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Old Ship Church Monthly Newsletter

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Rev. Ken Read Brown's office hours:

My Parish House office hours are ordinarily Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday mornings from about 10:00 - 2:00 and by appointment. Monday is my day off, and Thursday my sermon writing day. My primary phone contact: 781-749-1679. The office answering machine includes my cell phone if you need to reach me quickly when I am not in the office. You may also email me at oldshipkreb@comcast.net: my practice is to be on line during a period of each afternoon.

Musing...

Rev. Ken Read Brown, Minister

Last month in this space I reflected on the poignant nature of autumn. Well, for many that poignant blend of emotions and feelings deepens as we approach the winter solstice. Long shadows, short days, dark nights. And memories... some happy, some sad, all somehow sharpened into a fine focus in midst of darkening December.

Have I depressed you yet?

I don't mean to. I'm just naming what so many of us feel at this time of year. It helps me to remember, though (and maybe it will help you) that these sometimes sad feelings and thoughts connect us across the ages to human beings who lived through this same natural pattern of life, particularly in our northern climes. And our forebears did what we do: Gathered together to share food and drink, kindled candles and fires, sang songs, held festivals.

So I know that I will inevitably be touched by poignant memories as the month of December moves toward solstice and Christmas and the New Year. But I also know that I will be touched by the joy of singing carols with you and with my family; I know I will be held in the care of those I love; and I know I will find a deep measure of peace as I leave the Meeting House after our Vespers services and after our Christmas Eve service, peace as I gaze into the night sky and try to fathom the unfathomable scope of the universe which holds us all.

Yes, there is sadness in this season. But there is indeed also joy: joy in the gatherings, in the sharing, in the giving, in simply allowing the season to be what it is, the season which invites us into all of this, into the full measure of our human lives in the mystery we call cosmos. It is a very big cosmos at that - but we have each other.

May your solstice season, Hanukkah time, Christmas time, be filled with joy. Whatever else this season, this time, brings, may it be filled also with joy.

Peace and blessings,

--Ken

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Sunday, December 1 "Families of the Heart"

The Sunday following Thanksgiving has for many years been the Sunday of our annual pulpit exchange with First Parish in Cohasset. Ken Read-Brown will be preaching in Cohasset, and Rev. Jill Cowie will be preaching here at Old Ship.

Sunday, December 8 "Five Billion Neighbors?"

Ken writes: "As the sky darkens at this time of year, I tend to think cosmically. This year my cosmic ponderings have been influenced by the recent discovery that there may be several billion earth-like planets in our galaxy. What does it mean to us to consider that we may not be alone in the universe?"



Sunday, December 15 "What Are We Waiting For?"

Ken's sermon in the midst of Advent will be "What Are We Waiting For?" A baby in a manger... king of kings... or... what... who...? Is the two thousand-year-old question still relevant?

Sunday, December 22

We will celebrate Christmas through our annual pageant. This year's pageant will be the traditional nativity story, presented in a somewhat non-traditional manner. Anyone of whatever age who wishes may participate as a star, a shepherd, or a wise one... or an animal in the stable - as the spirit moves you in the moment. Appropriate costumes will be provided at the appropriate moment. All are invited to this joyful service of song and story for all ages!

Tuesday, December 24 5pm Christmas Eve

Our annual Christmas Eve service includes traditional carols, beautiful music from the choir loft, along with traditional and contemporary readings and a story from Ken Read-Brown.

The service begins at 5:00 - but savvy old timers know to arrive by 4:30, since the Meeting House fills early, eventually to overflowing. If you are able, please park in the lot behind the Parish House, thereby leaving more on-street parking available for visitors not aware of the Parish House parking.

There will be child care and holiday activities in the nursery and Fellowship Hall at the Parish House, graciously provided by our friends at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. If you think your young one will be happier at play in the Parish House than in the worship service, know that she or he will be well cared for and entertained.

