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Old Ship Church

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November 2016 Newsletter

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Worship

Sunday, November 6 10:25am

"The Election Sermon" is an old New England tradition. As one writer has put it, "in keeping with the Calvinist belief that all human activity falls under the jurisdiction of God's Word, sermons were preached at significant public events" including elections.

Well, it has been a long time since a Calvinist theology has been preached in the Old Ship Meeting House; but as Unitarian Universalists we too affirm that religion ought to inform not only our personal lives, but our public lives. What needs to be said in the Old Meeting House as this year's election nears?



At noon in the Parish House parlor there will be a forum conversation sponsored by the Pastoral Care Leadership Team. Are you a caregiver for a loved one who is ill or otherwise challenged? We will share our experiences and strategies and resources; we will help one another through this conversation.

Sunday, November 13, 10:25am

"Now What?" will be Ken's sermon. Whatever the results of the election, from president on down to state representatives, life goes on. What have we been losing sight of in the midst of this most contentious presidential campaign? Where should our focus now be - personally and collectively? Let's take a deep breath... and consider our lives.

There will be a noon "New UU" forum in the parlor: All newcomers are invited to gather with Ken and other Old Ship leaders to learn more about Old Ship and Unitarian Universalism. Old-timers are invited for a refresher... and to meet some of our new folks.

This will also be the first Sunday that our music will be led by our new Music Director, Christopher Hossfeld! We are delighted to have Chris with us, and our Fellowship Hour will be a reception for him. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more about Chris.

Sunday, November 20, 10:25am

This is our annual Community Day Sunday! Following the service we will enjoy a pizza lunch and one another's company in order to fortify ourselves for work: Grounds clean-up, mailing to raise funds for the UU Urban Ministry's Renewal House program, and more. Ken's sermon, as Thanksgiving approaches, will be "Still Grateful After All These Years". In an annual tradition, "Guest at Your Table" boxes will be distributed at the service in support of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Wednesday, November 23 Interfaith Community Thanksgiving, 7pm

The annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association, will as always be held in our Old Ship Meeting House. This service is an annual powerful reminder of all that we share as faith communities. Participants include clergy and lay leaders from most of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish congregations in Hingham and Hull. Our preacher will be Rev. Stephanie Shute Kelsch, minister at Second Parish in Hingham (UU) and current president of the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders. The offering will be given to the "Diane Edson Fund" of the Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull.

Sunday, November 27, 10:25am

For many years on the Sunday following Thanksgiving the ministers of First Parish Cohasset and our own First Parish (Old Ship) in Hingham have exchanged pulpits. So... Ken will be preaching in Cohasset, and the new minister in Cohasset, Rev. Bob KcKetchnie, will be preaching here at Old Ship.

Bob's sermon will be "What Are You Waiting For?" Bob writes: At the start of December we find ourselves in the midst of waiting for Christmas to come (or perhaps to be over with). The Christian tradition refers to this as the season of Advent (Coming). 'Seasons of waiting' don't necessarily care about the calendar however. Today's sermon will reflect on Advent as we wait for what is coming next in our lives." Bob was ordained in 2000 and before arriving in Cohasset served churches in Medfield, E. Greenwich, RI, Attleboro, and Fairhaven, MA.

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.

from the minister's desk

Musing

Enough about the election. I know that readers of this column and our newsletter, like Unitarian Universalists everywhere, will likely have about the highest voter participation rate as any cohort anywhere. And I know you take your vote seriously and look at the issues and candidates with care. I don't need to encourage you to do this. So... enough about the election. Having decided how we will cast our votes, may we pray or wish for results that further the well-being of all Americans, of all people, of all life on the planet.

So... enough about the election.

Instead, this:

The morning after the third presidential debate I woke with the debate still very much on my mind, talking points echoing, facial expressions imprinted... all of it hard to shake.

