

News of *Hope*



New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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*Sowing the seed,
My hand is one with the earth.*

*Wanting the seed to grow,
My mind is one with the light.*

*Hoeing the crop,
My hands are one with rain.*

*Having cared for the plants,
My mind is one with the earth.*

*Hungry and trusting,
My mind is one with the earth.*

*Eating the fruit,
My body is one with the earth.*

(The words of Wendell Berry)

Summer is the time when I think we all feel more a part of the earth, because we are spending more time outside. It's a time to feel freer of constraints: no winter coats, no boots, no rain gear. And now after 16 months of being homebound, we are free to move about the country. What a relief!!

We are again able to meet at New Hope and in each other's homes, and in restaurants and parks. I imagine that we all have a much greater appreciation of these simple pleasures, after being deprived of them for so long. We have much to be grateful for, as our church community comes through the pandemic safe and healthy.

It is still important for us to be aware that there are many people who have been traumatized by Covid 19. If visitors arrive on Sundays, we should be sensitive to their feelings. There will be a sign on our door asking people to wear masks if they have not been vaccinated. There are still Covid variants around that can cause trouble, so we want to be aware and prepared.

Restarting Church during July puts an extra burden on our wonderful board of trustees because I will be away on vacation for the month. I hope this means that everyone will do their part to make sure Sunday Services run smoothly. I am really looking forward to having some down time and reconnecting with my Maryland daughter and son-in-law. It has been a long time since we have seen them.

Since July 4 is a holiday there will be no service on that day. On July 11, the Rev. Jennifer Kelleher, daughter of Corinne and Mike, will be leading our Sunday program. I am sure New Hope will give her a warm welcome, and let her know how much we appreciate her efforts on our behalf. As of this writing, I think there will be a Flower Communion Service on that day. Stay tuned, so that you know what you need to do in order to participate.

The last two Sundays in July will be led by New Hope members or guests. There may be TED Talks or discussion questions or the introduction of a new topic. If you have an idea about something you'd like to do, please contact Board President Denise Harris ASAP.



I remain so grateful for every member of our faith community, for your steadfast support during a very difficult time, for your love and caring for each other, for your continuing efforts to stay in touch and be helpful.

We are a small, **but mighty** congregation and we will continue to do good in our world together!!

May it be so.

Blessings on you all!

Love, Kathy

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for July 2021

During July, Kathy is taking a much deserved vacation and services are led at New Hope by members and other special guests. Service starts at 10:30 with "coffee and conversation" after. All are welcome. Please join us.

SUNDAY, July 4

No Service

Happy Independence Day



SUNDAY, July 11, 10:30 AM – Rev. Jennifer Kelleher

SUNDAY, July 18, 10:30 AM –Patricia

SUNDAY, July 25, 10:30 AM – Sue

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

Generous volunteers are needed each week to provide snacks for coffee hour. Remember not to bring too much and to take home the leftovers. Talk to Corinne about hospitality. Thank you!

Sunday morning greeters are needed to make sure our guests feel welcome. Kathy Z. will have a sign up list.

If you have an interest in helping to lead a service during the month of July, please tell Denise ASAP.

If you have your pledge for New Hope, please put it in the basket at church or send it to: Mike Kelleher, treasurer, 3796 Loon Lake Road, Wixom, MI 48393



Our Roots of Resilience

By [Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson](#)

Feel the gravity of the earth holding you in place.
Wiggle your toes as if they were roots.
Roots connect you to the earth lending you strength.
Gently sway in the wind, turning your body like a trunk of a tree,
Leaning this way and that, bending as the air pushes and pulls.
What surrounds you, may sway you,
Make you bend and feel unbalanced
Wiggle your toes.
Know that your roots can hold you as you grow and learn.
A tree is nourished by the soil and water.
You are nourished by food the earth grows and the water it provides.
You are cared for and loved by many people.
Breathe deeply (*repeat or pause*)
Still yourself (*wait till everyone is still*)
Know that your roots are strong.
Wiggle your roots.

Volunteers needed:



Charity poker event, Wed. Oct. 27 – Sat. Oct. 31

1st shift 4-9pm and 2nd shift 9-2pm

Patricia will bring a sign-up sheet this month Two workers are needed each shift with an option for a third worker.

Thanks to Dennis for finding us an event.

Calendar



July 4,
no Service,
Independence Day

Lunch Bunch,
July 6, 12:30 at
Karl's Cabin

Book Club,
July 8, 3 pm at
church, book is
Defending
Jacob by
William Landay

Board Meeting,
July 12,
6:30 at New Hope

