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November 2018 Newsletter

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Worship

Sunday, November 4, 10:25am

It is an old New England tradition to preach an "election sermon." Well, as you may have noticed, an election approaches. Ken's sermon will be "Talking to Each Other". Ken asks: "Can we once again learn to talk to and not at each other across political (and other) divides? Can we stop shouting and start working together for common goals? Can we heal our democracy? These are questions that resonate for me, as perhaps for you, from our personal interactions to, needless to say, the world of politics."

Reminder to set your clock back one hour on Saturday, Nov. 3. Day light saving begins at 2am.



Sunday, November 11, 10:25am

This first Sunday after the election is also the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Great War, which came to be known, tragically, as World War I. Is peace an ever receding goal or closer than we think? Ken's sermon will be: "Why Not Peace?"

During the service we will ring our bell, as bells throughout Hingham - including at the Memorial Bell Tower near the Meeting House - also ring to celebrate this anniversary moment.

Sunday, November 18, 10:25am

Community Day! Worship... Pizza.. Workday...

The theme for this year's Community Day worship service for all ages is: "Widening Our Welcome!" In these times of divisiveness and anger, how can we extend our circles of hospitality, creating a year-round metaphorical Thanksgiving table where all are welcome.

In that spirit, this Sunday will be the kick-off for the annual "Guest at Your Table" program of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, the theme for which this year is "Justice Across Borders" - with a special emphasis on our neighbors on the other side of our southern border.

Also in the spirit of a welcome table, our monthly Outreach Offering will support the Friends of the Homeless holiday dinner, which we host in our Parish House Fellowship Hall.

Following the service we will enjoy our annual (free! courtesy of a very generous anonymous donor) pizza lunch and then put our hands to work: bring your work clothes, gloves, and rakes for a grounds clean-up, or simply helping hands to help with the annual mailing to raise funds for the Renewal House program of the UU Urban Ministry.

To see more about this years Guest at your Table theme,



Welcome to Guest at Your Table

Wednesday, November 21, 7pm - Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association, will be held as always at Old Ship. Ken Read-Brown will offer words of welcome, Chris Hossfeld will share leadership of the music with David Gleissow of Hingham Congregational Church, and the preacher will be Rev. Steve Aucella from New North Church. The offering will support the work of the Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull.

Sunday, November 25, 10:25am

This service will include our annual pulpit exchange with First Parish in Cohasset. Ken will be preaching in Cohasset, and Rev. Robert McKetchnie will be preaching here at Old Ship. Bob's sermon will be "Losing Your Easy God": What does one do now that they are adults and have lost or given up the "God" of their childhood? You remember the one, the one whose name you knew, the one you could predict. What now makes patience possible, pain bearable, and the future foreseeable? What do we do now when we long for a relationship with mystery? Today's sermon asks the question who/what is God?

Seasonal Vespers Services

For four Wednesday evenings at 6:30, beginning on the Wednesday after Thanksgiving, we will once again host vespers services, including music, readings, and plenty of silence in a gently lit Meeting House - services designed to soothe the soul in what can be a overly full season.

If you would like to participate by sharing a reading or music, please contact me by email or phone.

--Ken
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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

Many years ago, Anita Franks presented to Old Ship one of her framed works of art which simply says, in big letters on a red, white, and blue background: VOTE. The only condition of her gift was that we display it in the Meeting House on the Sunday before every election.

So this we will of course do once again this Sunday, November 4.

Knowing our congregation as I do after all these years, I'm pretty confident that most of you do not need such a reminder to fulfill this, the central duty of the office of citizen. Even so, it can't hurt to remind ourselves of the importance of voting.

For whatever issue is of deepest concern to each of us - whether climate change, racism, immigration, gay rights, income inequality, voting rights itself, or the increasingly divisive political rhetoric at this moment of our history - voting for candidates who reflect our views is a significant way we can express those concerns.

