

News_{of} *Hope*



New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
August 2022 57885 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI

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Back in June, I was looking forward to the sunshine and warmth and glow of summer. Now at the beginning of August, after a very hot and sometimes humid July, I am thinking that autumn coolness looks pretty inviting.

I have had a mostly uneventful month off. Now, no trips are better than catastrophes and mishaps, but I would have enjoyed a bit more travel and excitement. Because of covid, we decided to stick close to home, but still...

With election season rapidly approaching and the state primaries just gone by, we are going to begin our month of August with a service on anti-Democracy. This is a concept and a word that I was unfamiliar with, until I read a very interesting column in the newspaper. It helped me to put some of our current events into a historical context, and I thought that you also might enjoy it.

Our second service will be about fear. What scares us? How do we deal with our feelings? What can we do, for and with each other, to help us cope with our anxieties? This is one of those topics that, I think, speaks to everyone, and I hope that everyone is willing to share some of their experiences and their ideas. Intellectually, we know that we are not alone. It helps to share!



"This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another." On August 21 we will talk about helping. Most good and kind people have the inclination to help when they see someone in trouble or in need. But, how do we decide what would be the best intervention or the safe thing to do? How do we approach someone to help, and still treat them with dignity and worthiness? We will look at helping in ways that are good for both the person being helped, and the helper.

Our last August service will be our Annual Picnic at the Silvers and also our Animal Blessing Service. We are honored to have Laz Slomovits join us to provide some fun music and maybe a short story or two. Everyone is invited to bring a pet on a leash, or a picture, or a representation, or a rock, or whatever you would like to share. If it rains, we'll use the barn! Please remember to bring a lawn chair to sit on and a dish to pass. Ed will be grilling hot dogs, hamburgers and bean burgers. Right now church is scheduled to start at 11, but I am working on moving it a little later, so that our charity poker workers can sleep a bit longer. Watch for details and for directions to Fox Trot Farm in Dexter.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO DENISE HARRIS, KATHY ZAENGER, PATRICIA MACARTHUR AND SUE MYERS FOR LEADING OUR JULY SERVICES. THIS IS A WONDERFUL GIFT TO NEW HOPE AND EVERYONE IS GRATEFUL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS!!

Unfortunately Covid is still around, so be safe!
See you in church!

Love,
Kathy

Some see answers as strong
and questions as weak.

Successful politicians
have all the answers.

But I tell you the truth:

The happy person is not the one
with all the answers.

Each new question is an affirmation
of the delight of living.

What new question have you
discovered today?

*The Sage's Tao Te Ching, Ancient
Advice for the Second Half of Life
By William Martin*

Or in the words of an old Unitarian
Universalist hymn,
"To question truly is an answer."

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for August 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, August 7, 10:30 AM - "Anti-Democracy"

According to David Leonhardt, the anti-Democracy movement in the US started a long time ago and recent events are just the current manifestation of this problem. As Unitarian Universalists, who affirm and promote democratic principles in the world and in our congregation, we should understand better where anti-democratic ideas come from. What do you think?

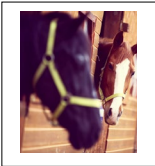
SUNDAY, August 14, 10:30 AM - "Angry Birds"

What in the world frightens YOU? Every person has their unique fears and worries. Mostly we don't like to think or talk about these things. Some of us hope that if we keep quiet about them, they will leave us alone. Maybe if we bring them out into the open, when we surrounded by friends in a safe space, it may make them less scary. Come join us and see!



SUNDAY, August 21, 10:30 AM - "Helping Others and Ourselves"

Kind and caring people often find themselves in difficult situations when it comes to helping others. What is the best thing to say or do? How do we protect ourselves? How do we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of others? How do we have patience and love for ourselves? Come and share your thoughts and feelings



SUNDAY, August 28, 11:00 AM or later? - "Blessings on the Animals" and Church Picnic at Fox Trot Farm

Come and join us for a morning of music and stories, while we bless the animals: those present, and those who live in trees and swamps and fields. Laz Slomovits will grace us with his music and songs, which I am sure that our canine friends will enjoy. After church we will have a potluck picnic and Ed Silver will grill burgers and hotdogs. Bring your pets, lawn chairs and a dish to pass. In case of rain, we will meet in the barn! More details later.

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!

Remember to stock the Blessing Box with cleansers, soaps and paper products, Thank you!

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY IS COLLECTED EVERY SUNDAY FOR ACTIVE FAITH FOOD PANTRY. MAKE A KID HAPPY!

Greeters

Aug. 7 Robyn
Aug. 14 Corrine & Mike
Aug. 21 Bonnie
Aug. 28 Picnic at Silver's farm



The calendar for September 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.



August Calendar

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Lunch Bunch, 12:30, South Lyon Hotel, 201 N. Lafayette St., RSVP to Bonnie

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Board meeting, 3 pm at New Hope

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Book Club, 3 pm at New Hope. *The Women of Copper County* by Mary Russel

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Women of Hope, 6:30 Kensington Metropark, Turtlehead. Bring a dish to share

24 - 27

Charity Poker Fundraiser for New Hope. Please sign up with Dennis Strasser. This raises much-needed funds for New Hope and it's enjoyable to do, especially at the new location.

Hospitality for August

08/07/22 Robyn
08/14/22 Corinne
08/21/22 Bonnie
08/28/22 Picnic at Silvers'



Charity Poker Events 2022

Here are the poker event dates for the rest of the year. There are all Wednesday through Saturday as in the past.

Aug. 24 - 27
Oct. 19 - 22



Electronic sign-up for August is now online at: <https://signup.com/go/mWizQvr> Please sign up. Thank you!