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November 2026 Monthly Newsletter

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Deadline for December's newsletter: Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Multi-Platform:
Join us in-person in the Meeting House
or on Zoom

Please remember to bring contributions for the Food Pantry!

Zoom link opens at 10:15 a.m.

Click here to join Sunday Worship!

November Newsletter

The Practice of Covenant



November 1st **Held in Love: A Service of Remembrance**

Rev. Carie Johnsen and Christopher Nickelson-Mann

In this tender service of remembrance, we will honor loved ones in our community and families who have died during the past year. Through music, ritual, and reflection, we will hold their memories with love and make space for grief, gratitude, and the enduring bonds that remain. There will be a tour of the Memorial Garden after the service.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS -- DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

***November 8th Remember-* Remember—Imagine—Act: Resilience**
Rev. Carie Johnsen and Christopher Nickelson-Mann
In the wake of the midterm election, we will gather to remember the strength of those who came before us and the covenants that bind us to one another. Together, we will explore resilience as a spiritual practice rooted in shared commitment—helping us remain grounded, connected, and hopeful in uncertain times.

***November 15th* "What's Going on Here?"**
Rev. Ken Read Brown and Christopher Nickelson-Mann
Climate change/chaos accelerates, we continue to worry for the future of our democracy, and much else. How can we remain spiritually grounded - and useful - during such tumultuous times?

November 22nd Rooted in Covenant
Rev. Carie Johnsen & Christopher Nichelson-Mann
Covenant calls us into relationship—with one another, our deepest values, and the commitments that sustain our shared life. In this service, we will explore how being rooted in covenant can ground us in times of change, deepen our sense of belonging, and guide us toward greater love, accountability, and care.

November 29th Musical Meditation
Christopher Nichelson-Mann, Music Director
Christopher Nickelson-Mann leads this service, which centers on a time of musical meditation, with readings, a short reflection, and some of the familiar elements of our Sunday worship. Come ready to settle in, listen, and breathe.

Services sponsored by the
HINGHAM HULL RELIGIOUS LEADERS ASSOCIATION:

- The **Annual Thanksgiving Service** will be hosted by **New North Church** on **Wednesday, November 25th**.at 7:00 P.M. **Rev. Danielle Di Bona** will be the main speaker.
- A **Transgender Day of Remembrance Service** will take place at the bandstand at Hingham Bathing Beach on Friday, **November 20th, at 5:30** p.m. The rain location is First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship).**Click here for flyer**

Everyday Ordinary Theology



This month, we turn to covenant—the heartbeat of Unitarian Universalist communities. We experience covenant whenever we gather, care for one another, choose to stay connected, and respond to injustice. The promises we make invite us to grow, hold us accountable, and remind us that our faith is something we create and live together.

Covenant reminds us that none of us travels through life alone. We belong to one another, and the promises we make help shape who we are, the community we share, and the world we are becoming together.

In ordinary moments, we live our covenant by making room for new voices, reaching out with care, speaking truth with love, and listening across

difference. As we honor our own needs and make space for the needs of others, we create a community where each of us can feel seen, valued, and held.

In sacred moments, covenant draws us more deeply into relationship—inviting us to listen, repair, forgive, and begin again. Through these acts of love and courage, we remember what matters most and renew the promises that hold us together.

In uncertain and challenging times, covenant prepares us to meet the world beyond our walls with compassion, courage, and resilience. At Old Ship, we learn together how to navigate complicated landscapes, trusting that our shared ministry will continue to take root and grow.

As we reflect on how covenant lives among us, we might begin by asking ourselves: **How well do we know Old Ship's covenant?** We can revisit it on the **Mission, Vision, Covenant** webpage. What do these statements mean to us? How do they shape our daily lives and our relationship with Old Ship? When have we experienced our covenant being lived well? How might it guide us through disagreement or change? What promises are we willing to make to strengthen our shared ministry?

As we enter this month's worship theme of covenant, may we bring curiosity, openness, and care to the ways covenant shapes our shared ministry within our community and in the wider world.

