February 2015 Newsletter

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Sunday Worship

Sunday, February 1
Ken's sermon during this time of global political and religious ferment and violence will be "Religion: Problem or Solution?"

Fellowship Hour will be the youth group's annual Hot Potatoes fundraiser, this year to raise funds for their April service/learning trip to Appalachia. $5 gets you a hot potato with all the fixin's - another dollar adds homemade chili to the mix.

A little after noon everyone is invited to a special forum in the Parish House parlor with calligrapher and designer Michael McPherson. Michael created the beautiful calligraphy for poet Gary Snyder's translation of the Buddhist "Cold Mountain Poems." He is a partner and creative director at Cory McPherson Nash.

Sunday, February 8
Ken will be away this Sunday, and our guest preacher will be Rev. Mary Margaret Earl, from the UU Urban Ministry. Her topic will be: "Love and Respect Across the Differences: A Valentine's Day Reflection on Race and Class."

Rev. Earl recently was named Executive Director and Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry. She had spent the previous ten years at McAuley Ministries, a faith-based nonprofit in Providence, RI that provides food, shelter and clothing to those who are homeless or at risk of becoming so. She also is immediate past present of the Board of the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, and served on the Pro Bono Advisory Board, which brings together large Providence law firms and undeserved communities in need of free legal assistance.

At noon the Social Justice Council will be showing the film "A Place at the Table" - about hunger in America. (Further details on the social justice page elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Sunday, February 15
"A Sort of Love Story: The Poet and the President" will be Ken's sermon. What does Walt Whitman's love for President Lincoln have to teach us today... about poetry, politics, grief... and the many varieties of love?

Newcomers to Old Ship are invited to gather at noon in the Parish House parlor. Ken Read-Brown and other Old Ship leaders will be there to talk about Old Ship and Unitarian Universalism, to respond to your questions and concern - and to get to know you! Child care will be provided - and children are welcome to gather with us.
Sunday, February 22
Ken will share the service with our guest worship leader, folksinger and storyteller Ben Tousley. This service of songs, stories and reflections entitled "Dignity" will be a thoughtful and participatory meditation on the UU principle of "the inherent worth and dignity of every person" as we come to understand dignity at every stage of life.

A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Ben has brought concerts and services to over 100 UU churches during the past 35 years, including several visits to Old Ship. Among his seven albums are his 2006 CD "Take My Hand" and his recent CD, "Take Heart." In addition to his musical work, Ben has served as a chaplain to college students and the elderly, as hospice bereavement coordinator and as volunteer coordinator for a homeless shelter. He currently teaches part-time at Springfield College School of Human Services in Boston and works part-time as chaplain for Cooley Dickinson Hospice in Northampton. Ben will bring his guitar... and Ken will bring his banjo and hammered dulcimer.

Coffee hour will be a collection for the Food Pantry.

Most Sunday mornings...
Most Sunday mornings at Old Ship begin with gatherings in small circles in the Parish House parlor for sharing and spiritual enrichment. And we are all invited! Our web site has more detailed information about these opportunities:

- The "Bodhisattva Study Group" meets at 8:30 on the first and third Sundays of each month, offering time for meditation and then conversation concerning a Buddhist book the group is reading - which this year is "No Time to Lose" by Pema Chodron.
- "Men's Breakfast" meets at 8:30 on the second Sunday of each month for sharing and conversation (and bagels and coffee and tea too).
- "Women's Breakfast and Knitting" meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at 8:30 for breakfast and knitting... and conversation.

Childcare available before Sunday services: If you plan to attend the Men's Breakfast or Bodhisattva Study Group or Women's Knitting or a committee meeting on Sunday morning and 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.

