

News of *Hope*



New Hope, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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September, to me, feels like a changeling month. It starts out warm and summery and ends with the evenings autumnal and darker. It is the month of remembering summers past, both bitter and sweet, the pain and confusion of the World Trade Center bombings and the wonderful holiday times to come. In many churches, it is the beginning of the new church year. Of course, school starts up again and the flowers all begin to fade. September is a time of sweet change, a time to think about the rest of the year that is on its way.

At New Hope this September, we will start the month by taking a Sunday off to celebrate Labor Day. Then on September 11, we will honor the work that people do. Labor Day is an important holiday that seems to be missing its meaning lately. Why do we celebrate this day? What is the history behind it? As Unitarian Universalists, why do we care? Everyone works. What work do you do?

Our second September service, on the 18th, will be "Lost and Found". Throughout our lives, we all suffer loss and we all gain anew. Life is a cycle that keeps repeating through the years and the generations. Though sometimes we yearn for things to stay the same, that never happens for very long. What are some ways that can help us to cope with this constant change? What does your life experience tell you?

And on the last Sunday of the month, we will welcome autumn into New Hope. How do you feel about autumn and what is sure to follow? What do the ancients teach us about the changing seasons? Fall reminds us of the power and the beauty of Mother Nature. Let's honor her on this day!

*"There comes a day each
September when you wake up
and know the summer is over
and fall has arrived.
The slant of the sun looks
different and something is in
the air--a coolness,
a hint of frosty mornings
to follow."*

(The words of Ann Rinaldi)



Everyone at New Hope needs to give a big shout out to Dennis Strasser for all of his work on our Charity Poker fundraisers. Without Dennis, only the goddess knows what we would be doing to try and raise money to keep the lights and heat on. Every few months Dennis arranges for us to participate in this fundraiser, which keeps our church financially fit. Any church member who has worked on rummage sales, and bake sales, and auctions, and collecting donations, can appreciate the rewards of Charity Poker. Almost everyone at New Hope participates in this endeavor. We all benefit from it because we know that our bills will be paid, and we have enough in the bank to deal with an emergency. Mike Kelleher also plays an important role in this work because he makes sure the paperwork is taken care of and provides the starting cash.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WORKS CHARITY POKER, AND AN ESPECIALLY BIG THANK YOU TO DENNIS AND MIKE FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN!

We also want to give love and thanks to Bonnie and Mike Campbell for all their volunteer efforts at our little church. Shortly they will be moving to Chicago to be closer to kids and grandkids. We will miss them both mightily, but we are so grateful to have known them. We wish them "Good luck" in their new home. Please stay in touch with us! (I have been instructed not to make a big deal out of this, so we are playing it cool...)

As we begin this fall, there is much important work that we are called to do to help with elections and to protect our democracy and our freedoms. As time goes on, we will be discussing these vital topics, and learning all we can about supporting our values and our principles. I am hoping that later this fall we can look back on our efforts with satisfaction for a job well done.

I am wishing blessings and good health for you all!
Remember to stay safe and be happy!

*Love,
Kathy*

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for September 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!

SUNDAY, September 4, No Service, Holiday Weekend

SUNDAY, September 11, 10:30 AM – “Good Honest Work”

Last weekend, our country celebrated Labor Day.

Why? What is the history of Labor Day and what does it mean to labor today? We all work at something: a job, a hobby, volunteering, housework, childcare, gardening, learning.... What does work have to do with religion? What is your labor of love? Bring a labor story if you have one.



SUNDAY, September 18, 10:30 AM – “Lost And Found”

As sentient beings, we are aware that new people and critters are always coming into, and then leaving our lives. Some stay for very long periods of time and we enjoy continuing relationships. Some come for a short time and then vanish, we know not where. It is part of our human condition, sometimes bringing pain, sometimes – relief. How do we cope with the constant change?



SUNDAY, September 25, 10:30 AM - “And So The Seasons Change, Again”

This week, it officially became autumn. Some of us love the fall because of the beauty and coolness. Others of us dread the announcement because it means winter is on the way. How do you feel about the autumn? Join us as we welcome fall and celebrate Mother Nature.



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.

September Calendar

Book Club, **9/13/22**, at New Hope. The book is The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides, 3 pm.

Animal Donations collected until **Sept. 11**

Board meeting on **9/12** at 3 pm, New Hope

Lunch Bunch at Coratti's Pizzeria Bar (316 E. Grand River Ave., Howell) on **9/14** at 12:30

Women of Hope, **9/15**, details coming later

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!

Our August/September Justice Project is helping the animals at the Livingston County Animal Shelter. You can contribute needed items or money. Information is in the entry at New Hope. The animals thank you!!

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 September

09/04/2022 No Service
09/11/2022 Corinne
09/18/2022 Diann
09/25/2022 Denise



Charity Poker Events 2022



Here are the next poker event dates. There are Wednesday through Saturday as in the past. Oct. 19 – 22

Please sign up. Thank you!

Greeters

Sept. 11 Corrine & Mike K
Sept. 18 Diann
Sept. 25 ??? Your Name Here!!



The calendar for October 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.

Save the Date: October 1st
Fall Fellowship
Potluck Dinner