Sunday, December 28

This will be our annual service of shared readings and stories around the time of the New Year, led by Ken Read-Brown. Held in the Parish House at the usual 10:25 time, the service will be preceded by a light breakfast (yes, including Ken's famous granola...) at 9:30. Bring a reading to share or just bring yourself to listen, as we say farewell to one year and welcome the next.

Childcare available before Sunday services:

If you plan to attend Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast/Knitting or the Bodhisattva Study Group on Sunday morning & need childcare in order to do so, please call our office by Wednesday before the Sunday, and we will do our best to arrange childcare in the nursery for you.

Vespers in December... A Time for Peace...

Wednesdays: December 4, 11, and 18

Wednesday evenings at 6:30, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will hold our annual Vespers services in the Old Ship Meeting House. A gently lit Meeting House, readings, music, and plenty of silence for quiet contemplation, all contribute to a peaceful pause in the midst of the holiday season. All are warmly invited! If you would like to participate in one of the services with a reading or music, please contact Ken at 781-749-1679 or oldshipkrb@comcast.net.



Religious Education NOTES

Have you been wondering what's happening with "the pageant"? Maybe that wouldn't even cross your mind until after Merrie Market, but I'm here to cut your curiosity off at the pass.

To the great relief of our Sunday school kids, our Sunday school teachers, the R.E. committees, our minister and director of religious education agreed that this year, on Sunday, December 22nd, instead of a scripted, casted and rehearsed pageant, we will have a spontaneous, voluntary, Nativity tableau.



A tableau (for those who may not know) is a dramatic scene in which the players are both silent and motionless. The players move into a pose and then stay in that position during the reading. Ken will do the reading.

The only "pre-casting" we will need to do will be Mary and Joseph, as they will have to make an entrance and stay still the longest; not to mention be costumed before the start of the service. All other parts will be casted and costumed during the reading. All parts will be un-limited in number, and available to children and adults alike.

To that end, please let me know if you or your child wants to be Mary or Joseph... If you have magnificent props or costumes to lend (we do have a good number already)... Or if you would like to be part of the Costuming "Pit-crew" at the back of the sanctuary...

Many hands make light work...
Beverly Tricco
Director of Religious Education



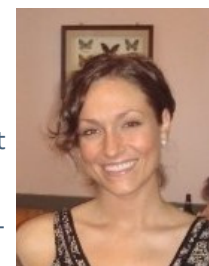
Life Learning Programs

The Perennial Wisdom - five sessions, Wed. Jan. 8- Feb. 5, 1:00 and 7:30 p.m. - Ken Read-Brown
Is there a perennial wisdom and philosophy found in - if sometimes hidden within - the traditions and religions of all times and peoples? Our primary text for this exploration of the teaching that, in Emerson's words, "the Highest dwells within us," will be "Perennial Wisdom for the Spiritually Independent", by Rami Shapiro. Ambitious class members may also wish to acquire Aldous Huxley's classic anthology, "The Perennial Philosophy". For more information and to sign up contact Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679 or oldshipkrb@comcast.net. See the website for all life learning opportunities.

Membership

As the Fall leaves gently float toward the ground I walk with my familiar stride, crunching away, toward Winter. With the cooler weather have come many things for which I am grateful: Community Dinners complete with good food and better company, and an inspiring and nourishing time with the Women's Knitting and Spiritual Group, to name just two.

And so my mind looks for new and exciting ways to engage both the newest and the long-time



Old Ship-ers so we may find comfort and warmth with each other during this coldest time of year. I encourage you, as many have already done, to give me your ideas on how *you* would like to spend your time with your spiritual community; I love to hear new ideas and I look forward to telling you mine--and to staying warm, together.

Kindly,
Erin Alix

Other December Events:

Carpool Christmas Caroling! Come One, Come All!