With Love at the Center,
Rev. Carie

November 2026
Board Notes



Greetings Old Ship Congregants,
The Board met on the second Wednesday of the month as usual and meetings are open to all parishioners by Zoom or in person. After accepting committee reports, we continued our discussion of our priorities for the coming year. These include promoting Unitarian Universalist values to the wider community through programs that reach beyond our doors and which could have value to the greater community. We recognize the need to enhance our communications to ensure OSC programs are available to the wider community.
Looking at our committee structure, we recognize the need to right-size our committees to the available resources and energy of the parish. The Transitional Ministry Team is looking at this issue.
Treasurer, Jack Gomez, discussed the need to extend the lease on the office spaces at 14 Main. This will require a parish vote at a special meeting to be held this December. More information to follow.

Jane Zimmermann,
Janice McPhillips, Jack Gomez, Elaine Cusker, Corey Fitz-Marquez, Chris Johnson, Kathie Mignacca

Fellowship Hour & Snacks
Sunday, November 1st



Fellowship Hour will be held at the Meeting House (weather permitting) Last names beginning **I - P** are asked to bring cold drinks and a snack on **Sunday, November 1st.** 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.

Pastoral Care at Old Ship



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 or via their new confidential email to **pastoralcare@oldshipchurch.org**.

Debbie Squire-Lee
Elaine Gomez
Claire Petrie
Louise Smith
Rev. Carie Johnson

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. During the Rev. Carie's absence please send a confidential email to **pastoralcare@oldshipchurch.org**.

Parish House Plans Update



Plans are proceeding on schedule, and November is already packed with important permitting meetings**.**

We held a Parish Info Sunday, Oct. 4 after church for about 40 people - we were very pleased with the turnout and positive response. We used feedback to further refine designs for the ADA connector walkway with David Torrey.

Architect David Torrey and our team presented our application for a permit from Hingham's Historic Districts Commission on October 15 on Zoom. They decide whether our plans for the exterior look and size of the new structure and development of the site fit into the historic downtown streetscape. Initial feedback towards the design was positive; they look forward to seeing the placement of the building and connector when they visit the site on November

7 or 14. During public comment, the Cemetery Board raised some concerns; we will meet with them Nov. 10. Our hearing continues on November 19.

Next up on the permit track is finalizing applications to Mass. Historic Commission and the Hingham Planning Board.

As we are now public with plans, we have invited all abutters/neighbors and businesses to an info and Q&A session on Sunday, November 8 at 3:30 pm in the Meeting House, to include a site visit next door. A little later this fall we will invite the wider community to another session.

The Community Preservation Act Grant Application is in process: After their initial review, we held a very fruitful site visit for CPC and Advisory Board members on October 17. We focused on the urgent need for a new heating system in the Meeting House, and how plans for the restored paths tie the Meeting House/Parish House campus together. Our full presentation is scheduled for November 4 or 5.

If you feel like getting involved in any way, please let any one of us know. For now, the main thing is to show support at permitting and community meetings, and be available for site visits to help show people the layout of the plans. Our team can make sure you have the info you need. Thanks!

PH Planning Team: Nina Wellford, Ron Pollara, Elaine and Jack Gomez, Laura Harbottle, Eileen McIntyre, Brian McPhillips

Musical Notes



Dear Old Ship,

Thank you to everyone who joined us in October for Musical Meditation. If you weren't able to join us, November is a good time to check it out. Each meditation hour is an open invitation: come and go as you'd like, pause, breathe, and let the music settle your mind and calm your spirit. Each month's meditations are built around a different reading. Our November meditations are centered on The River's Address by poet, author, and translator Kazim Ali. Musical Meditation is held in the meeting house on the first Wednesday of each month at noon and the third Wednesday at 6:00 PM. (This month: Nov 4 at noon and Nov 18 at 6 PM.)

