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Old Ship Church

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November 2017 Newsletter

**December newsletter deadline:
Tuesday, Nov. 21**

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Worship

Sunday, November 5 10:25am

(Remember: Day Light Savings Ends Saturday - Turn Clock Back One Hour Saturday, November 4th)

Dave Egan, our student intern minister, will be preaching on "White Supremacy Teach-In". Dave will explore the history of racism in our country and our denomination as we join hundreds of other Unitarian Universalist congregations for a national White Supremacy UU Teach-In. Following the worship service, at noon in the Parish House parlor, Dave and Ken Read-Brown will host a congregational conversation to hear from you as together we further explore issues raised in Dave's sermon and larger issues of racism and white supremacy.



Sunday, November 12, 10:25am

Ken's sermon will be: "Appropriate Honor". Of the sermon, he writes: "On this Veterans Day weekend, we as Americans would do well to ask ourselves how best to honor those who have served and those who continue to serve in the armed forces of our nation. Certainly an outward show of patriotism isn't enough. What then?"

Sunday, November 19, 10:25am

The Thanksgiving theme for this service for all ages will be: "One Family, One Table" and will be explored through songs, stories, and Ken's message. As we do each year, during the service we will be passing out "Guest at Your Table" boxes and envelopes to encourage the raising of funds for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's domestic and global human rights and relief programs.

This Sunday will also be our annual "Community Day": Following the service there will be a (free!) pizza lunch in order to fortify us for a workday. Bring rakes and gloves if you can help with yard clean-up. Or just bring yourself to help prepare the holiday mailing to raise funds for the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry's "Renewal House", a program which serves women and their children who are leaving behind circumstances of abuse.

Wednesday, November 22, 7pm

The annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service is sponsored by the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association and hosted at our Old Ship Meeting House. Representatives of UU, Christian, and Jewish congregations in Hingham and Hull will participate in the service; and the music will be led by our own Chris Hossfeld. In these times of political and social rancor and division, this service

represents the beauty and power of unity in diversity. A reception will follow, kindly hosted by our friends across the street at First Baptist Church.

Sunday, November 26, 10:25am

This will be our annual pulpit exchange with First Parish (UU) in Cohasset. Rev. Bob McKetchnie from First Parish in Cohasset will be preaching on "The Gifts of Hannah Adams (1755-1831)". Bob's sermon will examine the life and legacy of the remarkable Hannah Adams. Hannah was the first American woman to make a living as an author. As a Unitarian she left behind a message of inclusiveness that has yet to be fully understood and internalized in the modern day.

Ken will be preaching at First Parish Cohasset. As some of you know, the town of Cohasset was a long time ago part of Hingham, and what is now First Parish in Cohasset was originally (1721) Second Parish in Hingham, gathered when enough people from that neck of the woods decided they had had enough of trekking all the way to the not so old at the time meeting house here in Hingham Square. So our two congregations have what might be considered a familial connection.

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

A generous soul I am grateful to know enabled me to attend the recent "Do Not Forget Me" concert at Symphony Hall sponsored by the Terezin Music Foundation. The Foundation's stated mission is to be "dedicated to preserving the musical legacy of the composers held in the Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camp in what is now the Czech Republic." (You can learn more about the Terezin Music Foundation at their web site: www.terezinmusic.org.) Through narration accompanying the concert we learned of the lives of a few of the many remarkable composers and musicians who had been held at the Terezin camp before being transported to their deaths at Auschwitz. The music - a string quartet, string trio, piano and voice, and, to conclude, choral pieces sung by the Boston Children's Chorus - was extraordinary and deeply moving. Yet even more moving was this: that such incomprehensible courage and creativity could exist and even flourish in the midst of unutterably incomprehensible evil and suffering.

And with this in mind, I can only ask: How hard should it be for those of us living in comfort and ease unimaginable to millions on this planet we share, to rise with our own creativity and courage to meet the needs of these times, to speak up for the oppressed, to speak out on behalf of freedom and justice, and to share what we can to help those in need?