Saturday, Dec. 14 we will gather at the Parish House at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm departure to sing carols for a number of Old Shippers in nursing homes or otherwise limited in how much they can get out and around. All ages are encouraged and welcome. You don't have to believe you sing well - you just have to have spirit (and if you don't believe you have spirit, you will by the end of the afternoon!). Caroling books will be provided. Harmonies will be learned. Ken Read-Brown will lead the procession. Contact Ken if you have questions: 781-635-2060; oldshipkrb@comcast.net.



Gingerbread House Making

Saturday, December 14th, 4:00 p.m.(immediately following caroling)

Join us for our annual Gingerbread House Making party in the Fellowship Hall. Chili, corn bread & hot cider will be available for snacking while we build. EVERYONE'S INVITED!!

If you've never built a gingerbread house, this is the perfect time to start a new family tradition! Prepare your walls in advance - Recipes and templates will be available during coffee hours. Show up at the Parish House on Saturday the 15th at 4:00 with walls, a tray large enough to hold your finished house, and some fun decorations to share. If you don't have the opportunity to bake the walls before the 14th, bring a store-bought kit or a box of graham crackers and an empty milk carton or two and achieve the same magical result! Icing glue, enthusiasm, and construction assistance will be supplied. Please call 781-749-9069 or email: yruumom@gmail.com to let me know if you are coming so we will have enough supplies.-Judi Flaherty

The 17th annual Winter Solstice Poetry Circle

Wednesday, December 18, 7:30pm

This season's Crossing Time is the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year which heralds the return of light. Leave the busyness of the holiday rush and come share and replenish creative energy. Bring a poem to read or speak or simply come and listen. The choral quintet Crossroads will perform some winter carols and poetry set to music. Come and bring a friend. All are welcome. For more information contact: Elizabeth Torrey 781-749-0543. (Our Solstice Poetry Circle immediately follows the 6:30pm Vespers Service of readings, music and silence, to which all are also of course warmly welcomed.)

Merrie Market Opportunities!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

TUESDAY NIGHT, 6-9PM: come help decorate a wreath, soup & cider!

Books & Media: Please donate items in good condition. Books, DVD's, CD's. No textbooks...Ivy & Rick Butterworth, ivy_butter@yahoo.com, 781-749-3190

Toys: Please donate toys, games in good condition as well as children's books, dvd's. Label items as Merrie Market and place in Parish House vestibule before 12/7. Thanks! ...Susannah Thomas, zanthomas@gmail.com, 781-875-1049



Treasures: We are famous for this! We try to have everything priced before Thanksgiving, so your treasures need to be in before that. Thanks!...Fan Leonard, 781-749-2852, and Diane Elliott 781-749-2248, dianeabbeyelliott@gmail.com

Gift Baskets: Create a themed gift basket. Very popular items! Various sizes of baskets available. These baskets sell like hotcakes, and are fun to put together by your family or your committee! Please bring basket-by Tuesday, 12/3-to the Parish Hall and we'll wrap in cellophane and price. Thanks!...Sharon Prehn, prehn@verizon.net, 781-925-0101, Mary Sofis 781-749-3830, maksofis@gmail.com

Bake & Craft Tables: We are looking for a variety of homemade culinary items: pies, breads, cookies, fudge, baked beans, jam or whatever your specialty may be. Please deliver your goodies to the Parish Hall on Friday, Dec 6 (up until 7PM) or by 8:30AM Saturday. Craft Table: Unique offerings and an opportunity to make a Christmas Stocking at MMJoan Wilson, joanielw@verizon.net, 781-740-8840, Betty Fernandes, bettyfern@verizon.net, 781-749-0095. Place your order for Gourmet Cookies, at MM!