Musing
from the Minister's Desk

February is of course the shortest month of the year, even when it stretches itself out to twenty-nine days every leap year. But though short, it does have its share of holidays and holy days, including Groundhog Day, Tu Bishvat (New Year for Trees on the Jewish calendar), Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday (on the Christian Calendar), and the Chinese New Year. All this means that in the depths of winter we still have occasions to warm ourselves with celebrations of one kind or another - with the hope which many share that at the very outset of the month the groundhog will not see his shadow so that winter will (it is of course a scientifically verified correlation) end sooner rather than later.

Be all this as it may be, at the heart of the month, right smack in the center, is Valentine's Day - a celebration of love. And boy do we need more love in our troubled world.
Not just romantic love, which is of course wonderful, but all kinds of love: friendship, compassion, caring, kindness. The story itself of St. Valentine reminds us of the way in which love can reach out, connect, and heal. Whether closely rooted in fact or just pure legend, we are told that while imprisoned, persecuted for religious reasons, on the day before his execution St. Valentine wrote a letter to his jailer’s daughter, who he had miraculously healed of blindness. He signed his letter of comfort and consolation "Your Valentine". Valentine was the one in prison! But he reached beyond the prison walls to heal and comfort another. And by reaching out in this way, he (or the legend) taught that walls of separation can be breached... with kindness, love, care, and compassion.

Yes, in our troubled world we need more love, love of all kinds to reach beyond prison walls of fear and hate, to bridge chasms of misunderstanding that separate us one from another.

May we each and all reach out in the spirit of love this month and always.

Peace and blessings,
--Ken oldshipkrb@gmail.com

p.s. Once again this year I'm training to run the Boston Marathon to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association, in honor and memory of my mother. I know you each have special important causes to which you contribute, but if you would like to support my run to honor a loved one of yours or simply because the cause matters to you, you may do so by going to my fundraising web site: Click here.

Or you may contribute with a check or cash, using a form that I can provide for you. (If the link doesn't work, Google "Crowdrise Ken Read-Brown"; the first "hit" should be my site.)

My Parish House office hours are ordinarily Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning about 10:00. Monday is my day off, and Thursday my sermon writing day. My primary phone contact is through the Parish House office - 781-749-1679. The office answering machine includes my cell phone if you need to reach me quickly - since when I am not in the office I am either working in my study at home, or making visits or attending meetings elsewhere. I can also be reached on email.
--Ken

Religious Education Notes

Dear Old Ship...
The following statistics came to my attention as our Youth plan our 3rd service and learning trip. They come pretty much "part and parcel" from a sermon entitled "Preparing for Interfaith Interaction in Williamson [West Virginia]" given by Rev. Marta Flanagan...

I was surprised by some of the striking differences between "us" and "them", and by some of the similarities as well... It has made me even more excited to be bringing our Youth on this amazing journey in April. I hope the excitement reaches all of us at Old Ship and maybe even stretches to the larger community... "...to know the other more authentically",

Beverly Tricco, Director of Religious Education

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Some Goals of Interfaith Dialogue
* To know oneself and one's faith and religious perspective better, more deeply and profoundly
* To know the other more authentically and gain a understanding of others as they are and not in caricature.

**Next Sunday, February 1! Hot Potatoes at Coffee hour!**
Come and have a great lunch with the whole congregation! $5 will buy you a hot potatoes and all fixins, salad and drinks. Homemade Chili- $1 extra. All profits to benefit the Youth Group and their upcoming faith based service learning trip to Appalachia in April!
Music Notes

Your Choir Needs You  Come Sing With Us!
There is always room for one more in the balcony. We have a special need for tenors, the highest male voice. We also accept women in the tenor section—that would make you a contralto, the lowest female voice. All singers are welcome though.

If you wish to join, there are no auditions, prior experience is not required and there is no expectation that you can read music. We would expect, though, that you have a love of music, can carry a tune in a bucket, are willing to learn and will do your best to attend as many rehearsals as possible. Anyone in 8th grade or older is welcome. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the meetinghouse and warm-up at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings. Email Berni at [click here to email] or catch her at coffee hour if you have questions.