To put this in seasonal context: In the spirit of Thanksgiving, may gratitude for the gifts of our lives overflow into giving to others in whatever measure is possible for each of us and for all of us together.

Peace and blessings,
Ken
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cell: 781-635-2060

p.s. Looking ahead, as usual I'll be coordinating our seasonal vespers services, on Wednesday evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas - services of readings, music, and silence. If you'd like to be a reader or a musician for one of those services, please be in touch. Thanks!

My Parish House office hours are ordinarily Tuesday, Wednesday, and 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, making visits, or attending meetings elsewhere. I can also be reached via email, oldshipkrb@gmail.com. --Ken

Director of Religious Education

Dear Old Ship,

When people out in the world ask me what I do for a living, I tell them I am the Director of Religious Education at a Unitarian Universalist Church. That gets me a lot of blank looks. It's not like being a minister, a music director, an office manager, or a sexton. People know what those jobs are; or at least, they think they do.

When my friends or family try to explain me to someone, they simplify and say, "She's a Sunday school teacher"... I rarely correct them, because, honestly, who cares if they really understand my job?

But I am not a Sunday school teacher.

I could be; I enjoy teaching Sunday school... Honestly, Sunday school is the fun part of the work... The kids are the fun part,

In point of fact, I am much more like a Sunday school principal.

But, I'm a principal who does their own hiring... their own payroll... their own book-keeping... their own filing... their own supplies purchasing... their own curriculum research and archiving... their own emergency planning and first-aid preparation... their own classroom space care... etc. etc.

The one thing I really cannot do by myself is teach Sunday school.

Not counting the Nursery, we have six age groups...

Six Sunday morning classrooms...

Pre-K through Sr. High...

People come to us from surrounding towns because we have that... and we have critical mass in each age group. Church-shopping families like that.

Best practices dictate that there are two adults in any room with children in it; we try to abide by that.

That's 12 adults per Sunday. In addition, we have 2 paid teenage caregivers in the nursery, with an adult occasionally standing by for safety and security while I am across the street or off the property.

I cannot teach Sunday school, because I am "on the move" on Sunday mornings. Being part of worship... making sure the group crosses Main Street safely... keeping my eyes open for new families or new kids... watching to see who is out-of-sorts and in need of some pastoral attention... making sure the volunteer teachers have what they need to minister to their flocks.

But even if I tried to do all that on a Sunday morning, and teach Sunday school, I am only one person... I can't be in ALL the classes.

We need your participation... Period.

If we don't get enough teachers to make a safe and supportive environment for children and volunteers, we will have to reduce the number of class breakdowns and have more grades levels per classroom. That will reduce the variety of subject matter that we are able to teach, and the R.E. Committees are hoping that that does not come to pass. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at beverlytmail@gmail.com.

Many hands make light work... And the opposite is true as well...

Beverly Tricco

Director of Religious Education

Note from Chris Hossfeld, Music Director

Help us make music at Old Ship!

There has been a wonderful shift in the music at Old Ship - the choir is sounding fabulous, the congregation is singing out the hymns loud and strong, even the whole community sang "Meditation on Breathing" unaccompanied a few weeks ago. It is incredibly fulfilling to be making music in a community that gives back as much as you do.

I would like to invite congregants of all ages to participate in the music even more fully. The only requirements are a love of music and a desire to participate! I will do the rest, working with you to find the right opportunity that matches your interest and experience.

Do you love to sing? Then please consider joining the choir. You will be welcomed with open arms and hearts! Prior experience is not necessary - we will show you in rehearsal everything that you need to know, and the soloists will help support you on Sunday morning.

Do you play an instrument? You could play a solo or as part of a group on Sunday mornings, or play in a band that accompanies a choir anthem. It's amazing what a few guitars, a bass, and a drum set can do to uplift a hymn! The limit is only as far as we can imagine together.

Is your child interested in singing or playing an instrument? Music makers of all ages are welcome in the choir! If your child isn't yet ready for the choir and still would like to sing, I'll be putting together a few songs for the Pageant on Dec. 17, and it would be great to gauge the level of interest ahead of time.