Silent Auction: Very interesting items...Don't miss the preview of Merrie Market Silent Auction ...like a 4 hour sail around Hingham, a locally handmade quilt, gift certificates to local merchants, and more!. Come see them at Fellowship Hour at the Members and Friends Table...or online!!! If you can't be there but want to bid, we have absentee proxy bidding forms online for your convenience! What will you donate? Pam Harty,

pamharty@comcast.net, 781-749-7729

Decorated Wreaths: Join the decorators-prettiest wreaths in town! Beginners welcome! 9:30AM to 2PM: Saturday, Nov 30 to Thurs, Dec 5, Tues night 6-9PM (cider, soup, fun!) in Fellowship Hall. Decorating is relaxing and the fellowship is great! Thanks!...Pat Bianco, bluesulphur3@yahoo.com, 617-774-7474

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: Kitchen Prep and Hall Set-Up: All Welcome to help! We need volunteers to help make chili, cornbread, and delicious apple cake. Recipes available! Thanks!...Alicia Harkness, 781-749-7825, pajl7@verizon.net, Janet Asnes 781-878-9886, asnes@comcast.net

3 SATURDAY SHIFTS: 8:45 to 11:45AM, 11:30AM to 2:30PM, 2:30PM to 4:30ish (clean up and run stuff to attic)

It's a great day-Shop for unique presents! Eat and Chat! Order Gourmet Cookies! Questions/Sign Up...Elaine Gomez, eh-gomez@comcast.net, 781-740-1663

Mark Next Year's Calendar! 2014 Retreat Weekend is Coming!

Old Ship will be having an All Church Retreat this coming July 25-27! Old Shippers from kids to seniors are highly encouraged to attend our Beach Weekend Retreat at Craigville Retreat Center on beautiful Cape Cod. This will be a fabulous and fun opportunity to connect with Old Ship folks in a whole new way.

Excited yet???? Stand by! More info. coming in 2014!

Nurturing Council News

An enormous THANK YOU to the hosts of our November Community Dinners. These small gatherings are for adults who come together to share a pot-luck dinner and conversation in the home of an Old Shipper. The goal is simple: to know one another better, old friends and new! Over 40 people gathered in our hosts' homes for an evening of conversation and food. We'll have another opportunity to host and attend in January. If you're feeling the itch to host, contact Brenda Black, 781-740-2835, blackpollara@verizon.net or Janice McPhillips, 781-740-8782 jbbmcpPhillips@gmail.com



THANK YOU to recent hosts: Betty and Tino Fernandes, Ron Pollara and Brenda Black, John and Judy Sneath, Sherry Penney and Jim Livingston and Shirley Rydell.

New member "biographies"

We are so fortunate to have new members joining us. Once a year at a the Meeting House, Ken Read-Brown formally recognizes new members who have signed our membership book during the past year. In the meantime, we'd like to give you a little background on our newest members so we can get to know one another better. Please read below and make sure to say "hi" to Nigel and Angela Harvey, and Kate, Chase and Ellie Lavigne!

Welcome to **Angela and Nigel Harvey** who joined Old Ship last June! The events of their lives, culminating in their move to Hingham in 2012, are quite fascinating. Both of them grew up in London yet now find themselves on the other side of the "pond," so to speak. How did that happen? For many years, Angela was a librarian in England, eventually becoming the Educational Officer for the United Kingdom and the New Commonwealth. Her life changed when she was "swept off her feet" by a history professor from Clark University who happened to be on a sabbatical in England. As a result, she came to this country in 1976 to join him in Worcester. Initially she earned an MBA and worked for an insurance company. In 1989, her husband was invited to go to China to teach for six months. She went with him and taught English as a Second Language. Upon her return home, she earned a MEd, specializing in ESL. She taught at Clark while her husband collaborated in writing a voluminous college textbook on Western Civilization, which she helped edit. After her husband's death in 2000, she became a full-time writer and editor, retiring in 2008.