Back in October, we sang a song with a verse that starts, "If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning..." Well, now we have plenty of bells for everyone to ring! We are fortunate to have a beautiful 3-octave set of Schulmerich handbells on loan from Christ Congregational in Brockton. If there's enough interest, we will put together a group and play them at the Christmas Eve service. We plan to keep the music straightforward and easy, so if you've never rung handbells before, that's not a problem. We'll need at least 5 ringers and can welcome up to 12. If enough people sign up, we'll rehearse three or four times before Christmas Eve; dates and times are TBD. If you're interested or have questions, please let me know as soon as possible and by November 15 at the latest.

Lastly, the choir always welcomes new voices, especially as we gear up for Christmas Eve. You don't need to audition and we will help you find your place.

If you've ever thought about singing in the choir, feel free to come to a rehearsal and try it out. More info about the choir here: **Old Ship Music**.
I look forward to seeing you throughout the month of November!

Musically,
Christopher

Sunday, October 18th 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, October 18, 2026 Service.

AV Training
Sunday, November 1st at 12:00 P.M.
Meeting House



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 Sunday, November 1st at 12:00 p.m. to learn more! Colin will walk folks through the ins and outs of running the Sunday Worship Zoom Meetings.

Transitional Ministry Team



In opening our meeting last Friday, I read this aloud. We thought it important enough that we wanted to share it with all of you. We'd love to hear your insights, reactions, and feelings about it if you are so moved.
Excerpted from **The Secret to Congregational Success at Any Size** by Natalie Briscoe Fall/Winter, 2025, *UU World*
"If you are a small congregation, be a good one. Your strength is in the way you know each other, the way you care for one another, the way you build strong multigenerational relationships. You are flexible and able to respond to members' needs with swift agility. Your programs consist of phone calls, meals shared, milestones celebrated. You have the ability to become rooted in local activism, seeking deep connections with other organizations working for justice. You create Beloved Community by welcoming folks into your homes and your hearts every time you gather. Give that away, and you will never be lost."
Sincerely,
Caryn Schneider
On behalf of the Transitional Ministry Team

Wisdom of the Poets



THE FIRST OF NOVEMBER

I have changed the filters,
washed the sheets,
gotten a mammogram - anything
I can think of to claim a bit of order.
Anything to nudge the future into
the place where it belongs.
And there, in the midst of it all were the roses,
blooming away as if everything were fine.
"Silly thing", I chided them even as
I clipped some sweetness to bring inside.
"Don't you know that winter is coming"?
The roses giggled, shaking off drops of rain.
"Can you think of a better time to bloom?"

Lynne Unger, Unitarian-Universalist Minister

Responses always welcome - **Elizabeth Torrey**

Social Justice Council News

Our next meeting is Saturday, November 21, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. The Zoom link is **https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83271105170?pwd=z46dFM3x7FYFMTgjz671Lf4mYbmq6u.1**. (Passcode is 190951, if needed). Everyone is welcomed to be a member of the SJC! Just come to the meeting!

Special Outreach Offering for November: Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore (FHSS):

As we have each November in recent years, our outreach/special plate offering this month will be for Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore. Given the increase in the need to provide shelter for families without homes throughout the Commonwealth and on the South Shore, and the decrease in government funding, there is even more need this year to support this group that provides shelters and housing for families in our area. You may learn more about FHSS and its programs at **Home | Friends Of The Homeless**.

Donations can be made as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House, date TBA, or at anytime throughout the month through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore. Thanks in advance for your support of this important work that puts our values out into the world and helps our neighbors in need.

Additional Support for the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore (FHSS):

As you may recall, we use some of the outreach donations to provide food for the holiday dinner for the families served by the Friends. We then donate the remaining funds to the group to use as it needs. The holiday dinner will take place in December, at a date and place still to be determined. We are looking for a few people to help coordinate volunteers for the dinner and to help with shopping. We will be asking for volunteers to cook and serve the dinner later in the month. More information will be forthcoming in a weekly newsletter. Right now, we need help with organizing. If these are ways you would like to help, please contact Janice McPhillips.

We also will again participate in the holiday gift program for families served by the Friends, as we have done the past three years. We do not have the details yet for the program, but Davalene Cooper will update the congregation once we have additional information in a weekly email.