We are also looking for members to join the Worship and Music Committee. The only requirement is fairly regular attendance at the worship service and a love of Old Ship. Even if you don't have an extensive musical background, your input and perspective is valuable to what we do. The committee meets once a month to discuss the direction and support of music and worship, and is a fun and lively group of people.

Please send me an email, talk to me after a service, or leave a note in my mailbox if you would like to join our music making. Old Ship has been a wonderfully supportive community for me in my musical expression and I know they will do the same for you.

Peace,
Chris Hossfeld
musicdirector@oldshipchurch.org



Notes from your Membership Coordinator

I have to say, October was pretty awesome: the leaves changed to beautiful colors of gold and brown, as previously discussed, pumpkin season began, and there were some pretty amazing events here at Old Ship: the Blessing of the Animals, the Vespers and Community Dinner combo, New UU Sunday, and the Committee Fair. If you missed some of the fun, don't worry! I have something planned for November, too!

On Saturday, November 11th, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a Second Saturday Supper. I can tell you from the last Community Dinner hosted in the Fellowship Hall that it's a great way to go to an engaging, laid back, fun and entertaining event free of worry. Read: you

don't have to clean your house! All I'm looking for are people who 1. Like to eat food, and 2. Like to talk to awesome Old Shippers--not too much to expect, right?! This is an adult potluck event, so there may be adult beverages, but there will also be non-alcoholic beverages available and, no doubt, some amazing home-cooked meals! To RSVP please email me with the type of meal you'd like to bring and the number of guests who'll be attending to membership@oldshipchurch.org.

Please also remember that we have lots of opportunities to connect with our wonderful community, not all of which need be at these great events. After you get your coffee during Fellowship Hour on Sunday take a look around: there are new faces among us! They bring with them so much and all you need to do to be a part of their welcoming is take a moment to introduce yourself. Doing that will encourage our newest to attend our events and become a lasting part of our community. We need them and they need us!

Kindly,
Erin
Membership Coordinator
Old Ship Church
membership@oldshipchurch.org

Notes from your Student Intern Minister

This month we will examine our privilege, when we hold a UU Teach-In on the issue of White Supremacy. We will explore the history of racism in our country and our own U.U. checkered past when it comes to race. We will consider why, with all of our professed focus on inclusion and diversity, do 88% of our faith still identify as white. On November 5th, we will join U.U. congregations all over the country for this White Supremacy Teach-In where not only will our worship service focus on this issue, we will have a congregational conversation following the service to hear from you all on this critically important issue.



THE LONGER YOU SWIM
IN A CULTURE, THE MORE
INVISIBLE IT BECOMES

Some of you may have heard that there is a movement within our denomination to adopt an 8th principle that directly addresses the issue of racism. The Black Lives of UU (BLUU) is spearheading this movement to adopt the following 8th principle:

"We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

We hope that you can join us on November 5th, to continue the conversation on how we truly can become a community that welcomes all, that embraces difference, and where everyone has a seat at the table. We hope this will only be the beginning of a larger conversation that will continue long after this service. We want to hear your voice as we address these difficult issues. Please join us!

Blessed Be,
Dave

Notes from the Treasurer

Thank you all for your recent contributions. We are into our second quarter of the fiscal year. If you would like to have a report of donations that we have according to our records, please call or email the office. Julianna can easily email you a report. If you would like to have your payments automatically be deducted from your checking account or charged to a credit card,

we can easily accommodate that as well. You need to fill out a simple one page form and the contributions will be sent automatically to Old Ship. Again, Julianna in the office can assist in that as well.

Thank you again for your generosity,
Bryan Hurley



Children's Religious Education

R.E. Rocks!!!

In case you were wondering which committee has the most fun at their meetings, it is undoubtedly the Children and Youth Religious Education Committee. We are a committee of 6 people who work together with our fearless DRE Beverly and 20 volunteers to provide an amazing RE program for 80 children and youth and 40 families at Old Ship.



These dedicated people work to ensure that our children and youth learn, have fun, stay safe, are empowered, and feel part of a community every time they come to Old Ship. That is no small task!