Nigel began his professional life in England working on guided missiles, and in 1960 moved to Nova Scotia to work on anti-submarine systems. He then moved to Montreal, and was invited to join the founding team of a company making nuclear radiation detectors for research. Ten years later he started his own management consulting firm. He moved the head office of his firm to Boston in 1989, specializing

in government financing for R&D. He has for many years served as a trustee in North America for Camphill, a world-wide organization that cares for people with special needs. Other interests have been astrophotography, sailing, and music. He has two children, both living in Canada. He and Angela were married in 2010, and in 2012 decided to move to Hingham. As they are both UU's, they contacted Old Ship Church, and with the help of Maureen Butler connected with Ken. They are delighted with the welcome they have received from us, and we are very glad that they made old Ship their spiritual home.

Welcome to **Kate, Chase, and Ellie Lavigne** who joined in September. Kate is an avid fan of nature and long walks on the beach. She also loves reading and spending time with her friends. In her past life she was super sporty and hopes to get back into tennis and squash at some point. Her work life is busy combination of substitute teaching and home organization. As a person with an organized and clutter free home, she has come to realize this is a valuable talent. She is formally trained as a school counselor and educator and feels a path may lead back in that direction. She has been in Hingham for 13 years and has grown to love it. In her next life she plans on begin a carpenter/home designer. Anyone looking for an apprentice? Chase is 7 and in the 2nd grade at PRS. She loves dance, art and gymnastics. In general, she is a look at the bright side of things kind of kid. Ellie is 10 and in the 4th grade at PRS. She too loves art, gymnastics and all things sporty. Ellie is a super loving and thoughtful girl.

If you are thinking of becoming a member, please see Minister Ken Read-Brown, Membership Coordinator Erin Alix, or co-chairs of the Nurturing Community Council Pam Harty and Janet Asnes contact info below!

Help us to offer the warmest welcome...with Sunday Caring Tasks!

If you've never done it before, it may seem intimidating to step into the role of hosting coffee hour or ushering, (or being a Greeter or at the Welcome Table). It may seem like they're jobs for people who've been here since the horse and buggy days. But: HAVE NO FEAR they are really quite simple and FUN and rewarding. We as members and friends at Old Ship take turns caring for one another, and we hope that you will consider taking on 3 tasks over the course of the year. Go to the website (oldshipchurch.org)...NURTURING>>SUNDAY CARING TASKS>> descriptions of each task and a convenient online sign-up tool (signupgenius) are linked!sign up for a few tasks, it's fun! Click on the purple words to link to complete instructions, if needed.

You can always ask for guidance (and reassurance!) from Pam Harty (pamharty@comcast.net) and Janet Asnes (asnes@comcast.net), co-chairs Nurturing Community Council

Thank you to everyone who helped out on Community Day 11/24 with raking, stuffing envelopes, making bows for wreaths. Many hands made light work!!

Social Outreach Committee's 2013 Projects & Heads-Up for 2014

The Social Outreach Committee will be soliciting for proposals this January. Please keep an eye out in your community for worthwhile non-profit organizations whose mission is in line with those

of Old Ship's. Our job is to put the word out during December and January, obtain proposals, evaluate them and award 1-3 projects by June 2014.

Last year we awarded funds from the Social Outreach Reserve Fund to three great organizations as follows:

Epiphany School, Dorchester, MA to help cover the costs for eye glasses for students, clothes, family assistance and to support the therapy program that serves 40% of the students. Norwell Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice to provide training to First Responders who are called to emergencies in Hingham that may involve individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias. The Cancer Support Community, Norwell, MA to implement a one hour hands-on workshop where participants come together as a community and build miniature peace gardens to take home in order to diminish distress and enhance their quality of life.

We would like to formally recognize and thank two committee members, Susannah Thomas and Heather Thomson who have helped enormously by providing sage and effective input. We wish them both well in their next endeavors. This committee of three, would surely welcome one or two others to join us. Please feel free to volunteer by speaking to Maggie Merrill, 617 306 2764, Joan Bledsoe or Mary Sofis.

Social Justice

SJC Book Discussion and Film Series

- December 13th, 7pm in the Parlor of the Parish House. Discussion of Teacher, The One Who Made the Difference by Mark Edmundson. Come talk about a teacher who influenced you!

