Social Justice Action

“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” — Howard Thurman

If you have something YOU are passionate about, please tell us so we can spread the word.

UUCSW Service Project
Social Justice FAMILY Event – 1st Sunday of every month
When – Sunday October 6, 12:00 – 12:30 PM
Where – In our very own church kitchen.
What – Pack meals. We will be packing meals for people in a homeless shelter in Worcester. There will be jobs for all ages. We deliver 100 meals on Sunday and they are handed out the next two days. The shelter does NOT provide lunches so this is a big help for people.

Our Speaker this Sunday is Muriel Kramer who is an active volunteer with the group Massachusetts Bail Fund.

Here’s what they do → https://www.massbailfund.org/

Pending Trial
While the clients' case is ongoing their bail money is kept by the courts. If the client defaults (meaning does not come to court when required) the bail money can be forfeited, which means the Bail Fund loses that amount of money. For this reason, we ask that all clients and their attorneys sign a document outlining what's at stake if the bail money is forfeited.

Case Closed
Once a clients' case ends, either through exoneration or conviction, the bail money is free to be released back to the Bail Fund. A volunteer goes to the court where the case was heard in order to have the bail money released.

How It Works:

Client Referral & Decision
The Massachusetts Bail Fund accepts referrals for clients represented by court-appointed counsel whose bail is $500.00 or less. Completed requests go to a committee for review and decision. This committee uses a scoring tool to assess the applicants' situation, taking into account all relevant aspects of their case and life. Client referrals and decisions are handled as quickly as possible - often within hours or days of receiving the completed application.

Posting Bail
Once a decision is made by the review committee, a Bail Fund volunteer goes to the jail where the client is being. This process can sometimes take fifteen minutes and can sometimes take three hours. The volunteer posts the bail, in cash, as well as the mandatory, nonrefundable, $40.00 fee.

Something you can do in the next week:

Climate Emergency Week activities in Worcester
We had a great representation of UUCSW members in Worcester this last Friday. Once again, there's a need to demonstrate our commitment THIS Friday.

Fri. Sept 27, 11:30am - 1pm, Global Climate Strike March_Worcester Auditorium to City Hall. More info: http://www.socialweb.net/Events/245530.lasso.
Request: UUs, please wear 'Standing on the Side of Love' shirt if you have one. We will march together. Talk with John Metzger for more info.

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