To help us prioritize and keep us mindful of our mission, we try to think in terms of "big rocks." In other words, what are the most important things that we should put in the "RE bowl" first, before adding the smaller things.

Learning

We plan curriculum, and recruit and support teachers for our RE classes.

- Chalice Children
- Bible Stories in 2&3 grade
- UU History and Identity in 4&5 grade
- Neighboring Faiths in 6&7 grade
- OWL - 11 youth this year learning about relationships and sexuality
- Youth Group - 25 active youth

Fun

We plan and execute many special events throughout the year that our kids always look forward to, such as:

- Dia de los Muertos
- Pancakes & Pajamas
- Gingerbread House making
- Nativity Tableau
- Passover
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Quidditch

Safety

Beverly's hand is always grasping this rock!

- The DRE, Committee, and volunteers work hard to keep everyone safe while they are at Old Ship.
- Safe practices classrooms

Empowerment

We are growing confident leaders within our community who will then broaden their abilities as they become adults on their own journeys.

- Service learning trips
- Local service projects
- Father Bill's lunches
- Youth led services
- Youth Teachers

Connection

Belonging is a basic desire of a child. By connecting with the Old Ship family, as well as the larger UU community, we give our children and youth a place where they have a role and a purpose in being.

- Bingo Night
- Merrie Market
- Youth Group Retreat
- UU field trip
- Coming of Age service
- Banding Together inter-generational concert
- Warm Hearts Hot Potatoes
- District-wide Youth Conventions

To assist Beverly, the curriculum, supplies, and training, the RE program receives \$5,975 annually. Financially supporting this program is critical for the well being of our church and our families, and the growth of our future leaders.

Also, we would like to EMPOWER you to lend your hand in any of the above listed activities. It is an instrumental way to keep your CONNECTION with our children strong. We promise you will have tons of FUN and will LEARN from them in profound ways.

Susan Carrillo, chair
Janet Asnes
Maureen Butler
Kate Doyle
Sarah Hurley
Debbie Squires-Lee

Nurturing Community**Summer Old Ship Tour Guides**

Before the snow flies we must thank the tour guides who were the face of Old Ship during July and August. The meetinghouse was open every day, 1- 4, and although on some days visitors stayed away, the tour guides were always there, always hopeful, always helpful.

Susan Kains, Dennis Hogan, Rowan McCallum, Rick Mattila, Connie Gorfinkle, Angela Harvey, Penny Baltera, Rick Butterworth, Jane Malme, Trish McAleer, and Charlotte Champagne greeted people from 23 states (including Hawaii) and Washington D.C. They came from Montreal and Toronto, and even from such exotic parts of the world as New Zealand, Abu Dhabi, and Bogota, Columbia.

If anyone reading this would like to enlarge your acquaintance with the world by this simple method, get in touch with me (781-749-2852) and I will give you the information you need to be a tour guide. Besides summer tours, occasional tour requests come in all through the year.

- Fan Leonard

Joys and Sorrows

As shared in one of our weekly email updates, we offer deep sympathy for the families of Old Ship members Roy Eldredge and Helen Ireton. Roy's memorial service was held at Old Ship on October 21, and Helen's service will be held at Old Ship on Saturday, December 9.



Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry, with a rotating membership appointed by our Board of Trustees, meets monthly with our minister, Ken Read-Brown, to reflect on the five ministries of Old Ship and sometimes to discuss particular current concerns or issues with the life of our congregation.

At our upcoming meeting in November, our focus will be on Old Ship's "Nourishing the Spirit" ministry.

Input, questions, concerns, ideas from Old Ship members and friends is of course always welcome. Feel free to contact Ken or any of the current members of the committee: Ursula Stone, Dave Petrie, Santjes Oomen-Lochtefeld, Nigel Harvey, Eva Marx, and Rob Baynes.

The 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 his or her 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 Team. Thanks very much!

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Social Justice Council

Sunday, November 5 - Feeding Others

Our monthly collection of food items to be donated to the Hingham Food Pantry.

Sunday, November 12 - Special Plate Collection

This month's donations will go to Friends of the Homeless of the South

Shore.