Description of the book: In 1969, Mark Edmundson was a typical high school senior in working-class Medford, Massachusetts. He loved football, disdained schoolwork, and seemed headed for a factory job in his hometown-until a maverick philosophy teacher turned his life around. When Frank Lears arrived at Medford fresh from Harvard University, his students pegged him as an easy target. Lears was unfazed by their spitballs and classroom antics. He shook things up, trading tired textbooks for Kesey and Camus, and provoking his class with questions about authority, conformity, civil rights, and the Vietnam War. He rearranged seats and joined in a ferocious snowball fight with Edmundson and his football crew. Lears's impassioned attempts to get these kids to think for themselves provided Mark Edmundson with the push he needed to break away from....Today, Edmundson teaches at the University of Virginia, and has recently written a collection of essays entitled "Why Teach?" Clearly, his high school experience had a lasting influence on the course of his life. If you can't read the book, you will find many reviews of it online and can get the idea, including:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/21/books/mark-edmundsons-essays-ask-why-teach.html>



- January 11th 6:00 PM (Saturday) Social Justice Dinner: You are invited to our third annual Social Justice winter pot luck dinner and conversation to consider education from urban and suburban vantage points. What is similar and what is different about teaching in an inner city vs. suburban school? What concerns do inner-city parents and suburban parents share regarding their children's education? And how do they differ? A Mather teacher and the Old Ship volunteer in her classroom and a Mather parent will join our panel of local teachers and parents to help us explore these issues. Childcare will be available.

If you missed seeing A Small Act (the 2010 documentary about access to education in rural Kenya), you can still see it: this film, along with many other thought-provoking films can be borrowed from the James W. Williamson Memorial Social Justice Film Collection, now stored in a labeled drawer in the tall chest in the Parlor of the Parish House.

Green Sanctuary / 350 MA

Check our Old Ship website for the announcement of our new collaboration with 350MA. We are actively engaged with our campaign to promote divestment of fossil fuel industry securities in all morally and fiscally responsible organizations. As you know this work began here at Old Ship and we are hoping for an early vote to divest our own holdings. Faith communities around the state and nationally are moving quickly to make their affirmative positions known. Thus far we've taken this message to the Hingham Town Democratic Committee and won their formal support. This week, six of our group met with Garrett Bradley to present the full particulars for the pending legislation (S1225) for divestment of the state's Retirement Pension Investment Trust - with copies of related references. He recommended communication with Secretary Grossman - treasurer (we hope he will support moving the legislation out of committee favorably). We will be meeting with Senator Hedlund in the coming weeks. Our next meeting of our group is on December 2nd , 6:45 pm in the Whiton Room of the Hingham Library. Contact Turner Bledsoe at turnerbledsoe1@verizon.net if you're interested in coming.

Opportunities to Serve Others:

Many Mather students come from low-income families and have recently arrived in Boston from warm weather countries. Each winter the students need warm outer clothing to get to and from school and to enjoy playground time. They need jackets, gloves, hats and warm socks in all elementary age sizes. Can you help by donating any clean and gently used warm winter outer wear? Put donations in the black box in the Parish House front hall. Thanks!

Mather School Volunteer Opportunities Still available: Please get in touch with Brenda Black if you are interested in helping or have questions about any of the opportunities below (blackpollara@verizon.net or (781) 740-2835)



- Promote literacy and excitement about reading by helping put up bulletin board displays (you are invited to design your own or use materials the librarian will give you) :1-2 hrs per month
- Help in the Mather Library by checking-in, shelving, cataloging books: whatever hours you can offer per month.
- Help with childcare for monthly evening PTO meetings so that parents can attend and participate more actively in their children's education.
- Help deliver donations to Mather and see the school: one time, 1- 1 ½ hrs
- Serving as a teacher's aide to support a Mather School teacher/classroom:2 hours per week with quarterly volunteer meetings for support and problem solving

Thank you to the Mignacca/Dwyer family for donating the full collection of Harry Potter books to the Mather Library! The first 5th graders to come to the library on the day they were delivered last week were ecstatic to see the books which were immediately catalogued and put onto the shelf.

