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October 2018 Newsletter

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Worship

Sunday, October 7 10:25am

The theme of this service for all ages - inspired in part by the life and legacy of Mister Rogers, will be, simply: "Kindness". Who are the kindest people you know? When has your life been changed by an act of kindness? How can we become more kind and help to create kinder communities, a kinder nation and a kinder world?



Sunday, October 14 10:25am

Our pulpit guest this Sunday will be Rev. Richard Fewkes, minister emeritus at First Parish in Norwell. We have appreciated his preaching at Old Ship in the past, and are pleased to welcome him back. Dick's topic could hardly be more timely: "On Truth and Lies in our Public and Private Lives".

Sunday, October 21 10:25am

Ken's sermon topic for this Sunday will be "Why Aristotle Still Matters" - focusing on the ancient Greek philosopher's teachings on ethics, virtue, politics, and the path to a happy life, teachings of remarkable relevance to our lives today, personally and (yes, with an election on the near horizon) politically.

At noon in the Parish House parlor there will be a "New UU" gathering for those who are new to Old Ship and/or new to Unitarian Universalism. Ken Read-Brown and other Old Ship leaders will be present to talk about Old Ship and Unitarian Universalism, and to respond to your questions.

Sunday, October 28 10:25am

This will be our annual Remembrance Service. During the service we will name all the Old Ship members who have died during the past year, and then will be invited to name family members and friends who have passed as well. We are also invited to bring a photo or memento of any family member or dear friend who has died at any time in the past; during the service we will bring these items forward to an altar of memory (all items will of course be returned following the service). Ken's sermon will be "The Gift of a Broken Heart".

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 "Way of the Bodhisattva Study/Meditation Group" meets at 8:30 on the first and third Sundays of each month. "Men's Breakfast" meets at 8:30 on the second Sunday of each month for sharing and conversation. And the Women's Breakfast meets at 8:30 on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Childcare available before Sunday services: If you plan to attend any early morning gathering or committee meeting 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

For decades we have offered our Old Ship youth a year-long class on relationships, respect, and human sexuality. The current version is called OWL (Our Whole Lives); its predecessor was AYS (About Your Sexuality). Our first Unitarian Universalist "Principle" affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and these classes have helped generations of young people to learn how to apply this principle in their daily lives, including in the context of intimate relationships. As a congregation and as Unitarian Universalists we can be proud of this; as a parent of three now grown children, I am personally most grateful for these programs.



But... needless to say... in the wider world during the past couple of years the front pages have been filled with one after another story of men who apparently don't know the first thing about respecting the inherent worth and dignity of women, whether in academic settings, the workplace, or in their own homes. And once again the confirmation hearing for a Supreme Court Justice has been roiled by accusations of sexual misconduct, indeed sexual assault. And once again all too many men in positions of power are far more ready to believe the accused rather than the accuser. At the very least ought there not be a full, impartial investigation of these accusations? In addition to the individual lives affected, we are, after all, talking about a lifetime appointment to the court that will, among much else, hear cases bearing the health and welfare of women's lives. Shouldn't deliberations be just that: deliberate - meaning taking whatever time you need, listening with open minds and compassionate hearts?

Meanwhile may we continue to do our best to teach our children lessons in mutual respect, understanding, and kindness, as we also continue to strive to hold ourselves to these same ideals.

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Elsewhere in the newsletter Beverly Tricco outlines plans for her ten-week sabbatical, which begins on October 1. We have been much blessed by Beverly's presence among us as our Director of Religious Education for ten years; and though we will miss her for the next ten weeks we look forward to further years of her serving our children and families - and all of us - with her ever-present enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment.

Thank you Beverly for everything you do!

Peace and blessings,
Ken

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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 is through the Parish House office - 781-749-1679. You may use 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 of course be reached via email, oldshipkrb@gmail.com.

--Ken

Director of Religious Education

Dear Old Ship,

Given a canvas of ten weeks for my sabbatical, these are the things I have decided to do; things that will be nourishing for me and ultimately, beneficial for my flock. (That's you... lol)

While I'm gone I plan to:

Volunteer weekly with Ecclesia Ministries in Boston, specifically Common Art on Wednesdays... and Common Worship on Sundays...
Attend a Drumming, Poetry and Storytelling workshop at Rowe Camp and Conference Center.
Attend and participate in "The Parliament of World Religions", a seven day conference in November 2018.
Spend 1 ½ hours per day purging 30 plus years of accumulation from my home.
Attend as many and as varied worship services as time permits.