Saturday, November 18 - 9:00 am, Social Justice Council meeting in the parlor.

Guest At Your Table Boxes (GAYT) and information will be passed out at our Sunday, November 19, worship service

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's "Guest at Your Table Boxes" are small cardboard boxes given to each household. At every meal, we are meant to deposit money into the box. This cash is then given to UUSC for social justice work. That is why this year's GAYT program theme is "Small Change is Big Change." This year's "guests" include a leader of local efforts to respond to climate change in the South Pacific, a Burmese human rights activist, an immigrant family being held in detention in Texas, and GLBTQI+. We will learn more about these partners each week of the program. This is a wonderful way to spread our Unitarian Universalist values into the world- and through using the boxes, a way to teach our children about the lives of those who most need our love and support. Any questions? Contact Davalene Cooper at davalenecooper@verizon.net or 781-749-0790.



Green Sanctuary Report

This month will begin regular reporting from our Green Sanctuary/South Shore Node (350MA affiliated). Our mission is to celebrate, protect and assure the survival of our cherished web of life. We are at a pivotal moment in a desperate fight to keep global warming from actually destroying all that we hold dear. We are seeing the ravages of an overheated planet already: Totally destructive storms fueled by overheated oceans with raging floods that follow; uncontrolled wildfires fueled by overheated forests and lush urban communities; lethal heatwaves, failed crops from drought and water shortages - all happening around the world. Our enemy is our dependence on fossil fuels and all those who are fighting just as hard to keep this addiction perpetually epidemic for personal gain.

Our group is part of an international coalition (350.org). 350MA is a network of 12 statewide nodes - also affiliated with a large coalition of very active environmental organizations dedicated to speeding the transition to renewable energy sources. Our battle ground is Massachusetts, our tools are legislative lobbying supported by tools of public education, expert testimony, demonstration, vigils, letter writing, and personal advocacy.

Massachusetts is a favorable arena for this work. MA leads the nation in the reduction of energy demand through improved efficiency; largely through the implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act, Green Communities Act, and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Our campaigns are focused on lifting the limiting regulations on renewable energy imposed at the behest of the fossil fuel based utilities; stopping the expansion of natural gas infrastructure; advocacy for a "carbon dividend program" that would put a pollution surcharge on carbon fuels and give all citizens a rebate that rewards those who use less; advocacy for divestment of fossil fuels and committing to a path to 100% renewable energy. Our monthly reports will attempt to be educational on aspects of global warming, advances being achieved in Massachusetts, suggestions for personal supportive actions and activities and opportunities ongoing in the Green Sanctuary/350MA group.

Our Green Sanctuary/South Shore Node (350MA) group generally meets on the first and third evenings (7:00) of each month in our Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend and participate!

Merrie Market

Wreaths

It is now possible to dedicate a large wreath on the Parish House to a loved one. Please send your check for \$100.00, your written dedication to a loved one, and your name and address to Julianna at the Old Ship office as soon as possible -- first come, first served. Your dedication will be published in the Order of Service each week, and also announced on line.

If you wish to purchase a large size , decorated wreath this Christmas, please contact Pat Bianco (617-774-7474) now so that these large wreaths can be ordered and then decorated. Cost for decorated wreaths is \$100.00. If you have special items you wish to have on your wreath, please indicate this when you call.

There will be 60 decorated wreaths for sale at \$45.00 each. This is a slight increase in cost -- the first in 10 years. The cost of buying pine wreaths has almost doubled.

Wreath Makers-- we will be working on wreaths in the Fellowship Hall from the Saturday after Thanksgiving until we finish. Traditionally, we are finished before Friday and sometimes finish up as early as Wednesday.

Try to come Saturday - Wednesday before Merrie Market. Bring pine cones and any other dried plant materials you can find.



Catch the Spirit!

Merrie Market comes early - Saturday December 2, 2017!

Ready or Not - The Merrie Market Season Is Upon Us!