Social Justice Drop in Book Group on Sunday, November 15, at 7 p.m. on Zoom:

This month we will be discussing *The Great Contradiction: The Tragic Side of the American Founding* by Joseph J. Ellis. This book is described as an "astounding look at how America's founders—Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Madison, Adams—regarded the issue of slavery as they drafted the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. A daring and important work that ultimately reckons with the two great failures of America's founding: the failure to end slavery and the failure to avoid Indian removal." Ken Burns states this book "masterfully widen[s] our lens to tell a deeper, more complex, more accurate story of our founding."

The Zoom link is **https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87270975159?pwd=Lhb7zJzRw86k2jT9hy5LiO8iUzO8lG.1**. The passcode is 219708, if needed.

Hingham Food Pantry:

This month, we again send our condolences and love to all those who work at the food pantry as they continue the work without Susan Kiernan, Executive Director and Founder of the Hingham Food Pantry. Susan passed away in September and her death is a huge loss for both the food pantry and Hingham. This month, the food pantry is in need of the following items: ***crackers, cookies, cans of beef stew, and jars of pasta sauce.*** Please note that all donations need to be non-perishable, unopened and unexpired. Donations can be made on Sunday morning in the Meeting House and at 14 Main anytime the office is opened or when there is an event or meeting there.

Thanks to our members and friends who provided lunches for the Anderson Veterans House in Hingham in October:

Our Hingham interfaith community provides lunches twice a week to the formerly homeless veterans living at the Anderson House in Hingham. Old Ship provides these lunches in October. Thanks to the following members of our community who prepared lunches this past month: Charlotte Champagne, Davalene Cooper, Judi Flaherty, Chris Johnson, Meg Gibbons, Lisa Sawyer, and Louise Smith. Thanks for helping us with this project!

From Patti Smith: An Invitation to Join the Social Justice Council's Ministry of Sacred Reckonings

Carie, Ellie, and I are hoping that some of you in the congregation will be moved to join this ministry to explore Sacred Reckonings. Carie very eloquently spoke of our experience in Minneapolis in her message on October 11. If you were not present, please seek out the recording. Our time in

Minneapolis was indeed transformative, and we are seeking out others who would like to join us in this ministry. We will move slowly, and our first goal will be to have one-on-one conversations with people in the congregation to talk about the issues raised in the Document of Discovery.

Many of us feel shame about what our ancestors may have done regarding slavery, indigenous peoples, or others. As the Sacred Reckonings book states, we need to convert this shame to remorse, and the remorse to a commitment to begin to learn how to become GOOD ancestors. As ancestors in training, we will learn how forming relationships both inside and outside Old Ship, as well as truth telling, can START to teach us what we must learn from history. History does not HAVE to be stacked: we do not have to repeat past injustices. Little by little, changes can be made, but we must do it together. We certainly hope that you will join us!

Please let us know if you are interested in joining us. You can download the Sacred Reckonings pdf for free at **sacredreckonings.com**. Please feel free to contact any one of us. Ellie Handleman at **ellie@thehandlemans.org**, Carie Johnsen at **revcarie@oldshipchurch.org**, and Patti Smith at **patricia.smith@tufts.edu**

Listening Circles feedback session Nov. 8 12:00 P.M.



Much has happened since the listening circles of last spring regarding the Thanksgiving Service. There were concerns expressed about Old Ship's absence from the service last year, sadness about the tradition changing, recognition that incorporating Native American traditions without a Native American presence is problematic, and concerns about Old Ship's relationship with the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders' Association (HHRLA). Many of those concerns have been addressed as time has passed, as described in the message from Carie in October's newsletter. However, the Committee on Shared Ministry wants to ensure that we follow through on the commitment to hold a feedback session regarding the listening circles. Therefore, anyone with questions related to the Thanksgiving service and/or the HHRLA is invited to come to the parlor for a discussion on Nov. 8 after the service.

