



First Parish, Hingham

## Old Ship Church

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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 [oldshipkrb@comcast.net](mailto:oldshipkrb@comcast.net): my practice is to be on line during a period of each afternoon.

### Musing...

Rev. Ken Read Brown, Minister

Perhaps you've heard that the Westminster Dog Show is becoming a bit more welcoming this year. As an AP report put it: "Long the province of the purebred, the Westminster Kennel Club dog show is opening a doggie door this year to mixed-breed competitors." Well, opening the door a crack, for the report continued: "While Labradoodles, puggles and who-knows-whats won't be able to vie for the prestigious Best in Show award, they'll be included in its new agility trial."

Among other things, it will be interesting to see how the mixed-breeds (oh, let's say it, it is a great and honorable word: mutts) will do against the purebreds when it comes to this agility trial. On February 8 we'll know. (But I already know who I'll be rooting for!)

Here at Old Ship, we do not recognize dogs, or any non-human species for that matter, as full members of the congregation. This is not to say we don't appreciate them, along with all creatures great and small in the interdependent web of which we are a part (our seventh UU principle, after all). But we do welcome anyone of the human species who walks through our doors, and who then may wish to join the church because they feel they have found a spiritual home here. And that is indeed about the only requirement for membership.

So if you've been attending services for awhile, and perhaps other events as well, maybe even begun to volunteer in one way or another, you might wish to ask yourself this question: "Have I found a spiritual home here at Old Ship?" And one additional question too: "Am I moved to want to contribute as best I can my time and talent and from my financial resources to help support the ongoing life of this spiritual home?" (And there is no set amount of time, talent, or treasure required.)

If your answer is "yes!" to both these questions, then perhaps it is indeed time for you to sign our Membership Book. That's all it takes to officially become a member. We have this great big leather bound red book that people have been signing since about 1900 to join First Parish in Hingham, Old Ship Church; and though you may not

have the sort of fountain pen or well-practiced script that seemed common among members in the early 20th century, we won't hold that against you. You are welcome among us, whatever "breed" or "mixed breed" you may be and whatever the nature of your pen or penmanship. We are simply delighted to have you among us.

As one of the readings in our hymnbook puts it:  
"Whoever you are, whatever you are, wherever you are on your journey, we bid you welcome." (Richard Gilbert)

So, if you would like to "sign the book" or if you would like to talk about signing the book, please feel free to contact me or to contact a member of our Nurturing Community Council or Board of Trustees (see our web site for contact information).

Meanwhile, we are glad to have everyone, whether member, friend, seeker, or visitor, here at Old Ship.  
--- Ken

## Sunday, February 2

Ken writes: "There is an upcoming conference in Corvallis, Oregon, co-sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist congregation there. I can't attend, but at least I have food for thought, along with my sermon title: 'Transformation without Apocalypse'. The sub-head for the conference is 'How to Live Well on an Altered Planet' - and that's what I'll exploring for this Sunday."

This will be the first Sunday for Berni Nadeau as our new music director. Please welcome her warmly!



At noon there will be an all parish meeting to discuss and vote on an article which would mandate that we divest from fossil fuel stocks in Old Ship's invested funds (endowment).

## Sunday, February 9

"There are also Musicians" is a line from a powerful poem by Michael Coady. Ken's sermon will lift up the role of music and the arts more generally in our spiritual lives and in the world.

Following the service we are all invited to a reception for Berni Nadeau, our new music director. We are delighted to have her among us!

## Sunday, February 16

This will be the Sunday of our annual pulpit exchange with Second Parish in Hingham. This means that Ken will be preaching down the road at Second Parish, and Stephanie Shute Kelsch, the lay minister at Second Parish, will be preaching here. There is a lovely symmetry in this exchange, since Ken is a direct descendant of our first minister, Peter Hobart, and Stephanie is a direct descendant of the first minister of Second Parish, Daniel Shute.

Sermon: Winter Prayers

New England's winter months can affect the texture and direction of our thoughts. What new things can we hear - or say - in the hush of these cold and dark months? Guided by Robert Frost and Mary Oliver, we'll take a look at what winter prayers can be.

