

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONSECRATION LUNCH IS JANUARY 28

**The RSVP deadline for the Consecration Lunch is TODAY! Please register at [tinyurl.com/consecration-lunch-2018](http://tinyurl.com/consecration-lunch-2018) or sign up at the Front Desk.**

During Epiphany, Old South members are sharing their stories during worship about why they support Old South. On Consecration Thursday (1/25) and Sunday (1/28), we will make our financial commitments for mission and ministry in 2018. Following Festival Worship on Sunday, January 28th we will celebrate our abundance with an All Church Lunch in Mary Norton Hall.

Join us for a great meal prepared by member Ralph Watson and learn about the work of Healing Our Community Collaborative (HOCC). HOCC has worked on a shoe-string budget for 25 years supporting and educating women on the margins with HIV/AIDS. HOCC calls Old South home—one of the many ways our dollars reach out to all of God's children.

## OLD SOUTH CHURCH FINANCES

*Sunday, January 21, 12:30pm*

Where does the money come from? Where does it go? Our treasurer, Chair of Trustees and Chair of Stewardship reveal all. Come with your questions and curiosity.

## CHILDREN + FAMILIES: SUNDAYS

**CHILDCARE:** Infants through grade 2 are welcome in our childcare ministries beginning at 8:40 am. Care is available uninterrupted all morning through Festival Worship.

**GODLY PLAY:** Our Montessori-style Godly Play program invites children age 3 through 4th grade to see themselves as active participants in the story of faith.

**MEET THE ANCESTORS:** Students in 5th - 6th grades dive into Bible study as we *meet the ancestors* of the Old Testament. Through video, discussion, and projects, we get to know the many varied personalities that God chose to be leaders of God's people.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Students in grades 7-12 explore issues of life and faith on Sundays with Youth Leader Carrie Swayne-Gerrish.

# ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS *at 10:00 am between First and Festival Worship*

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY: Engage the preached scripture text for the week in depth and detail and enjoy lively discussion facilitated by our Boston University School of Theology Seminarian Rebecca Bowler.

COMMUNITY HOUR

## **Widening the Welcome: Christian Faith and Gender Identity** - *January 21*

Join us for the final discussion in this series as we explore how our identities as both Christians and gendered beings are intertwined. We'll pose the questions of our lived experiences to the faith, and the questions of the faith to our lived experiences. Together, we will wonder how the mystery of the Trinity might open our imaginations to non-binary experiences of gender.

## **Old South at The Oscars** - *Sundays January 28, February 4, and February 11*

In the 10am Community Hour sessions leading up to Lent, Old South members Phil Stern and Maren Batalden lead us in exploring one Oscar-nominated film each week through the lens of Christian faith. Come, having seen the movies, and channel your inner Siskel (or Ebert) ...Or just be prepared for spoilers! Look for more information in late January, when the slate of nominees is released.

WEEKDAYS

'FUN-AND-NOT-SCARY, AT-A-SNAIL'S-PACE READ THROUGH OF THE WHOLE BIBLE' STUDY: *Thursdays, 7:00 pm, beginning January 18*. We are tackling the Book of Joshua this season. Reading the Bible chapter by chapter, book by book opens us up to new allusions, parallels, and rich insights. To join in, email Rev. Anthony Livolsi at [anthony@oldsouth.org](mailto:anthony@oldsouth.org).

THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP: The Theological Book Group is full. But as it begins its new book by Amy-Jill Levine on the Parables of Jesus, you can read along with us from the comfort of your home! Book are still available at the Front Desk (\$12.00).

# SERVICE + FAITH IN ACTION

## INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL

**In Solidarity with People Detained by ICE** - *January 21, 2-3pm*

Join Boston-area congregations and the Massachusetts Communities Action Network for a multi-faith prayer vigil in solidarity with our siblings detained at the ICE Detention Center at the South Bay Correctional Facility. This is a moment of heightened turmoil and fear for immigrant communities across Massachusetts. We'll come together to make a public statement that people of faith stand up for the rights of undocumented people. Meet at the South Bay Correctional Facility at 20 Bradston St., Boston. Contact John Edgerton at [john@oldsouth.org](mailto:john@oldsouth.org) for more information.

## MOBILE SOUP KITCHEN FOR FAMILIES

*February 11, 10am-12:30pm*

In 2017 Old South began periodic mobile soup kitchens, led by member Ralph Watson, to serve our unhoused community. We are asking for help from our families - hoping to find 4-5 families for each service date. We'll prepare soup, sandwiches, and bags of goodies for our neighbors, then load it up on a cart and take it outside to pass it out. There is room for one more family, so RSVPs must be solid (illness notwithstanding.) Contact Kate Nintcheu ([children@oldsouth.org](mailto:children@oldsouth.org)) to reserve your family's spot!

## COURSE IN POWER, ORGANIZING & LEADERSHIP

*This is a five session course, Tuesdays at 6:30pm from 2/6—3/13. Cost is \$200.*

In today's America, how can a faith community engage civic life? How can we enact the values we uphold to pursue justice in our society? This is an intensive course on Power, Broad-Based Organizing, and Leadership sponsored by the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization. Content will include simulated exercises and role-play combined with lecture and discussion. This course will be taught by GBIO/Metro IAF organizer Kathleen Patron along with guest GBIO leaders. To register, email Mike Fishbein at [Mfishbein@tisrael.com](mailto:Mfishbein@tisrael.com).

## ROLLING FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting canned, low-sodium soup for the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry. Collection basket is in the stone entryway.

# SMALL GROUPS

**Eight new Small Groups have launched for the January through March season.** Participants gather weekly at church or off-site to discuss a topic of their choosing: a book of the Bible, podcasts, politics, spiritual practices, faith and film, etc.

To sign up for **future** small groups, fill out the interest form at [www.OldSouth.org/small-groups](http://www.OldSouth.org/small-groups). The information you provide will be used to ‘match’ you with a group. Below are our current small groups.

**Spiritual Classics Reading Group, ‘The Sparrow’**

*Mondays 7:30 pm*

**Men’s Lunch Hour Small Group, ‘The Church and Society’**

*Wednesdays 12 pm*

**Young Adult Book Group, ‘The Meaning of Jesus’**

*Wednesdays 6:15 pm*

**Young Adult Group, ‘Strengthening Our Marriages’**

*Wednesdays 6:30 pm*

**Women’s Lunch Hour Small Group, ‘The Quotidian Mysteries’**

*Thursdays 12 pm*

**Young Adult Book Group, ‘Mere Christianity’**

*Thursdays 7 pm*

**Young Women’s Small Group, ‘Learning to Walk in the Dark’**

*Thursdays 7 pm*

**Social Change and the Church Discussion Group**

*Thursdays 8 pm*

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NOTICES 1) Worship services and events at Old South Church are sometimes photographed and videotaped to document the vibrant life of our church. If you do not wish to be included in these recordings, please notify an usher. 2) Please do not leave bags unattended in the building, including in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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