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September 2021 Newsletter

Friends doing the work of God in spirit and in deed. Welcome!
Deadline for October newsletter: Friday, September 24, 2021

Sunday Worship

Click here for Sunday Worship on Zoom at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 5th

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Come as You Are! and be led by Catherine Woods. Meditation by Kaye Kramer.

If you have a joy, sorrow, or concern you would like to share aloud at any of the summer services, please email our Interim Minister Cindy Vaughan Church.

Sunday, September 12 – Homecoming Service!
Come as You Are! Celebration of Life for Ann Cooper. Hear about the Meeting House! Rosters open up for people to be the People they are for very young

"Give the Message the Board" series for
our current "Policy for Gathering"!

All are welcome to gather in person at our Old Ship Meeting House means we are following our Covid-19 Protocols, including masks and social distancing recommended. We will also have a Zoom option for those who are not ready to gather in person. Our "Policy for Gathering" represents our re-gathering in community from wherever we have been. And we offer a brief message, "How Shall We Live Now?"

Following Hour on will be hosted outdoors by the Meeting House.

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Our Homecoming Service will include our annual "Water Communion" ritual, though with safety in mind it will be virtual. Each will pour water into a bowl representing our individual lives and then pour it into a common bowl representing our community. We will also have a "Celebration of Life" for our member Ann Cooper, who passed away at the age of 101 years. Ann's life represents our re-gathering in community from wherever we have been. And we offer a brief message, "How Shall We Live Now?"

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from the minister's desk
Missing

Like many people this summer – Afghanistan, Haiti, storms, floods, and fires made worse by the climate crisis, Covid-19 and its variants – I have been in the same time-bound daily life as everyone else in my communities, or in our own backyards.

How are we to be, amid these crises, perhaps in these times that have troubled them years? Yes, charitable gifts and activism are critically important. Yes, we need to be mindful of the underlying systemic that I find have fueled urgency in these times.

Well, if nothing else, it seems to me that in such times, in these times, we need to be mindful of our relationships with one another. We need to be in community, to exhibit and explore such questions together, community in which we can receive and give support to one another, community from which we can move effectively help and heal others.

With all the e-mind and heart I am grateful for this Old Ship community of kind souls, of souls who are willing to be present to one another, to be present to the screens. So quickly, we welcome all who feel comfortable and safe to gather in our Meeting House, and we are learning how to do so safely. We make requests and social distancing encouraged, others offer to whatever extent they can, and others are not able to be present at all. We are all in need per Zoom. In any case, we will be together in spirit, united as one stronger together than apart.

See you very soon, with prayers and thoughts for the well-being of one another and of all souls, near or far.

Peace and Blessings,
Kai
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Message from the Board of Trustees

We have had a busy summer preparing to gather again in the fall.

At the Board of Trustees September Board meeting on September 1, we reviewed and approved the updated Policy on Gathering from the Trustees Committee:

Old Ship Policy For Gathering

Thanks to everyone from our leadership team, including Jane, Colin McGinnis, along with Jeff Lee and Ralph Brown, we have upgraded our systems to be able to "stream" our services from the Meeting House and Zoom's experience for worship and the religious education program.

We are pleased to announce we have hired a part time Nursery Coordinator. Nikki Fearing will be caring for children in the nursery from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. Nikki is a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo in Hilo Scholars where she has worked in their nursery.

Nikki will also be arranging volunteer assistants each week to work alongside her. Please contact Lisa Beck in the office if you are interested in volunteering with our nursery program on Sundays.
The nursery space has been cleaned and painted thanks to the Old Ship Meeting House Janitorial Committee.

We have also formed a committee series to advocate the mission and ministries of Old Ship. The committee are all very interested in welcoming new members this fall. If you are interested in joining a committee to contribute your talents and gifts, please contact Interim Minister Cindy Vaughan to learn more. https://oldshipchurch.com/committees.html

We are looking forward to gathering together with all of you soon.

–Ginny Peterson, President, Board of Trustees

Parish House Updates

On August 3, 2021 the Parish House Management Team and DJ Mechtronom Construction met at the Parish House to review the work to be done on the Parish House to be built at 98 Silver Street. DJ Mechtronom did our diligence meeting with the Parish House Management Team on July 19th. The meeting was preliminary meeting with the Hawaiian Historical Commission, and completion of the Environmental Assessment, which DJ Mechtronom will do for the Commission. DJ indicated that we received mahalo suggestions for the repaving of 127 Main Street, that our approach would comply with existing rules and regulations, and that we would be able to proceed with our plans. DJ recognized the importance of the new Parish House complementing the Meeting House in size and style, parking for the new Parish House, landscaping improvements to the Meeting House property, and the need for a new sewer line and new Meeting House bathrooms. DJ Mechtronom is preparing a completion of development plan for the Parish House, in consultation with community members which will be scheduled for late September.