Green Sanctuary

GREEN SANCTUARY CONGREGATION

Please sign the petition to encourage the Town of Hingham to create a food-scraps drop off area at the Transfer Station, affording residents a new way to compost food waste. Now, Hingham's trash is burned in a West Wareham incinerator, costing the town approximately $200K per year. Residents who compost food waste can reduce the volume of their trash by 1/3. Some now use backyard composters or Bokashi fermentation, and some use Black Earth Composting at a cost of $250 yearly for weekly pickup, half that amount for bi-weekly pickup. Black Earth Compost trucks food waste to its Wareham facility (82 miles round trip), leaving a significant carbon footprint. If

the Town would create a food-scraps drop-off area, residents who take their trash and recycling to the Transfer Station could drop off food waste alongside other forms of recycling, providing a big environmental and cost benefit to the Town of Hingham. To control insects and rodents, the Town could hire a company such as Black Earth Compost to collect weekly or, at a much lower cost, add it to the existing leaf-and-yard-waste mulch pile. Louise Smith will bring the petition to Sunday service and to The Gathering.

Sunday Flower Donor



Interested in being a donor for the Sunday flowers? November 29 is available. You may provide your own arrangement, or the Sunday Flowers Committee will create a lovely arrangement for a $50 charge. Contact Sharon Prehn **(**prehn@verizon.net or 617-947-0697).

Trans Parent and Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, November 19th 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.**

Welcome Newcomers!
Join Us for a
Monthly Newcomers Coffee
Sunday, November 15, 2026



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 is held following the service on the third Sunday of each month.. Please join us on Sunday, November 15th at our church office and meeting space located at 14 Main Street, entrance on South Street. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Elaine Cusker, Diane Elliott, Teri Lillis** or our **Minister, Rev. Carie Johnsen**



Life Learning at Old Ship
2025 – 2026

Life Learning Offerings

Our Life Learning Committee is in the process of completing the schedule of classes and groups for 2026-2027.

Decluttering
Beverly Pogue
November 9 and 16, 7 pm, by Zoom

First class: Getting Rid of Clutter and Stress: The condition of our home environments can have a significant impact on our mental and/or physical well-being. In this class led by Hobart relative and Utah resident Beverly Pogue you will learn how to manage your home environment more effectively, reduce the emotional impact of clutter, focus on being purposefully organized rather than perfectly organized and recognize your spaces and possessions as resources and not burdens

The second class is Downsizing and “Right-Sizing.” We will discuss why many of us will be faced with the need to downsize; Identify the purpose of “right-sizing" and learn how to get the most out of the next phase of life, yours or that of a loved one..

Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting:
Meeting ID: 854 2062 0761 Passcode: 838118

Investigating Consciousness After Death
Duane Wilke
Four sessions, *November 16, 23, 30 and December 7*
1:00 to 3;00 pm 14 Main Street Parlor

As a UU, are you open to insider different ideas? This is an essay discussion group which was well-received last year. Participants will be discussing an award-winning essay and viewing videos. Topics include near death experiences, deathbed visions and after death communications, reincarnation and xenoglossy. We will also interview (but no personal readings) a medium.

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, November 22nd** 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, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m**. We are currently planning to gather in the Parlor. Email **Eric Cornetta** with any questions about Ceilidh.

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Sacred Texts Meditation Group
Next gathering: Thursday, November 12
4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Zoom Second and fourth Thursday afternoons

The Sacred Text meditation group has begun our study of the Muslim holy book, The Qur'an. As we make the transition we would like to invite other members of the congregation to join us

This group is part of Old Ship's Life Learning program. No one in the group is a Muslim or seeking to become one, but we want to appreciate one of the world's largest denominations, and explore a text claimed to be the literal word of God. We typically do a brief reading, then meditate for 10 minutes and then discuss the portion of the text we have selected.

If you would like more information about this please contact Rich Elliott at richelliott56@gmail.com or 781-812-8897

Collaboration with Glastonbury Abbey.

