

News of *Hope*



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"In the coldest February,
As in every other month in every other year,
The best thing to hold on to in this world
is each other."

Linda Ellerbee, journalist and writer

I am not very familiar with Linda Ellerbee but I really like this quotation. It's true that in this changing, unpredictable and often scary world, holding tight to each other seems to be the safest and sanest thing that we can do.

Here at New Hope, we continue week after week to come together to share our thoughts, our experiences and our lives. We covenant each Sunday to "dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another". We state that "Love is the spirit of our church and service is its law". How lucky we are to have each other, and also to have a church where we can provide service and support to our local community. As 2023 begins, we remain a *small but mighty congregation!*

During the month of February, we will devote a service to learning about some important Black People we should know more about. Our country's history is filled with People of Color who have been ignored or forgotten. On February 19, we will attempt to give some of them the recognition they deserve.



On our first Sunday in February, our service will be led by Kathy Zaenger. There will be a short video and then an interesting discussion. "**Finding Fulfillment in a Purpose Larger than You**"

February 12 will find us celebrating Valentine's Day with a service titled "The Many Meanings of Love." We'll look at different kinds of love, including self-love. Love can be wonderful and romantic. It can also have unintended consequences. Reproductive freedom is an important component of true love. Please join us in this discussion.

Our last Sunday of the month is called "Making Mistakes – We All Do It!" Lynn Unger writes that "Anything worth doing is worth doing badly." None of us are anywhere even close to perfect. Where would the world be, if people only worked on, and did the things, that they were positive were correct. Imagine such a world and then feel grateful for all you've learned from making mistakes! Come and share your story with us.

During the month of February, New Hope will be collecting shoes for **SOLES FOR SOULS**. Please go through your closets and find the shoes you no longer wear. You know the ones – the bright orange ones you impulse bought, the lovely suede ones that pinch your toes, the old sneakers with the hole in the toe, the dusty stained boots from winters past. These can all be recycled or repurposed. From slippers to flipflops, if they go on feet, we are collecting them. There are bins at New Hope to put them in. On February 16, the Women of Hope will bind the pairs together, count and bag them for shipping. If you can bring them in sooner rather than later, that would be helpful. Thanks so much for your participation in this project!



Another good deed that you can do is to check your calendars and determine whether you will be in town for New Hope's **CHARITY POKER** dates coming up in the late spring and summer. Dennis Strasser needs to get a sense of whether we will be able to staff those events around holiday weekends. Charity Poker is a valuable fundraiser for our church. It takes all of us to make it happen! Thanks for helping!!

Of course, we always try to remember our donations of peanut butter and jelly each Sunday and non-food items for the Blessing Box. We are blessed with numerous ways to help others in our neighborhood.

February always seems to me to be one of the longest months instead of the shortest. Keeping busy and enjoying friends is a good way to make the time pass quicker. I'm going to search my basement for old shoes!

Take care and stay warm!

*Love,
Kathy*

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for February 2023

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, February 5, 10:30 AM – "Finding Fulfillment in a Purpose Larger than You"

Service to be led by Kathy Zaenger
Tami Simon of *Sounds True* interviews Lynne Twist.

SUNDAY, February 12, 10:30 AM – "The Meaning of Love"

As 2023 begins, so also does the prospect of continued divisions where we have wildly different ideas about what ideals and actions our country should espouse. How will we communicate with those whose thinking is radically different from our own? How can we be successful at getting things done. What do you think? What would you do if you were in charge?



SUNDAY, February 19, 10:30 AM - "People We Should Know"

The month of February is Black History Month and there are so many Black people in our history we have never met. Today we will learn about a few of them who should be really famous because they did great important things that we all benefitted from. They are our unsung heroes and heroines and today we salute and appreciate them!

SUNDAY, February 26, 10:30 AM - "Making Mistakes – We All Do It"

Just think about where our world would be, if people only worked on ideas and projects that they knew were correct. Imagine if we couldn't experiment with new things, if we could never be wrong. Doing things badly can be a very good thing. I bet we can all think of lots of mistakes we have made and what we learned. Come and share with us!



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.



February Calendar



8th, Lunch Bunch, 12:30 at Aubree's in South Lyon

9th, Book Club, 3 pm at New Hope, *Unbroken* by Lauren Hillenbrand, discussion led by Diann

13th, Board Meeting, 3 pm at New Hope

16th, Women of Hope, 6:30 pm, potluck supper, activity is SOLES FOR SOULS service project



Announcements

If you have a pledge payment for New Hope, please send it to: Mike Kelleher, treasurer, New Hope, PO Box 375, New Hudson, MI 48165-1375, or put it in the basket at church. Thanks!



PLEASE HELP STOCK THE BLESSING BOX AND BRING PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY!

FEBRUARY SERVICE PROJECT

We will be collecting any and all kinds of footwear for SOLES FOR SOULS. Please bring in your donations to New Hope. Women of Hope will be preparing the shoes for delivery at their meeting on 2/16/23. Thanks for your help!!



Greeters

Feb. 5
Feb. 12 Corinne & Mike Kelleher
Feb. 19
Feb. 26

The calendar for March 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.

Hospitality for February

02/05/2023 -----
02/12/2023 Corinne
02/19/2023 -----
02/26/2023 -----



Hi Everyone

I am looking for people to sign up for hospitality. It is really not hard, you would need to bring in a couple of items to share, a sweet and something healthy. There is not much to the clean up and I almost always will be there to help you. Thank you to those of you that volunteer to help me out.

Corinne
Hospitality