

# News of *Hope*



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March is always kind of a fickle month, I think. Hints of spring in the air, followed by snow overnight, then winter winds blow the clouds away and the air is filled with sunlight and hope of spring, again. It is not consistent, but it holds great promise!

We will begin our services this month with a **TED Talk** by writer, speaker and activist Luvvie Ajayi Jones. Her title is "Get comfortable With Being Uncomfortable." We will ground ourselves in the **Good Trouble** Principles of the late Senator John Lewis.

On March 12 at New Hope, we will learn about the Unitarian Universalist **Article II Study Commission**. Over the years, our association spends a lot of time thinking about how the world has changed and how our faith needs to change with it. Because we have no creed or dogma and because we believe in being open to new ideas and thoughts, our religion takes seriously how we need to live in the world we have, not the world we wish for.

***The Introduction to the Study Commission Report says in part:***

*"Our current Principles and Purposes were last substantially revised in 1985. At General Assembly (GA) 2017, there was discussion of amending the Principles to add an 8th Principle, addressing racism, and an amended 1st Principle, addressing non-human life.... The Fifth Principle and the Seventh Principles have also been the subject of discussions about possible amendments.*

*There have been many projects, resolutions, task forces and other strategies that have come from the UUA Board, the Commission on Appraisal and grass roots groups which encourage us to take a look at our principles, purposes, bylaws and rules. It is time for us to do a review and make changes so that we are living into the Unitarian Universalism of the future, a Unitarian Universalism that holds us in times of great need and ethical, moral and spiritual crises. We are in one of those times now."*

We will honor the advent of **Spring** on March 19. As we all breathe a sign of relief that winter is coming to an end, we'll welcome the new season with songs, stories and fun. Bring your favorite thing about spring and share it with us. We will all celebrate together!

"Come with me into the woods. Where spring is advancing, as it does,  
no matter what, not being singular or particular, but one of the forever gifts, and certainly visible."  
— *Mary Oliver*

On March 26, we will discuss the wonders of water to recognize **World Water Day**, which is on March 22. Even though we experience water each day, there are many things we can still learn about this healthy refreshing liquid, none of us can live without. How do we protect and conserve it, so that we all have enough?

The past few weeks New Hope has been collecting all kinds of shoes for our February/March Service Project, **SOLES FOR SOULS**. Women of Hope have prepared the shoes for shipping, but it is not too late to still bring some in. Ask your neighbors and friends if they have any old shoes, boots, slippers or flip-flops to contribute.

To keep our little church moving forward we also need volunteers to help with the jobs of greeting, hospitality and cleaning. If possible, **please sign up** for one or more of these tasks. Some folks like to do all three on the same Sunday! We are so grateful for everyone who helps!

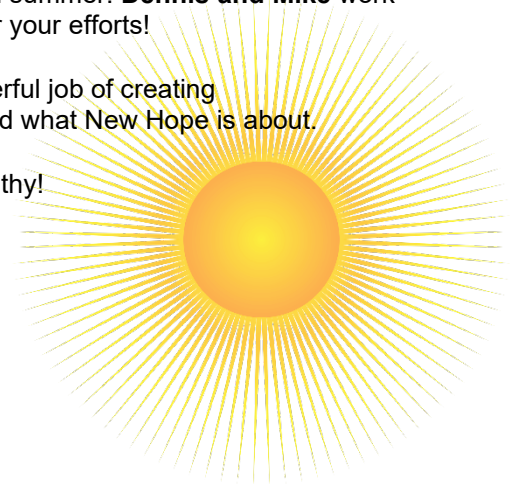
Please don't forget to sign up to work a shift or two at **Charity Poker** in the spring and summer. **Dennis and Mike** work hard to get us these dates in order to keep New Hope solvent. Thanks to everyone for your efforts!

We also want to appreciate our **Newsletter Editor, Elaine Dexter**. She does a wonderful job of creating a newsletter with great graphics, important information and a flair for showing the world what New Hope is about.