What's Next?
The next two big events for the choir are Passover/Palm Sunday on March 29 and Easter Sunday on April 5. For Passover, we will sing "He Watching Over Israel" by Felix Mendelssohn. On Easter Sunday we will sing "How Lovely are the Messengers" also by Felix Mendelssohn and "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Gabriel Fauré. Rehearsals for Passover and Easter will begin on Thursday, February 18 at 7:30 in the meetinghouse.

And Beyond That?
As it often does, Music Sunday will coincide with Mother's Day on May 10 this year. We will sing "Come, Ye Sons of Art," the birthday ode for Queen Mary written in the year 1694 by Baroque bad boy, Henry Purcell. This work will give our soloists a chance to shine and we might even find a place for the congregation to join in. What, you don't know this work? Listen to it here: [Click here]

Rehearsals for Music Sunday will begin on April 1-no fooling.

--Berni

Coffeehouse Off the Square  February 21 - Rick, Andy and Judy
Rick Fetters, Andy Daigle and Judy Daigle combine their instruments and voices to bring us
the best of the Peter, Paul and Mary Song Book plus some original and traditional songs. After treating us to their well harmonized trio performances, they may surprise us with some beautiful solos. It leads to a question: which is greater, some individual performances or the sum of the parts? Come and decide for yourself. Either way, they are very enjoyable and we are glad to have them back. The Coffeehouse is at 8:00 pm, Saturday, Feb. 21 - $15 admission.

Candlelight Concert February 22 - Blue Heron
Old Ship Candlelight Concerts kicks off the new year with Blue Heron, an a capella Renaissance choir hailed by the Boston Globe as "one of the Boston music community's indispensables." The concert takes place at 4 pm, Sunday, Feb 22 in the Old Ship Meetinghouse. Admission is free; your donations are gratefully accepted at the door. Please visit www.oldshipchurch.org/candlelight-concerts.html or write to candlelightconcertsoldship@gmail.com for more information or encouragement.

Membership
Reflections from your Membership Coordinator

Goodbye 2014 and hello 2015! The holidays are behind us and I begin my new year enthusiastic and optimistic. I'm enthusiastic about the new faces we see at Old Ship and optimistic we'll see even more. Have you noticed our newcomers? If so, have you introduced yourselves? If you haven't had the pleasure, please do! There will be a Newcomer talk held in the Parlor on Sunday, February 15th after service, around noon. Please come and share your experiences and meet those newcomers able to attend. It's a great way to support Old Ship and our efforts to be welcoming to all who come through our doors. I hope to see you all there!

Erin Alix
membership@oldshipchurch.org

If you are a dreamer, come in
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar
A hope­er, a pray­er, a magic bean buyer...
If you're a pretender come sit by my fire
For we have some flax­golden tales to spin.
Come in!
Come in!

by Shel Silverstein from *Where the Sidewalk Ends*
OLD SHIP LIFE LEARNING PROGRAMS
A full schedule for 2014-2015 programs - including classes as well as ongoing groups open to all - is posted on our web site; fliers are also available on our literature tables.

Monthly Sewing Circle to Begin
Sewing Circles have appeared to be a thing of the past, and there are plans to change that notion. Please join Diane Wilson and Diane Elliott in the Old Ship Parlour on Thursday February 5 at 11. We hope to create community through conversation and busy hands. We will be making items to sell at the all new Merrie Market Craft Table. Bring your lunch or savoury snacks to share. Any questions please contact Diane Elliott at dianeabbeyelliott@gmail.com or 781-749-2248.

Berni's Favorite Music History Events - Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7:30-8:30
led by Old Ship's music director, Berni Nadeau
The Baroque Era: It is the Age of Enlightenment. It is the era of Bach and Handel. It is the portal to the modern world. From harpsichord to piano, modality to tonality, sinfonia to concerto to symphony, come feel the musical earth shake under the feet of 18th century Europeans. For further information, contact Berni at momandberni@gmail.com.