Among Us

We share the sad news that Old Ship member Hugh Harvey died on September 2 at the age of 90. Hugh was a member of our church family which he'd been living in recent months at Kaiser Permanente Hale Ola in Kona, where he was born and lived his family. Though Hugh had been living with dementia and was unable to recognize his family and friends, he was still a gentleman and friendly, warm-hearted friend to all that he had always been. A consultant to a song shared with Hugh was always a delight. In the course of his long life, he had worked as a pilot for Pan Am and Hawaiian Airlines, and in many other ways, including all of us who knew him here at Old Ship. We will miss his presence among us, his gentle humor and his generous spirit and his planned-for construction with Hugh's daughter and family.

We send our deep sympathy to Ray Harris and Ellen Harris, who are mourning the death earlier in August of Ray's sister, Ann Chandler, of Washington State. Ann was a member of our church family for many years, and profoundly a have had her on her radar to Kingdom and she became a regular worship attendee on Zoom during the past year. Ray says her older sister was "the light of her life" and he misses her very much. Ann's life was a great gift to her family and friends and to the world. Ann's life was a great gift to her family and friends and to the world. Ann's life was a great gift to her family and friends and to the world.

We extend continued healing thoughts and prayers to Kathy O'Grady. Kathy is recovering from major surgeries at Kingman and Women's Hospital. We send thoughts and prayers for her healing and well-being.

We extend continued great wishes to Mary and Chris Sidle. They are now in Kansas City, Missouri, where Mary is in her last year of seminary. Mary has been begun receiving hospice care. Notes may be sent to them at: Mary Sidle and Chris Sidle
William Hall Room 226
100 Old Gilkeson Road
Kansas City, MO 64161

We continue to hold Stephen Tucker in our thoughts and prayers. Stephen was our beautiful dancer for many years in the 1980s and 1990s and a friend to many of us. Stephen is now in a memory care facility in Kansas City and moved earlier this summer to the Pat Roche Hospice Home in Kingman.

A memorial service for Kitty Ward will be held at Old Ship on Saturday, September 25, extended family and participants in the service will gather in person. For all others, the service will be available on Zoom; the link will be shared in our weekly updates and in the bulletin.

Pastoral Care Leadership Team

We are all on the pastoral care team, but our "Pastoral Care Leadership Team" is a smaller group of people who meet about pastoral concerns who are in, in the hospital, or facing other challenges. If you have a concern you would like to share, or a pastoral concern to share with our Team, please feel free to contact any member of the team:
Ralph Brown
Lyn Fink
Kaye Kramer
Diana Hallstrom
Kathleen Kramer
Catherine Magee
Kitty Diamond-Kawata
Janet Gilbert
Kari Reed-Brown

Wisdom of the Poets

A Little from Elizabeth Tinney and from Read-Brown

This month's excerpt is from Jane Jordan's poem "The Second Sermon on the Mariposa"

"This is the urgency: Love!
Love your neighbor in the noise of the arrivals!"

The entire poem is available online.

Children's Religious Education & Youth Update

Interim Religious Education Consultant - Deb Weaver

We are pleased to announce that our Religious Education interim Work will continue into the 2021-2022 Church year. Deb Weaver will be our Interim Religious Education Consultant to guide our congregation through this process August through December. Deb is a Lifelong Unitarian Universalist, Certified Life Coach Associate (CMC) of 12 years, Beverly Tocco, retired in June 2020 Interim Chaplain to serve in an Interim DRE position. Deb stepped off well, and has now taken on the role of our Interim Religious Education Consultant.

Deb is excited this interim transition work is to be a great opportunity to be creative with its potential and are fortunate to continue enjoy the wisdom and gifts of our Interim Consultant Deb Weaver. Deb will be with us at this work. She will be with us approximately 10 hours per week focused on our interim process work and future objectives. (The Children's Religious Education Committee, Rev. Cindy and our Interim Religious Education Coordinator to manage our weekly programs.

Please stay tuned for opportunities for all church members to participate in discussions, religious education, family ministry, multi-age worship and the Sunday Worship Service. Deb will be with us on Zoom.

Please reach out to us with any questions, comments, etc.

Maureen Bolen, Board Liaison to Children's and Youth Religious Education
Kaia Cross, Religious Education Committee

Programs Planned for 2021-2022

Please register at oldshipkaua.org • warning – for children and youth

Faithful Journeys (Kindergarten - Grade 5)
Coming of Age Curriculum (Grades 6-7)
Coming of Age (Grades 8-10)
Sunday Morning Youth Group (Grades 8-10)
Sunday Morning Youth Group (Grades 11-12)
Youth Activities (Grades 7-12)
Nursery (Ages 0-3 years)
Interim Work with Deb Weaver, Transitional Religious Education Consultant (whole congregation)

Thank You Volunteers
Thank you to all who volunteered and are getting these programs ready. If you'd like to join in on any of the above activities, email Kaia or the committee chairs.