## Sunday, February 23

Our Stewardship Council is sponsoring Old Ship's first "Legacy Sunday" - highlighting the opportunity we each have to plan to make a bequest to Old Ship as a way of continuing the legacy of our long history well into the future. Two Old Ship members who have already made such plans will speak briefly about their motivation to do so.

Ken's sermon will be: "What We Owe Our Ancestors... and Our Descendants"

**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.

## Religious Education NOTES

I've put together:

- Bev's Kids & Youth (and some other stuff) Calendar for 2nd half of 2013- 2014

It is not meant to be a complete listing of all that's going on at Old Ship, but it's everything that's on my personal calendar, and maybe a good starting point for you and your Old Ship planning. For the more events and information go to <http://oldshipchurch.org/events.html>.

February 2, Sun 10:30-11:40

February 7, Fri 7 pm

February 8, Sat 9:30am

February 9, Sun 10:30-11:40

February 9, Sun Noon

February 16, Sun 9:30 - Noon

Grades 6&7

February 16, Sun 10:30 -11:40

February 26, Sun 9am - 10:15am

February 23, Sun 10:30 -11:40

February 28, Friday 7-8:30 pm

Sun school, ALL groups

Social Justice movie - "Girl Rising"

Dog Walk and Animal Blessing

Sun school, ALL groups

Welcome party for Berni

Lunch-making for Father Bill's

Sun school,

Women's Breakfast and Handiwork

Sun school, ALL groups

Evensong for EVERYone

March 2, Sun 10:30-11:40

March 9, Sun 10:30-11:40

Ship...

March 16, Sun 9:30 - Noon

Youth

March 16, Sun 10:30-11:40

March 23, Sun 9am - 10:15am

Handiwork

March 28, Friday 7-8:30 pm

Sun school, ALL groups

Union Sunday at Old

Lunch-making for Father Bill's -

Sun school,

Women's Breakfast and

Evensong for EVERYone

April 6, Sun 10:30-11:40

April 13, Sun 10:30-11:40

April 20, Sun 10:30-11:40

HUNT

Sun school, ALL groups

Sunday school SEDER

Sunday School EASTER - EGG

April 25, Friday 7-8:30 pm

April 26, Saturday pm - Sunday am

April 27, Sun 9am - 10:15am

April 27, Sun 9:30 - Noon

Grades 2&3

April 27, Sun 10:30-11:40

Evensong for EVERYone

Sr. High Youth Con -

Women's Breakfast and Handiwork

Lunch-making for Father Bill's

Sun school,

May 3, Saturday - all day

May 3, Saturday - all day

May 4, Sun 10:30-11:40

May Breakfast and Plant sale

Jr. High Youth Con - Duxbury

Sun school, ALL groups

May 11, Sun 10:30-11:40 day/Mostly Music Sunday in Fellowship Hall	Sun school, ALL groups/ Mother's
May 18, Sun 9:00 a.m. Ken and Beverly	Graduating Seniors, Breakfast with
May 18, Sun 9:30 - Noon Grades 4&5	Lunch-making for Father Bill's
May 18, Sun 10:30-11:40 Sunday - All ages worship	Religious Growth and Learning
May 23, Friday 7-8:30 pm	Evensong for EVERYone
May 25, Sun 9am - 10:15am	Women's Breakfast and Handiwork
May 25, Sun 10:30-11:40	Sun school, ALL groups
May 30, Friday pm - Sunday am nights	Sr. High Youth Con -Bridging-2

June 1, Sun 10:30-11:40	Sun school, ALL groups
June 8, Sun 9:30 - Noon Grades 6&7	Lunch-making for Father Bill's
June 8, Sun 10:30-11:40 Members Sunday (per Ken)	Sun school, ALL groups/ New
June 8, Sun 5p.m. - 9:00 Festival	4th annual Old Ship Young Artists'
June 15, Sun 10:30-11:40 Last day...Quidditch	Flower Communion

June 25th through Jun 29th UU General Assembly (for all UUs) in Providence Rhode Island.

