

News of *Hope*



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Seriously though, bugs and crawly things are much more a part of summer than at any other time of year. I guess it's good that they wake up and do their thing for Mother Earth and the environment, but I don't miss them when they are gone.

Driving home from the airport last Friday there was a large turtle crossing Interstate 94 at the beginning of rush hour. I managed to avoid him/her and so did some of the other cars around me, but it made me wonder about what it's like to be driven by a biological imperative so strong that you would slowly try to cross a highway on foot.

People do that too. Sometimes the urge or need to do or have something is so urgent that we are willing to take great risks, to break laws, to actually put our lives in danger. The people of Ukraine know all about this at the moment. When we think about it, in our society there are whole groups of people whose job it is to protect and serve - military and police, firefighters and medical people, and parents and caretakers.

Every once in a while, in all our lives, we are called on to step up and put ourselves on the line. Parents and teachers are sometimes asked to be heroic in extreme situations. When we love and value something enough, sometimes we don't even really think about protecting or saving it, we just act. It reminds me of our service about bravery and courage. Maya Angelou reminds us "Have enough courage to trust love one more time and always one more time."

Between the time I started writing this and today, the Supreme Court of the Land has allowed open carry of guns in New York City, and prayer on the fifty-yard line after a public high school football game. Obviously, the justices were not in NYC in the 70's and the 80's when crime was rampant and people were afraid to leave their apartments. They also seem not to understand the meaning of separation of church and state.

They have decided that women do not have the right to determine the fate of their own bodies and their reproductive systems. I don't even know how to comment on this, except to say that people who believe in freedom and justice need to keep working to make the world fair and just for everyone, even women! Otherwise, I just want to scream!!

Even though bad things are happening here, and truth be told, there are always bad things happening somewhere, summer should be a time when we can relax a bit and enjoy life. I am taking great joy the past few days in our very lengthy Michigan sunsets, and the way the fireflies rise out of the grass and fields and just sparkle and glow. I feel like there's a free light show in my yard every night.



Sunday services, in July, are being led by dedicated New Hope members, who are sharing some of their knowledge and ideas with us. I hope you will be able to attend church and show your appreciation for their efforts on our behalf. When I return in August, we will have a combined picnic and animal blessing service with our talented musical friend Laz Slomovits.

I hope you also are finding some wonderful experiences to bring you joy during these difficult days of summer injustice. May the sun warm your body and your heart. May you find some time to relax and enjoy the flowers and the fireflies. May you spend fun times with your friends and families.

Ada Louise Huxtable says: "Summer is the time when one sheds one's tensions with one's clothes, and the right kind of day is jeweled balm for the battered spirit. A few of those days and you can become drunk with the belief that all's right with the world." May it be so!

Take care, stay well. have some fun!

Love,
Kathy

JULY THOUGHTS

"Mosquito is out,
it's the end of the day;
she's humming and hunting
her evening away.
Who knows why such hunger
arrives on such wings
at sundown? I guess
it's the nature of things."

- N. M. Boedecker,
Midsummer Night Itch

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for July 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, July 3, No Service, "Happy Fourth of July To All".

SUNDAY, July 10, 10:30 AM – "The Climate Quiz"

Deb Edford will host The Climate Quiz for us this morning. We will test our knowledge about the climate and what is good, and not so good, for its health. Come and learn with us about better ways to care for our earth and maintain our healthy environment.



SUNDAY, July 17, 10:30 AM

Our program this morning will be brought to us by Kathy Zaenger.

"A Cloud Never Dies - an excerpt from The Art of Living by Thich Nhat Hanh"

Sunday, July 24, 10:30 AM

Today Patricia MacArthur will lead our Sunday Service "Social Justice for Women's Health after Roe" will be the topic.

Sunday, July 31, 10:30 AM

Sue Myers is leading our service today.

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, Thank you!

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

Greeters

Greeters for July: The person in charge of the service is also in charge of hospitality and greeters.

There are still openings for greeters for the August services. Email me @ kzaenger@comcast.net to sign up or use the sign-up sheet on the hospitality table.

★ July Calendar ★

July 6

Lunch Bunch,
12:30, Draft Horse
Brewery (57721
Grand River Ave,
New Hudson)

July 9

South Lyon Pride
Festival at McHattie
Park, 12-4,
New Hope is
co-sponsoring this
event. Please come
help staff our
booth! We have
rainbow bracelets
made by Tracie
Naffin to give out.

July, no Book Club

July 25

Board meeting, 3 pm
at New Hope

Hospitality

I just want to say thank you to everyone who has signed up to host hospitality. And just a reminder - if you sign up to present a Sunday Service in July, you will also be responsible to host hospitality.

- Corinne

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 signup for August is now online at:

<https://signup.com/go/mWizQvr>

Please sign up. Thank you!