

News of *Hope*



New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Exactly one week before our national election, this newsletter column starts with the words of the Rev. Dr. William Barber, President of the Poor People's Campaign.

We join our voices to say clearly that the fight for every vote to be counted is still our sacred duty. Though we represent different communities and faith traditions, we stand together as our ancestors did at Selma and call people of faith to another march—a moral march to the polls. The integrity of a free and fair election in which every eligible voter's rights are protected is a critical matter of public concern. This is about something more fundamental than partisan loyalty or any individual's campaign. It is about acknowledging in our political practice the dignity of every person that our faith traditions teach.

Our Unitarian Universalist Faith is based on 7 Principles, which call on us to live our faith in all we do, even in our politics! The Golden Rule, which tells us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, is based on the belief that we all have inherent worth and dignity, that even the most difficult among us are worthy of love. That is our very first UU Principle.



Our Fifth Principle is that we affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations AND in society at large. Our participation in the electoral process, by poll working and poll watching and encouraging others to vote, is not just our civic responsibility, it is a manifestation of our faith. I am so impressed with all of the good work that our members have been doing to insure that our election is fair and free.

In our own church, we are coming up on the time when we hold our annual congregational meeting. At this meeting, New Hope members will elect a Board of Trustees to govern our organization. We will also be asked to accept the budget for the 2021 year. Our Board is a group of dedicated individuals who keep tabs on our finances, who keep our building in good shape, who pay all our bills and who stay in frequent communication with our members. Do you know who our Board Members are?

I hope that everyone will be present at our Annual Meeting, which will take place on the first Sunday of December. It will be incorporated into the body of the service. Sometime soon, every member will receive notice of the meeting and election, and a copy of the proposed budget. Please take a few minutes to look over these documents. If you have questions, please ask them and we will try to give you good answers.

Even as all this election hoopla is happening, our country is still in the midst of a raging pandemic and good people are losing their fight with the virus every day. Sometimes, it feels like we have not made any progress at all. As people grow weary of wearing masks and keeping social distancing, they encourage behaviors that put us all in greater danger. As impatient as we all are to be done with this, pretending it is not happening will not improve our lives. Governor Whitmer is to be commended for trying so hard to keep us all safe.



I don't know what the next few weeks will bring, but I have high hopes! No matter what happens, New Hope, as a community, will stick together. We will support each other emotionally and help each other with whatever is necessary. I have great faith in all of us to be there for each other.

Stay safe and be well!

Love, Kathy

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for November 2020

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, or Kathy Silver at ksilver192@gmail.com. You will be notified of the link before the service. Please join us!



SUNDAY, November 1, 10:30 AM – “Good Humor To All!”

After a month of studying some of the serious issues confronting our faith and our country, today we take some time to focus on the silly. Bring your best jokes and your funny stories. There will be some entertaining activities that we can all do together. Come ready to laugh!

SUNDAY, November 8, 10:30 AM – “How Are YOU Doing?”

Well, the election is now over and we have to figure out how we feel about the results. Are we happy, sad, ecstatic, mad, overjoyed or confused? How are YOU doing? What are you feeling? How is our country doing? Where do we go from here? There is so much to dissect and discuss!

SUNDAY, November 15, 10:30 AM – “Stewardship – What Does It Mean To Us?”

This is the time of year when the New Hope Board is hard at work figuring out the budget and the slate of officers for next year. New Hope exists because we make it exist. We support it with our talents, our treasure, and our time. What does New Hope give to us and how do we give back to New Hope? Join us for this important discussion about our community.

SUNDAY, November 22, 10:30 AM – “We Give Thanks!”

On this Sunday before Thanksgiving we will be joined by our musical friends, Laz Slomovitz and Jennifer Byrd. As they sing and play for us, we'll give thanks for our community, our families, our friends, and all the gifts we receive from Mother Nature. Come and celebrate the holiday with us!



SUNDAY, November 29, 10:30 AM – No Service today.

We hope that your holiday is full of love and thanksgiving!

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



November 4,
Lunch Bunch on zoom at 12:30 pm. Make your lunch and join us as we eat together, enjoy the company and hopefully celebrate!

November 9, Board Meeting on zoom at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Let Denise know if you'd like to attend.

November 12, Book Club on zoom at 3:00 pm. The book is Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane

November 19, Women of Hope 6:30, TBD



Announcements



If you have your pledge for New Hope, please send it to:

Mike Kelleher, treasurer
3796 Loon Lake Road
Wixom, MI 48393

The New Hope Administrator will be emailing the Congregation Meeting agenda and proposed 2021 budget during the week of November 1 for all members to review before the meeting on December 6, 2020.

Pledge Drive Information will be mailed in late November for New Hope's annual December Pledge Drive for the coming year

Social Justice Projects for November

We will be sending **donations to Active Faith** so that they can supply the families in South Lyon with food for the holidays. Each year New Hope has donated several hundred dollars worth of food for this cause. This year, we will be sending checks. Please be as generous as you can and let them know you are from New Hope. There are a lot of hungry people out there!

Active Faith Community Service, PO Box 188, South Lyon, MI 48178

Mike Fields' Group Homes need Lysol Spray, (or any other brand of the disinfectant spray, like Seventh Generation, Microban, Great Value, Up and UP, etc.), Disinfectant Wipes, like Clorox or Lysol or any other generic brand. If you see any at the store, please pick them up and leave them at New Hope on the table, so Mike can get them.