As you know, Massachusetts voters also have the opportunity this election day to weigh in on three ballot initiatives. As a Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation to GLBTQ people, as voted at a parish meeting many years ago, proposition three is of particular importance to us. A "yes" vote will ensure that transgender rights as enacted by the state legislature and signed by Governor Baker will continue to be upheld. At the national level, the Department of Justice is considering the idea of simply defining "transgender" out of existence; by contrast we have the opportunity as voters in the Commonwealth to make the statement that this is outrageous and unacceptable.

There are of course many other ways to fulfill the duties of the high office of "citizen": letter writing, demonstrating, marching, talking to our neighbors and friends, and much else. But none of these take the place of voting.

So, as Anita continues to remind us through her art: VOTE!

An important reminder for every election, but more important now than ever.

As many of you know, this past Monday, in the wake of the shooting at the Tree of Life congregation in Pittsburgh, there was an interfaith vigil held at Temple Beth Shalom in Hull. I was, sadly, unable to attend, but a colleague read my prayer, which I share with you here:

Spirit of Life and Love: Our hearts are broken and will long be broken as we remember eleven beautiful men and women, beloved by their families and by their congregation. Yet may our broken hearts become open hearts, open to one another as we strengthen bonds of unity among our varied faiths and backgrounds; open to bringing more compassion and kindness and love to a world in need of more compassion and kindness and love; open to helping to heal divisions that are rending the fabric of our nation; open to being peacemakers in the midst of violence and hate. May we, in these and other ways, carry forward the legacy of caring and helping exemplified by those eleven beautiful souls from the Tree of Life congregation.

May it be so. Amen.



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

Note from Chris Hossfeld, Music Director

I hope you have enjoyed the music at Old Ship recently. 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. You would be able to sing with us for some wonderful upcoming services: the Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 21 and Christmas Eve on Dec. 24. If you are interested contact me at:

musicdirector@oldshipchurch.org

Best wishes,
Chris

Christopher Hossfeld
Director of Music

Nurturing Community

Community Dinners - December 8

Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship on Saturday, December 8 for a Community Dinner. These dinners are groups of 5-9 adults who gather at the home of another Old Ship member for a congenial evening of dinner and conversation.

To host, you are responsible for sending an e-mail invitation to the group assigned to your home, preparing your home for dinner guests, coordinating the contributions for the potluck dinner, and enjoying the evening.

To attend, you are responsible for cooking or bringing some part of the dinner and enjoying the company of other Old Shippers. The only agenda is to get to know one another better, and all are invited!

To host or attend a please contact Sharon Prehn, 781-925-0101 or prehn@verizon.net



Stories of Kindness

Old Ship member Shirley Rydell, following our multi-generational service on the theme of "Kindness", shared with me the following story of kindness that she agreed could be shared with everyone through our newsletter:

Quite some years ago when the hippy culture was in full swing in San Francisco, my husband and I were on a visit there, and decided to go down to see its original home in the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. As we were walking down Ashbury Street, a man (dressed in a suit) was walking toward us carrying a big bunch of red roses. He stopped and said to my husband, "Sir, may I give your girl friend a rose?" My husband said yes, so the man gave me a rose then continued his walk. -Shirley Rydell

If you have a personal "story of kindness" send it to me or to the office and we can include it in a future newsletter. We can hardly have too many stories reminding us of the power of kindness to change lives and change the world.

--Ken Read-Brown (oldshipkrb@gmail.com)

Fellowship Hour Foods

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

November 4: A-H

November 11: I-P

November 18: Q-Z

November 25: A-H

Old Ship Memorial Garden

The garden, located on the northwest side of the Meetinghouse directly behind the pulpit, serves as a repository for ashes and as a space for quiet reflection. The Memorial Garden Committee has decided to request a new contribution amount from those wishing to use the garden for the disposition of ashes or to memorialize an individual not interred in the garden. The funds are used for the garden's maintenance and improvement. For twenty-five years the contribution amount, which is tax deductible, has been \$350.