Religious Education Coordinator

We are interesting to hire a 10 hour per week Religious Education Coordinator for the year. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please let us know!

Gathering

We are gathering on Saturday morning, September 4th from 9-10 am on Zoom to go over the Covid guidelines and plan for starting up our programs and Sunday Morning Worship. Please let Kaia know if you plan to join us so we aren't late to make it, we hope you will share your thoughts with us before the meeting.

UUA's Four Principles to Guide Decisions for UU Gatherings

Follow the science.
Do what is necessary.
Do what is equitable.
Do what is in the interconnections of our covenant.

Sunday, September 12th 10:20 am - Homecoming service
Sunday, September 19th 10:20 am - Services with religious education programs begin

For more information
Kaia Cross, Religious Education, religious arrivals and/or contact Kaia Cross, Children's Religious Education Committee Chairperson (781) 749-2904

Life Learning Offerings

Contact Lisa Beck for more information

Autumn Equinox Poetry Circle
Tuesday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m.
On Zoom. Zoom link here

Autumn officially begins this year on September 22 at 3:21 p.m. EDT. On the eve of the Equinox, we will convene the 20th year of poetry circles to celebrate the season with poetry.
You are invited to bring a favorite fall poem or one that has been a source of inspiration for you. Poems will be shared in the circle.

"And summer's lease hath all too short a date" - William Shakespeare

For more info: Elizabeth Tinney
(781) 749-0042

Ongoing groups and gatherings

Bodhisattva Study Group – Continues to gather each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m., for the time being still on Zoom. Go to the End of Suffering, Buddhism for Beginners, Buddhism Now, and Buddhist Peace Fellowship conversation as we continue to read from Pema Chodron's book "Welcoming the Unwelcome." Or alternate Sundays members of the group lead the conversation using other Buddhist materials. Contact Kaye Kramer, with the questions and for the Zoom link, email Kaye.

Men's Breakfast – Resumes in September on the second Sunday morning of each month, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Our next breakfast will be held on a meeting for the time being still on Zoom. Go to the

Women's Breakfast and Conversation – Meets on the fourth Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Contact Kaye Kramer for the Zoom link. Women of all genders are welcome to attend, send an email to Janice McPhillips and she will send you the Zoom link. Conversations are confidential and agreed to be kept between one another's company. Conversations are confidential and agreed to be kept between

Second Chats Meditation Group – Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. for meditation and a discussion based on a shared text we are reading together. Contact Kaye Kramer for the Zoom link. Kaye Kramer is the facilitator for this group and is receive the Zoom link for our Thursday, Sept. 9th gathering.

Cafe84 – Gathers on the first Tuesday of each month. So our next monthly sangha/cafe will be on Tuesday evening, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone the particular danger of virus spread through singing, we will sing even gather with Kaye Kramer, with any questions about Cafe84 or for the Zoom link to attend.

Coming in October

Gender in the 21st Century
Sun Tuesdays, Oct. 5 - Nov. 2, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom link will be provided in the Bulletin

What are our current understandings of gender? What is gender? What are all these pronouns about? How does the history of oppression impact on gender? How does it impact on us and our society? Are we ready for transitions? How can our Old Ship Church Unitarian Universalist Church be a Community of Sanctuary for resources and topics come from the Transgender Unitarian Universalist Congregation (TUU), a social justice series available to all participants.

UU Reading the Bible
Sundays, Oct. 3 - Nov. 7
Will be from Rev Bruce Wolfe
Session one and focus on the Hebrew scriptures (what Christians call the Old Testament), and session two will focus on the Gospels. These sessions are designed to help us read these ancient texts with fresh eyes and minds open to new interpretations. Rev. Bruce Wolfe will be with us on Zoom, and he will be the Zoom link if you plan on attending remotely, contact Lisa.

The Old Ship Calendar

The Old Ship Church calendar is available on our website by clicking here.

If you have an upcoming event or meeting and would like it added to the calendar, please email Lisa in the office.

Additionally, if you contact information has changed, please contact Lisa so she can update the Old Ship database.

Upcoming Committee Meetings on Zoom

Children's Religious Education and Youth 21-22 Start Up Planning
Sunday, September 12th, 1:00 pm
Pastoral Care Team: September 14
Committee on Ministry: September 14
Board of Trustees: September 21
Building Committee: September 21
Parish House Committee Meeting: September 21

Contact Lisa for more information about these meetings.

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Committee
The Mail A.C. Meeting will be on Saturday, September 18 at 9 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome to join in discussion of justice service and action at Old Ship. Contact Kathleen Kramer for the Zoom meeting link if you are not already a member of the SJC.