While I'm gone I hope you will:

Know that I'm missing you.
Be fine. I know you will. Xoxo

The generous and devoted Children's R. E. and Youth Committees, and our wonderful staff, and Pam Harty, have all taken a piece of what I do and they will do it while I'm gone... and I am SO very grateful to them. If you have questions or concerns, you can ask Susan Carrillo, Children's R.E. Chair, at susan.carrillo@gmail.com or Maureen Butler at Buttermcginnis18@gmail.com. Of course, Ken and Julianna will also be happy to answer or direct your questions or concerns.

I hope you realize what you have here; volunteer members who interviewed me for this job over ten years ago, and who carried the program in between DREs... and who still do the bulk of the teaching and staff support today... and staff who are passionate, devoted, and really really good at what they do... each separately, and working as a team. That is NOT common. It's just not.

That said, things will slip through the cracks... There is a "housewife" element to having me "in the building" full time. I know where the leaks are and when it rains hard, I know where to shove the buckets. When odds and ends are left out, I know where they go... I make sure the upstairs doors are locked... (and you'd be surprised how often they aren't.) When there are kids in the service, I run and get them crayons. Those tasks can't be assigned to any one person. I'm assuming that you'll all pitch in with such small tasks... and that you'll all be gentle with each other when bits and pieces don't go perfectly... We are a church community, after all. And in advance of that I say, "Thank you, very very much."



I hope to be keeping track of my experience on my blog. If you'd like to follow along, the link is:
<https://wordpress.com/view/oldshipdre.wordpress.com>

**Feeling Blessed,
Beverly Tricco
Director of Religious Education**

Note from Chris Hossfeld, Music Director

There will be some exciting musical happenings at Old Ship this month. Coming up on October 13, the choir will be hosting a Choral Vespers Service at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting House, followed by soup in Fellowship Hall. Our theme will be different forms of inspiration and we will sing music ranging from Palestrina to Harry Belafonte. I hope you will be able to join us!

All are welcome to sing in the choir, whether you are an experienced singer or haven't sung in a choir before and always wanted to give it a try. The choir practices on Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 7 to 9 and before services on Sunday at 9:15. Contact me at musicdirector@oldshipchurch.org if you are interested!

Best wishes to you all,
Chris

VESPERS

at Old Ship Church

Inspiration

Saturday, October 13, 5:30 p.m.



*Music with the Old Ship Choir,
a gently lit Meeting House,
poetry readings and silence.
A pot-luck dinner will follow.*

Free admission
All are welcome!

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Membership Coordinator

Each October something magical happens: the leaves change color, the air turns crisp, the wind picks up and carries with it the scent of Fall. For many, Autumn is their favorite time of year, and I can see why!

Now that we've begun our services at the Meeting House and again heard the mellifluous sounds of the choir, reconnected with old friends and met new ones, it seems appropriate that there is a discernible change around us. Autumn signals the start of our church year, in my mind, and offers us yet another opportunity to support our Old Ship community and be supported by it. We can show our newest members and friends how warm and welcoming we can be, even as the days turn cooler.



As always, I charge you with being an Old Ship Ambassador: invite your friends and family to join us! Talk about our wonderful community and all we have to offer! It will be well worth your time.

Kindly,
Erin
Membership Coordinator

Notes from the office

No stuffing, please

The order of service is created with great care during the week for the Sunday service. If you have announcements of an upcoming event or meeting, please email the office no later than Thursday to be included in the printed program. We also ask that people do not "stuff" any papers into the order of service. It does not put Old Ship's best foot forward if pieces of paper are hanging out of the order of service. It also makes us look disorganized; "why was this information not included in the printed program?" Thank you very much.



Social Justice Council (SJC) News

The SJC invites you to **Serve Others** by bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry when you come to Old Ship. This fall we will have a collection basket in the vestibule of the Meeting House each Sunday to receive your donation. The collection box in the outer vestibule of the Parish House is also available to accept donations when you come for classes or meetings or anytime.

