

News of *Hope*



New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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Ah, June, finally warmth and sunlight and gardens and picnics! This new month promises to be another busy time at New Hope.

First of all, I'd like to thank the people who came to our **Spring Cleaning Day**. We dusted and sanitized. We weeded and mulched. We found some things we could donate to the Salvation Army and a few things to throw away. It was a satisfying work party and our church home was bright and beautiful, when we were done. Everyone worked hard and did a great job!

Many of us gathered needed signatures for the **ballot petitions** that are hopefully being presented in Michigan in the next election cycle. I just read on line that the organization we were working with, Fems For Democracy, had collected over 10,000 signatures last month. Our contributions will help promote social justice in our state in the areas of voter rights, prison reform, reproductive freedom and minimum wage.

We have a **Charity Poker Event** coming up in June at our new venue in Walled Lake. Dennis still has some worker slots to fill, if you have time to help. Charity Poker is an efficient way for New Hope to supplement our budget. It gives us the cushion we need to take care of things like better water filtration systems and new roofs. Thanks to everyone who contributes their time to make these events happen.

In July, we are still looking for folks who have ideas about **topics for services**, TED Talks to share, and who might want to lead a service on Sunday morning. Please contact a board member or me to share your idea. I am happy to help with resources if you would like.



On the first Sunday morning in June we will be thinking about "Happiness". What does it mean? How do we make it happen in an often unhappy world? Why is it important to us? I hope everyone will share their ideas and feelings "**On Being Happy**".

On June 12, we will again revisit the topic of "**White Supremacy**". Twice lately, we have had services about racial justice. This topic is so big and so important that there is always more to learn about and discuss. We have a list of characteristics that describe white supremacy. We are going to look at each topic and try to understand how it affects justice and equity in our society. and what we can do to change it. Please join us for this meaningful conversation about life in America.

On Father's Day, our topic will be "**Celebrating Men Who Care**". Our fathers are certainly important, but throughout our lifetimes, we meet many men who care about us. They may be our partners, coaches, doctors, therapists, friends, uncles, neighbors and bosses or co-workers. What have they said that stays with us, even when they have gone? Please share your stories with us.

Finally, we end June with church at the Silver's Fox Trot Farm in Dexter. We will have a short service of "**Blessings**" and then we will have our **Annual Church Picnic**. If it rains, the festivities will be moved into a barn. So bring your chair and a dish to share. Ed will grill burgers and hot dogs, and we'll celebrate the year we've had together. New Hope stays strong and mighty! Come party with us!

Have a happy and healthy June.
Remember that Covid is still around, so be safe!
See you in church!

Love,
Kathy

JUNE THOUGHTS



"Stop a minute, right where you are.
Relax your shoulders, shake your head
and shake your spine.
Tell that imperious voice in your head
to be still."

— Barbara Kingsolver

"It isn't the big pleasures
that count the most;
it's making a big deal
out of the little ones."

— Jean Webster, American author,
1876-1916

"Green was the silence, wet was the light,
the month of June trembled like a butterfly."

— Pablo Neruda

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for June 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!

June Calendar

- 8**
Lunch Bunch, 12:30,
Black Label Tavern,
131 S. Milford Rd,
Milford
- 9**
Book Club, 3 pm at
New Hope, book:
Snow Falling on
Cedars by David
Guterson
- 13**
Board meeting,
3 pm at New Hope
- 15 – 18**
Charity Poker, sign
up with Dennis
- 23**
Women of Hope
picnic at Kensington
Metropark

SUNDAY, June 5, 10:30 AM - "On Being Happy"

What does it mean to be happy? How are happy people different from unhappy people? Are YOU happy? Is being happy an important goal in your life? Come join us as we explore the meanings and the secrets of being happy, in a world that is often troubled and sad.

SUNDAY, June 12, 10:30 AM – "White Supremacy, Again"

Once again, we will attempt to tackle the list of white supremacist characteristics, so that we can better understand the meanings and the ramifications of the terms and the issues. In our country, white supremacy is a ubiquitous problem that will not go away on its own. What can we do to help solve this terrible problem?



SUNDAY, June 19, 10:30 AM – "Celebrating Men Who Care"

Today is Father's Day here in the United States. At New Hope, we will honor all the wonderful men in our lives, who care for us and help us to grow and prosper. What values and wisdom were passed on to you? What are you passing on to the next generations? Please come and share your thoughts as we celebrate "Men Who Care".



Sunday, June 26, 11:00 AM - "Blessings On Us All"

On this day New Hope takes church to the Silver's Fox Trot Farm in Dexter. We will have a short service of "Blessings" and then we will have our Annual Church Picnic. If it rains, the festivities will be moved into a barn. So bring your chair and a dish to share. Ed will grill burgers and hot dogs, and we celebrate the year we've had together.

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 HELP STOCK THE BLESSING BOX - I would like to thank everyone that has helped to support the blessing box, I appreciate all your donations. - Corinne

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

Hospitality

06/05 Kathy & Dennis
06/12 Bonnie
06/19 Corinne
06/26 Picnic



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

Greeters



June 5 Diann H
June 12 Bonnie C
June 19 Corrine & Mike K
June 26 Bonnie C

August and beyond is wide open for greeters.
Email me @ kzaenger@comcast.net to sign up
or use the sign-up sheet on the hospitality table.

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.

June 15 - 18
Aug. 24 - 27
Oct. 19 - 22

Please see Dennis to sign up for a shift if you can. Thank you!