

News of Hope



New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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*"The natural world
is the larger sacred
community to
which we all belong.
We bear the universe
in our being even as
the universe bears us
in its being."*

--Thomas Berry

Finally, here in Michigan, it is really starting to feel like spring. The peepers are peeping, the birds are building nests and arguing, the rabbits are hopping all around the yard and the sun is coming out from behind the clouds! Finally, the snow has gone away. Alleluia!

At New Hope, the month of May will begin with a Star Trek/Star Wars service, suggested by Deb Tyler. Deb found some wonderful information on all the lessons that we can learn from these exciting characters. We will share what we remember from our experiences. I can't wait to see Deb's music video. Don't miss it!

On Mother's Day, we will honor the accomplishments and determination of all the women around the world who are working for change and social justice. Laz Slomovits, Deb Tyler and I will create a service using music and stories. Maybe you have a story to share about a woman you admire. Let us know if you want to participate in the service.

Our May 20 service will be about those people who did not serve in the military during America's wars, but rather stayed put and kept the home fires burning, the trains running and factories humming. It is good that we have a holiday to remember the people who fought the battles, but we should also remember those who supported the effort. What do you know about the war-time activities of the people in your family?

Deb Edford is arranging for a service project to benefit the veterans for the month of May. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the details on what we will be doing.



For the next couple of weeks we will be decorating bookmarks for the residents at Vista Maria. After church please take a few minutes to color and or create a unique bookmark for a student who is learning to enjoy the wonders of reading. Vista Maria Reads is a program that gives books to the residents so that they can develop their own personal libraries. Good books need wonderful bookmarks!



As the political season heats up, there will be opportunities to sign petitions, write letters, make phone calls, and attend meetings to learn about candidates and proposals. New Hope has several members who are very knowledgeable about the various candidates and ideas. We will try to offer opportunities so that everyone can feel informed.

I want to thank our members who have been helpful to those of us who have had health problems and family issues. As a community we have to take care of each other. Each Sunday morning when we start our service, we promise to help others. New Hope is blessed with caring people who take the time to know and love each other. Blessings on everyone!

Love,
Kathy

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for May 2018

Meditation Group meets every Sunday before services from 9:30 – 10:15 AM. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, May 6
10:30 AM

“Feel The Force”

What does it mean to be free? What responsibilities do we have toward freedom? How do we share and spread freedom? Star Trek and Star Wars have many lessons to teach us about the search and fight for freedom. Come and join us for lively discussion. May the Force be with you!

KATHY SILVER
DEB TYLER



SUNDAY, May 13
10:30 AM

“Honoring All Women”

Today guest musician and poet Laz Slomovits joins us for a morning of honoring the courage and hard work of women around the world. We will celebrate freedom, equal compensation, and love and caring for others. All women contribute to the health and welfare of the planet. Please join us for this unique service.

KATHY SILVER
DEB TYLER

SUNDAY, May 20
10:30 AM

“In Loving Memory”



Memorial Day is coming soon and America will be honoring those people who fought for our country. At New Hope we will be sharing our memories of those family war time stories, which we have heard over the years. Not only the stories of the people who experienced battle, but also those who remained behind, and worked in the factories, grew the food, and cared for the wounded. What stories were told in your family? Please come and share!

KATHY SILVER
DEB TYLER

SUNDAY, May 27

No church – Memorial Day holiday

SILVER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DEB TYLER MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR

*Our Services are held on Sundays at 10:30 a. m. Services last until 11:30 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.



Social Justice News for May

For May's Social Justice Project, New Hope will be collecting items for the Veterans at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit. We will be collecting from May 6- May 20, 2018.

Items to donate include:
toothpaste (travel size)
white socks (no elastic)
T shirts (New, sizes L & XL)
washcloths (different colors)

The items collected will be transported to the VA at the end of May. If you are interested in helping, contact Deb E. Please support this worthwhile project.

From MUUSJN:
the **Poor People's Campaign** will kick off 40 days of direct action every Monday between 5/14-6/18, 2018! The hope is to unite people nationwide in collective action to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, war economy and ecological devastation. To read more go to: Michigan Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival- Home.

Hospitality



Please consider signing up for Sunday hospitality. The duties are simple and are posted on the refrigerator along with the sign up sheet. Many thanks to those of you who continue to provide this valuable service to our congregation.

- 05/06/18 Kathy and Dennis
- 05/13/18 Corinne
- 05/20/18 Deb E.
- 05/27/18 No church service

Greeter Sign-up

To welcome everyone who comes each Sunday, we seek two Greeters to be here by 10:15 each week: One near the front door to show them where to hang coats, the sign-in sheet, hospitality area and the community room. The Second to give the visitors a visitor's bag, name tag and tell them about the congregation. This will help our congregation grow in size and community.

Anyone can send me an email to let me know which Sunday they'd like to be greeter: kzaenger@comcast.net

- 05/06/18 Connie
- 05/13/18 Corinne & Mike
- 05/20/18 Deb E.
- 05/27/18 No church service



- 6/3/18 Jill
- 6/10/18 _____
- 6/17 18 Bonnie
- 6/24/18 _____

May 2018

Dates to remember

Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

Meditation Group 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

May 2 - Lunch Bunch, 12:30 at Lyon Grill in South Lyon



May 10 - Book Club at New Hope. Our book will be *The Rabbit Proof Fence* by Doris Pilkington.



May 14 - Board Meeting, 7:00 at New Hope

May 17 - Women of Hope meeting, 6:30 at New Hope



We have a New Charity Poker Event: Wed. August 15 – Sat. August 18th.

Please see Dennis to work a shift at this important fundraiser.