The Hingham Food Pantry serves 175 local families who are hungry and benefit greatly from the nutritious foods we donate. Any non-perishable food is welcome, and this month the Pantry especially needs donations of:

- Regular coffee
- Regular tea
- Cookies
- Canned fruit
- Hearty soup
- Pasta sauce
- Beef stew
- Chef Boyardee canned pastas
- Crackers
- Cereals

Our **Special Social Justice Plate Collection** for October will take place on Sun 10/21 and will go to UUMassAction and their climate action/climate justice work.



Join Old Shippers who volunteer once a month with UUUM's (UU Urban Ministry) Fair Foods affordable food distribution at UUUM headquarters at 10 Putnam St in Roxbury. Email pamharty@comcast.net to be connected with them. Based in Roxbury, "the UU Urban Ministry unites communities and transforms individuals through education, service, and advocacy. We engage communities and congregations in social action and change, with programs that empower youth and adults to realize their full potential."

If you are curious about other ways to be in community with the UUUM in Boston, click here to learn more about their other opportunities. One way to support them is simply to attend events, like the upcoming play, author discussion, and musical performance....

October 13, 3 pm at the UUUM: 2018 Mendelsohn Lecture featuring Unveiled, a one-woman play written and performed by Rohina Malik. Mark your calendars!

October 30, 6 pm at the UUUM: Author of The Penalty for Success, Josephine Bolling McCall, tells the story of her father's lynching in Alabama. Dinner will be served and all are welcome.

November 3, 3 pm at the UUUM: Handel & Haydn Society once again graces the First Church in Roxbury with their moving Every Voice concert, this year highlighting the voices of Latinx people, members of the LGBTQIA community, and our nation's veterans.

The SJC would like to call your attention to the **Question #3 on this November's Ballot**. Currently Massachusetts has a law preventing discrimination against transgender peoples in public spaces. This fall there is a conservative initiative to remove the rights of transgender people to use the bathroom of their choice. The transgender community and their families fear that if public accommodation protections are removed, it will have ramifications for other rights. A Yes vote will keep everything the same for now. As Old Ship is a Welcoming Congregation, we thought you'd like to know about this human rights issue. To learn more go to: <https://www.freedommassachusetts.org/learn-more/>

Interested in welcoming immigrants to our area and helping them learn English? Through South Shore Action's monthly Meals and Conversation program, a group from the south shore meets in Hingham to prepare a lunch meal for English language learners at IINE (International Institute of New England) and takes the lunches to their Boston office to share a meal and conversation in English with the students. Next date: Thus Oct 18th. Contact: Meg Glazer at meggglazer@gmail.com or 617-290-6322

Green Sanctuary: Save the date: Sunday November 11

Old Ship's Green Sanctuary Committee will present on "Why Address Climate Change and What are our State and local governments doing to respond to Climate Change?" with a soup lunch provided by the SJC. 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall

Interested in advocating for vulnerable communities?

Find out about specific advocacy opportunities such as letter writing, advocacy calls, participating in educational/advocacy events with local legislators...

Sign up for the Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network. Send your email address to Davalene Cooper, Keeper of the List, at davalenecooper@verizon.net.

Next Coffeehouse off the Square -Dillon Bustin, Sat 10/20 at 8pm in the Fellowship Hall - This inventive musician-singer-composer-author of the Joshua Slocum song cycle about that 19th-Century Seaman's solo sailing trip around the world returns to Hingham. He will do excerpts from the cycle and many other works, including his acclaimed musical settings of Ralph Waldo Emerson poetry. Dillon, who was for many years an active member of Old Ship before moving away, is a memorable performer with a great stage presence and is not to be missed. We are glad to welcome him back. Note: Proceeds from Coffee House on the Square performances benefit the UU Service Committee

Interested in Social Justice work at Old Ship? You are welcome at any Social Justice Council meeting to talk with us about your ideas of how Old Ship can Serve Others. Next SJC meeting will be Sat 11/3 at 9am in the Parlor.

Candlelight Concerts 2018-2019

The eagerly-awaited Candlelight Concerts will again be held at Old Ship on three Sundays throughout the church year. Please mark your calendars so that you can be certain to attend these very special events. Details will be forthcoming.