The Old Ship Board has approved an increase of the donation amount to \$400 starting in July of 2019. Please direct any questions about the garden to Reverend Ken, or Lorraine Varney Riggs at lgvarneyriggs@verizon.com or 781-925-2726.

Candlelight Concerts

November 4, 2018
BORROMEO MUSICIANS

A trio that includes members of the Borromeo Quartet with pianist



Borromeo Quartet Schubert "Death and the Maiden" I

The Candlelight Concert series at Hingham's historic Old Ship Meeting House, 90 Main Street, will begin its 45th season of concerts on Sunday, Nov. 4. at 4:00 p.m. with a trio that includes two members of the Borromeo Quartet along with a pianist. Classical and contemporary music will be performed by world-famous Borromeo String Quartet artists Nicholas Kitchen, violin; Yeesun Kim, cello; and Meng-Chieh Liu, piano. Free admission; donations are gladly accepted. For information: <http://www.oldshipchurch.org/candlelight-concerts.html> or 781-749-1679.

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.

Here are three of our many ongoing life learning opportunities:

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 have just begun 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.

Sacred Texts Meditation Group - second and fourth Thursday afternoons 4-5:30,

Each gathering includes time for meditation and then conversation based on ideas and readings in ancient scriptures. We are currently reading the Tao Te Ching, and also readings from an anthology of sacred texts titled God Makes the Rivers to Flow, ed. Eknath Easwaran.

Newcomers are warmly welcome. Contact Ken Read-Brown for further information and to sign up.

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.

Wreaths

It is now possible to dedicate a large Christmas wreath at the Meeting 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.

As you do your holiday shopping, please remember to use Amazon Smiles and designate First Parish, Old Ship Church as your charity of choice. Old Ship receives a small percentage of the sales. Thank you!

**Catch the Spirit!**

Merrie Market comes early, Saturday, December 1, 2018!

Merrie Market is the major fundraising event for our Old Ship Community. There are many ways for all ages to get involved. Many elves make the festive day a success. You can sign up to help during Fellowship Hour at the membership table. Except for books, all donated items should be placed on the bench in the Parish House hallway before Wednesday, November 28. Do NOT leave items by the Fellowship Hall door. For general information contact Janet Asnes 781-878-9886 asnes@comcast.net, Diane Elliott 781-749-2248 dianeabbeyelliott@gmail.com or Nina Wellford Price 781-223-3410 nina@steelepress.com

Treasure Table items are being priced now. Bring in your beautiful no longer needed treasures; silver, china, jewelry, antiques, housewares, linens and Christmas items. No clothes, computers, TVs or electronics. Contact is Nina Wellford Price. 781-223-3410 nina@steelepress.com

Books, DVDs, CDs and electronic games are also needed for the Book Room. All items must be in good condition, and left at the side door of the kitchen at the Parish House the week after Thanksgiving. No text books please. Contacts are Rick and Ivy Butterworth. 781-749-3190 ivybutter@yahoo.com or butterworth@comcast.net

Toy Room needs toys, games, children's books and DVDs, sports equipment, small furniture and décor. Must be in good condition and clean!

Gift Baskets are always a good seller! Pick up a basket with instructions in the Parish House, pick a theme and place your items in the basket. Value should be under \$30. Please return your baskets by Tuesday, November 28. Baskets will be arranged and festively wrapped by elf Sharon Prehn. 781-925-0101 prehn@verizon.net

Wreaths need decorating. Have any interesting pods, cones or shells? Bring your finds and your creative talents to the Parish House the week after Thanksgiving. Pat Bianco will instruct those who need assistance. Contact Pat at 617-774-7474 bianco@pitt.edu

Silent Auction items needed. Can you offer your talents and special items to the auction? We need invites for sailing trips and weekend stays, photos, beautifully crafted items, special antiques, unique finds from your travels. Contact Carol Valentine 781-749-6519 cvbostonma@aol.com

Bake Table offers a variety of homemade delights and would love to feature something from your kitchen. Cookies, pies, candies, breads, jams, scones, cakes are always popular. All items (packaged and labeled) need to be delivered to the Parish House on Friday, November 30th before 7:30PM or before 8AM on Saturday, December 1. Contact Joan Wilson at 781-740-8840 joanielw@verizon.net.