Find your place in the UU interdependent web
five sessions, Wed., Feb.18 - March 18, 7:00
By Ralph Brown
Self-discovery through genealogy is the name I've given to an Old Ship class that I'm going to lead in February. 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 not long 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, first offered last year, 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.

This class is presented as part of the "Life Learning at Old Ship" series of learning opportunities that encourage spiritual growth in a free and responsible search for truth and
meaning. A one-time fee of $35 for the year (sliding scale according to need) allows admission to all Life Learning courses. People who are interested in joining the class should contact me by email at ralph.e.brown@gmail.com or telephone at 781-925-9197.

Ongoing groups and gatherings: Be sure to check our web site, www.oldshipchurch.org, for a complete list of groups open to all, including: The Way of the Bodhisattva, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast and Knitting, Monday Meditation, Ceilidh (song circle), Morning Meditation, Upanishads Study Group, and Evensong for Families.

**News from the Board of Trustees:**

Thirty-odd folks—all ages!—gathered on January 10, in Fellowship Hall, for a fun community potluck dinner. Various Board members shared general news:

**New Intern (!) -** Ken started the evening by sharing that next fall, and for the next two years, Old Ship will share a ministerial intern, Janet Newton, with the Cohasset Church. Janet is a student at the Meadville Lombard Theological School and is, also, a former high school English teacher. Her total hours will be 20 hours per week, the majority with us. Lucky her and lucky us.

**Nurturing Community Council & Membership** - Pam Harty reported that we have a few new members, who are getting into the swing of things. Erin Alix Ross, our Membership Coordinator, continues with monthly events and weekly greeting and follow-up. (Her column is elsewhere in this newsletter.) We continue to lag in getting folks to sign up for Sunday Caring Tasks - hosting coffee hour, ushering, and greeting....though, somehow, it all gets done!

**Friends of the Meeting House** - hopes to find a speaker for an interesting talk that will attract the whole town (a civic event).

**Sunday School teaching opportunities** - Rob Baynes talked about what a terrific experience it is to teach and about the need for more folks to volunteer (you don't have to have children in the program).

**Upcoming Youth Service Trip to Appalachia** - Lauren Petrie, our youth member of the Board, related how life changing a service trip like this can be; and she shared some details about this year's planned trip.

**Worship and Music Committee** - is looking for new members. It is a fun committee. These folks assist in the creation and implementation of meaningful services and events that nourish the spirit, educate and transform....includes Sunday services, chalice lighting, etc. (See Chris Sullivan for more information).

**Endowment** - finished the year well, and our funds are currently valued at approximately $1.2 million. Our Legacy Giving Program is ongoing, which is the only way we really have to significantly grow the endowment funds. Past legacy gifts have allowed us to make needed repairs to the Parish House and to kick-start our successful campaign to restore the Meeting House. Legacy gifts make a big difference for us and for future generations. (See Craig Russ for information on how to make a legacy gift.)
Stewardship (Finances, Buildings and Grounds) - Ron Pollara shared that both fall fundraisers went well, the Auction and Merrie Market, the garage has been fixed, the new privy is working well; but we are forecasting another deficit year as last year's pledge campaign came in low. We have had a deficit for the past two years and the upcoming pledge campaign is critical.

One on One Pledge Process - Jeff Lee, a pledge captain, invited folks to join others in making One-On-One Pledge Teams, as we hope to see as many folks as possible in the upcoming pledge campaign. It will be a good opportunity for us all to chat about our shared love of our community.

Social Justice Council - Bryan Hurley talked about upcoming events and what a difference we have made with our new practice of dedicating some coffee hours to food collection.

Another Successful Merrie Market!
Thank you to everyone for the donations, long hours, and the good feel of just being there on a cold rainy December Day. The number of smiling faces leaving with treasures, wreaths, bake goods, toys, books, and full stomachs was amazing; it warms the heart and soul.

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In addition, the Youth Group raised over $800 in a 50/50 raffle and another $75 in custom painted rocks towards their "Faith Based Youth Group Service Learning Trip" to Appalachia (West Virginia) in April.