July 3rd to 4th Night Hike, Sleepover & Parade "place-holding"  
 Thursday Night July 3rd- 6 PM (EAT DINNER FIRST) 'til end of the parade on Thursday\_\_\_\_\_

6p.m. Old Ship Parish House - check-in/ paperwork/campfire/smores  
 9p.m. (around dark) ride in cars to World's End - night hike/fire-flies/ fireworks  
 10-11ish back to Old Ship Parish House -movies/food/ sleep/no sleep  
 5 a.m. Crawl out to stone wall and go back to sleep/Parade "place-holding"  
 7ish Cheer for runners - (especially our minister and our Old Ship Youth)  
 9ish Pancakes on the lawn  
 10ish Watch the parade  
 End of parade: Clean up and go home

July 25th-26th - Old Ship will be having an All Church Retreat! Old Shippers, kids to seniors, are Synonyms for strongly adv powerfully actively star energetically star firmly star fully star greatly star heartily star heavily star resolutely star robustly star solidly star staunchly star steadily star vigorously star completely star decidedly star forcibly star indomitably star invincibly star mightily star securely star stoutly star sturdily star encouraged to attend our Beach Retreat

Weekend at Craigville Retreat Center on beautiful Cape Cod. This will be a fabulous and fun opportunity to connect with the folks in your congregation in a whole new way.

Beverly Tricco, Director of Religious Education

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 An open letter of gratitude to our community's Youth program.

If you don't have children in our Religious Education program, or your kids are quite young, you may not know about a gathering in Duxbury a few weekends ago. Seventeen of Old Ship's youth got together and bonded, learned, grew and

worshipped together at their annual retreat. As the parent of one of the youngest attendees, I wanted to write to our wider Old Ship Community to express openly my gratitude for not only the adult leadership of our programs (paid and volunteer), who helped arrange the securing of the space, to chaperone and to help with some of the details, but to the young adults who were integral to the success of the retreat. These young people gently modeled leadership, how to conduct yourself in a larger group setting, a smaller one, how to be worshipful. How to listen. How to speak. How to lead. How to be led.

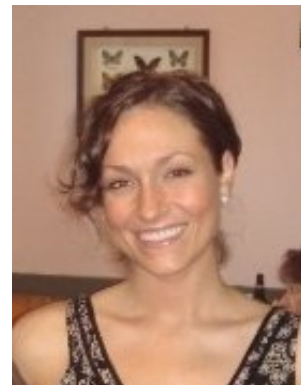
Throughout the year, the youth at Old Ship are doing the same sort of things we adults do: asking big questions, asking how we can help others, asking how we can help each other. If you are like me, sometimes you look to your peers or elders for leadership and guidance. I was reminded when my daughter came back from the retreat how much there is to appreciate in our youth at Old Ship. Their priorities and values (shaped certainly by who they are, and also of course by their parents) are a reflection of our community, Old Ship specifically, but Unitarian Universalism as well. I am so sincerely grateful for them, and so proud that they represent the community at Old Ship.

Pam Harty



## Membership

The month of February, cold and snowy, welcomes our Old Ship community like an old friend. Resolutions manifest like snowflakes and fly through the air--assembling with those in our community of friends and loved ones to form one beautiful blanket of snow. My resolutions, which include increasing the feeling of togetherness among us at Old Ship, feel exciting and promising. I'll be focusing on increasing our membership, of course, but also on facilitating activities outside of Old Ship; There will be a blessing of animals by Ken Read-Brown on February 8th at 9:30 a.m. at Bare Cove Park in Hingham, with an optional walk to follow. This event will be open to all who wish to attend; those with and without animals, members, friends, the young and the young at heart. Coming together as a community involves different ways, different places and different passions to really bind us. I look forward to connecting with all of you in these new and interesting ways!



Kindly,  
Erin  
Membership Coordinator  
[membership@oldshipchurch.org](mailto:membership@oldshipchurch.org)

## Blessing of the Animals and Old Ship Dog Walk!

Come walk your beloved pet, or your beloved self with us at the Bare Cove Park in Hingham at 9:30 am on Saturday, February 8th. A blessing of all animals will be done by Rev. Ken Read-Brown and there will be an optional walk afterwards. Meet at the park entrance at the end of Bare Cove Park Drive. Near the Bare Cove Farm Museum. With questions please contact Membership Coordinator, Erin Alix, at [membership@oldshipchurch.org](mailto:membership@oldshipchurch.org).



## Mark Your Calender! Summer Retreat Weekend is Coming!

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

Excited yet???? Stand by! More information to come!