Craft Table will have unique handcrafted items made by Old Ship's Sewing Circle. Start your shopping early!

Jingle Bell Café will be open for snacks and lunch during Merrie Market. Cooks are needed to make chili, macaroni and cheese, and delicious apple cake from time-tested "secret" recipes. Pick up a recipe at the membership table. Also, sign up to help in the kitchen, serve food and bus tables. Contacts are Janet Asnes 781-878-9886 asnes@comcast.net and Alicia Harkness 781-749-7825

Set up for Merrie Market will start Sunday, November 25. Strong bodies are needed to bring boxes down from the 3rd floor attic and move books from the porch. We will also need folks to help with the clean up on both Saturday after the Market, and on Sunday, December 2nd.

"Why Old Ship?"

Voices from the community about why they belong.

I love being a member of Old Ship. When I started looking at churches 16 years ago, I never, ever, ever thought that I would one day be president of a congregation. Back then I did not know that positions like that existed. Later on, I didn't know how someone could be on the board of trustees, much less become president. To be honest, I'm not really sure how I got here. :) But here I am and I could not be happier.

Being a Unitarian Universalist means that I can search for my truth without a specific creed or theology alongside others who are doing the same. We support one another, challenge and

nurture one another and strive to make the world a better place together. When I read our faith's Seven Principles I can't fathom why everyone is not a U.U. It just makes sense to me in a way that many things in the world do not. That I get to practice my faith at Old Ship Church is a joy.

Our members - you - are amazing, caring and interesting people! Each week you challenge me to be a better person and love me when I'm not. Your dedication to making the world a better place is my inspiration. With you I have marched on Washington for climate change, helped send our young people to New Orleans, Washington DC, West Virginia, and Florida where they learned and worked hard for positive change. I have collected for the food pantry, collected clothing and school supplies and helped unload trucks at Fair Foods. I've taught religious education classes for ages 9-14. Next to you I have listened, sung, danced and lit candles of joys and concerns. I have poured a lot of coffee and washed a lot of dishes and have always had fun doing it because of the people I was with.

I am grateful to call Old Ship my spiritual home because of the way we strive to live our values. Our mission is both ambitious and achievable:

*We agree to nurture and challenge one another to become our best selves.
Inspire one another to act courageously consistent with our UU principles.
Welcome all seekers in the spirit of love.
Work together for peace and justice, and to cherish the earth.*

Over the next few months, I encourage you to let me know what Old Ship means to you. The other members of the Board of Trustees will also be sharing with us what Old Ship means to them. We have a lot to be proud of so let's sing it loud!

- Janet Asnes

Social Justice Council ("SJC")

Serving Others through bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry
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: canned fruit, rice, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, Campbell Chunky & Progresso Soups, tuna, beef stew, canned spaghetti or ravioli. In September we donated a total of 64 lbs of foods to the Pantry. Thank You!

Social Justice Plate Collection

Our special plate collection will be on November 18, and it will be used for the food for the South Shore Friends of the Homeless Holiday Dinner in December. This dinner has been held at Old Ship for many years and for the past few years, we have prepared and served the dinner. This special collection allows us to buy the food for the dinner. Any remaining funds will go to South Shore Friends of the Homeless.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to October's Social Justice Special Plate collection. We collected \$809.75 for UU Mass Action's Climate Action and Justice Program. If you were not here and wish to support this important work, donations are accepted online at <https://www.uumassaction.org/>.

