

# News of *Hope*



New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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*We are again on the cusp of transition, and from now on the year begins to wane. From this moment, darkness begins to defeat the light. The cycle of the natural world is moving towards completion. The Sun's power is waning as the nights grow longer and the days are shorter and cooler. The sap of trees returns back to their roots deep in the earth, changing the green of summer to the fire of autumn, to the flaming reds, oranges and golds.*

(From the Goddess and the Greenman.co.uk)

Thinking about the coming of winter does not exactly make me happy, but the thought of cool, crisp, beautiful fall days fills me with joy. I have always loved autumn, the smells, the colors, the animals scurrying around and stocking up on their food supplies. The colder nights, with clear skies and bright stars, always take my breath away. I even enjoy raking the leaves, up to a point!

Unitarian Universalist Churches all over the continent have been starting up their new church year. Because of Covid, people who have not seen each other in person for 18 months are again enjoying being together. This is especially true at New Hope. Luckily for us, we did not lose contact with each other over the zoom hiatus, but it is wonderful to be together in our meeting room.

It is also wonderful to sing our hymns off key again, instead of listening to recorded choirs sing them perfectly. We all appreciate the help we get from recorded music, but singing the words ourselves makes them come alive. It feels like praying when we sing "Spirit of Life" and "Amazing Grace". The words mean more to me when we are singing them out loud, instead of just in our heads. I hope that you feel this way too. Making a joyful noise is an important part of our New Hope Sunday Worship.

*Corinne Kelleher*, with *Bonnie Campbell*, has been working overtime lately as they plan for our **Fellowship Dinner**. Don't miss this wonderful event! Everyone is asked to sign up to bring a dish to pass. New Hope will provide an entrée of delicious chicken. There will be raffle tickets and prizes, lots of great conversations and fun for all. Let Corinne know that you will be there!

With help from all of us, Corinne has also got the **Blessing Box** up and running again. We always need donations of non-food items the SNAP program does not pay for: TP and paper towels, dish and clothes soap, hand sanitizers, toothpaste and bath soap, etc. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our start-up. Now it will be our goal to keep the cupboard stocked so we don't run out of supplies. As the Covid federal aid runs out, I imagine people will need the Blessing Box more than ever. Thanks to Corinne for all the love she gives and the good works she does!!



*Dennis Strasser* has also been busy working with *Denise* to figure out how to have zoom as part of our regular services. This will be helpful if we have folks who are not able to be in person on Sunday mornings. Also, it is almost time for our first charity poker fundraiser (10/27-30) in two years. We are very grateful to Dennis for his management of this important addition to New Hope's budget. If possible, please sign up to work a shift.

As we begin this new church year, we do so, knowing that things may change yet again. I hope the citizens of Michigan and our whole country continue to get vaccinated. I hope we can defeat this Delta variant, and that another strain of Covid does not pop up and cause us all more heartache. Whatever happens, I know New Hope can cope and we will do the best we can. It is so good to see you all on Sunday mornings. We are still missing a few people. I hope they are able to return soon.

WE ARE A SMALL, BUT MIGHTY CONGREGATION.

Each of us has something important to contribute to our church, to the world.

**Continue to stay safe and be healthy!**

*Love,  
Kathy*

## Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for October 2021

New Hope has begun meeting in person again at church. We are wearing masks. If you have any questions about our Services or activities, please contact Kathy Silver, [ksilver192@gmail.com](mailto:ksilver192@gmail.com) or Denise Harris, [jutta474@yahoo.com](mailto:jutta474@yahoo.com). Thank you and see you in church!

### SUNDAY, October 10, 10:30 AM – “Home”

What do you think of when someone says they are going home? Do you ever feel homesick? What does that mean to you? This Sunday we will explore the many meanings of “home”. Home means different things to different people, depending on their life experiences, their attitudes, and their connections. We’ll talk about this and see what we can learn from each other.



