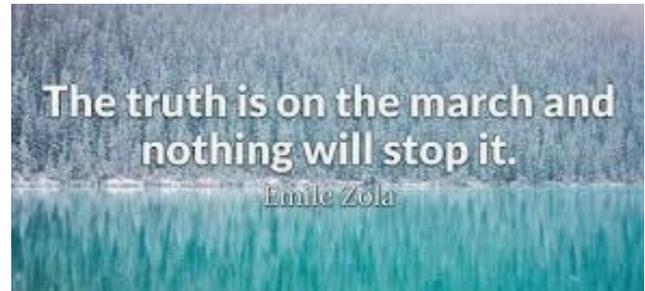


# News<sub>of</sub> *Hope*



**New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

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As I was getting ready to write this column, I went looking for a quotation about March. You know, one of those about the end of winter and the beginning of spring. Charles Dickens wrote:

***It was one of those March Days  
When the sun shines hot and wind blows cold:  
When it is summer in the light  
And winter in the shade.***

Then I came upon the Emile Zola quote at the top of the page about Truth being on the march, and I realized that it fits exactly how I am feeling these days. After waking each morning, for the past 4 years, with dread in the pit of my stomach, my outlook has lightened and brightened.

It is true that Covid 19 is still with us and will be for some time, but there will be enough vaccine for everyone. It is true there are still some people who believe the presidential election was rigged, and some more people who know the truth, but think that they will benefit from perpetuating the lie. But the numbers do not lie. The voters do not lie. It is true that there is still racial prejudice in our country and in the world, but we are more woke than we have ever been.

**“The truth is on the march and nothing will stop it.”**

For so long we have been living in the fog of lies and deceptions and obfuscations. Suddenly the mist has lifted and we find truth on the march. Corona Virus is deadly and we all are at risk. The truth is that each person must do their part to wear a mask, to keep social distance, to protect loved ones and strangers alike. It is not like the flu. It is not hard to catch.

Black Lives Matter is bringing to each one of us a realization about the injustice and hardship and terror of racism. The truth is that every person at New Hope is trying to learn how to be anti-racist. The truth is, we must lead the way to help our communities become more just and welcoming places. We must vote out the people who condone and perpetuate the customs and laws of white supremacy. We must vote out the people who lie about the truth.

Untold falsehoods have been told over the years about the LGBTQ community. Transgender schoolgirls will create harm in ladies bathrooms and locker rooms. AIDS was a disease sent by God to punish queer people. Gay folks want to train children to be gay. Gay and trans people choose to be the way they are, and could change if they wanted to. Conversion therapy really works. So many lies have been told.... Now most of us understand the truth and are working to undo the damage. LGBTQ people are normal folks, just like the rest of us.



What about all the lies about climate change? How it didn't exist. How it was exaggerated and blown out of proportion. How it wasn't necessary for the whole world to work together to combat it. The truth is that all of these years, we could have been doing things that would have helped to slow the warming of our climate. We could have used more renewable energy. We could have developed new products and technologies to use our resources more wisely. We could have distributed our resources more equitably and tried to protect people from climate devastation. At last, we are working together again, with other countries around the world.

Now, it seems as if good things are finally happening and it feels good!

**“The truth is on the march and nothing will stop it.”**

Thank you, Emile Zola!

Be safe and stay well!

**Love, Kathy**

## Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for March 2021

In the age of Covid-19, New Hope meets online at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. If you wish to join the service, please contact Denise Harris at [jutta474@yahoo.com](mailto:jutta474@yahoo.com), or Kathy Silver at [ksilver192@gmail.com](mailto:ksilver192@gmail.com). You will be notified of the link before the service. Please join us!

### SUNDAY, March 7, 10:30 AM – “Choose To Challenge”

All around the world, people, especially women, are celebrating a special day on March 8. It is *International Women’s Day*. What are we celebrating and why is it important? The theme for the day is “Choose to Challenge.” What does that mean to each of us? Join us as we learn from each other.



### SUNDAY, March 14, 10:30 AM – “What Does It Mean To Forgive?”

On March 18, there is an *offbeat* holiday called “Forgive Mom and Dad Day”. We all have difficult memories from childhood. Have you ever thought about forgiving the relatives in your lives who might have caused those bad times? Forgiveness seems different for each of us. What does it mean to you?



### SUNDAY, March 21, 10:30 AM – “Who Owns Water?”

Each year during March, New Hope has explored the issues surrounding water. Water justice, ownership, paucity, and climate are all factors that influence the way we use and regulate water. Donating to agencies that provide water to shut-off victims is our social justice project this month. We will learn more about this important topic together. Please join us!



### SUNDAY, March 28, 10:30 AM – “Celebrating Spring”

Today we are pleased to have Laz Slomovits and Jennifer Burd join us for a musical celebration of the new season. There will be songs, a story, some poetry and the joy of being alive. We hope that you will participate in this fun morning!

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.



## Calendar



March 1,  
Lunch Bunch,  
12:30 on zoom

March 8, Board  
Meeting, 6:30  
on zoom

March 11,  
Book Club,  
3:00 on zoom

March 18,  
Women of  
Hope, 6:30 on  
zoom

## Announcements



**If you have your current pledge for New Hope, please send it to:** Mike Kelleher, treasurer,  
3796 Loon Lake Road  
Wixom, MI 48393

**Mike’s Group Homes** still need spray sanitizer and wipes, if you see any, please buy and leave at church.

If you are able, please start collecting shoes and storing them for our **Soles 4 Souls** project in the future.

## Social Justice Projects for March

Donations can be made to:  
We The People of Detroit,  
P.O. Box 7033, Detroit, MI 48207  
or  
[Info@wethepeopleofdetroit.com](mailto:Info@wethepeopleofdetroit.com)



\$30 = 3 days worth of emergency water.  
Indicate on your check that the donation is for the water station.

**or**  
Peoples Water Board Coalition  
c/o GDABVI  
16625 Grand River Ave.  
Detroit, MI. 4822