Green Sanctuary: Soup Lunch and Presentation on Climate Change

This past month the latest report from the IPCC was released concerning the current health and future prognosis of Mother Earth in her long battle with Global Warming. The report is not reassuring: Her temperature has risen to 1.0 degrees C (over "normal"); the poisonous emissions in her atmosphere continue to rise to a point that our future will almost certainly be a world at 1.5 degrees C or more. The IPCC's loud call for urgent corrective action is unprecedented in its' years of reporting. Despite the resounding silence of our national leaders and mainstream media, those who know and care are responding. Much is happening at the state and community level and the tools are available now for all of us to help turn the tide.

Come to our November 11 Green Sanctuary luncheon presentation to get the details and join the action. Turner Bledsoe, Green Sanctuary Chair

Save the Date: Saturday, January 26 Special Social Justice conference at Old Ship

Want to be a better advocate for Social Justice? For Climate Change?

The Social Justice Council is hosting a special social justice conference on Saturday, January 26, 2019. We will have two workshops: one presented by the UU College of Social Justice and the other by UU Mass Action focusing on climate change - as well as an opportunity at lunch to meet other UU Social Justice Advocates in the South Shore. More details will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, save the date! If you have questions, contact Davalene Cooper at davalenecooper@verizon.net.

Guest at Your Table: Justice Across Borders

This is the theme of this year's Guest at Your Table Program from UUSC. We will kick off the program on Sunday, November 18, and end with our special plate collection on Sunday, December 9. Guest at Your Table is our major fundraiser in support of UUSC and its work. Violence, impunity, and corruption have forced thousands of Central Americans to flee their homes. All people have the rights to safety, human dignity, and a process to seek asylum. Yet when they flee, migrants face further dangers and abuses designed to deter them from their journey. Upon reaching the United States, they can be detained, prosecuted, or have their family members taken from them. After years spent building their lives in the United States, they may still be at risk of deportation. UUSC's strategy uses a regional lens, aimed at three aspects of the issue: The right to safety in Central America, the right to safety on the migrant trail, and human rights and the U.S. immigration system.

Partnering with grassroots allies along the Central American migration trail, UUSC addresses root causes, supports migrants in transit, and protects the right to seek asylum. During our Guest at Your Table program, we will learn more about UUSC's and our nation's involvement in Central America - historically and presently - and our courageous Migrant Justice partners. To learn more about UUSC's work in this area, go to <https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/central-american-migrant-justice/>.

Fair Foods - UU Urban Ministry

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 connect 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 an upcoming play, author discussion, and musical performance....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.

Question #3 on the Massachusetts Election Ballot for 11/6/18

The Social Justice Council would like to call your attention to 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/>

Meals and Conversations

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: Tuesday, November 13. Contact: Meg Glazer at megglazer@gmail.com or 617-290-6322

Interested in advocating for vulnerable communities?

Sign up for the Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network to find out about specific advocacy opportunities such as letter writing, advocacy calls, participating in educational/advocacy events with local legislators. Send your email address to Davalene Cooper, Keeper of the List, at davalenecooper@verizon.net

Coffeehouse off the Square

Susie Burke and David Surette Sat 11/17 at 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This engaging couple from South Berwick, Maine, has been a big hit in past shows. The combination of their compelling voices, particularly Susie's and David's lively, masterful, and imaginative string playing - fill a room. 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 9 am in the Parlor.

Disruptive Person Policy

Part of a healthy congregation is having good policies in place to support the community. Attached is the Old Ship Disruptive Person Policy written in 2012. It is attached [here](#).

Pastoral Care

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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Yvette Kaplan, a member of Old Ship and a jewelry artist, passed away from pancreatic cancer

in 2017. Yvette's husband also passed from pancreatic cancer. 100% of the artist's proceeds from Yvette's jewelry sales in October and November will be donated to the PurpleStride walk which benefits the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Her jewelry is available at the Sign of the Dove in Porter Square (36 White St, Cambridge, MA 02140, <http://www.signofthedovegallery.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/porter.square.dove/>

Do your holiday shopping early, because during October and November it is for a good cause. To make a donation directly: <http://support.pancan.org/goto/YVETTE>
Help fund research to detect and cure pancreatic cancer!
Thank you!



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