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## In preparation for the Old Ship Retreat, July 25-27 at Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod, we are seeking enthusiastic Old Shippers to be on the new Retreat Committee.

Ken Read-Brown, Elaine Gomez, Beverly Tricco and I met back in August to do some visioning regarding a retreat. After sharing some ideas and expectations we agreed on some core ideas. The retreat should be fun and relaxing with the feel of an old fashioned beach weekend. There will be no agenda other than providing folks with an opportunity to connect with each other. The retreat should be inclusive and attended by Old Shippers from cross section of our congregation (seniors, kids, youths, married, single, families, etc.)

As this is new ground for us, we are not sure what specific tasks will be required. We will however to be able to consult with other UUs who do regular retreats and have generously offered to share their wisdom and experience.

If all this sounds good, you are wicked excited, and you want to join the retreat committee, please send an e-mail to Trish McAleer at [trish@rbaynes.com](mailto:trish@rbaynes.com). We will be holding an informational meeting in March for those interested in attending our retreat and hope to have a committee assembled by then.

Thanks in advance for your service!



## Life Learning Programs

### **Find your place in the UU interdependent web**

By Ralph Brown

Self-discovery through genealogy is the name I've given to an Old Ship class that I'm going to teach next month. I'm excited about bringing this class to Old Ship, because it lets me share my belief that I am part of something larger than myself, a belief that is central to my idea of being a Unitarian Universalist. Genealogy means knowing about generations. It is the study of families, and the people who comprise them. As such, it reveals the networks of people in our lives, people who have shaped who we are. It is a way for me to see myself as part of something larger than me. Genealogy is a powerful way to immerse ourselves in the seventh principal of Unitarianism and Universalism: respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.

My mother, Louise, sparked my interest in genealogy shortly before she died in 1996. She showed me a particular type of genealogical chart that she had prepared with her father. It was called a "fan chart" because it arranged family members and generations in the shape of a fan. This chart placed her at its center, surrounded by all the people who came before her, who shaped who she was. This showed me, visually, how my mother could see herself as part of something larger than herself. And by extension, I could see me there.

The class will focus on basic methods for gathering genealogical data and recording it in commonly accepted forms. We'll also discuss techniques for conducting field research. The use of computers is not required for the class. The basic methods for gathering, recording and presenting data can be performed manually. Computers are extremely useful tools in genealogy, however, so we will talk about them. We'll also look at using online genealogical databases.

The class will start on Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the parlor of the Parish House. It will take place from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and will last for five weeks.

People who are interested in joining the class should contact me by email at [ralph.e.brown@gmail.com](mailto:ralph.e.brown@gmail.com) or telephone at 781-925-9197.

Self-discovery through Genealogy Five sessions: Wed., Feb. 12 - Mar 12, 7pm

### **Alternative Health Perspectives - A Film Series**

Four Sessions: Fri. Feb. 28 - March 28 (no class March 21), 7pm, Parish House Parlor

Good health is a precious gift affecting our spirit, outlook, and energy to accomplish. In order to enhance it, we need to make informed decisions about food and the health protocols we choose. Oftentimes, however, information available for consideration may be insufficient because our current health narrative is incomplete in scope. Alternative practitioners, their research & positions, or individuals who espouse a holistic life are often censored or relegated to default labels of 'frauds', 'voo-doo science', or 'health nuts'. But are such labels balanced and true? What is the narrative we believe, and what sort of say do we have in it? Come explore some alternative considerations and open up the conversation. With culminating discussions after the films, we have the opportunity to more deeply understand ourselves and each other. All perspectives are welcome. Due to copyright restrictions, class size limit 20. For more information and sign up, contact: Anne McGuire [puppyanna6@comast.net](mailto:puppyanna6@comast.net)

Older youth encouraged to attend. Please pay \$35 for the first course you attend (sliding scale according to need).

## Nurturing Council News

You may have noticed Fellowship Hour looking a little different these days...the Welcome Table is front and center when you walk in the Fellowship Hall. This table welcomes our visitors and newest friends, and reminds the rest of us to don our name-tags so we can all get to know one another. Even those who have been coming for years discover there are people they haven't met!