Hopefully everyone's power will stay on. Stay warm and healthy!

*Love,  
Kathy*



## Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for March 2023

New Hope Services begin at 10:30 am. If you have any questions about our Services or activities, please contact Kathy Silver, [ksilver192@gmail.com](mailto:ksilver192@gmail.com) or Denise Harris, [jutta474@yahoo.com](mailto:jutta474@yahoo.com). Thank you and hope to see you soon!



### SUNDAY, March 5, 10:30 AM – TED Talk video

#### “Get Comfortable with Being Uncomfortable” by Luvvie Ajayi Jones.

After listening to this challenging and humorous video, we will discuss the five principles of GOOD TROUBLE given to us by the late, great Senator

John Lewis, who spent his life trying to get people to do the right, just and fair thing. Please bring your thoughts and join us.

### SUNDAY, March 12, 10:30 AM – “Article II Study Commission”

For many months now our Unitarian Universalist Association has had a special commission charged with looking at and renewing the covenant and principles, which guide our relationships and the foundations of our faith. That commission is finishing its work now in preparation for our General Assembly 2023. Our open minds and loving hearts try to expand to meet the needs of our world and our people. Come and learn about this important work and what it means for all of us.

### SUNDAY, March 19, 10:30 AM - “Welcome Spring”

Monday March 20 marks the Vernal Equinox, the first day of Spring. Hooray! We will sing the praises of the coming season and wave good-bye to Winter. What do you love about Spring? We will celebrate together as we honor the turning of the earth toward the sun.



### SUNDAY, March 26, 10:30 AM - “World Water Day”

Join us as we celebrate the wonders of Water, which gives life to all things. Even though we experience water each day, there are many things we can still learn about this healthy refreshing elixir that none of us can live without. How do we protect and conserve it so that we all have enough.

## March Calendar

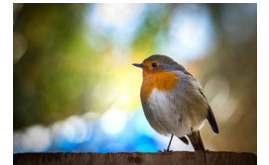


March 2, Lunch Bunch, 12:30, Cracker Barrel on Grand River, Brighton

March 9, Book Club, 3 pm at New Hope. The book is Wild/Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah

March 13, Board Meeting, 3 pm at New Hope

March 16, Women of Hope, 5:30, gather at The Painted Crock, 22896 Pontiac Trail, pizza by Corinne



### KATHY SILVER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

\*Our Services are held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend regardless of faith, race, age and sexual orientation. We hope you'll stay for coffee and conversation after Services.



### Poker Dates reminder 2023:

May 24 - 31  
June 28 - July 1  
Aug. 9 - 12

We still need to cover 4 or 5 shift slots for event of May 24.



### Announcements

If you have a pledge payment for New Hope, please send it to: Mike Kelleher, treasurer,

New Hope,  
PO Box 375,  
New Hudson, MI 48165-1375,  
or put it in the basket at church. Thanks!

Remember that volunteers are needed to greet, host hospitality and clean up after each service. There are sign-up sheets on the tables in the front room.

**PLEASE HELP STOCK THE BLESSING BOX  
AND BRING PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY!**

## Greeters

March 5 Robyn  
March 12 Corinne & Mike Kelleher  
March 19 Robyn & Dan  
March 26

The calendar for the end of March, April and beyond is wide open for greeters. Email me @ [kzaenger@comcast.net](mailto:kzaenger@comcast.net) to sign up or use the sign-up sheet on the hospitality table.

### SERVICE PROJECT

We are still collecting any and all kinds of footwear for SOLES FOR SOULS. Please bring in your donations to New Hope. Thanks for your help!



### Hospitality for March

03/05/2023 Diann  
03/12/2023 Corinne  
03/19/2023 Robyn  
03/26/2023 Denise



Hi Everyone

I am looking for people to sign up for hospitality. It is really not hard, you would need to bring in a couple of items to share, a sweet and something healthy. There is not much to the clean up and I almost always will be there to help you. Thank you to those of you that volunteer to help me out.

Corinne  
Hospitality