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## November 2022 Newsletter

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*Deadline for December's newsletter: Tuesday, November 22, 2022*

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



***(masks are optional - and vaccination strongly urged)***

Zoom link opens at 10:15 a.m.

[Click here to join Sunday Worship!](#)

### A Note from Erin

Greetings All,

I want to share with you all an update about the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association's (HHRLA) annual Thanksgiving Eve Service. After consultation with both your Board of Trustees and Deacons and as a result of much discernment with the HHRLA the service will not be held at Old Ship this year. Instead, Hingham Congregational Church will host.

The reasons for this change are many and will be the subject of my sermon this coming Sunday (11/6). The service has been for years a lovely ritual of thanksgiving and gratitude, yet it has not addressed the complexity that is the Thanksgiving Day holiday nor lifted up the complete story.

There is much receptivity and energy among the many members of the HHRLA to work together to change the service which we will do over the next several months. We are also very clear that there just wasn't enough time to make meaningful and thoughtful change in the service so close to holiday. I



am grateful to Rev. Peter Allen and the members of Hingham Congregational Church for their offer to host this year.

I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday the 6th when we will delve more deeply into the why of this change.

Peace,  
Erin

## **Old Ship Board of Trustees November Newsletter**

We've been busy on the Board discussing requests for committee events and planning some events of our own. You've all been busy too! We just had our Committee Fair which brought new members to some of our committees, and some still need more help. There's always room for more so if you missed your chance to volunteer on a committee, council, or team, please reach out to anyone on that committee, the Board, or Lisa in the office. The Labyrinth has come to life again with once-a-month Sunday Labyrinth dances, walks, yoga, and meditation. Coffeehouse Off The Square returns after more than a 2-year hiatus with a memorial tribute to Jim Watson, Sherman Whipple, and Carol Schuler on Saturday November 19, all of whom greatly contributed to the Coffeehouse for many years. We are gearing up for Merrie Market on Saturday December 3. This is our largest fundraiser and a source of great joy for those who participate in the merrie making – please help out where you can. Coffee Hour has returned in full swing on Sundays after service in the Fellowship Hall complete with good conversations, coffee, and snacks. Committees, Councils, teams, groups, are all gathering again to continue the good work of our congregation. Thank you for giving of your time and helping hands.



The Board has also been reviewing and discussing current offers we have for the sale of the Parish House that will be presented to the congregation. This newsletter will come out before we have our all-parish informational meeting and our separate meeting to vote on the offers we have in hand. We are working on presenting these offers, providing information about them, and working to answer questions that arose at our last informational meeting in September and in emails that followed. We look forward to seeing all of you at the meetings, in person or on Zoom. As for our Restated Articles of Organization, we are waiting to hear from our attorneys regarding the status of the paperwork currently under review at the Secretary of State's Office.

The cooler months ahead seem to be bringing us together in many ways. Gathering as we have for many years, and missed during the height of the pandemic, is happening again, and may we always cherish any time we have together.

With gratitude,  
Diane Jordan (she, her, hers)  
President, Old Ship Board of Trustees

### **Fellowship Hour & Snacks:**

We are ready to resume having food for coffee hour! **Last names beginning Q - Z are asked to bring snacks this Sunday, November 4.**

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 leave your food item on the table in the Fellowship Hall ready to go. Food can be left in it's box or served on a paper plate. Thanks everyone!



Since we don't have a working dishwasher or volunteers to hand wash dishes, we encourage bringing your own travel mug for coffee hour. Paper cups will also be available.

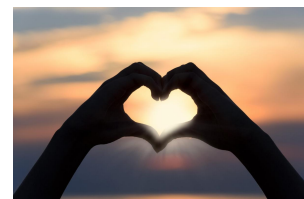
### **SUNDAY FLOWERS DONOR**

Interested in being a donor for our Sunday flowers? November 27 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](mailto:prehn@verizon.net) ([prehn@verizon.net](mailto:prehn@verizon.net) or 781-925-0101).