Update on SOLA (School of Leadership Afghanistan) – Our Unitarian Universalist Partner Church in Kingman, Arizona, has a sister city in Afghanistan. We have been concerned about the safety and the future of the school given the situation in Afghanistan. We are able to report that SOLA is still operating, and that it is still safe for the students and teachers to work. We receive first SOLA's faculty, students, staff, and family members, and the school's leadership team, and they are all very grateful for the support we have provided to the school this last semester. They hope to be able to return to Afghanistan as soon as it is safe to do so, and they are very grateful for our support. Please visit www.solaafghanistan.org. Volunteers to support the school are welcome to create at this site.

UUSC Disaster Relief for Haiti – As you know, Haiti experienced a devastating earthquake on August 14th. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has been partners to assess and respond to the most pressing needs. As it always the case, the poorest of the poor are the most affected by natural disasters and sustainable recovery while also dealing with the immediate devastation. Donations to this relief effort can be made at www.uusc.org.

Special Author Event on September 26 – Pete Parker of Norwell is hosting Professor Caroline Kaufman, author of *What Kind of Girl*. On Jeopardy! Kaufman will be in conversation with Pete Parker, Norwell's Town Moderator, on Sunday, September 26th starting at 6:30 PM. This will be an in-person event with Covid-19 safeguards in place. Kaufman is a Professor of Sociology at Hofstra University. Nobody who must bargain with the gender restrictions, religious institutions and cultural norms of our society escapes the pressure to be a girl. Kaufman will be on for a seminar "*The Ring*, on Kaufman's work on the ceremony of Marriage in Collinwood, Norwell, Schaufel, and Second Parish in Hingham are co-sponsoring the event.

Father Bill's/Mainspring – We have received the following information regarding the needs of Father Bill's/Mainspring at this time. Anyone interested in helping out with any of the needs listed below, please contact Kathleen Kramer. Items which are currently each providing four meals a day for one of the locations below, should contact Kaye Kramer, Volunteer Coordinator, at 808-935-3101 or kaykramer@hawaii.rr.com.

- **Bed Needs**: Mainspring House on the Satellite Shelter at the Kaiser Inn, both in Bruceton and Father Bill's in Quincy. Breakfast and Snack Needs: Kaiser Inn Breakfast and Snack Needs: Kaiser Inn Breakfast and Snack, except lunch on Sunday is only 30 meals. Meals may be provided by a church, organization, or individual. Breakfast and Snack Needs: Meals with food provided in advance by the donor. Donors bakers or cooks, or purchase food and prepare meals.
- **Big Lockers are needed for the following sites**: Kitchrong House for North Stars St., Bruceton – maximum 75 lockers, Nuleaves Inc. Kaiser Inn, Bruceton – maximum 75 lockers, Kaiser Inn, Bruceton – 75 lockers, FMHC Congregate Family Site, Bruceton – 25 lockers, Father Bill's Mainspring Satellite Shelter, Bruceton – 25 lockers, Kaiser Inn Shelter, Montana Bruceton, Bruceton – maximum 40 lockers.

Hingham Food Pantry – The food pantry continues to collect non-perishable food items at its location at Second Parish in Hingham on the following Wednesdays: September 1, 15, and 29; Oct. 6, 20, and 27; Nov. 3, and Wednesdays: September 1, 15, and 29; Oct. 6, 20, and 27; Nov. 3, and Donations can also be dropped off at Ship and Shop in Hingham. Although all donations are welcome, the pantry is currently most in need of the items on the list below and needed at this time. Contact Carol Bark, Curator, Food Pantry, Second Parish, 339 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043 or 781-749-2000 x 2 for more info. Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 339 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043.

Anti-Racism "Drop-In" Book Group – We will meet on Sunday, September 26th at 1:00 pm to discuss the book we have been reading, Ibram Kendi's Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America. Kaye Kramer will be the facilitator. Contact Kaye Kramer if you are interested in joining the group. Kaye Kramer will be the facilitator. Contact Kaye Kramer if you are interested in joining the group.

New UUA 2021 Statement of Conscience on Unarmed White Supremacy – The Unitarian Universalist Association, in its 21st century awakening, delegates voted on a new statement of conscience (SOC) on unarmed white supremacy. The SOC calls on our faith to "dismantle the movement in our communities and nation to end the threat of violence. Carry out the work of healing the wounds of our history and our present. Create a Beloved Community in each from the UUA Commission on Institutional Change to build relationships across boundaries of privilege and oppression, and 4) ACMS our faith to "dismantle the movement in our communities and nation to end the threat of violence. Carry out the work of healing the wounds of our history and our present. Create a Beloved Community in each of our congregations.