

# News of *Hope*



## New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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In the middle ages, the Jewish sage Moses Maimonides wrote about the seven levels of charity. All of the levels are important, but the highest level of charity is to give unconditionally, anonymously, just because it is right to give. Give a gift, big or small, without knowing who the receiver is and without the receiver knowing who you are.

(From [Acts Of Kindness](#)  
by Meladee and Hanoeh McCarty)

As we begin these summer months, some of us are excited about where we might travel, whom we might meet, and what wonderful sights we might see. Others of us are looking forward to some rest and relaxation at home in the comfort of our family and friends. No matter what our plans, it is always possible for us to be kind and generous. Practicing kindness to others makes our own lives more meaningful and fulfilling. It is a gift that we can always give.

At New Hope in July, several of our members are giving us the gift of lively Sunday services that look enlightening and thought-provoking. **Deb Edford** is bringing us a highly recommended film called "From Paris To Pittsburgh". It will highlight what communities around the world are doing to combat climate change. Hopefully we will find ideas about things that we might be able to accomplish in our own lives and communities. Watching it will be our Environmental Justice Project for July.

**Kathy Zaenger**, with help from **Robyn Huff-Naffin**, will teach us about the ancient Akashic Records. Some people believe that the universe is keeping detailed records about each of us, about the journeys of our souls through numerous lives and experiences. Using special techniques, these records can be accessed and understood. Come and learn about another kind of spiritual practice.



Who wouldn't want to explore [The Five Languages Of Love?](#) **Patricia MacArthur** has been doing just that, in a book written by Gary Chapman, and she is willing to share the information with all of us at New Hope. It seems that different folks give and receive love in 5 different ways. Which way fits you? Come and find out on a Sunday morning!

Last summer **Sue Myers** opened the discussion about "safe church" policy during a July Sunday service. Over the intervening months, New Hope's board has also been discussing the issue and slowly making changes to our building and our ideas. What has been done to better secure New Hope and what still needs to be done? What do you think it means to have a "safe church"? This is a discussion that should include us all.

We should all extend our gratitude to these New Hope members who are stepping up to lead our July services. I personally want to thank them, because it gives me the gift of a nice vacation month to relax and think up some "fun" activities for us to do in the fall.



For everyone, I wish an enjoyable and safe summer, no matter what you choose to do. Hopefully the rains will stop and the sun will come out. It will be breezy and warm, but not too humid. The biting bugs will stay out of our homes and yards.

May it be so!!

Love, Kathy

## Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for July 2019

Meditation Group meets every Sunday before services at 9:30 AM. All are welcome.

### SUNDAY, July 7, 10:30 AM – “From Paris To Pittsburgh”

Join us at New Hope as we watch this film, from National Geographic and Bloomberg News, which focuses on climate change and what communities around the world are doing to combat the problems. It will be New Hope’s Environmental Justice project for July. Come, learn and discuss this important topic with us. Deb Edford will lead the discussion.



### SUNDAY, July 14, 10:30 AM – “What Are The Akashic Records?”

Some people believe that the universe is keeping detailed records of everyone who lives and everything that happens. What do these ancient Records mean to the people who believe in them? How are the Records used? For most of us this is a brand new idea. Join Kathy Zaenger and Robyn Huff-Naffin and expand your horizons!

### SUNDAY, July 21, 10:30 AM – “The 5 Love Languages”

Patricia MacArthur will lead this service based on a book, by the same name, by Gary Chapman. Expressions of love mean different things to different people. Every person has a way that they prefer to give and receive love. What do you know about yours? Don’t miss this enlightening service!



### SUNDAY, July 28, 10:30 AM – “What Does A Safe Church Mean To You?”

Over these past months, New Hope’s board has been discussing safe policy and what we can do to make New Hope safer and more secure. Come and hear about what has already been done and add your suggestions for the future. Sue Myers will lead the discussion and help us to learn more about this important and timely issue.



## HAVE A SAFE AND FUN JULY!

KATHY SILVER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



\*Our Services are held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Services last until 11:30 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.

## July dates to remember

Book Club – July 8th, The Book That Matters Most by Ann Hood. For August we will read Commonwealth by Ann Patchett.

Charity Poker Fundraiser for New Hope – July 10-13. Thanks to Dennis Strasser for his good work on this and to everyone who helps and works!

Lunch Bunch – resumes in August

Board Meeting – resumes in August

Women of Hope – resumes in August, with a picnic in Kensington Park



## Hospitality



There is no sign up for hospitality in July. However if you are presenting a program in July please bring in a small snack to share with everyone.

Thank you.

Corinne

Hospitality Committee



## Social Justice

On July 7th, we will be viewing the film "Paris to Pittsburgh " as part of our Environmental Justice work on climate change. Please join us. Friends and family are welcome.

## Greeter Sign-up

To welcome everyone who comes each Sunday, we seek two Greeters to be here by 10:15 each week: One near the front door to show them where to hang coats, the sign-in sheet, hospitality area and the community room. The Second to give the visitors a visitor's bag, nametag and tell them about the congregation. This will help our congregation grow in size and community. Everything is open for greeters from here on out.



Anyone can send me an email to let me know which Sunday they'd like to be greeter: [kzaenger@comcast.net](mailto:kzaenger@comcast.net)

Thanks,  
Kathy Z.