### **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:



[Ralph Brown](#)

[Liz Flint](#)

[Elaine Gomez](#)

[Alicia Harkness](#)

[Fan Leonard](#)

[Claire Petrie](#)

[Joan Wilson](#)

[Erin Splaine](#)

### **Musical Notes**

Dear Old Ship,

I hope your autumn is off to a beautiful start. November is upon us and the music at Old Ship is in full swing. This is the time of year that I devote a lot of my time and energy to planning the music for the Christmas Eve service at Old Ship. As many of you know, this service has a lot of music -- from traditional favorites to newly composed music you've yet to hear. The choir is a large and important part of this service. Since the past two years have been unusual due to the pandemic, I hope that now is the time to start bringing the choir back to its full potential. If you are interested in joining the choir for the Christmas Eve service, please respond to the survey below. There are several dates that you need to commit to in order to learn the ample music for this service.



### Christmas Eve Choir Participation

Additionally, you will start seeing members of the choir singing without masks during the service. Myself, WAM, and the Board have all agreed to put into place a policy that members of the choir may sing without a mask if they have tested negative for covid the morning of the service. We ask that all participants in the choir are vaccinated, whether or not they sing with a mask.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming services!

Musically Yours,  
Christopher

## **WISDOM OF THE POETS**

### **NOVEMBER**

We saw leaves go to glory,  
Then almost migratory  
Go part way down the lane,  
And then to end the story  
Get beaten down and pasted  
In one wild day of rain.  
We heard " 'Tis over" roaring.  
A year of leaves was wasted.  
Oh, we make a boast of storing,  
Of saving and of keeping,  
But only by ignoring  
The waste of moments sleeping,  
The waste of pleasure weeping  
By denying and ignoring  
The waste of nations warring.

Robert Frost (1874-1963)

I welcome your comments.  
Elizabeth ([elizabethtorrey@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethtorrey@hotmail.com))





## Children & Youth Religious Education



While attendance has been light this past month, the RE Committee is committed to providing a meaningful experience for all who come. This fall we are focusing on being outside together, exploring nature through our UU faith lens.

It's an exciting time to be part of RE at Old Ship and we need **YOU**... your time....your thoughts....your commitment to creating a joyful, spiritual space in our congregation for our children to feel connected to one another and Unitarian Universalism. We are looking for volunteers to be on the committee and/or to be available on Sunday mornings. Please reach out to anyone on the committee if you are interested in taking part in laying the foundation for a meaningful and engaging multi-age community for our children and youth.

Janet Asnes, Maureen Butler, Susan Carrillo, Diane Elliott, Lauren Gadot, Alicia Harkness, Cierra West

### RE Meeting Minutes:

The RE Committee met on October 19th. Some of what was discussed included:

- re-reviewing the Interim DRE reports from the last 2 years and are discussing the best way to distribute this information to everyone.
- updating our Safe Congregation policies and practices
- continuing our commitment to providing 80 lunches to Father Bill's monthly
- the possibility of a Youth Advisor
- RE's part in the Interim Ministry work we are doing as an entire congregation

**Our next meeting will be November 16th.**

If you have any questions or would like to help with RE, please feel free to reach out to any of us. We love to talk about this wonderful part of our ministry at Old Ship.

## **Old Ship Church Labyrinth Meditation Walks**

**Sunday, November 13th 5:00 PM**

On October 16th the Fellowship Hall glowed with the beauty, positive energy, and light of yoga masters Moira Congdon and Trish Hart as they led some 35 participants in one of the most spiritual and healing sessions of mind and body strengthening our beautiful Parish House has ever hosted. This two part evening event consisting of yoga and labyrinth walking, and drew practitioners and students from across our community and the state.

On mats, within a circle of candlelight, on our sacred Labyrinth, we joined



together for a 20 minute twilight session of yoga led by renown teacher and health and fitness ambassador Moira Congdon.

Moira's approach to yoga encourages each individual to see themselves as both the artist and masterpiece of their own lives. And that each day, hour, and moment is a new opportunity to care for oneself and the world around them. Her empowering ethic guides beginners and veterans alike - helping them to tap into the power within themselves, and guiding them into a lived practice based on the belief that together we are stronger.

Following this session the group took part an in-door candlelight labyrinth walk, accompanied by the ethereal music of yoga master, healer and musician Trish Hart. As a Stress Management & Resiliency Educator, Meditation & Mindfulness Instructor, Therapeutic Yoga Instructor and Sound Therapist, Trish uses her music literally as an instrument to help people find physical, emotional, and spiritual relief, transcendence, and joy. A host and organizer of spiritual retreats nationally (Sedona, etc.) and internationally - and throughout New England, Trish brought her talents as a gift to all of us - connecting us in beauty through our Labyrinth and our journey...