November 4, 2018

BORROMEO MUSICIANS

A trio that includes members of the Borromeo Quartet with pianist

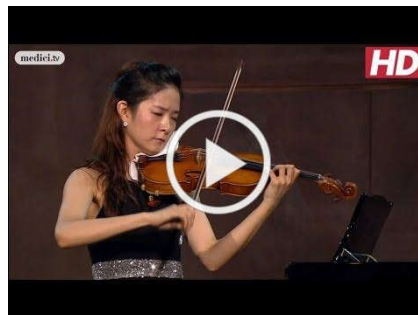


Borromeo Quartet Schubert "Death and the Maiden" I

January 27, 2019

YOOJIN JANG AND RENATA GUTMAN

Violin-Piano Duo



#TCH15 - Violin Round 2: Yoo Jin Jang

March 31, 2019

MOSTLY GERSHWIN

Vocalist Dominique Eade and jazz pianist Elan Mehler



Every Time We Say Goodbye - arr.
Nicholas Urie

Educating Minds and Hearts

For a complete listing of this year's classes and ongoing programs for adults, check out the "learning" page on our web site, where new offerings are listed along with ongoing groups: www.oldshipchurch.org. You can also pick up a pamphlet in the vestibule of the Meeting House or Parish House which describes this year's programs.

In addition to ongoing groups, here are two upcoming life learning opportunities:

**Spring Poetry in the fall: Poetry Alive three sessions, October 17, 24, and November 7
1:00 and 7:00 - led by Elizabeth Torrey and Ken Read-Brown**

For our annual poetry class, this year postponed from the spring, we will be listening to a wide variety of poems in the voices of the poets themselves as well as in the voices of ordinary folks reading and reflecting upon their favorite poems. For more info and to sign up, contact Ken (oldshipkrb@gmail.com).



**So You Want to Meditate - Sat., 10:00 to noon,
October 27 led by Ken Read-Brown**

Whether you are a long time meditator or wish to begin, this gathering will offer some basic instruction in mindfulness meditation and in Eknath Easwaran's passage meditation. There will be time for questions and conversation, and time to meditate.

The Way of the Bodhisattva - first and third Sun. mornings 8:30

Half an hour of sitting meditation, followed by an hour conversation based on a Buddhist text. This is a good time to join this group, since we are beginning a new book: Fear by Thich Nhat Hanh. Newcomers warmly welcomed to our gatherings - no previous experience with Buddhism needed. For more info contact Ken Read-Brown.

Ceilidh ("kay-lee") - monthly, first Tuesday evenings: new time 7:00

Sharing of songs, stories, poems... and an old-fashioned good time. Bring an instrument if you have one or just bring yourself to listen and maybe sing along. Everyone is welcome. Come anytime between 7:00 and 9:30.

Men's Breakfast welcomes new members

Men's Breakfast, the monthly gathering of Old Ship men, wants to invite men who haven't attended to try the group out in October. This "try-out" session enables men who are curious about this coming together, but aren't certain they're ready to make it a regular thing, to sample what takes place without making a commitment.





Between 15 and 20 men meet on the second Sunday of each month. This is an ongoing opportunity for men to get together in a safe, nurturing environment, where they can speak freely and listen deeply to each other. The group comes together in the Parish House parlor, starting at 8:30 a.m. The meeting ends at 10:10, in time for participants to move to the Meeting House for the Sunday service. Coffee and bagels are served.

The gathering starts with an opening reading and the lighting of a chalice. Then, men share a check-in, giving each an opportunity to briefly give voice to what's on his mind. Subsequently, the men explore an idea that emerges, or examine a relevant question. Whatever the topic, the group agrees that expressing personal experiences and feelings is preferable to offering analysis and opinions.

The members of Men's Breakfast consider this to be a form of spiritual practice. They also seek to have fun together and rekindle their playful souls.

Ralph Brown (781-925-9197; ralph.e.brown@gmail.com) and Rich Elliott (781-749-2248; Richelliott56@gmail.com) lead the group. They're happy to answer questions.

Friends of the Meeting House Event!

On Sunday, October 14 at 4:30 pm in the Meeting House, we invite you to experience a rich, spontaneous collaboration between two renowned artists, dubbed PoemJazz. It's a unique musical conversation between poetry and jazz, performed by:

U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky and Grammy Award-winning pianist Laurence Hobgood.