This is a major fund raising event for our Old Ship Community. There are many ways for everyone of all ages to become involved to help create a wonderful sense of community. Please look over the list below and consider how you can become an active participant to help make this the wonderful festive event that it has always been. December 2 is the day to Catch the Spirit! For more information contact Diane Elliott, dianeabbeyelliott@gmail.com, or Nina Price, nina@steelepress.com.

Merrie Market Opportunities

Saturday December 2, 9 am to 2:30 pm

Many elves make the day a success! Sign up during Fellowship Hour or call us to choose a shift at one of the tables or in the Jingle Bell Café: 8:30 - 11:30, 11:30 - 2:30, 2:30 - 4:30 (clean up). We also set up on Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 7 pm. Please drop in!

Treasures Table: We are famous for this! The table sparkles with treasured items that you can hardly bare to part with, still beautiful and useful or just unusual. Silver, china, decorative objects, jewelry, housewares, antiques, Christmas items, linens and more. We ask that you clean the items, and bring them to the Parish House labeled "Merrie Market." Please no computers, TV's or electronics. We will be pricing items during the month of November. Please have your treasures to us before Thanksgiving.

Questions? Contact

Ursula Stone: 781-826-2031

ursulabstone@gmail.com

or Diane Elliott 781.749.2248 dianeabbeyelliott@gmail.com



The Fellowship Hall is in use during the week. We ask that you *Do Not* leave any items by the Fellowship Hall door. Please leave them on the bench in the hallway by the Parish House office.

Books and Media: Books for all ages (no textbooks), DVDs, CDs, electronic games. Items must be in good condition. If possible we ask that these items be brought to the side door of the kitchen at the Parish House a week before Merrie Market. Rick and Ivy Butterworth, ivy_butter@yahoo.com, butterworth@comcast.net, 781-749-3190.

The Toy Room: Toys, games, children's books, music, small furniture, décor, sports, DVDs and gently used stuffed animals. All in good condition and clean, please! Label items "Merrie

Market" and place in the Parish House vestibule or carry the items to the 3rd floor to the children's toys area before November 30.

*Many Thanks to Susannah Thomas who is retiring as Manager of the Toy Department after 10 years. Susannah will help to train the next Volunteer who steps up to take on this fun and satisfying position. Let us know asap if it will be you!

Gift Baskets: These creative themed baskets sell like hot cakes and are fun to put together by your family or committee! Pick up a basket at the Parish House along with instructions that will help you keep the value to about \$30. Please bring the basket to the Parish House by Tuesday November 28 and we will wrap it in festive cellophane and price it.

Sharon Prehn: prehn@verizon.net 781-925-0101.

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. Joan Wilson will be glad to give you some suggestions and recipes. Baked goods need to be delivered to the Parish Hall on Friday December 1 (up until 7pm) or by 8am on Saturday. We ask that they be packaged and labeled, with a suggested price. Joan Wilson: 617-947-4664 joanielw@verizon.net



Craft Table: Get a jump on your holiday shopping with unique handcrafted items made by Old Ship's Sewing Circle. We meet every Wednesday at 1:30 at the Parish House. All are welcome to join for crafting and chatting. Joan Wilson, Diane Willson, Carol Valentine, Betty Potter, Diane Elliott, Nina Price, and Sharon Prehn

Silent Auction: This goods and services auction involves all friends of the Old Ship Community. Find a special experience or a one-of-a-kind item that is worth just that much more, because it helps support our work at Old Ship. Popular items include: choosing a sermon topic for Ken, Ken's famous granola, an afternoon sail, Joan Wilson's famous cookie of the month, tickets to sporting, art, museum events, soup of the month, computer lessons, vacation homes and much much more. If you have a talent or access to a creative biddable item, please let us know by Thanksgiving. Carol Valentine is chairing the silent auction: cvbostona@aol.com.

Jingle Bell Cafe: Many volunteers help make chili, cornbread and delicious apple cake from time-tested recipes. Can you cook up a batch? Pick up a recipe at Fellowship Hall. During Merrie Market, help serve and bus the tables. Alicia Harkness 781-749-7825 pajl7@hotmail.com or Janet Asnes 781-878-9886 asnes@comcast.net.

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