Please join us in this beautiful sacred space for our next labyrinth walks - each is utterly unique journey of a lifetime...



## Old Ship Coffee House Returns!

The first Coffeehouse since COVID intervened will happen on **Saturday, November 19, at 8 o'clock**. It will be a memorial tribute to Jim Watson, Sherman Whipple, and Carol Schuler, who for years have been part of that magnet that keeps the crowds coming. Instead of a formal admission charge, there will be a free-will donation box for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.



Maybe Jim came first just to listen, but from the very beginning he was willing to take responsibility for whatever came up. He looked for talent, he often introduced the acts, and he never shied away from hands-on work. And it was through the coffeehouse door that Jim became an active member of the Old Ship congregation. From way back Sherman Whipple designed posters and helped with public relations, and Carol Schuler baked and served the "coffee" part of Coffeehouse.

## Old Ship Holiday Wreath Reservations: On Sale November 18, 19 & 20th

One of the oldest traditions at Old Ship is hanging the large holiday wreaths inside and outside the

Meeting House. Reservations are now being taken for folks wishing to sponsor a memorial or honoring wreath. There are only Five (5) large wreaths that will hang inside and outside the Parish house from December 1 until January 1. More than one family or person can sponsor a single wreath.

Each Sunday, a listing of the donors and their memorial or tributes to individuals is listed in the Order of Service. The wreaths hang and are recognized for 4 or 5 weeks.

This year of inflation, the wreaths cost 120.00 each. Wreaths will sport a large red, velvet bow. We honor our beloved ones with flowers at services and with the large wreaths during the holidays.

Checks should be made out to OLD SHIP CHURCH -- or FIRST PARISH HINGHAM and sent to Lisa Beck at Old Ship Parish House 107 Main Street Hingham, MA 02043

**Door sized wreaths, decorated with nature based treasures, will be on Sale at the Old Ship Parish House on November 18, 19, 20th.** Wreaths are \$50 each - cash or check only.

The holidays are times for decorating, remembering, and giving tributes. Please join us.

*(for more information, call Pat Bianco- 617-774-7474)*



### **Welcoming Congregation Discussion Wed. Nov. 30th 7pm**

It's supposed to be a season of Gratitude. Is it? If our lives are going without too many problems, can we be truly thankful when so many are having a hard time? This crosses so many different communities, genders, sexual orientation, ethnicity, economics, ability, skin tone, where one lives, how they live, treated by others, etc. Everyone is made up of more than just one issue. This discussion is not just about LGBTQ+, it is for everyone. How do we handle how gratitude and thanksgiving in the midst of everything happening around us?

This month's discussion will be on Zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/95490356542?pwd=eDFNZUY0K2N4bzV4dEtZU3E2TVBJQT09>



### **Calling All Elves! Merrie Market Needs YOU! Saturday, December 3, 9am-2pm**

Merrie Market is a time-honored tradition and the primary fundraising event for our Old Ship community. See below for lots of ways for all to



get involved. Many elves will make the day a great success!

Please click here to let us know how you can help! <https://forms.gle/4vDLSz4jDugDmYxUA>

### Donate Your Treasures

Those lovely items that are in the back of your cupboard or deep in a drawer are worth GOLD at Old Ship's Treasures Table! **Bring in your treasures in excellent condition: silver, china, jewelry, antiques, art, pottery, housewares, linens, and holiday items.** No

clothes, computers, TVs, or electronics, please.

Please drop off your donations on the bench in the front hall of the Parish House any weekday between 9am-2pm until December 1st . If you need a pickup from your home, have a question, or want to volunteer to set up or take a shift at the Treasures table, please contact [Lisa Patterson](#) or 617-529-1192.

### Donate a Gift Basket

Helping with gift baskets is easy and fun! We have the baskets, and you provide the contents. Just pick a theme (gardening, crafts, pet, children's, artist, cooking, hostess, chocolate lovers, etc.). Be creative! We've found that people are not willing to spend more than \$35 for a gift basket, so keep that in mind when purchasing basket contents. We arrange the contents, wrap the basket in cellophane, & decorate it in holiday finery.

Please bring your bagged and labeled contents to the Parish House by November 23rd . Any questions, please contact [Sharon Prehn](#) or 781-925-0101.

