

# Social Justice Update



## Share the Plate - November

### My Place Teen Center

Each week, we share one third of our offering with a local nonprofit to show our support for organizations whose work furthers the values expressed in our denomination's Seven Principles. We hope that Share the Plate will also bring a greater awareness to the community of Allen Avenue UU Church and Unitarian-Universalist values.

### Links



[Social Justice Committee](#)



[Election Information from the League of Women Voters](#)



[MUUSAN's Tips and Tools for Legislative Advocacy](#)

**Vote!**


November 7th

**Social Justice Committee Monthly Table**

November 12th

**Transgender Day of Remembrance**

*November 20th*



**Transgender Day of Remembrance**

Monday, Nov. 20, 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
UU Church of Brunswick, 1 Middle Street

Honoring and remembering the trans and gender expansive people lost to transphobia and violence this past year

This community event is open to all and sponsored by:



## Transgender Day of Remembrance Service

Evening of Monday, November 20th at the UU Church of Brunswick (time 6:30PM)

Join Rev. Tara and our UU friends from Brunswick, Yarmouth, and First Parish as well as Maine TransNet, Congregation Beth El, and Bowdoin College for a meaningful and reflective service honoring trans and nonbinary lives lost to transphobic violence this year.

If you are interested in joining the planning crew (of which Rev. Tara is a member) or for

## Take Action in Support of the Unhoused

Add your name to a letter to Governor Mills and Municipal Leaders asking for “an immediate, statewide moratorium on all encampment sweeps, a focus on the removal of barriers that prevent unhoused community members from accessing shelter beds, and a commitment to the development of fair and decent housing for all.”

[A letter to Governor Mills and Municipal Leaders \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)



anyone touched by this issue (queer, have a trans kid, etc) who wants to participate in the service (reading, offering music, etc) please reach out to [Rev. Tara](mailto:a2u2minister@gmail.com) (a2u2minister@gmail.com)

They are working on having a Zoom option too for those who don't get out of work in time or don't drive at night. But the in-person experience will be really touching - lots of candle lighting.

## Social Justice Committee Monthly Table

November 12th

During our monthly table after service, the Social Justice Committee will be sharing information about the Wabanaki Alliance and their advocacy work. In addition, we will have updated information from MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network) after the annual meeting. MUUSAN is planning their focus for this legislative year and during the annual meeting the A2U2 members of MUUSAN shared what you told us you were interested in.

- Climate
- Immigrant Rights and their ability to work
- Homelessness
- Housing crisis
- Pine Tree Power
- Indigenous Rights



**Also on November 12th, we will be collecting diapers (sizes 3-6) for our Family Promise families.**

Additionally, cash donations labeled “Family Promise” could be sent to A2U2 through Breeze, church drop off or snail mail.

Contact [Emily O’Neill](mailto:emily.gagan@gmail.com) (emily.gagan@gmail.com) or [AnneMarie Catanzano](mailto:amc04105@gmail.com) (amc04105@gmail.com) for more information.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

### WABANAKI ALLIANCE

The Wabanaki Alliance advocates for legislation and policies that improve the lives of Wabanaki citizens and our neighbors around the state, protect and preserve our environment, and honor tribal history and culture. Find our current calls to action click on the picture and learn more about how you can Stand With Wabanaki.

**Vote ‘Yes’ on ballot Question 6:** A constitutional amendment that would require the state to print the full text of the Maine State Constitution, including a section about Maine’s original treaty obligations to the Wabanaki Nations that has been missing from printed versions for more than 100 years.





## Social Justice Committee October Table Topics

### The Upcoming Election

At our table last month, we took the opportunity to present information about state referendums on the ballot this election cycle. Over the past couple of years, SJC has worked to provide opportunities for our congregation to participate in the democratic process. We are heartened by the interest and participation from many in our church community!

### GET OUT THE VOTE letter writing event

Members of the congregation helped to write 240 letters to Ohioans reminding them to vote on Nov 7th. On the ballot in Ohio: Whether or not to add the right to reproductive freedom to the Ohio constitution.



**“The alarming weakening of our democratic process, the growing threats to the rights of marginalized people, and now the abrupt reversal in many states of reproductive and health justice laws have demanded a moral response from faith communities such as ours.”**



## GIVING TREE IN DECEMBER

Our Giving Tree recipient this year is Family Promise. Starting December 2nd at the Artisans Fair, you may choose a tag with a specific request from the tree, then bring your donation back to church where it will be collected and then distributed to a family. Please bring your donation in a gift bag with the original tag attached. If you have questions contact [Mary Michals](mailto:MaryMichals@gmail.com), [marymichals@gmail.com](mailto:marymichals@gmail.com)

