

Social Justice News

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 will be mailed on October 5th. 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!).

Postcard Writing at 14 Main:

Davalene Cooper will be hosting postcard writing for the midterm elections in the conference room at 14 Main on Saturday, September 19, 26, and October 3 from 9-11 a.m. All the materials will be provided so just bring yourself and have fun writing postcards in a group!

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 Indigenous 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=Lhb7zJzRw86k2jT9hy5LiO8iUzO8lG.1>.

Hingham Food Pantry:

We continue to collect food for the Hingham Food Pantry during our Sunday morning 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: **crackers, cookies, beef stew and jars of pasta sauce**. 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 on Friday, October 23 and 30:

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 pretzels, piece of fresh fruit, cookie, and water or juice.

Old Ship is responsible for the month of October; we have filled all but two of the dates: October 23 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!

Upcoming Events at the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry:

The Makanda Project Concert on Sep 12, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the UU Urban Ministry, 10 Putnam St, Roxbury, MA. The Makanda Project is a 13-piece jazz

ensemble formed to explore the previously unrecorded compositions of Makanda Ken McIntyre. The group is based in Boston, Massachusetts, (Makanda's hometown) and was started in 2005. Since then, the Makanda Project has been giving regular, self-produced free concerts in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood as well as performing outside of Boston – sharing what they believe is something unique and special about Makanda's music, and adding their own individual and collective voices to his compositions. In addition, the group has added music by other composers to its repertoire and entered into a variety of collaborations with other musicians as well as artists from other disciplines.

Sing Out Strong: Revolutionary Voices is a song series with lyrics by Indigenous poets on September 26, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in the Roxbury Meetinghouse, 10 Putnam St, Boston, MA 02119. Sing Out Strong is a multi-year community-based project in which we reach out to ordinary people in our community and commission them to write texts on activist themes that resonate with them personally. For more information and to reserve tickets, go to [Sing Out Strong: Revolutionary Voices is a song series with lyrics by Indigenous poets | UUUM - Boston, MA](#).

Green Sanctuary Committee

Green Sanctuary invites you to community dinners for small groups, where people can get better acquainted by sharing conversations and meatless dishes. If you would like to welcome +/- six guests to dinner – or lunch -- in your home in late September or early October, please contact [Louise Smith](#) (781-690-1165). Dates and guest lists TBA.