### Donate Silent Auction Items

Can you offer your talents and/or special items to the auction? We need donations of services, experiences, weekend stays, theater or symphony tickets, sports tickets, framed photos or paintings, beautifully crafted items, special antiques or jewelry, or unique finds from your travels. Contact [Susannah Thomas](#) or 781-724-2340.

### Bake Your Favorite Treats

The Merrie Market Bake Table offers a variety of homemade goodies, and we would love to feature something from YOUR kitchen. Cookies, pies, candies, breads, jams, scones, and cakes are always popular. All items (packaged and labeled) need to be delivered to the Parish House on Friday, December 2nd before 7:30pm or before 8am on Saturday, December 3rd . Contact [Liz Flint](#) : [elizabethflint@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethflint@hotmail.com) or 508-560-1572 if you are able to contribute to the bake table or if you have any questions.

### Help Set Up or Clean Up

Set up will start in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 27th . We'll need help behind the scenes during the week and volunteers to work the tables on



December 3rd . We will also need folks to help with the clean up on both Saturday after the Market, and possibly on Sunday, December 4th . To sign up, contact [Susannah Thomas](#): or 781-724-2340.

Merrie Market is an easy and fun way to get involved, meet new friends, and support Old Ship. There's a role for everyone. Please let us know how you can help - **THANK YOU!**

## Invitation to Worship Tech Team

As you know, Colin McGinnis has been our solo "tech team" for Sunday worship for the past two years, managing the cameras and computer connections.. We would like to support Colin with a bit more of a team! If you are interested in helping out during the upcoming worship year, please contact [Lisa](#)



## Life Learning Offerings

click here to see our [2022-2023 Life Learning Web Page](#)

### Ongoing groups and gatherings

#### The Way of the Bodhisattva

Every Sunday morning, 8:30 AM. Zoom only. Twenty minutes of sitting meditation followed by discussion of a Buddhist or related text, facilitated by Catherine Mayes. Currently we are reading [Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind](#) by Shunryu Suzuki. Newcomers warmly welcomed. No experience with Buddhism necessary. For questions and Zoom link, email. [Lisa Sawyer](#).



#### Sacred Texts Meditation Group

Next gatherings: Thursdays, November 10th & 17th (Moved from 11/24 Thanksgiving Day)

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](#) .

**Men's Breakfast** – Meets on the second Sunday morning, 8:30 a.m., of each month – our next gathering will be November 13th– on Zoom. Contact Ralph Brown ([ralph.e.brown@gmail.com](mailto:ralph.e.brown@gmail.com)) or Rich Elliott ([richelliott56@gmail.com](mailto:richelliott56@gmail.com)) for information and, for the Zoom link.

**Women's Breakfast and Conversation** – Ordinarily meets on the *fourth* Sunday morning of each month from 8:30 a.m. -10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 27th. Open to all the women of the church. If you would like to attend, send an email to [Janice McPhillips](#) or go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/92656862826?pwd=cGZwOHVzR0lpLzdPQ2ZmVnNjYVZBUT09> all are

also welcome to gather in the Parish House parlor. We gather to share our lives and enjoy one another's company. Conversations are confidential and, again, all are welcome!

**Ceilidh!** – Gathers on the first Tuesday of each month. This means our next monthly song/poem circle will be on Tuesday evening, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. We are currently planning to gather in the Parlor as well as on Zoom. Email Eric Cornetta with any questions about Ceilidh or for the Zoom link:EECornetta@aol.com. The [zoom link](https://zoom.us/j/92888235659?pwd=M3NEcVNibjdqM1RvUHhTU9aNT1Edz09) is:<https://zoom.us/j/92888235659?pwd=M3NEcVNibjdqM1RvUHhTU9aNT1Edz09>

### **Fiber Funship**

We will meet Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, in the parlor. For info contact [Diane Elliott](#) or [Carol Valentine](#).

## **Serving Others**

### **News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)**

***Next Meeting is Saturday, November 19, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. If you are not a member and would like to join us for the meeting, contact Davalene Cooper, at [davalenecooper@verizon.net](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net), for the Zoom link. All are welcome!***



**UU the Vote:** We are continuing to engage in UU the Vote events until the November 8 election. We thank the 21 people in our Old Ship community who wrote 875 postcards to voters in Arizona, Florida, and Texas as part of the Reclaim the Vote initiative from UU the Vote. We also know other members of our community wrote postcards as part of other community efforts to get out the vote. Thanks to all of you!