If you are a member of Old Ship and have not yet had a chance to provide a Sunday Caring Task, you may be hearing from one of our Nurturing Community Council members to ask what your availability is. The caring and nurturing of one another is a task we need everyone to help us with, and we are so grateful to those who have helped so far, and for those who will be helping soon! Please click this link for both instructions and a way to sign up <http://oldshipchurch.org/sunday-caring-tasks1.html>. Thank you!!

### **Community Dinners - would you like to host?**

Please help us put together another evening of fun, fellowship and food at one of our popular Community Dinners during the month of March. Community Dinners are small gatherings for adults who come together to share a pot-luck dinner and conversation in the home of an Old Shipper (6-10 folks at each). The goal is simple: to know one another better, old friends and new! The dinner hosts will prepare their home for company, and the guests are responsible for bringing some portion of the meal. All adults are invited to participate.

If you would like to host or attend a dinner on a Saturday night in March, let us know your availability for dates.

Look for us at Fellowship Hour or Contact us at:

Brenda Black, 781-740-2835, [blackpollara@verizon.net](mailto:blackpollara@verizon.net)

Janice McPhillips, 781-740-8782 [jbbmcpPhillips@gmail.com](mailto:jbbmcpPhillips@gmail.com)

## Among Us

Celebrations and Sympathies

### **A Great Appetite for Great Treasures**

This is a belated thank-you to everyone who gave wonderful treasures to Merrie Market, and to the equally wonderful people who priced articles, carried them, arranged them or sold them, culminating in a great success.





We should start building up an inventory for the next fair. If you are down-sizing or merely simplifying, this may be the time to part with things that you value but no longer need to keep. If you saw our corner last Christmas, you have some idea of what we look for: decorative or practical household items, pictures, jewelry, small furniture, china, silver, antiques, curios, linens, etc. If you give us items too large to display, we can often sell them in advance on the Internet. Donations may be brought to the office (9-2) weekdays or Sunday mornings, labeled TREASURES. Thank you in advance!

- Fan Leonard

### **Sunday Flower Donors Needed for one Sunday**

We have one upcoming Sunday available to be a Sunday Flowers donor - March 16. You may provide your own floral arrangement, or the Sunday Flowers Committee will create a lovely arrangement for you for a \$50 charge (covers the cost of the flowers and supplies). Please contact Sharon Prehn (781-925-0101 or [prehn@verizon.net](mailto:prehn@verizon.net)) to become a donor.

Please send any items for "Among Us" either to Julianna Dunn in the Parish House office ([office@oldshipchurch.org](mailto:office@oldshipchurch.org)). Like our Candles of Joy and Sorrow on Sunday mornings, this page helps us to knit the fabric of community.

## **Social Justice Council**

3rd Annual SJC dinner on 1/11 a success. As we enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner, tables of attendees explored a series of questions related to what concerns us about our children's education and about education in MA and in the USA. We recognized the many ways that Old Shippers are working to help educate a wide range of learners, including reading the amazingly long list of educators within our community and presenting an apple to each educator who attended. Look for the list of Old Ship educators on the SJC bulletin board, Fellowship Hall.

Interested in these education issues? We offer links to two videos you may find of interest: "An Inconvenient Truth about Waiting for Superman", a critique of the corporate take over of charter schools in NYC presented by parents and teachers. <http://vimeo.com/41994760>  
A critical look at the PISA scores comparing US students to students around the world <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hf9UVg-TdH0>

### **Upcoming SJC Events**

Social Justice Film series "Let's Talk about Education" 7pm in the Parish House.

Free and open to all thanks to the generosity of the Williamson-Green family's donation of screening costs.

2/7: Girl Rising (2013) ), a groundbreaking feature film about the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to transform societies. The film presents the remarkable stories of nine girls around the world, told by celebrated writers and voiced by renowned actors.

Powerful storytelling delivers a simple, critical truth: Educate girls and you will change the

world.

3/14: The Graduates- PBS documentary (2013) exploring issues in education today through the eyes of latina and latino adolescents from across the US offering first hand perspectives on the challenges faced by students, their families, teachers and communities.

4/11: The First Grader-(2012)- True story of a Kenyan in his 80's who is determined to learn how to read and the impact this has on those around him

5/9: Life 2.0- (2011) Film follows a group of people whose lives are dramatically consumed by a virtual world, Second Life, where inhabitants assume alternate personas in the form of avatars. The results are unexpected and often disturbing: reshaping relationships and the very notion of reality. Looks at how some educators are using Second life in their teaching.

