

News of *Hope*



New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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*"Yesterday I was clever,
so I wanted to change the world.*

*Today I am wise,
so I am changing myself.*

-Rumi



As Unitarian Universalists, we are always thinking that we want to change the world. We want to create peace, justice, love, and equality everywhere. We want all people to follow the commandments and the rules of civility. We want war to end and everyone to have enough to eat. There is probably no end to all the ways that we would change the world, if we had the power.

Rumi reminds us that the one thing we do have control over is ourselves.

Regardless of what needs fixing in the world, there are always ways in which we can make ourselves better people, more patient, more kind, more compassionate, more understanding, more knowledgeable, more accepting, more generous, etc. You understand what I mean....

As I write this, I just noticed that the tulips planted in memory of Ilene Newell are blooming in my front garden. Ilene's daughter gave us all tulip bulbs at her mother's memorial service. I hope many of us are watching flowers grow this spring, and remembering the wonderful lessons Ilene taught us, as she aged gracefully and lovingly. Even as her hearing and eyesight left her, Ilene was in the front row of New Hope every Sunday. We were her church family and she was our honored elder. We miss you, Ilene, but your spirit is with us always!

May, at New Hope, will begin with a service designed to help us understand what it means to be transgender. This is a topic that we have not discussed much before. We will watch a video and hear about the life of a young child, who has much to teach us about how it feels to be born into a body that does not match her gender.

On May 12, we will celebrate Mother's Day by honoring the strength and beauty of all women. We'll learn about Rosie, The Riveter, and the Willow Run Factory. We'll talk about the ME, TOO movement of women in the world. Bring your stories about fantastic women you've known.



Each of the past three years, New Hope has held a "Spring Clean-up Sunday". This is a day when instead of listening to a sermon or having a spiritual activity, we put our efforts into sprucing up our church. On May 19, we will join together to dust the corners, wipe the windows, rake the gardens and make our building shine anew. With our usual number of attendees, we can collectively do 6 hours of spring-cleaning in 20 (twenty!!) minutes. Many hands make for quick and easy work. Wear your work clothes on this day and bring your rubber or garden gloves. We will whistle while we work!! Or maybe sing hymns!!

In May our Social Justice Project will be collecting items for the veterans at the John D. Dingell VA in Detroit. Acceptable items include: toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, combs, brushes, men's socks, men's large and x-large jogging pants. Let's remember our veterans during this month of Memorial Day and remembrance.

Have you tried Lunch Bunch yet? During the first week of every month a group of church members meet for lunch at an area restaurant. Sometimes there are 5 people, sometimes 12. No matter who shows up, it is a time of interesting conversations and a chance to get to know people in a deeper and more meaningful way. Before and after church on Sundays doesn't always give us a lot of time to visit with one another. Lunch Bunch does just that. Watch for notices in the weekly orders of service and on-line. Join us!

Soon it will be time to plan for our member-led July services. If you have a topic you'd like to explore or a video or TED Talk you'd like to share and discuss, notify me or Board President Denise Harris. You don't want to miss this opportunity to have your say.

Have a wonderful May, full of flowers and fun! See you in church!

Love, Kathy

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for May 2019

Meditation Group meets every Sunday before services at 9:30 AM. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, May 5, 10:30 AM – “More Than Skin Deep”



Today our topic is greater understanding of what it means to be a transgender person. We will try to imagine how it feels to be born into a body that doesn't match who we really are. What difficulties would we face? How would we cope with all the complications? We will learn together about this important topic.

SUNDAY, May 12, 10:30 AM – “Gratitude For Women”

We will celebrate Mother's Day by honoring the strength and beauty of all women. We'll learn about the story of Rosie, The Riveter, and the Willow Run Factory. We'll talk about the ME, TOO movement and the progress of women in the world. Bring your stories about fantastic women you have known.

SUNDAY, May 19, 10:30 AM – “Spring Cleaning”

Today we join together to spring clean New Hope. We'll dust the corners, wipe the windows, rake the gardens and make our building shine anew. We can collectively do 6 hours of spring-cleaning in 20 (twenty!!) minutes. Many hands make for quick and easy work. Wear your work clothes on this day and bring your rubber or garden gloves. We will whistle while we work!! Or maybe sing hymns!!



SUNDAY, May 26, No Sunday Service because of the holiday weekend.

KATHY SILVER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



*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.

May dates to remember

Lunch Bunch – May 1, 12:30 pm at Kensington Grill, across the road from Walmart, next to Applebee's.

Book Club – May 9, 7 pm at New Hope. The book is An American Marriage by Tayari Jones. No Book Club meeting in June. July's book is The Book That Matters Most by Ann Hood

Women of Hope – May 16, potluck at 6:30 pm, program led by Patricia MacArthur, who assures us she will return from FL by then.

Board Meeting – May 20 at 6:30 pm at New Hope

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, nametag 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

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5/12/2019 _____
5/19/2019 Deb E

Social Justice

Our social justice project for May will be collecting items for the veterans at the John D. Dingell VA in Detroit. We will collect from May 5- May 26. Items will be transported at the end of the month. Acceptable items include: toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, combs, brushes, socks (men's), jogging pants (men's large and x-large). Let's remember our veterans during this month of remembrance.

Thanks,
Deb E.



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.

May 5/05/2019 Corinne & Mike 5/12/2019 _____ 5/19/2019 Deb & Bonnie