

Social Justice News

Our annual planning meeting is Sunday, August 9 at 4 p.m. If you would like to be part of our SJC work this church year, please contact Davalene Cooper, Chair, for additional information about this meeting. All are welcome to be part of the SJC.

Help Get Out the Vote for the Midterm Elections:

The Social Justice Council has purchased postcards to participate in the UU the Vote Project with the UUA. We are sending postcards to get out the vote to voters in North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas. The postcards are written now, but are not mailed until early October. Statistics indicate that this targeted mailing of postcards increased voter turnout in these areas by about 8% during the last election. It is easy to write the message--the script is provided along with the addresses. We ask that you purchase the postcard stamps, but if that is a burden, let us know, as we have some postcard stamps available. If you would like to participate, contact Davalene Cooper at 781-724-1949 (call or text) and tell her how many postcards you would like--it is easiest if you take 30 or 60 (or more!).

Hingham Food Pantry:

We continue to collect food for the Hingham Food Pantry during our summer services and at 14 Main Street when the office is open or an event or meeting is taking place there. Currently, the food pantry is in need of the following items: *Boxes of Granola/Cereal Bars, Canned Beef Stew, Rice Side Dishes, small jars of Mayonnaise, 64 oz bottles of Cranberry Juice, and Dog or Cat Food, canned or dry.* Please note that all donations need to be non-perishable, unopened and unexpired.

Volunteers needed to make six lunches for the Veterans Home in Hingham this coming October:

We at Old Ship are part of a community wide interfaith effort to provide six lunches twice a week (Tuesday and Friday) to the Anderson Veterans Home at 111 Fort Hill Street in Hingham. Lunch consists of a deli-meat or PB&J sandwich (no chicken or tuna salad), bag of chips or pretzles, piece of fresh fruit, cookie, and water or juice.

Old Ship is responsible for the month of October; we are looking for volunteers to take one or more of the October dates and provide the six lunches. Dates we need to fill are October 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, and 30. The lunches are left in a cooler outside the back door of the home by noon on each date. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact Davalene Cooper at davalenecooper@verizon.net or 781-724-1949. Thanks for considering this outreach to the community!

Social Justice Drop in Book Group Returns on Sunday, September 20, at 7 p.m. on Zoom:

Our first book this church year is *Nothing More of This Land: Community, Power, and the Search for Indigeneous Identity*, by award-winning journalist Joseph Lee. "Before Martha's Vineyard became one of the most iconic vacation destinations in the country, it was home to the Wampanoag people. Today, as tourists flock to the idyllic beaches, the island has become increasingly unaffordable for tribal members, with nearly three-quarters now living off-island. Growing up Aquinnah Wampanoag, . . . Lee grappled with

what this situation meant for his tribe, how the community can continue to grow, and more broadly, what it means to be Indigenous."

"Lee weaves his own story and that of his family into a panoramic narrative of the challenges facing Indigenous people around the world. He takes us from the beaches of Martha's Vineyard to the icy Alaskan tundra, the smoky forests of Northern California to the halls of the United Nations, and beyond. Along the way he meets activists fighting to protect their land, families clashing with their own tribal leaders, and communities working to reclaim tradition. Together, these stories reject stereotypes to show the diversity of Indigenous people today and chart a way past the stubborn legacy of colonialism."

The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87270975159?pwd=Lhb7zIzRw86k2jT9hy5LiO8iUzO8lG.1>.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) News:

Following eight years as UUSC's President and Lead Executive Officer, Rev. Mary Katherine Morn will be retiring at the end of this calendar year. The UUSC Board celebrates her inspiring leadership and is committed to conducting a comprehensive and inclusive search for her successor. It has assembled a search team of Board members and stakeholders that has begun working in collaboration with Diversified Search Group (DSG/Goya) a recruiting firm experienced in executive searches for human rights, faith-based and social service organizations. Former UUA President Bill Sinkford is Chair of the Search Team.

To learn more about how you might engage in advocacy on UUSC issues, visit the website at [Take Action for Human Rights – UUSC Action Center](#). You also may join the UUSC resistance network at that site, and receive action alerts on important issues related to human rights and justice issues, including climate justice.

Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry News:

During the summer, there are many tours and concerts at the Urban Ministry, located at 10 Putnam Street, in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. This past spring, the restoration of the First Parish Meeting House was completed and there are opportunities to tour this historic building. Old Ship is a member congregation of the Urban Ministry and we support its mission, which is to "work across race & place to dismantle racism and white supremacy culture & to advance racial, economic, & social justice." We encourage Old Shippers to learn more about this organization by visiting the UUUM's website ([Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry - youth programming | community engagement | Roxbury, Boston, MA, USA](#)). We especially commend the work of the Urban Ministry in uncovering its history related to slavery at First Church in Roxbury during the colonial period, which can be found at [A Living Landmark | Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry](#).