Guests at Your Table- Meet your "Guests" this year and gather your donation to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) Annual Campaign: ongoing until 12/24:

The UUSC invites us to nurture a spirit of gratitude, justice, equity, and compassion in human relations by learning about this year's "guests" and donating to the UUSC to support their work. "Nurture the Spirit and Celebrate Empowerment" is the focus of this year's campaign. Pick up a Guest at Your Table envelope (with UUSC's focus on being stewards of the environment, this year there will be envelopes instead of boxes used to collect donations.). By keeping the envelope on your table, you are reminded to think of the work that is being done to help bring justice for all around the world and add to your donation accordingly. Donation envelopes can be returned on in December.

This year, the Guests at Your Table are people who have empowered others to realize their human rights.

- Danielle Neus is helping to bring successful rural gardening techniques to the urban areas of Haiti.
 - Nelson Escobar, who left El Salvador seeking asylum, now helps other workers to overcome barriers, learn about their rights, and access support.
 - Malya Villard-Appolon is educating and empowering women in Haiti to know their legal rights.
 - George Friday helps people understand the capacity of their own voices and the value of their grassroots knowledge.
- Find out more about this year's guests at <http://www.uusc.org/guest>

Support the UUSC through attending Coffeehouse off the Square

Next Coffeehouse: Catie Curtis' Christmas Concert, Sunday December Dec. 15th at 4pm, Fellowship Hall. Catie Curtis will do her Christmas show foreshadowed in her most recent CD "A Catie Curtis Christmas. After completing a degree in history at Brown University she joined the Boston folk rock circuit and released a cassette "Dandelion" in 1989. In 2005 she and Mark Erelli won the International Songwriting Competition's Grand Prize for "People Look Around" following Hurricane Katrina. According to one observer," her instantly recognizable voice and insightful and often humorous lyrics" have led to increasing renown and two performances at the Obama White House

Did you know that Old Ship raises \$2500 a year from the Coffeehouse Off the Square concerts which is donated to support the UU Service Committee's projects?

Hingham Food Pantry

Can you help with delivering Old Ship's food donations to the Hingham Food Pantry?

The Hingham Food Pantry, located at Second Parish, Main Street, Hingham accepts donations on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, from 2:30-4:00pm. Can you help deliver our donations during those times? Contact Belinda Arams if you can help

beliaram@comcast.net. Ongoing need for donations for the Hingham Food Pantry. The food pantry has ongoing need for non-perishable food donations. Please refer to the list on the Serving Others section of the Old Ship website for suggestions of foods/supplies they need regularly. Our food pantry donation box/basket can be found in the front entry way of the Parish House and the Meeting House. Thanks!



Note: If you are involved in serving others in other ways and would like to let our Old Ship community know how they too could become involved, please contact Brenda Black, Chair of the Social Justice Council to have such opportunities included in future newsletters.

blackpollara@verizon.net
or (781) 740-2835.

Are you looking for a way to serve others? Please consider giving your time, talents and energies in any of the many ways listed on our website. [Click here to see!](#)

Holiday Pledge Reminder

As we head into the busy holiday season, we want to ask you to remember Old Ship and to please keep up with your annual pledge. This is also a good time to review all your charitable giving with the December 31st tax year-end approaching.

Old Ship has run at a deficit through the fall, so we need to do some catch up! The end of December is also the end of Old Ship's second quarter, so we ask you to make sure you have completed at least the first half

of your pledge for this church year.

Please remember that if circumstances prevent you from completing your pledge, you can speak with our minister or me to let us know so that we may make adjustments to your pledge.

Wishing you and your family good holidays,

Ron Pollara, Treasurer
blackpollara@verizon.net



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