We also thank those who have participated in phone and text banks. There is another [UU the Vote Text Bank](#) on November 7 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. There are [UU the Vote Phone Banks](#) on November 2, and 3, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Our Old Shippers who have done this report it is a lot of fun-- the event organizers build community, train you to make calls that make a difference, and have fun. To sign up for these event, go to [Fall Flex for 4 Million - UU the Vote](#).

### **November Special Plate: Friends of the Homeless of the South**

**Shore:** November's special plate will provide the funds for the annual holiday dinner for the families served by the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore (FHSS). This dinner is returning this December for the first time since 2019; it was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. As you may recall, we at Old Ship purchase and prepare the food for the dinner. Any funds remaining after purchase food and other dinner supplies will be given to FHSS to meet their needs in serving their clients.

Remember, you also may make your special plate donation [online](#) through the Old Ship web site by designating your donation to FHSS or by sending your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, with FHSS designated on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations!

**Additional Opportunities to Support FHSS:** At the time of this newsletter,

we are planning to host the annual dinner in December for the families served by the FHSS, but we do not have an exact date yet. We will be needing people to cook and to serve the dinner. When we did this before COVID, we cooked dishes in our homes and brought the food to Fellowship Hall. Some food was kept warm in crock pots. We will share the details in the weekly newsletters as we have them. Stay tuned! This is a really fun event and the families served by FHSS are grateful for this holiday celebration!

We are also planning to participate again in the holiday gift program from FHSS that provides gifts for families in their shelter, or families recently relocated to permanent homes. We will be providing gifts for 10 families, as we did last year. Again, stay tuned to the weekly newsletter for details. We should have the details shortly before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, contact [Davalene Cooper](#).

**Cooks needed for Father Bill's Cooking Teams:** As you may know, Old Ship is part of an effort on the South Shore to provide meals to Father Bill's shelter in Quincy. We staff 6 cooking/serving teams that provide meals throughout the year. Each team is assigned 4 dates to cook; it is now possible to serve the meal on your assigned dates if you would like, but it is not required. You will be provided with a recipe and amounts of ingredients needed to make your team's entrée or the salad. If you cannot be present on the date of the meal, it is possible to cook beforehand and freeze your entree. The teams currently needing cooks provide meals on four Thursdays of the year, one each quarter. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to join a team, please contact Brenda Black at [blackpollara@verizon.net](mailto:blackpollara@verizon.net).

**Lunches for the Anderson Veterans Home:** 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 on Fort Hill Street in Hingham. Lunch consists of a deli-meat sandwich, chips, fresh fruit, cookie, and water or juice. If you would like to be a part of this effort, by agreeing to provide lunch for one or two days during the year, please contact [Davalene Cooper](#) for the sign up link.

**Anti-Racism/Social Justice Book Group meeting on November 20 at 7 p.m. on Zoom:** We will be discussing Clint Smith's *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*. This book examines the role monuments and statues honoring the confederacy perpetuate white supremacy. Some of you may remember that Clint Smith was the editor of the anthology of African American poetry many of us read about two years ago. Davalene Cooper will lead our discussion.

**For more information or if you have questions about the group, contact [Davalene Cooper](#).** This group is open to all who are interested in learning more about these social justice issues. It is a drop-in group so members may attend whatever book discussions they are most interested in. Here is the Zoom link for the November meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84810976357>.

**Hingham Food Pantry** — We are again collecting food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry. There is a basket in the vestibule of the Meeting House for donations. ***Donations may also be made at the Hingham Stop and Shop (large bin at the front of the store).*** The food pantry only accepts non-

perishable, unopened, and unexpired food. Although all donations are appreciated, the following items are among the most needed at this time: Turkey Gravy, Canned Yams, Canned Green Beans, Cookies, Pasta Sauce, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Spaghetti, Dried Fruit, Nuts, and 1 lb. bags of Granulated Sugar (nothing larger please). Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 685 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043.

**Upcoming Community Discussions at the UU Urban Ministry (on Zoom):**

*Why the Gap: Racialized Property and Wealth in Boston* on November 15 from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom. Historian Byron Rushing, who served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for over-thirty-years, and was also the president of the Museum of African-American History in Boston will be the speaker. Here is the Zoom link for the program: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88687467587?pwd=elRIU0RQcU5ab3V0Q1NkUEJsRmJjZz09>.