Cupcakes with a Cause is coming. Sunday 3/2: Again this year, SJC will be hosting a cupcake sale to raise funds to donate for teacher's projects for their classrooms. More information to come.

Thank yous from recipients of our Cupcakes with a Cause fundraising:

Dear Old Ship Church,

On behalf of the students of Memorial Park Elementary School, I want to thank you for the donation of leveled texts to support our reading program. We value your assistance and association with our school.

Memorial Park Elementary School is a Title 1 school and serves mainly under privileged families. Our students are always in need of school supplies and leveled texts to help support their educational abilities. The books you sent to my students were an amazing sight to see! It was an early Christmas for us and it was very exciting to celebrate all of our new books! The students were shocked and extremely excited to see what was inside all of the stories. As soon as I opened the box the students couldn't wait to open them up to read them!

This donation has made it possible to run a Reading Workshop model for students reading at a lower level text. Students will be able to access the level independently and I will be able to pull small guided reading groups with some of the students.

I truly appreciate your willingness to donate and your kindness that has spread to our community here at Memorial Park School. We value your assistance to better the students and support their needs. Thank you again for your generosity.

With gratitude,

Ms. Adams

Dear Old Ship Church,

Thank you so much for your support of this project - and by extension support of my amazing, funny, brilliant and industrious students. These supplies will allow us to build and plant raised beds fostering creativity, perseverance and teamwork. In addition, we'll be doing authentic math and science activities using quality instruments.

We'll begin using the instrumentation and constructing the beds right away, planting will wait until very early spring. We are already talking about the picnic we'll have in the courtyard with our first harvest. Our class is doubly fortunate to have knowledgeable volunteers visiting periodically and helping us to make this project educational, interesting and meaningful.

Thanks to family, friends, friends of friends, and new friends through Donors Choose. I can't wait to share notes and pictures as our work progresses!

With gratitude,

Ms. Flaherty

### **Opportunities to Serve Others:**

Collecting supplies to help Mather students stay healthy this winter: In Jan and Feb we are collecting tissues, hand sanitizer, antiseptic wipes for Mather classrooms. Donations should be left in the Mather bin in the Parish House front hall.

And Collecting Children's Chapter Books: Now that the holidays have passed, would you check your shelves and donate any gently used children's chapter books to Mather's vacation reading program? Mather has a tradition of giving each student a grade level book to read during each school vacation. Sadly, this year Mather did not receive a RIF grant (Reading is Fundamental) to buy new paperback books, but the librarian had enough donations to give out books for the Christmas break. She hopes to continue the tradition by having books to send home with students for the February and April vacations. She would gratefully appreciate any donations of gently used children's chapter books (books similar to the Magic Treehouse series for 2nd-3rd grade, more complex children's chapter books for 4th and 5th grade). Please put any books you can donate in the Mather bin, Parish House front hall. Thanks!

### **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!

### **Letter from the Hingham Food Pantry:**

On behalf of the Hingham Food Pantry I want to thank you and your church community for supporting the Hingham Food Pantry with the food drives you have conducted at Old Ship Church. Our clients increase during the winter - many come in because they need help with their food bill so that they can pay their oil bill. Your support at this time of year and throughout the rest of the year is much appreciated.

Please pass along our thanks to all in your congregation.

Sincerely,

Pauline Munroe

Outreach Coordinator

**Support the UUSC through attending Coffeehouse off the Square**

February 15, 8pm: Geoff Bartley, Fellowship Hall (admission:\$12) Geoff Bartley's rich voice, rollicking guitar, and soulful harmonica have been delivering classic blues and imaginative original songs to audiences for over 30 years. As the Boston Globe's Scott Alarik says, he "is a world-class guitarist, a resonantly emotional singer, and a brilliant songwriter with gift for provocative personal imagery set to lovely musical landscapes."