### SUNDAY, October 17, 10:30 AM – “Gratitude”

A few weeks ago we talked for a short time about gratitude and we created a Gratitude Collage with our individual ideas. You can see it on the back wall of our meeting room. Today we will discuss gratitude as a spiritual practice. How do you express your gratitude? How does it make you feel when you do? How can you remember to do this on a regular basis? Please join us!

### SUNDAY, October 24, 10:30 AM – “Trick Or Treat!”

Do you know how the modern celebration of Halloween got started? Where was it first celebrated? Does it happen all around the world? For a holiday that is so important in the lives of young people, it seems to me that maybe we should know a bit more about it. Come, have some fun and learn with us!



### SUNDAY, October 31, 10:30 AM – “All Souls Day”

All Souls Day is a remembrance day in the Christian World. Let us take this morning to remember those who are no longer with us, but continue to live in our hearts. Please bring pictures of those you would like to remember. Also feel free to bring other mementos or favorite foods or flowers. We will create an altar of offerings. Love and memories live on forever!

**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.



## Greeters

October 3	Sue M
October 10	Bonnie C
October 17	Connie B
October 24	
October 31	Corinne & Mike K

November is completely open for volunteers. The sign-up sheet is on the hospitality table.



## Announcements



**If you have your current pledge for New Hope**, please send it to:

Mike Kelleher, treasurer,  
3796 Loon Lake Road  
Wixom, MI 48393  
or put it in our offering basket on Sunday morning.

**Remember to bring in items to stock the Blessings Box.** After a couple weeks of inactivity, it has been busy recently. Thanks to Corinne for her good work on this!

## October Calendar



**Lunch Bunch,**  
**October 7, 12:30,**  
Sidetrack Bar and Grill,  
56 East Cross St.,  
Ypsilanti

**Board Meeting,**  
**October 11,**  
at New Hope

**Book Club, October**  
**14, 3:00** at New Hope,  
Book is Flight of the Sparrow by Amy Belding Brown

**October 16, New Hope Fellowship Dinner,** Please bring a dish to pass. Entrée will be provided. Raffles and Prizes! Fun and festivities! Come celebrate New Hope with all of us!!

**Women of Hope,**  
**October 21** at Glazy Days in S. Lyon, we need ten people. Sign up with Corinne.

**Fall cleanup** after church on **October 24th.**



## Hospitality

Please consider signing up for hospitality. It really is easy, all you have to do is bring in a couple of snacks to share with your friends. There is a little clean up involved, but I will be right there to help you. I am very thankful to everyone who continues to help me out each week.

Corinne  
Hospitality Comm

10/03/21	Sue
10/10/21	Bonnie
10/17/21	Leftovers from Fellowship Dinner
10/24/21	Kathy and Dennis
10/31/21	Corinne



## Women of Hope

Hello Ladies

I am hosting our next Women of Hope meeting on Thursday October 21, 2021 at 6-8 pm at Glazy Dayz provided we have 10 people. Glazy Dayz is located at 22896 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. It is in a strip mall with plenty of parking. I will be bringing in pizza, dessert and bottles of water for us to enjoy a light dinner while we paint. I was promised she would have Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items for us to paint. Here's the catch she now closes at 6p.m and only stays open late for a group of ten. If you are interested in attending please let me know as soon as possible. If we are not a group of ten, I will make arrangements for an afternoon session. The owner also promised me that she will make the studio as safe as possible. Call me at 248-760-2444 to RSVP. Thank you  
Corinne



## Charity Poker



Poker dates are:

**Wednesday, Oct. 27**

to

**Saturday Oct. 30,**

at Five Star Lanes again.

See Dennis if you haven't signed up yet.

Thanks



## “What is love calling you to do?”

Side with Love is a public advocacy campaign that seeks to harness love's power to stop oppression. It is sponsored by the [Unitarian Universalist Association](#) and all are welcome to join.

[Sidewithlove.org](http://Sidewithlove.org)