*Supporting Small Business in the City: Barriers and Opportunities* on December 6 from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom. Rev. Willie Bodrick, II, J.D., M. Div. –14th Senior Pastor (2021-present) is the talented, enthusiastic, and anointed Senior Pastor of the Historic Twelfth Baptist Church in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, MA. He is also the President & CEO of The American City Coalition (TACC). TACC is a nonprofit organization grounded in an inclusive, comprehensive, and collaborative approach to neighborhood revitalization. Our mission is to help improve urban neighborhoods so that families flourish in safe environments and fully benefit from the economic opportunities of American cities. Here is the Zoom link for the program: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88687467587?pwd=elRIU0RQcU5ab3V0Q1NkUEJsRmJjZz09>.

**Additional Support for the UU Urban Ministry Programs:** As you may recall, the UUUM supports Roxbury artists of color through its Arts and Humanities Programming. This is a good place to find gifts for the holidays! To see the artists who are spotlighted and to download the catalog, go to [Arts and Humanities Programming | Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry \(uuum.org\)](https://uuum.org/Arts-and-Humanities-Programming).

**UUA's Side with Love Campaign** — This is an advocacy campaign seeking to harness the power of love to work for justice and stop oppression in its many forms. You can learn more about the campaign and sign up to receive updates on how to participate at [Side With Love](https://www.sidewithlove.org). This is the program Rev. Ashley Horan leads, so if you were moved by her sermon at Old Ship on October 23, now is the time to learn more about how you can be involved in the various campaigns!

**Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network** — Sign up for the Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network to find out about specific advocacy opportunities such as letter writing, advocacy calls, and participating in educational and advocacy events with local legislators. Send your email address to [Davalene Cooper](mailto:Davalene.Cooper@oldship.org), Keeper of the List.

## **Task Force on Widening the Circle of Concern**

**White Supremacy Culture Within Unitarian Universalism:** In 2017, the Unitarian



Universalist Association Board of Trustees established a Commission on Institutional Change. The commission was charged with conducting an audit of white privilege and the structure of power within Unitarian Universalism, and with analyzing structural racism and white supremacy culture within the UUA.

In 2020, the commission published Widening the Circle of Concern, a report of its findings and recommendations about racism and white supremacy culture within Unitarian Universalism.

Last year, the Old Ship Board of Trustees appointed a special ad hoc task force to examine the report and to suggest how Old Ship might widen our welcome to all and encourage more diversity, inclusion, and equity.

The Task Force envisions this task as one for the entire congregation —this is our work as a faith community to transform ourselves, our community, and our world. As a first step in this work, members of the Task Force plan to meet with committees and other groups to discuss how we at Old Ship might work to dismantle forms of white supremacy culture that might be present in our community. As we digest the report, we are learning that because most of us live in the predominant culture, we do not always see the parts of the culture that support white supremacy.

We are excited about how this work could help to create a more beloved community at Old Ship, and we invite you to be part of this process!

Davalene Cooper is chair of the task force. Members are Ralph Brown, Fan Leonard, Ellie Handleman, Laura Harbottle, Eva Marx, and Patti Smith.

If you're interested in learning more about the UUA's effort to dismantle white supremacy culture, go to [Dismantle White Supremacy | UUA.org](https://www.uua.org/dismantle-white-supremacy).



## 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 you contact information has changed, please email [Lisa](#) so she can update the Old Ship database.

## Upcoming Committee Meetings

- **Board of Trustees** - Thursday, November 3, 7:00 p.m. Zoom/Parlor; Email [Diane Jordan](#) for the Zoom Link
- **All Parish Informational Meeting: Parish House Offers** -Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- **All Parish Special Meeting: Parish House Offers Vote** - Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall/Zoom

## Printer Cartridge Collection

Please bring your used printer cartridges to the Parish House and help raise funds for our office supplies. In 2019 we were able to convert used cartridges into almost \$500 of office supplies! Drop off your cartridges in the office or on the table right outside of the office door. Any brand or type of cartridge is fine. Thank you!



### Shopping and Amazon Smile:

Are you shopping on Amazon? Please shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to your favorite charitable organization: The Old Ship Church! — no fees, no extra cost. Simply start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to support your favorite charity.



## Happy November from your friends at Old Ship Church!

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