And yes, I was curious to hear and read what the pundits were saying and writing. But after a few minutes of that... I headed out the door (no headphones) and hit the road for my daily run. It was a perfectly beautiful morning! In half a mile I left the road and trotted onto the golf course. Blue sky, a few white clouds, morning sunlight filtering through the woods lining the 18th fairway, yellow, orange, red, green, all

sparkling in the light. How fortunate to be able to put one foot in front of the other on such a morning! As poet Jane Kenyon poignantly wrote, "It could have been otherwise."

I guess in short what I am coming around to reminding myself is that whatever else might be going on personally or politically, to circle back to gratitude. Admittedly this is not always easy, given whatever circumstances might be swirling around us. But if we can do it, it is life-giving, life-affirming, life-sustaining.

One more thing I am grateful for, then, is that Thanksgiving arrives in just a few weeks, reminding me and all of us to reclaim gratitude so that we might reclaim hearts centered in those things that matter most: Family, friends, community... kindness, caring, love.

So, okay, really: Enough about the election indeed. For though important as this election is, there are in fact other things more important, more enduring, more sustaining. Be well. And take care of each other.

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. 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 via email, oldshipkrb@gmail.com.

--Ken

Director of Religious Education

This is what the Boston Globe had to say in advance of HONK! :

"BRASS AND MORE For 11 years, the Honk! Festival of Activist Street Bands has been marching through the streets of Somerville and surrounding areas to promote an appreciation of culture and social justice.



Honk! originated in Somerville and has inspired related festivals in cities across the country and the world. There is even a Somerville-based School of HONK that carries on the spirit of the festival throughout the year.

Many of the bands - both local and from around the United States and Canada - are repeat performers. And, this year, there are two performing groups from France."

This was the call for participants:

On Sunday, October 9th, youth from Arlington Street Church and other area churches will be marching as the "New England Region Unitarian Universalist Religious Education Programs" in the HONK Parade! Thirteen people are marching in the group you see in these photos; ten of them are Old Shippers... AND that's our banner.

I told our Youth and R.E. folks it would be fun. I told our Youth and R.E. folks it would be powerful. I told our Youth and R.E. folks they would be connecting with UUs from all over. And they showed up... In the rain and the cold, they came out and they BROUGHT it... They raided our attic and they gussied up... Five Youth... Two kids... and Three adults... That's what I had to repeat in my head; the head count...

So I didn't lose anyone... on the Red Line shuttle bus... on the T... in Davis Square... all the way to Harvard Square... Five Youth... Two Kids... and Three adults...

In a group of thirteen... representing "New England Region Unitarian Universalist Religious Education Programs".

I don't know how that makes you feel... but it makes me really proud.

Bright blessings,
Beverly Tricco
Director of Religion Education
beverlytmail@gmail.com

Notes from your Membership Coordinator

November is a time for pumpkins and turkey and stuffing and mashed potatoes and, of course, family and friends! How lucky we are to have our Old Ship community as a part of our family and friends! November 5th is the first Community Dinner of the year so sign up now to host or attend. This pot-luck style dinner is a wonderful way to meet new members of our community and to get to know familiar faces a little bit better. To sign up as a host or guest please contact me at membership@oldshipchurch.org. We are always looking to grow our community of friends, and one way to do that is to bring a friend to a Sunday service.

If you're looking for ways to explain Unitarian Universalism, you can go to our website (oldshipchurch.org) and watch the short video, found under the Who We Are section. Or there's literature that can be provided to you, by me, or you can use your own "elevator speech"--the important thing is to start talking about Old Ship! Tell people your personal experiences and how you think they may benefit. Referring someone is a wonderful way to add more love, knowledge, kindness, humor, grace, compassion and enthusiasm to our already marvelous community.

Each Sunday I look around me and I see new faces; this makes me feel so much gratitude and happiness. Please remember that the new face you see is just a friend you haven't yet met. Say hello, offer to show them around and offer one of the best gifts you have to give: kindness. A little goes a long way and the effect is wondrous.

