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New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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“Sometimes we feel deflated, or overwhelmed, or someone or something hurts us, or we hear bad news on the radio or about a loved one’s medical condition. On those days, when we feel our light has gone out, remember there is always a glimmer of hope and something to be thankful for.

Sometimes our light goes out, but is blown again into instant flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to who who have rekindled this inner light.”

(The words of Albert Schweitzer)

With these words, Albert Schweitzer reminds us to be grateful to those people who help to raise us up when we are down. And so we should be. The world is often full of depressing news that is constantly testing our abilities to be positive and upbeat. How often are our lives improved because someone, often a total stranger, says something nice to us or does a kind act.



On the other hand, it is just as important, or maybe even more important, for each of us to be the light that lifts up others. Sometimes the most simple of acts can make a huge difference in a person’s life.

As our fall moves along, we will end October with a service about some of the people who have rekindled our own lights and now regrettably are no longer with us. Our Saints and Souls service will give each of us a chance to remember someone who is gone from our lives, but never from our hearts. Everyone is invited to come to church on October 31, with a memento of their loved one and a story to share with us all.

On November 7, Nomi Joyrich, a MUUSJN Political Organizer, will bring to New Hope a Voter Registration Training session. This will take place at our usual service time. She will teach us about Michigan’s Voting Laws and answer our questions. We will start this class right at 10:30 am, so please come a little early, so you can get your cup of coffee and a snack, before we begin.

We will devote the second Sunday of November to learning about the Eighth UU Principle. *“We the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association covenant to affirm and promote journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”* Many churches in our UUA are working on adding this new principle. We will discuss what it means, why it is important and what we can do to help the cause.

On November 21, New Hope will hold a Thanksgiving Celebration of Life. We will sing some special songs and share a new story. After over a year and a half of Covid, we all have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to.

As a way to show our gratitude, all month we will be collecting for the Food Pantry at South Lyon Active Faith. **Deb Edford** is leading us in the effort. She reminds us to check our donation expiration dates and to make sure our containers are plastic and not glass, which can be broken in transport. We will collect from 11/7 until 12/5.

November is a month when the darkness begins to really shorten our days and the chilly weather keeps us inside more. As we adjust once again to the seasonal changes, let’s remember also to keep ourselves, and our families and friends, safe. At New Hope we will continue wearing masks and taking precautions for one another.

The great news is that this Holiday season, it looks like we will be able to be together in person, rather than on zoom. Though zoom will remain an option for us, if the weather is awful or if public health warrants it.

Stay warm and be safe!

Love,
Kathy

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for November 2021

New Hope are meeting in person again at church. We are wearing masks. 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 see you in church!

SUNDAY, November 7, 10:15 AM - "Voter Registration Training"

On this day, we will spend our morning in non-partisan Voter Registration Training. Nomi Joyrich, MUUSJN Political Organizer, will offer New Hope a free training on Voter Registration. This is a step-by-step guide about how to do voter registration. She will answer frequently asked questions and clarify some of the more confusing aspects of Michigan Voter law, including registering students, the Permanent Absentee Ballot List, and guidelines for registering people who are homeless. Please arrive a little early, as we will begin right at 10:30 am.



SUNDAY, November 14, 10:30 AM – "The Eighth UU Principle"

What is it? Why does it matter? How did it come into existence? Come and explore with us this newest principle of Unitarian Universalism. Congregations all over the country are discussing and considering this addition to our Seven UU Principles. [What do we think about it? Join us and learn more.](#)

SUNDAY, November 21, 10:30 AM – "A Thanksgiving Celebration"

Come and share with us a Thanksgiving Celebration of Life. We'll sing some old songs and remember holidays past. We'll look forward to the holidays that will soon be here. Our gratitude for our lives, our loved ones and our current good health will be celebrated. Come and give thanks with us!

SUNDAY, November 28, NO service due to the Holiday Weekend

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

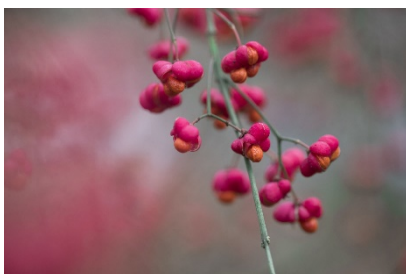


If you have your current pledge for New Hope, please send it to:

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

or put it in our offering basket on Sunday morning.

Remember to bring in items to stock the Blessings Box.



November Calendar



Lunch Bunch,
Monday, Nov. 1,
12:30 pm at
Bakers, 2025 S.
Milford Rd., Milford

**Church, Nov. 7,
Voter
Registration
Education**

Board Meeting,
Nov. 8, 6:30 pm
at New Hope

Book Club,
Nov. 11, 3 pm at
New Hope

Women of Hope,
Nov. 18, 6:30 pm
at New Hope.
Please bring a
dish to share.



Greeters



November 7	Bonnie
November 14	Robyn
November 21	Corinne & Mike
November 28	Diann

December has openings on December 12 and 24 for volunteers. The sign-up sheet is on the hospitality table.

Hospitality



Please consider signing up to host hospitality. It really is easy! You will need to bring in a couple of snacks to share with your friends, and I will help you with the clean up. I am very grateful to everyone who continues to help me out each week.

Corinne
Hospitality Comm.

11/07/21	Patricia
11/14/21	Denise
11/21/21	Corinne
11/28/21	No Service Thanksgiving weekend

Hospitality Fellowship Dinner



I just want to thank everyone who attended the Fellowship Potluck Dinner. It was an evening of great food, great conversation and a spirit of friendship and joy that we all missed these past 18 months. I need to say a big thank you to all that bought raffle tickets. Hospitality made \$165.00 that night. I plan on using some of that money to stock up on our necessities like small paper plates etc. I could not have done this by myself so I would like to thank---

Deb for putting together the flyer for me
Sue for doing a great job with the raffle
Mike C and Mike K for helping with the set up, the fireplace and the music
Denise and Jack for their fun welcoming speech
And most importantly Bonnie my partner and right hand
Thank you Thank you

Corinne
Hospitality Comm

NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

New Hope will be collecting canned goods and non-perishables to fill the shelves at Active Faith from 11/7-12/5. Please be sure to check that your items are not expired and for safety reasons, no glass containers. Let's try and beat our weight record from 2019.