The Life Learning Committee at Old Ship has arranged to deepen your experience of the Listening to Other Voices lecture series at Glastonbury Abbey. The lectures can be viewed in person at the Abbey or by Zoom on the third Thursday of the month at 7:15. For this who register you can then view a recording of the event several days later. And now on the following Thursday, at 7, you can join us by Zoom for a free discussion, Listening to Others Voices moderated by Rich Elliott. For the month of November, we will meet on **Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 PM by Zoom**

This series opened October 15 with Rabbi Jonah Pesner on the topic of "Do Justice, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with God: Even When It's Hard?" Pesner has been director since 2015 of the Religious Action Center in Washington DC

You can register for this or subsequent talks at **glastonburyabbey.org**, then follow the link to Programs and then Listening to Other Voices. For the Zoom link for the discussion group contact **Richelliott56@gmail.com.**

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr (Revised and Updated in 2024, originally published in 2011, either edition is fine for this course):

Richard Rohr is the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico. He is "an American Franciscan priest, author, and spiritual teacher known for blending Christian mysticism, contemplative practice, and psychological insight. Widely influential across ecumenical audiences, Rohr has drawn praise for promoting love, inclusion, and creation care, but also criticism from conservative Catholics for departing from traditional doctrine."

Old Ship member Davalene Cooper has taken several of Rohr's classes including a year long "Essentials of Engaged Living" Course during this past year. She is offering this course on his most popular book for interfaith audiences, Falling Upward. This book is "a timeless and inspiring exploration of how the two halves of life work together to lead us to deep meaning and spiritual joy."

The course began on **Monday, October 19, from 1-3 p.m.** in the Parlor at 14 Main, and will **continue for a total of 4 sessions (ending on November 9**). Please contact Davalene Cooper at **davalenecooper@verizon.net** or 781-724-1949 to register for the course.

Save the Date!
Community Day
Sunday, November 22, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Meeting House



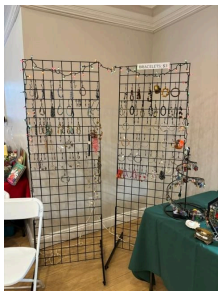
Community Day is making a comeback on Sunday November 22 from noon to 2pm! Old Shippers who have been members for more than 5 years will recall this fun tradition from years ago where we would have a pizza lunch in the old Parish House followed by a couple of hours of work to rake leaves and do other projects around the Parish and Meeting Houses. The grounds around our Meeting House need some attention this fall so please mark your calendars for Sunday November 22 from noon to 2pm. If you can join us for some work, please bring a brown bag lunch and we'll have lunch and conversation either at 14 Main or at the Meeting House (depending on the weather) and then work will commence at noon. Please plan to bring work gloves, a rake, and hand tools like clippers and a trowel. Projects include raking, trimming back perennials in the Memorial Garden, and digging up invasive plants along the side of the driveway. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date. If you have any questions, please contact Janice McPhillips at **jbbmcphillips@gmail.com** or **781-249-9141.** Thank you!

Merrie Market Save the Date!
Saturday, December 12th
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Merrie Market is the traditional holiday fundraiser that is nearly 100% organic to the Old Ship Community. This event would not be possible without the support from YOU, the generous volunteers who contribute hours of their time, energy and loving support. There are lots of opportunities and again we need many volunteers this December. Please sign up to help out, have fun and prosper together. Thank you, Dave Petrie. **Click here to sign up.**

Time for Some Bling!



The Merrie Market Jewelry table is looking for BLING! Help us make the jewelry table even more successful by donating pieces that you no longer wear. Costume/fashion/vintage pieces are always welcome and appreciated. Also, fine jewelry and pieces with a bit more value really help to boost our Merrie Market efforts. This is a great way to support Old Ship! Jewelry donations can be dropped off in the office with Lisa.

Gratefully,
Karen Carpenter and Chris Johnson, the bling team!

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

- **Finance Committee Meeting** - Wednesday, October 28, 4:30 p.m., 14 Main St Parlor
- **Board Meeting** - Wednesday, November 11, 5:30 p.m. . 14 Main/Zoom

Agenda will be sent out the week before **Click here for Zoom Link**



Happy Fall from your friends at Old Ship Church!

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