Kindly,
Erin Alix
Membership Coordinator
membership@oldshipchurch.org

Welcome to our new music director: Christopher Hossfeld!

We are delighted to welcome and introduce Old Ship's new music director! After a search of several months, many interviews, and many meetings, the Music Director Search Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that we hire Christopher Hossfeld. The Board has now approved, contract has been signed, and our first Sunday with Chris in the choir loft is scheduled for November 13. (If you would like to join the choir at this auspicious moment and opportunity, the first mid-week choir rehearsal with Chris will be on Thursday evening, October 10, in the Old Ship Meetinghouse choir loft. All eager voices are welcome!)

As a composer and conductor Chris has created music for many settings and has led both choral and instrumental ensembles, including in church and other religious settings. His music has been performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, at Yale and Harvard, and at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge. Most recently he was co-artistic director of Montreal's Opera da Camera. He and his husband have lived for the last several years in Canada; but returning to Massachusetts is returning home for Chris, who is originally from Concord, MA, where his family still resides.

Chris is warm and personable and talented; we enthusiastically look forward to his presence and musical leadership among us. Please help us to welcome him with Old Ship's friendly hospitality!

--The Music Director Search Committee
Pat Bianco, chair; Ken Asnes, Angela Harvey,
Nigel Harvey, Ginger Jensen, Diane Morrison,
Chris Sullivan, Rev. Ken Read-Brown

Committee on Ministry wants to hear from you

Old Ship's Committee on Ministry wants you to contribute to its conversations. The committee meets monthly to discuss matters concerning our five ministries and related topics. It welcomes suggestions for topics of discussion from members of the congregation.

The committee consists of Ralph Brown, Nigel Harvey, Santjes Oomen, David Petrie, Rev. Ken Read-Brown, Ursula Stone and Amanda Sutton.

Please approach any member if you have a suggestion for a topic or would like to contribute to the conversation.

The topic in October was "Ministry." Members of the committee explored their ideas about the meaning of the word, and shared experiences when they ministered to others, and when others ministered to them.

November's topic will be "Nourishing the Spirit," a ministry that overlaps the remaining four. "Educating Hearts and Minds," "Serving Others," "Stewarding Resources" and "Nurturing Community" will be examined in subsequent months.

You may have a thought or idea about a ministry, or may have had an experience with one that you'd like to share. Please approach a committee member to discuss it. Except for Rev. Read-Brown, committee members serve for three years. Two members leave the committee each year, to be replaced by two new members.

Ralph Brown
Chair, Committee on Ministry

Merrie Market is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3!

The Merrie Market Season is upon us!

This year it will take place on December 3rd. This is a major fund raising event for our Old Ship Community. There are many ways for everyone of all ages to become involved. Please look over the list below and decide how you can become an active participant in helping to make this the wonderful festive event that it has always been.

Merrie Market Opportunities!

Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Treasures Table: We are famous for this! We are looking for treasured items that you can just barely bare to part with, that are still beautiful and useful or just unusual.

Small furniture, linens, silver, china, decorative items and jewelry. Please bring them to the Parish House, labeled "Merrie Market." Please no computers. We try to have everything priced before Thanksgiving, so your treasures need to be in before that.

The Fellowship Hall is being rented during the week. We ask that you **Do Not** leave items by the back door. Please leave them on the bench in the hallway by the Parish House office. Diane Elliott 781-749-2248, dianeabbeyelliott@gmail.com and Fan Leonard 781-749-2852.

Books & Media: Please donate items in good condition. Books, DVD's, CD's. Please No textbooks. . . Ivy & Rick Butterworth, ivy_butter@yahoo.com, butterworth@comcast.net, 781-749-3190. If possible we ask that these items be brought to the Parish House a week before Merrie Market. Do not leave them by the Parish House back door

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 or carry the items to the 3rd floor and put them in the section labeled Toys before 12/1.