Robert Pinsky, three-time United States Poet Laureate, has been dedicated to identifying and invigorating poetry's place in the world. He founded the national Favorite Poem Project, and his popular Massive Online Open Course, "The Art of Poetry," has been available to the public since 2014. Elegant and tough, vividly imaginative, Pinsky's poems have earned praise for their wild musical energy and range. He and Laurence Hobgood, a Grammy-Award winning jazz pianist, composer, arranger and producer, created PoemJazz to reveal the intricate connections between poetry and jazz.

We are thrilled that they will share their huge talent for improvisation with us at Old Ship Meeting House, as a culminating event for Hingham's ArtsWalk. Following the concert, meet Mr. Pinsky and Mr. Hobgood and enjoy wine and appetizers at a Reception in Ames Chapel, nearby in Hingham Cemetery.

Please buy tickets in advance at www.oldshipfriends.org

Or see a member of the Friends of the Meeting House at fellowship hour. Tickets for the reception are limited. Concert only: \$25 adults, \$10 students. Concert plus Reception: \$50 adults, \$20 students. Tickets as available will also be sold at the door. PoemJazz will help us raise funds to repair the steeple on the Meeting House - a project that will be done next Spring. Please help us spread the word!

Here is a clip of a prior PoemJazz performance.



Robert Pinsky's PoemJazz

POEMJAZZ ROBERT PINSKY LAURENCE HOBGOOD

an enchanting musical conversation between poetry & jazz



Robert Pinsky
U.S. Poet Laureate

Laurence Hobgood
Grammy-winning
Jazz pianist



Sunday, October 14 @ 4:30 pm

Old Ship Meeting House
90 Main Street, Hingham

Post-concert Reception in Ames Chapel
12 South St., Hingham Cemetery
Meet the musicians • Enjoy wine & hors d'oeuvres

\$25 Adult/Senior PoemJazz at the Meeting House \$50 Adult/Senior PoemJazz + Reception
\$10 Student PoemJazz at the Meeting House \$20 Student PoemJazz + Reception

Tickets available in advance at www.oldshipfriends.org and at the door. Reception limited to 100.



SAVE THE STEEPLE, RAISE THE VANE!

*This program helps raise funds to repair the steeple
and raise the weathervane at Old Ship Meeting House.
Many thanks for your support!*

Halloween Saturday Supper

Mark your calendars for October 27 at 6:30 p.m. and join other adults for a Halloween themed evening of fun, fellowship, & fabulous food at the Parish House. Costumes are encouraged! Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Sign up to bring your favorite main dish, salad, or dessert by contacting Sharon Prehn (781-925-0101, prehn@verizon.net) or sign up during Fellowship Hour. This is a great way to get to know one another better & newcomers are especially welcome! Volunteers for set-up and clean-up would be greatly appreciated as well. A \$3 contribution per person is encouraged to cover our expenses for paper goods, centerpieces, and beverages.

Fellowship Hour Food

Each Sunday a segment of the alphabet is asked to provide a plate of snacks for Fellowship Hour as follows:

October 7: Q-Z
 October 14: A-H
 October 21: I-P
 October 28: Q-Z



The Friends of Old Ship have a new web site and Facebook page!

www.oldshipfriends.org

Facebook: Friends of Old Ship Meeting House

Please check out the new and up-to-date website and Facebook page for Friends of Old Ship Meeting House - the charitable organization that lets us raise funds for the repair and maintenance of the Meeting House, through grants and donations from community members outside of Old Ship. You will find details of various preservation projects, histories, and notices of our events there, like the upcoming PoemJazz on Oct. 14. You can even buy tickets using a credit card. Please like our page, and spread the word about the Friends!



Friends of Old Ship Board of Directors: Nina Price, President; John Sneath, Treasurer; Elaine Gomez, Clerk; Tom Willson, Jane Malme, Eileen McIntyre, Debbie Edmundson, Lissa Tully

Meeting House Forum Committee needs help!

Last spring, we held three Meeting House forums on three topics of concern: racism, conflict resolution, and the importance of education for girls in developing countries. They were met with enthusiasm, and everyone agreed we should continue the series this year. But our small planning committee needs to expand a bit. Work includes choosing topics & speakers, publicity, organizing a simple reception and helping at the event. Always interesting!! We would like to hold one before the end of the year, and two or three after that. If you are interested in joining the team, or if you have suggestions for speakers or topics

of interest, please contact: Nina Price nina@steelepress.com asap.



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