

News of *Hope*




New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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As I write this column today, I am reminded about the service on "Sufrage" that has been rescheduled because of our unplanned New Hope Covid Event. The author of this poem is one of our Unitarian or Universalist suffragettes, as well as a clever writer.

After three long years of staying safe in the face of Covid, New Hope was finally stricken in a big way. About half of our members have been under the weather sometime during the last few weeks. We cancelled service on a Sunday morning because of illness. I don't ever remember doing that before!

 The next week, those who attended wrote 100 postcards, from "UU The Vote", to people who might benefit from some encouragement **and information about participating in the upcoming election. I just put stamps on those postcards. It was a lot! A BIG THANKS to everyone who wrote them out, following the specific instructions we were given. Every vote is vital!!**

As we enter November, we'll begin the start of our holiday services with a "Remembrance Service" for those we have loved and lost. Many churches hold All Saints and All Souls services at this time of year. It is good for us to honor those who have gone before us. It is good for us to feel gratitude for them, for the love they gave us, for the lessons they taught us, and for the heritage they left us. Please join us for this special occasion. Everyone is asked to bring a photo or memento to place on our altar, and to tell us a short story if you would like.

On November 13, our service will be titled "What Do We Do Now?" The midterm elections will be over and we'll have to deal with the results, good and bad. How are we feeling? What do we do next? How do we, as Unitarian Universalists, continue to work for equity, compassion and love in our communities and in our country? These important issues will be our focus.

The board has decided that there will be no Sunday service on Thanksgiving weekend. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!

It seems amazing to me that 2022 is almost over, but the weather is telling us that winter is coming. The autumn leaves, this year, have been amazingly beautiful. I am very grateful to be surrounded by so much color and beauty.

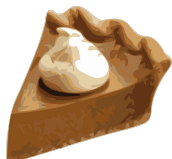
I am also very grateful for all the folks who worked double and even triple shifts at Charity Poker, so that we could fulfill our responsibility and also accomplish great fund-raising for New Hope. It was a stress on everyone, but we got it done! SUPER SPECIAL THANKS TO DENNIS FOR ALL HIS EFFORTS!

Also a MIGHTY THANK YOU TO CORINNE for organizing and creating our annual New Hope Fellowship Dinner. The setting was beautiful and the food was wonderful. (HaHa! except for the sweet potato thing...) It was great to just sit and relax with church friends and share a meal. And appetizers in front of the fire are always special!!



I wish each of you a "Happy Thanksgiving filled with love and delicious pies." Stay safe and keep well always!

Love,
Kathy



Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for November 2022

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 or Denise Harris, jutta474@yahoo.com. Thank you and hope to see you soon!



SUNDAY, November 6, 10:30 AM - "Remembering"

On this day we honor All Souls Day and remember those who have gone before. Everyone is invited to bring a picture or a memento to place on our altar. Please share with us a short story about your loved one. (Daylight Savings "Fall Back"

Remember to turn your clock back 1 hour)

SUNDAY, November 13, 10:30 AM – "Facing Reality"

It's been a few days since the election and the results are in. How are we feeling? What do we need to know? What changes will happen in our communities that we will need to cope with? We'll talk and try to understand.

SUNDAY, November 20, 10:30 AM – "Giving Thanks, Once Again"

What are we thankful for? How does gratitude inform and enrich our lives? It is always easy to see what is wrong with the world, but there is much that is right and good in our lives. Let us be grateful together for each other, and for the gifts we have.



SUNDAY, November 27

There will be NO Service on this day because of the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Have a fun weekend with family and friends!

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.

Announcements

If you have your pledge for New Hope, please send it to: Mike Kelleher, treasurer, 3796 Loon Lake Road, Wixom, MI 48393, or put it in the basket at church. Thanks!

PLEASE HELP STOCK THE BLESSING BOX AND BRING PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY FOR ACTIVE FAITH

Greeters

Nov. 6 Robyn
Nov. 13 Corinne & Mike
Nov. 20 Sue
Nov. 27 No Service



The calendar for December and beyond is wide open for greeters. Email me @ kzaenger@comcast.net to sign up or use the sign-up sheet on the hospitality table.



Remember to **turn clocks back an hour on November 5** before going to bed.

November Calendar

November 3,
Lunch Bunch, 12:30
at Smoke Street,
424 N. Main St.
Milford

November 10, Book
Club, 3 pm New
Hope, Wish You
Were Here by Jodi
Picoult, led by
Corinne

November 14, Board
meeting, 3 pm at New
Hope

November 17, Women
of Hope, 6:30 pm.
Blessing Monica's new
house and Potluck.
Car pool from New
Hope to Monica's in
Ann Arbor

December 4,
immediately after the
service, New Hope
Congregation's Annual
Meeting. All members
are asked to be
present and to vote



Hospitality for November



11/06/22 Robyn
11/13/22 Corinne
11/20/22 Sue

Charity Poker ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠

Dates for next year:

June 28 - Jul 1
Aug 9 - 12