Susannah Thomas, zanthomas@gmail.com, 781-875-1049

Gift Baskets: Create a themed gift basket. Very popular items! Various sizes of baskets along with instructions will be available. These baskets sell like hot cakes, and are fun to put together by your family or your committee! Please bring basket in by Tuesday, November 29 to the Parish House and we'll wrap in cellophane and price.

Thanks! . . Sharon Prehn, prehn@verizon.net, 7819250101 and Mary Sofis maksofis@gmail.com

Bake Table: We are looking for a variety of homemade culinary items: pies, breads, cookies, fudge, baked beans, jam or whatever your specialty may be. Knowing how busy many people are, some food items can be made ahead of time and frozen. Ask Joan for suggestions. Please deliver your prepared goods to the Parish Hall on Friday, Dec 2 (up until 7PM) or by 8:30AM Saturday. . .

Wreaths

The large memorial wreaths on the Meeting House may be "purchased" at this time. The price of wreaths has gone up tremendously but Old Ship has kept its prices the same. Because of the hike this year, the wreaths will cost \$100.00 each. Your tribute to your loved one(s) and your name will be included in all Order of Service bulletins on Sundays in December. The beautiful wreaths and bows will be on full view for all December services, including Christmas Eve. To purchase one of these, please send your payment to Julianna in the Parish House office (107 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043) as well as one short sentence, the name of the person(s) who are being honored, and your name. The wreaths are first come, first served.



Wreath Makers:

Wreath making will begin on Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25. We will be making wreaths every day from 9 - to about 3 or 4 until December 1 or 2 -- whenever we finish. We need 3 or 4 dedicated people (folks who will make more than one wreath). Because of the hot glue, scissors, and electrical cords, we cannot invite children to participate or be around the wreath making. We dedicate this year's wreaths to our beloved B. B. Budlong. For more information, please contact Pat Bianco - bluesulphur3@yahoo.com

Grow the Love... Join the Pledge Campaign Team!

Old Ship relies on its members and friends to fully support all that we do as volunteers and with paid staff - our religious education program and life-long learning for children, youth and adults, social justice work, spiritual nourishment through worship services and music, developing a warm and welcoming community, stewarding our resources and maintaining our historic Meeting House, and all the magic that happens within each of these broad ministries.



Our annual pledge campaign serves as the foundation for Old Ship's support, and we need your help! Rather than asking 2 or 3 campaign chairs to shoulder this major responsibility, we are wondering if you be willing to join a team of Old Shippers who will manage the campaign this year? The Board has made a broad plan for the year

(including a Love Fest party on Feb. 11!) and would like to share this vital work with whomever is interested in lending a hand. There is a task that fits whatever you like to do: creative thinking, party planning, writing, poster making, data management, envelope stuffing, phone calling or visiting, testimonials, thank you notes and more.

Please contact Nina Price at nina@steelepress.com or another Board member to join the team. We'll organize this fall and start working in January. Hope to hear from you soon, and thank you!

BINGO! November 4 - see attached flyer!

[Bingo Flyer!](#)

Among Us

Candlelight Concert Performance

The first of our Candlelight Concert performances, featuring the Boston Saxophone Quartet, will be on Sunday, November 13, at 4 p.m. The Boston Saxophone Quartet is a unique blend of musicians combining a tremendous range of repertoire and individual experience in wind performance. Its repertoire ranges from swing, ragtime, jazz and the Beatles all the way back to the Renaissance. Due to the generosity of a number of Candlelight Concert friends, this concert will be presented free of charge; your contribution is welcome. Please join us in our beautiful meetinghouse for this special event.

Continuing the Conversation - UU Women gather on Nov. 19

About a dozen Old Ship women met on October 1 to discuss their individual life-maps and what challenges they faced along the way. While recounting experiences from the 1940s through the 2000s, the conversation was inspiring, interesting and informative, and we decided we want to meet again.

