

News_{of} Hope



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“Cheers to a new year and another change for us to get it right.”

– Oprah Winfrey

We begin this newsletter column with a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to **Kathy Silver** for all her years of dedicated service, bringing her warmth, endless support, and words of wisdom. New Hope wishes Kathy all the best in her retirement. We look forward to seeing Kathy at some New Hope activities in the coming year.

We also want to thank **Elaine Dexter** for publishing our newsletter for many years. While we can't match the professionalism Elaine brought, we will try to keep the newsletter as informative as always.

This month is the start of a new journey for New Hope as a lay led congregation. The Worship Committee, with the New Hope Board's support, will be using several different formats during the month. This will be a learning experience for us all, and any feedback on what you would like to see more or less of would be appreciated.

We are looking for volunteers to join the Worship Committee. Your participation can be tailored to meet your available time and skills. There are other opportunities for you to support New Hope going forward. Sign up sheets can be found on the table in the sanctuary, or feel free to talk to anyone on the Worship Committee or the Board. To quote Kathy Silver, **“New Hope is small, but mighty!!”**

We start off the year with a program about **“Wipe the Slate Clean”**, by exploring New Year's traditions and resolutions from around the world and also within the UU faith. We will be watching a sermon from the UU of Sarasota church.

On January 15 we welcome a guest minister Rev. Leonetta Bugleisi to New Hope. Rev. Leonetta will commemorate the MLK holiday with **“By Any Means Necessary – I have a Dream.”** Martin Luther King versus Malcolm X - messages from these two civil rights leaders will be peeled back in the layers of the impact on the civil rights movement. These leaders' approach, while very different, resonates for the continued need for work against racism.

Our third service this month is about **“Transitions.”** Today we will watch a sermon by Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, the former UUA President titled “Embracing Possibility in Times of Change” The sermon is from the Worship Web, one of the many UUA resources available to us. Rev. Frederick-Gray discusses how to successfully navigate times of transitions that can be applied to congregational, political/cultural, and personal perspectives.

On January 28, our service title is **“Today I want to Create _____”**. We will spend some time examining how we live each day and what we reap from those activities. Come prepared to think about how you want to greet each day. (Based on a talk by Reverend Clare I Petersberger.)

A **thank you to everyone** who made our food drive for Active Faith a great success. We donated four shopping carts worth of food! A special thank you to **Corinne Kelleher** for delivering the donations.

We're starting a new year and a new adventure at New Hope in January 2024. The **calendar for greeters** for all dates in January and beyond is wide open. Please sign up. It's fun to greet everyone. Email me at kzaenger@comcast.net to sign up or use the sign-up sheet on the hospitality table.

And finally, a friendly reminder that this is the time of year we complete our **pledge card for the 2024 year**. Your support is critical to the running of the church and is very much appreciated. If you haven't done so already, please return to Mike Kelleher (details on next page)

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for January 2024

New Hope Services begin at 10:30 am. If you have any questions about our Services or activities, Kathy Zaenger kzaenger@comcast.net or Denise Harris, jutta474@yahoo.com. Thank you and hope to see you soon!

SUNDAY, January 7, 10:30 AM "Wipe the Slate Clean"

We start off the year with a program about Wiping the Slate Clean, exploring the history of new year's resolutions, celebrations around the world and what they mean to UUs. We will be watching a sermon by B8 from the UU of Sarasota church. Denise Harris will lead the service



SUNDAY, January 14, 10:30 AM – "By Any Means Necessary – I have a Dream"

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SUNDAY, January 21 10:30 AM - "Transitions"

Rev. Frederick-Gray, the former UUA President, discusses how to successfully navigate times of transitions that can be applied to congregational, political/cultural and personal perspectives in her sermon Embracing Possibility in Times of Change

SUNDAY, January 28, 10:30 AM - "Today I Want to Create _____"

We will spend some time examining how we live each day and what we reap from those activities. Come prepared to think about how you want to greet each day. (Based on a talk by Reverend Clare I Petersberger). Patricia MacArthur will lead the service.



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 **2024 pledge card or 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 note that the time slot for the **April 17 to 20th charity poker** event has moved to 11am to 6pm. The remaining two events will be from 6:30 pm to 2 am.

Remember: volunteers are needed to greet and host hospitality. Sign-up sheets are on tables in the front room.

Please help stock the Blessing Box and bring Peanut Butter and Jelly for Active Faith



January



January 3, Lunch Bunch, 12:30 pm, Jonna's Bar & Grill New Hudson

January 11 -Book Club, *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano, New Hope, 3pm

January 15, Board Meeting, New Hope, 3pm

January 18, Women of Hope Potluck, New Hope, 6:30pm

Charity Poker 2024



April 17 to 20*

June 5 to 8**

August 21 to 24**

* Shift 11am – 6pm

** Shift 6:30pm – 2am

Hospitality

1/07 Corinne
1/14 Denise
1/21
1/28

Greeters

1/07 Corinne
1/14
1/21
1/28