friends are thrilled to be working with the Cemetery folks to bring our unique spaces to life. Please join us, and spread the word with your friends! For more info and to purchase tickets, go to www.oldshipfriends.org.

IT MAY HAVE BEEN 90 THIS WEEK BUT IT ISN'T TOO SOON TO HELP MERRIE MARKET!!

No that isn't a typo! We are in dire need of storage space for the 2026 Merrie Market Treasures inventory. Our extraordinary Chair, Dave Petrie, is looking for a 10'x12' space, or about the size of a single car garage.



This would allow everything to be stored in one place making transport, pricing, and management **soooooo** much more efficient, not to mention giving Dave back his own much needed garage. The alternative of renting storage space for six months comes with a \$900 price tag – OUCH!!

So, Old Shippers, my Inbox is waiting for your generous message – ecusker@buffalo.edu.

All the best, Elaine

Transitional Ministry Team

The TMT thanks you in advance for taking time to read and consider our Congregational Life Insights report. Copies of the report, which considers the question “Who is Old Ship?”, are available at 14 Main St. or can be accessed here. [Click Here](#). Over the past two years, the TMT has reflected with the congregation about who we have been and who we are now. This groundwork will lead us into discerning how we will proceed into the future.



These topics will be further explored during the June 7th service with time set aside afterwards for questions and discussion. We invite you to join us then as we move forward with intention.

Sunday, May 17th 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, May 17, 2026 Service.



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



SE Wraps for the Season

Many many thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who have stepped in to help provide a Spiritual Exploration program for our young children, and to the families who have continued to bring their dear children to Old Ship! Special thanks to Addy Handleman and Corey FitzMarquez for being our consistent, caring teachers all year long. We are looking forward to hiring a new SE Coordinator to help us build our program next year, thanks to the support shown by everyone at Annual Meeting. It does take a village, or in a more apt metaphor, an entire crew, to run this Old Ship! SE appreciates you all!

Celebrate Pride and Flower Communion
on June 14th!



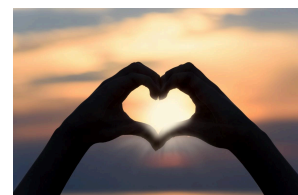
Old Ship's Spiritual Exploration Team (formerly Religious Education Committee) and Rev. Carie are planning a wonderful and meaningful celebration on June 14th this year, and we are excited to warmly invite the greater community from across the South Shore to join us.

Festivities will begin in the meeting house at 10:30 am, where we will gather young and elder for our annual Flower Communion Sunday Service. We'll acknowledge the wonder, beauty and promise of Spring and weave themes celebrating love in all its forms, by collectively creating a grand and glorious spring bouquet. Attendees are encouraged to bring a flower from a nearby garden with them (some flowers will also be provided), to participate in the ceremony.

After the service, weather permitting, we will all go Outside for our festive Pride Picnic to celebrate LOVE. On the sunny lawn and under the shade trees of the meeting house, we will have games, beverages, art and music (a DJ!) for All! Please bring a picnic lunch and blanket or beach chairs and a joyful heart. Dancing and socializing will be encouraged. Spread the word!

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.

[Joan Wilson](#) 617-947-4664

Debbie Squire-Lee

[Elaine Gomez](#) 781 820 4077

[Claire Petrie](#) 617-642-2438

[Louise Smith](#) 781-690-1165

[Rev. Carie Johnson](#) 508-221-5295

Musical Notes

Hello Old Ship Church,

As the weather continues to warm, I find myself outside more and more. The sounds of nature are always changing and shifting throughout the seasons. Even in my own backyard I hear birdsongs come and go, the hopeful calls of spring peepers fade as the cicadas prepare for their summer chorus, and the sound of the wind changes as the leaves on the trees fully open. I encourage everyone to take time in nature to be still and listen. Reset.



Recently, I've been exploring Lang Elliot's website [Music of Nature](#). Lang is a professional nature recordist who posts content about his travels throughout North America. His recordings transport you to a new place, immersing you in sounds — a snapshot of nature's soundscape. (I recommend using headphones for the most immersive experience!) Listen for both the familiar and unfamiliar sounds remembering that we too are nature. I wish you the best for a wonderful June.