Please join us on Saturday, Nov. 19 in the Parish House at 10:30 AM to continue our discussions. In November we will focus on a particular challenge or opportunity each of us has encountered in the last five years. All UU women are invited, whether you attended in October or not.

- Sherry Penny-Livingston, Ginny Perelson, and Nina Price

Women's Breakfast on Nov. 27.

The Women's Breakfast is off to a great start! It will meet the 4th Sunday of each month at 8:30 am in the parlor. Everyone will have a chance to check-in for a few minutes. That will be followed by conversation. Join the comradery! Come every month or only occasionally. All women are welcome. Coffee and bagels will be provided.

Parking beside the Parish House - please respect the signage

There is only one legal non-handicapped spot in the side parking area. Please do not park adjacent to this one spot. That extra room is likely needed for someone in a vehicle that might require more door swing room. Thanks.

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

Educating Hearts and Minds Life Learning Programs

The Other Peace Process



Inter-religious dialogue in the service of peace in Israel

On November 1 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association is sponsoring an event at the Derby Clubhouse at Linden Ponds that captures how different viewpoints can be mutually respected and heard (see attached poster). The context is the Israeli-Palestine conflict and the speakers are Rabbi Ron Kronish and Mayor Issa Jabber. Both men have worked with the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI), which Rabbi Kronish helped to found. Both men are educators and lecturers. Rabbi Kronish currently serves as the Director of ICCI and Mayor Jabber is mayor of the Israeli Arab town of Abu Gosh.

The Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association
invites the community at large
for an inspiring public dialogue with

Rabbi Ron Kronish & Mayor Issa Jabber
A Jewish Israeli An Arab Israeli

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Rabbi Ron Kronish **Mayor Issa Jabber**

Founder & Director of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI), now a department of Rabbis for Human Rights, Kronish is a noted rabbi, educator, author & speaker. Rabbi Kronish is a graduate of Brandeis University (BA), the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (Rabbi) & the Harvard Graduate School of Education (EdD). He has spoken on college campuses and in many communities throughout North America, and has also published widely and blogs for *The Times of Israel* and *The Huffington Post*.

Currently the mayor of the Israeli Arab town of Abu Gosh, Issa Jabber was formerly the Director of Education and a teacher in the school system of the town for many years. Jabber has also served as co-chairperson of the Interreligious Coordinating Council of Israel, has lectured widely both in Israel and North America, and is also the Co-chairperson of the Association of Tolerance and Coexistence in the Judean Hills. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from universities in Turkey and Jerusalem. Mr. Jabber is well-known as one of Israel's experts in the field of Coexistence.

*Reserved seats will be released 15 minutes before the presentation.

What if ... interactive workshop led by Gwen Morgan

Saturday, November 12, 3:00 - 5:00, Parish House Parlor

WHAT IF something unexpected were to happen to you? Would your family know about your finances, your important documents, (do you have your important documents in place??) final wishes, family medical history? For just \$25 (the cost of the Workbook), workshop attendees will be led through the steps of filling out the What if ... Workbook, a fill in the blank organizational guide created by Scituate author Gwen Morgan, inspired by her work with hospice, the elderly, and personal experience. We will discuss finances, contacts, documents, final wishes, family medical history, legacy, and much more!

Procrastinate no more! Give the Gift of Preparedness to your loved ones. The opportunity to make crucial decisions BEFORE a crisis happens!

Other ongoing groups and gatherings....

[Link here](#) to the page on our web site that includes descriptions of all these groups: from opportunities to meditate and study spiritual texts ancient and modern as described above, to the Men's Breakfast, Book Group, Sewing Group, and the monthly Ceilidh song circle.

Social Justice Council

Got a Hingham or Quincy housing connection?