Thank You All!! Ron Pollara, Treasurer
Among Us

Lincoln Day at Old Ship

Continuing a tradition of many years, Old Ship will be the host location for Hingham's annual "Lincoln Day" events sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society. Lincoln Day honors Hingham's Revolutionary War hero, General Benjamin Lincoln, as well as our 16th president, who is descended from Hingham's first settlers.

The day begins with the mustering of the Hingham Militia at 10:15 in Hingham Cemetery behind Old Ship to fire a salute at General Lincoln's gravesite. At 11:00 the indoor ceremony will begin in our Old Ship Meeting House, featuring this year's keynote speaker, Old Ship member James Conroy, speaking on "Lincoln's White House: A Paradigm of Civic Engagement." Jim's recently published book, Our One Common Country: Abraham Lincoln and the Hampton Roads Peace Conference of 1865, was winner of a 2013 Kirkus Star Review.

Our music director, Berni Nadeau, will lead the music for the ceremony, and our minister, Ken Read-Brown, will offer an invocation and benediction.

Following the ceremony at Old Ship, all are invited to walk together to the Lincoln Statue at Fountain Square for the laying of wreaths and military salutes. A reception at Old Derby Academy concludes the Lincoln Day events.

Pastoral Care Leadership Team

The Pastoral Care Leadership Team meets monthly with Ken and often coordinates meals and other forms of caring for Old Ship individuals and families in the midst of illness or crisis. If you have a need or are aware of a need that the PCLT might be able to help meet, you may be in touch with Ken or any member of the group. At Old Ship we all share in our mutual caring and helping one another; the Pastoral Care Leadership Team simply helps to identify needs and coordinate responses.

There are specifically three ways Old Ship members might want to help out:

- Rides: Would you be able to give an Old Ship parishioner a ride to church, either regularly or from time to time?
- Food: Would you be willing to prepare a casserole to be given to someone who could use a little extra help following a hospitalization or in the midst of illness or treatments?
- Companionship: Would you be willing to spend a few hours now and then with an Old Ship member when the primary caregiver in their household needs to be away from the home for a short while?

If you might be able to help in any of these ways, please be in touch with a member of the Pastoral Care Leadership Team. Thanks very much!

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Nurturing Community Council

The Christmas Eve collection for Father Bill’s/Main Spring, UU Urban Ministry and UU Service Committee netted $4258. Thank you to all who gave generously.

The Renewal House fundraising mailing was also successful with $1700 in donations for the women’s shelter affiliated with UU Urban Ministry.

Donors for the Renewal House collection were:
Nancy Gunshanan
Janet Blampied
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Social Justice Council News

Hingham Food Pantry
The generous donations of food on January 18 will be greatly appreciated by the Hingham Food Pantry. Thanks to all. The next dates for our donations instead of food for ourselves during fellowship are: 2/22, 3/29, 4/26 and 5/31. Keep on giving!

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, February 8
  is the date of the SJC showing the movie, "A Place at the Table", which focuses on hunger issues in the US. We will show the movie at 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Soup and bread will be served for lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A Place at the Table - Trailer

Click on the above link to see a movie trailer of "A Place at the Table."

- Sunday, March 1
  is the annual CUPCAKES WITH A CAUSE event. Cupcakes will be sold following the service, during fellowship at the Parish House. This year we will choose to donate our proceeds to Classroom on Wheels, an organization that supports children whose education is impacted by homelessness and living in shelters or motels by providing tutors, mentors and school supplies.

When you purchase a cupcake you have the opportunity to vote on what the funds are used for.

- Annual food drive to collect food donations at Stop and Shop will be Sunday, March 22, 12-4.

CALL to ACTION:
Volunteers and Resources Needed
Boston Religious Leaders for Long Island Refugees:
http://bostonwarm.weebly.com/join-us.html

Article about Homelessness in Boston Globe:
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