Musically,
Christopher

Wisdom of the Poets

AN INVITATION

Make of your kitchen a hearth
where you warm and nourish your life.

Make of the sky over your town your temple
where you refresh yourself daily.

Make of the people in your town your Beloved
to rediscover with kindness each day.

Make of the earth of your town your own garden
where you gaze with attention each day.

Make of your life a steady flame of delight.



Look around you in this moment and see
how all of this pierces us with pain and such happiness.

- Maine poet Elizabeth Garber

Happy summer everyone, and :

Begin each day as a
new discovery, and you
will never grow old ...
you will just grow.

-Anonymous

Responses always welcome - [Elizabeth Torrey](#)

Trans Parent and Caregiver Support Group **Thursday, June 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 third Thursday of each month. Please contact Bob Caravana at bobcaravana@gmail.com.



Life Learning
at Old Ship
2025 – 2026



Life Learning Offerings

Our Life Learning Committee has completed the schedule of classes and groups for 2025-2026. [Please click here for the schedule.](#)

The Gathering

The Gathering will meet **every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the 14 Main Street Parlor. All women are welcome! For info contact [Diane Elliott](#).

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. We will not meet during June, July or August. Our next gathering will meet on **Sunday, September 27th** Contact [Eric Espinosa](#) or [Rubin Marquez](#) for information and a Zoom link.

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](#).

Ceilidh! – Gathers on the first Tuesday of each month. This means our next monthly song/poem circle will be on **Tuesday evening June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** We are currently planning to gather in the Parlor. Email [Eric Cornetta](#) with any questions about Ceilidh.

Sacred Texts Meditation Group

Next gathering: Thursday, May 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](#).

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



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 are donating far less of food than we were in the fall. 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. ***The food pantry is currently in need of pasta sauce, 1lb or 2lb bags/boxes of granulated sugar, crackers, and instant coffee.***

UU The Vote Campaign

The SJC is beginning to organize post cards and phone/text banks to get out the vote for this fall's elections. More information will be forthcoming in the weekly newsletters. Stay tuned!

Outreach Donations

Thanks to everyone who supported our various outreach offerings this past church year. Our outreach offerings will begin again in October 2026. In April, we collected \$925.57 for the North American Indian Center. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this important organization that supports native people in our region.

Summer Planning Meeting and Potluck

The Social Justice Council will hold its summer planning meeting, followed by a potluck supper, on Sunday, August 9, at 4 p.m. Please contact Davalene Cooper if you would like to attend and are not currently a member of the SJC.

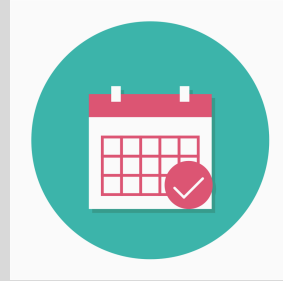
U.U. Urban Ministry Summer Tours and Concerts

During the summer, there are several interesting tours and concerts at the U.U. Urban Ministry in the Boston neighborhood of Roxbury. You can find out more at [Attend | Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry](#).

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

- **Memorial Garden Meeting** - Wednesday, May 27, 12:00 P.M. 14 Main St Conference Room
- **Choir Rehearsal** - Sunday, May 31, 9:30 a.m., Meeting House
- **Building and Grounds Meeting** - Sunday, May 31, 12:00 p.m. Meeting House
- **Transitional Ministry Team Meeting** - Monday, June 1, 1:00 p.m. Zoom
- **SET/RE Meeting** - Tuesday, June 2, 6:00 p.m. 14 Main St Conference Room
- **Worship & Music Committee** - Sunday, June 7, 12:00 p.m., 14 Main Street
- **Board Meeting** - Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. 14 Main St/Zoom The agenda will be attached the week of the meeting. [Click here for the zoom link](#)

New Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m



Happy Summer from your
friends at Old Ship Church!

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