A 33 year old English speaking Syrian woman, named Raghad, is seeking asylum with her 3 year old daughter. Currently living in a private home in Hyde Park, the situation is untenable because the homeowner's cat isn't getting along with the newcomers. Also, it takes 2 hours to reach the mosque in Quincy where her daughter attends pre-school. Raghad is seeking a low cost studio apartment in Quincy. (Perhaps someone has space to donate.) The 220 bus leaves frequently from Hingham Square and goes straight to Quincy Center; sometimes (on a schedule) it loops a mile or two further into Hingham. Contact Laura Saylor at 858-220-0313 or email her at Iwanttoemaillaura@yahoo.com

Hingham Food Pantry

The dates for donations to the food pantry during coffee hour are:
Sunday, November 20 and Sunday, December 18.

Guests at Your Table

The annual UUSC Guests at Your Table project will kick off on Sunday, November 20. Davlene Cooper, UUSC Representative, will tell stories for three Sundays about the individuals being highlighted in this annual event.

Save the Date: Tuesday, December 13, 6pm-8pm

Tuesday, December 13 6-8 p.m. is the date of the annual Holiday Party with South Shore Friends of the Homeless. Despite decreased kitchen facilities, Old Ship will host this party.

Volunteers are needed! These are some ways you can be involved:

- Can you serve on the meal planning task group?
- Can you prepare hot food in your oven at home and deliver to the Parish House?
- Can you assist in serving during the party?
- Can you help by holding babies so parents can eat their meals?
- Can you participate in the clean-up?

If you would like to volunteer for any of these or other tasks, please contact Brenda Black Pollara, Ginny Perelson, or any other member of the Social Justice Council. Thanks for supporting this wonderful holiday get together!

Old Ship Book Group meeting on November 7

We are doing something different on November 7 for the Old Ship Book Group. We are reading a young adult book. *The Breadwinner* is about a girl who lives in Kabul, Afghanistan. Her father is arrested by the Taliban and her family is left without someone who can earn money or even shop for food. Forbidden to earn money as a girl, she disguises herself as a boy and becomes the breadwinner.

It's only 145 pages - an easy read. Reading the book with your daughter or son and discussing it on November 7 would be a great experience! Or read it as an individual and join us! In the parlor at 1 pm and 7 pm.

Nurturing Community Council

The Nurturing Community Council supports the work being done by all of us under Old Ship's Nurturing Community Ministry. As it says on our website, our goal is to offer all a warm welcome, loving support and a path to deep engagement with the Old Ship community. One of the areas we have been focusing on, and will continue to focus on this year, is welcoming visitors and new members to our community. I'd like to extend that to welcoming long-timers, too.

We may see each other every Sunday for years, exchanging greetings and a smile coming into the Meeting House or into Fellowship Hour. We tend to sit in or near the same area during service and talk to the same few people over a cup of coffee. And that's ok. It's good to see friends and familiar faces. It is those connections that will keep us coming together. But wouldn't it be fun to make some more connections by getting to know one another a little bit better?

If you see someone you don't know at church or at fellowship hour, please say "hello". It may be their first visit or they may have been coming for years. Don't be embarrassed if you forget a name or think that it's too late to introduce yourself because you've seen them for a long time and the moment has passed. Most people will not be offended. I promise that if you approach me and introduce yourself and don't know my name, I will not be offended. I'll be happy to remake our acquaintance. And, I'll be happy to help you find your name tag so I won't forget your name, either.

Some dates planned for opportunities for all of us to become better acquainted are;

- Community Dinners on 11/5, 1/14 and 3/11

- Family Friendly Bingo on 11/4 (potentially a monthly event)
- Christmas Caroling and Gingerbread House Making on 12/10
- Birthday Cake Fellowship Hour on 3/6

Hope to see you and meet you soon.

~Janet Asnes for the Nurturing Community Council (Erin Alix, Ivy Butterworth, Lera Chitwood, Alicia Harkness, Janice McPhillips, Florence Noonan, and Gail Slater)

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