

*“Stop a minute,
right where you are.
Relax your shoulders, shake
your head and spine like a dog
shaking off cold water.
Tell that imperious voice in
your head to be still.”*

— Barbara Kingsolver

This time of year always feels like a race to me, so I like the advice to stop a minute and relax. There is so much to do now: weed the garden, trim the shrubs, buy some plants, plant the plants, sweep the porch, and remember to sit for a few minutes to enjoy the warmth of the sun. Sitting in the sun is always a joy for me, yet it often comes last on my list of things to do!

What are you doing with your late spring days? I know that some of you are working Charity Poker shifts as I write this. **Charity Poker** is a wonderful way for New Hope to supplement our income, and we are fortunate that our members are so willing to do the work. Beside the money, Charity Poker gives us the opportunity to spend time together with friends. In between the running, the counting and the computing, we can share our lives and enjoy each other's company. It is a blessing in several ways! **Thanks to everyone and especially to Dennis and Mike**, who make the arrangements.

The month of June at New Hope begins with a Sunday set aside for **“Gardening”**. After a short service, we will retire to our yard to clean up debris, plant some flowers and do whatever else needs to be done. Already this spring, we have had wonderful tulips, grape hyacinths and daffodils given to us by **Tadd Naffin and his parents, Robyn and Dan**. Our front walks have been spectacular thanks to them!

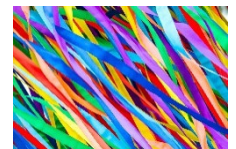
Our second June service is called **“Be of Generous Heart”**. At New Hope, everyone is involved with various causes and gives to many needy groups. We all are generous, but what about our hearts? Do they sing when we do a good deed? What makes your heart sing? I hope that you'll come and share your thoughts with us on June 11.



Sunday, June 18, will find us talking about the inevitable – **“Change”**. As we go through life, we all experience many changes, some easy, some hard. How we deal with change helps to determine our feelings of happiness and security. New Hope has a history changing and thriving. What helps you cope with the changes in your life? Please come and join in the conversation.

The last Sunday of June will be a discussion called **“On to The Future”**. How can we each contribute to the success of the future here at New Hope, and in our lives, in general? What do you think? Come and share!

On Saturday, July 8, New Hope will again co-sponsor the **South Lyon Pride Festival**. Like last year, we will host a table with small gifts of bubbles, bracelets made by **Tracie Naffin**, and rainbow flags. It was heartening to see so many of our members at the 2022 Festival. We had lots of visitors to our booth and it was fun to meet members of the community. Please mark your calendars and come to the Festival on July 8. There will be no service at New Hope on the 9th so everyone will have a day of rest!



Our **Social Justice Project** for May and June is collecting items for the Veterans Medical Center in Ann Arbor. They need comfort items such as combs, brushes, razors, and deodorants, men's & women's underwear (all kinds and sizes), sports bras, sweat pants, sweatshirts, hoodies, and tee shirts. All items must be new and unused in original packages. **THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR VETERANS!**

I hope that you all have a lovely June, filled with good times and growing gardens and lots of sunshine!

Be safe! Wear sunscreen!

Love, Kathy

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for June 2023

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

4- short Sunday Service and outside gardening

6- Lunch Bunch, Anna's House, 780 N. Milford Rd. Milford

12- Board Meeting, 3 pm, New Hope

15- Women's Group, 6:30 pm at Kensington, potluck picnic

June 28-July 1, Charity Poker. Be sure to sign up if you haven't already

July 2- no Church service, July 4 Holiday

July 8- South Lyon Pride Festival in the park.

July -, no service. Please attend the Pride Festival



SUNDAY, June 4, 10:30 AM - "Gardening"

After a very short service, New Hope will be gardening today. As is our annual habit, together we will weed and clean up our flower beds, plant our window boxes, beautify our front garden around our sign, and do other necessary outside chores. Please join us as we work together, laugh together and beautify our outdoor space!

SUNDAY, June 11, 10:30 AM - "Be of Generous Heart"

Everyone at New Hope is known to be a generous person, someone who gives to important causes and works to make things better. Does our giving make our hearts sing? Or are we just fulfilling expectations and obligations? Let's talk about what it means to have a generous heart!

SUNDAY, June 18, 10:30 AM - "Change"

Life is always changing and it challenges us to adapt to the constant shifting of reality. How we deal with the changes determines our feelings of happiness and security. New Hope Congregation has a history of adapting and thriving, no matter what the future brings. We are small, but mighty! Please join us as we discuss "Change."



SUNDAY, June 25 - "On to the Future"

There are many ways for a very small congregation like New Hope to be in the world. Today we will look at some of the ideas that might be helpful as we discuss New Hope's future. Let's put our thinking caps on and get creative! New Hope belongs to all of us. Please come!

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 a pledge payment for New Hope, please send it to:

Mike Kelleher, treasurer, New Hope, PO Box 375, New Hudson, MI 48165-1375, or put it in the basket at church. Thanks!

Remember: volunteers are needed to greet, host hospitality and clean up after each service. Sign-up sheets are on tables in the front room.

Please help stock the Blessing Box and also bring Peanut Butter and Jelly for Active Faith
Also, remember to sign-up for Charity Poker!

Hospitality for June

June 04 Denise
June 11 Patricia
June 18 Connie/Corinne
June 25 Diann



I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to host hospitality this past year. I am grateful for the time, money and energy you put into making the hospitality table look special. Also, I am very appreciative of the great job everyone did cleaning up afterwards. It has made my life much easier.
Corinne
Hospitality Comm.

Greeters

The calendar for dates in June and beyond are wide open for greeters. Please sign up if you are available. Email me kzaenger@comcast.net to sign up or use the sign-up sheet on the hospitality table. June 11, June 18, June 25 are needed.

SERVICE PROJECT for May & June



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- comfort items such as combs, brushes, razors, and deodorants
- men's & women's underwear, all kinds and sizes, sports bras
- sweat pants, sweat shirts, hoodies, and tee shirts

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