**Mather School Volunteer Opportunities** Still available: Please get in touch with Brenda Black if you have are interested in helping or have questions about any of the opportunities below ([blackpollara@verizon.net](mailto: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 deliver donations to Mather and see the school: one time, 1- 1 ½ hrs

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

### **Green Sanctuary - 350MA Upcoming Movie Event**

"Do the Math," is a powerful documentary showing how the continuing use of fossil fuels threatens to make the Earth inhospitable to all - and how we can act to protect it. The movie will be shown on Feb. 9, 3 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham. This program, which will include a discussion period and refreshments following the film, is being presented by 350MA, South Shore and Green Sanctuary of Old Ship Church. Our collaboration is dedicated to promoting an early transition from fossil fuels to sustainable energy sources, through education, legislation and grass roots activism. This is a job that requires we all take part. If you are coming or have questions contact [turnerbledsoe1@gmail.com](mailto:turnerbledsoe1@gmail.com)

## **Legacy Giving, Bridging Generations Information Session, February 23rd, Noon Forum, Parlor**

Our community has been fortunate to have had many generous members who have remembered Old Ship in their wills or left gifts to our endowment during their lives. A sturdy endowment is important for the financial stability of a religious charitable organization such as ours. In order to focus attention on the importance of legacy giving, we have established a "Legacy Giving Honor Society" to recognize current parishioners who have included Old Ship in their plans or plan to do so in the near future. Charter members include Ralph Brown, Betty and Tino Fernandes, John and Elaine Gomez, John and Nancy LaPann, Eva and Tom Marx, and Tom and Dianne Willson. During the service on Sunday, February 23rd two of our charter members will speak as to why they feel it crucial to foster a legacy giving program at Old Ship, and we'll follow the service with a question and answer session at noon in the parlor. Please consider attending to learn more about legacy giving and how significant it can

be to ensure that Old Ship and our liberal religious tradition continue for future generations.

The Stewardship Council

### **Lincoln Day at Old Ship: February 8**

For many years Old Ship has hosted the Hingham Historical Society's annual Lincoln Day celebration in February which commemorates the legacy of General Benjamin Lincoln, a Revolutionary War hero who was born in Hingham and lived here for his entire life, and President Abraham Lincoln, whose ancestors were among the earliest Hingham settlers.

This year's celebration will be on February 8 at Old Ship at 11:00. Former Hingham Citizen of the Year Thomas J. Carey Jr. will be the keynote speaker. Carey, who teaches law at Boston College, will speak on "The Eloquence of Abraham Lincoln: Reflections 150 Years after His Gettysburg Address." The celebration will be preceded at 10:15 by military honors given by the Hingham Militia at gravesides in the Hingham Cemetery, and followed at about noon by a procession to the Lincoln Statue in Hingham Square, and then a reception at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main Street.

### **General Assembly in Providence, RI in June!**

General Assembly is coming to Providence, RI June 25-29, 2014. The theme of this year's General Assembly is "Love Reaches Out." We hope you are planning to experience GA this year since it is so close to us! And for those of you who are artist or looking for a way to contribute to GA, here is a possible opportunity...

Each year at GA, there is a service project. This year's project will benefit two outstanding organizations that serve the homeless-Housing First Rhode Island and McAuley House. To help raise money, symbolic 'empty bowls' will be sold. The organizer of this project is looking for a artisans in pottery, ceramics, wood, metal or glass to donate one or more samples of their work, which will be displayed and sold for a worthy price. Some might be sold as part of a raffle as well. They are also looking for bowls that are more modest, but given with intention and love. Painting ceramic bowls together to raise money to feed the hungry would be a great service project for a youth group, an RE class, or an adult church or community group. Not artistically inclined yourself? You still can help, by recruiting bowl donors in your area, helping to gather bowls and bring them to GA, or volunteering to spend some time in the Exhibit Hall booth selling them. There's room in this project for everyone! Interested? Curious? Explore the possibilities by contacting GA Service Project Coordinator Nori Duncan of Providence, at [nori.duncan@gmail.com](mailto:nori.duncan@gmail.com). And please feel free to contact me, Davalene Cooper at [davalenecooper@verizon.net](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net), if you have any questions about GA in Providence.

### **WINTERING**

Such is a winter eve. Now for a merry  
fire, some old poet's pages, or else serene  
philosophy, or even a healthy

book of travels to last far into the  
night, eked out perhaps with the  
walnuts which we gathered in November.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

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