

News of *Hope*



New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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"Do you have the patience to wait
Till your mud settles and the water
is clear?

Can you remain unmoving
Till the right action arises by itself?"

Tao Te Ching

I guess that my answer to the questions to the left is usually "NO". I almost always feel like I just need to plow ahead and move forward, that somehow the way will become clear, if I just keep moving. Unfortunately sometimes I am wrong...

This has been a hectic week for me and I haven't had time to sit and wait for clarity, but I feel like I could sure use some. Finally after many days of rain and lousy weather, the sun is out and there are so many things to do: planting the garden, filling the flower pots, weeding the flower beds, cobwebbing the barn, mowing the

fields, cleaning the hay room to get it ready for the new hay. Just listing all these things feels overwhelming. I bet that some of you feel overwhelmed too. Are you waiting for clarity while your mud settles? I love the metaphor. But who can wait?

New Hope would like to thank **Tadd Naffin** for planting the beautiful flowers in our front gardens. There are tulips of various sizes and colors (I really love the deep purple ones), also daffodils and grape hyacinths. The variety and color combinations are a work of art. We all appreciate how inviting Tadd has made our entrance walk. **Thank you again, Tadd!**

As we enter the month of June, our church year is winding down. The May social justice project, buying supplies for the veterans at the Detroit Veterans Hospital, will be over June 2. Thank you to **Deb Edford** for leading this project and to everyone who has contributed personal items, socks and size large and X large jogging pants. On this Memorial Day, let us take some time to think about the sacrifices our men and women in uniform have made to keep our country safe and strong.

Our first Sunday service in June will be about "**Ramadan**". Called Islam's holiest month, Ramadan is a time of daylight fasting and abstinence. Have you ever fasted for a significant amount of time? What can we learn from this religious rite practiced by over one billion Muslims?



On June 9, we will be discussing "**Healing Wounds And Righting Wrongs**". Lately there has been a lot of talk about restorative justice. In the Bible, we can read stories about how Jesus performed miracles to heal people and to correct problems. What can we Unitarian Universalists do to help heal the wounds of others?

Father's Day seems like a great time to express our "**Appreciation For Men**". Lately there seems to be a lot of bad press associated with men. What about all the good men that we never hear about, the ones who respect women and parent children and try to do positive things in the world? Please join us as we celebrate the good men!



We'll end our June services with a short Sunday Service and a picnic at the Silver's **Fox Trot Farm** on June 23 at 11 AM. Bring your friends, your dog and a dish to pass. We'll provide hotdogs, hamburgers, bean burgers and soft drinks. Sit on the porch, play a yard game, visit the horses, and chat with your friends. Keep your fingers crossed for a sunny day. In honor of the July 4th holiday, there will be no church service on June 30.

It has been the custom at New Hope for the staff to take the month of July off. This provides me with an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate. It provides you, our members, with the chance to lead a service or a discussion on a topic, which interests you. Our July services are very informal. They might include a movie or TED Talk, pictures of a far-away place, a game everyone can play, an interesting speaker or a musical or artistic project. Do you have a fun idea or an interesting topic that you would like to share with your New Hope friends?

If you have an idea for a summer service, please let me, or a board member, know about it. I can help with service planning or resources, if you would like. At New Hope, we value the input and ideas of all our members. We all have a responsibility to participate in and contribute to the success of our Sunday morning services.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Spring Cleaning Service on May 19. About 18 of us got a good 6 hours of cleaning done in 20 minutes. We dusted, wiped, mopped, swept, polished, weeded, raked and rearranged. It was fun to work together and we made our church shine!

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO MAKE NEW HOPE A SPECIAL PLACE!!

Love, Kathy

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for June 2019

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

SUNDAY, June 2, 10:30 AM – “Ramadan, The Holiest Month”

Ramadan is a month long Muslim observance marked by fasting and prayer. It is one of the pillars of the religion of Islam. What is the point of abstaining from earthly pleasures during this time? What can we learn from this religious rite practiced by over one billion people? Come and learn with us!

SUNDAY, June 9, 10:30 AM – “Healing Wounds And Righting Wrongs

Not all wounds are physical and not all wrongs can be righted by forgiveness. Sometimes we are called upon to try to restore wholeness and health. When and how do we do this? Jesus performed miracles. What do Unitarian Universalists do?



SUNDAY, May 16, 10:30 AM – “Appreciation For Men”



There has been a lot of press lately about certain men and the bad things they have done. What about the good men? What about the helpful, loving, and kind things that they do? What about the caring men who parent kids and coach teams and teach students of all ages! Let's celebrate the men who help to make the world a better place. Come and tell a story about a man you admire.

SUNDAY, June 23, 11:00 AM – “Sunday Service And Picnic At Fox Trot Farm” (1677 North Dancer Road)

We will meet this morning at the Silver's little farm in Dexter at 11 AM for a short worship service. Then we'll gather for our annual barbeque and picnic. Don't miss this opportunity to have some fun, play some games and meet some very sweet horses! Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, bean burgers, and soft drinks will be provided. Dogs are welcome!



SUNDAY, June 30, NO CHURCH TODAY, July 4 holiday

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.

June dates to remember

Lunch Bunch – June 3, 12:30 pm at Bar None located on Grand River St., Pleasant Valley Road, Brighton.

Board Meeting – June 10 at 6:30 pm at New Hope

Book Club – No Book Club meeting in June. July's book is The Book That Matters Most by Ann Hood

Women of Hope – June 20, annual picnic potluck at Kensington Park, Turtle Creek area

Sign up for July Charity Poker Fundraiser for New Hope – Wed. July 10 through Sat. July 13 Shifts are 3:45 to 9:00 PM and 9:00 PM to 2:00 AM Please sign up to work a shift. Thanks to Dennis Strasser for his good work on this.

Hospitality



Hello Everyone

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to host hospitality this past year. Our setup has and continues to be a great success. I would like to especially thank Bonnie Campbell, my stand in, who is always ready and eager to lend a helping hand.

I also want to thank everyone who has donated items for *The Blessing Box* which appears to be a great accomplishment. I honestly could not keep the box filled without all your help. And it is good to know we are helping our neighbors.

Also, I would like to remind everyone that in the month of July, if you sign up to present a Sunday program, you will be responsible to bring in a snack for hospitality.

6/02 Corinne 6/23 Picnic at Kathy's
6/09 ----- 6/30 No Service
6/16 Bonnie

Social Justice



A huge thank you to all who participated in the collection for the VA in Detroit. What a wonderful way to pay tribute to our vets. All items will be transported during the week of 6/2.

We also received an informative letter from *We the People of Detroit*, thanking us for our donation and telling us how the funds were spent. The letter will be posted on the bulletin board at New Hope for all to read.

Thanks,
Deb E.