

# News of *Hope*



**New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

**October 2022** 57885 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI

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The Spirit of Autumn is in the air, and rustling through the leaves, and cooling off the earth under our feet. Once again, the change of seasons is upon us, whether we are ready for it or not!

At New Hope in October, we have another busy month planned. We begin with our Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, October 1. Thanks to Corinne and her planning helpers, it will be an evening filled with delicious food, fine fellowship and a fun raffle. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Corinne has chicken and rice and sweet potatoes ordered. We started this annual tradition with Rev. Suzanne Paul many years ago. I hope that everyone is planning on attending. Connie says she's getting a cake!

I also would like to recognize Sue Myers for the great job she did coordinating our August/September Social Justice Project for the Livingston County Animal Shelter. Besides collecting a carload full of food, toys, blankets, and necessities for the animals, New Hope members and friends donated over \$600 in cash. That will help pay for some vaccinations and medical emergencies. Thanks to everyone for helping the animals in our county. If you check out New Hope's Facebook page, you can see the photos.

Again we are working at Charity Poker Games from 10/19-22. Thanks to Dennis for his leadership in this important event that helps to keep New Hope solvent. If you haven't volunteered yet, please contact Dennis. Thanks to all, from all!



During the month of October, many at New Hope will be participating in various election activities around their towns and counties. We all understand that this is an important election coming up in November, one where we again have an opportunity to vote for the values which we hold dear.

Our October Sunday services will start with a celebration of coffee. After partying on Saturday night, a service highlighting "International Coffee Day" felt just right to me. I hope that you can join us as we explore the complicated history of coffee through the ages, while we are enjoying the pot brewed for us by Mike Kelleher.

Our second October service, will be "National Hispanic Heritage Month". Do you know that almost 20% of the people in the US are Hispanic, and that they come from dozens of different countries, each with their own individual customs and identities? We'll enjoy some of the music, stories, and history of these interesting and exciting peoples. Maybe we'll even dance....

On October 16, we will be discussing "Women's Suffrage And Why It Is Important Today." Even though women's right to vote is enshrined in the constitution, there are still many areas in which women are not treated equally. The Dobbs Decision by the Supreme Court, withdrawing the right to reproductive freedom, is just the tip of the iceberg. Come and join us as we discuss this very important and timely topic.

Our fourth October topic will be "Book Burning and Banning". Did you know that some of our Unitarian ancestors had their books burned hundreds of years ago? Do people who burn books really believe that it prevents the forbidden knowledge and ideas from sneaking out into the public? What banned books have you enjoyed?



Lastly our October 30 service will be called "Ghosts". It seems that we have Women of Hope members who are very interested in this topic and they have some experiences to share. It is the perfect topic for Halloween. I hope you can be there!!

## *Autumn Prayer*

Spirit of the Autumn, help us to live with the grace of falling leaves, with the enthusiasm of the flaming Aspens, with the serenity of the old trees, whose roots reach deep into the earth.

Spirit of the Autumn, help us to know that living and dying are one, that life is precious, and beautiful, and limited, that nothing good is ever lost.

Spirit of the Autumn, help us to see, in the ways of nature, a way for ourselves.

AMEN

by Christine C. Robinson

*Love,  
Kathy*

# Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for October 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](mailto:ksilver192@gmail.com) or Denise Harris, [jutta474@yahoo.com](mailto:jutta474@yahoo.com). Thank you and hope to see you soon!

## October Calendar



October 1, Fellowship Dinner at New Hope

Remember to sign up! CHARITY POKER, October 19-22

October 10, Board Meeting, 3 pm at New Hope.

October 11, Lunch Bunch, 12:30, La Marsa, Brighton

October 13, Book Club, 3 pm, at New Hope. The Horse Whisperer by Nicholas Evans. Shirley leads.

Women of Hope, October 27, 6:30 pm. Potluck



### SUNDAY, October 2, 10:30 AM - "Coffee Time"

Many of us enjoy a cup of coffee when we arrive at New Hope, and then again at coffee hour. We thank Mike K. for making our coffee for us on most Sunday mornings. On October 1, the world celebrated International Coffee Day, so today we're going to celebrate! Coffee for all!

### SUNDAY, October 9, 10:30 AM - "National Hispanic Heritage Month"

Join us this morning as we honor this important month long event in the U.S. There will be music, maybe dancing, stories and history. Almost twenty percent of our US population is Hispanic. Come and learn with us!

### SUNDAY, October 16, 10:30 AM - "Women's Suffrage And Why It Is Important Today"

Over one hundred years ago, women's right to vote was enshrined in our constitution. Yet today, the rights of women are again being trampled and denied. What is going on here? How do we ensure that all women are protected as citizens and as voters? What do you think?



### SUNDAY, October 23, 10:30 AM - "Book Burning and Banning"

Why has some knowledge become so dangerous that books about it are being removed from library shelves? Who gets to decide what we are able to read? How can this be a problem in 21<sup>st</sup> century America? What does history teach us about this? So many questions for inquiring minds!



### SUNDAY, October 30, 10:30 AM - "BOO!!!"

During this Halloween Sunday, let's talk about ghosts. Do you believe in ghosts? Have you ever felt or heard or seen one? Are they scary or friendly, benign or fierce? Bring your stories and share your ideas. It's a fun holiday time! We'll have a lighthearted service to celebrate. Hope you can join us!

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 with cleansers, soaps and paper products, Thank you!

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

## Hospitality for October

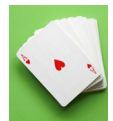
10/02/22 Leftovers from the Dinner  
10/09/22 Sue  
10/16/22 Kathy and Dennis  
10/23/22 Patricia  
10/30/22 Corinne



## Charity Poker

The next poker event dates are Oct. 19 - 22

Please sign up. Thank you!



## Greeters

Oct. 2 Sue & Candace  
Oct. 9 Sue  
Oct. 16 ??? Your Name Here!!  
Oct. 23 Patricia  
Oct. 30 Corrine & Mike

The calendar for November and beyond is wide open for greeters. Email me @ [kzaenger@comcast.net](mailto:kzaenger@comcast.net) to sign up or use the sign-up sheet on the hospitality table.

