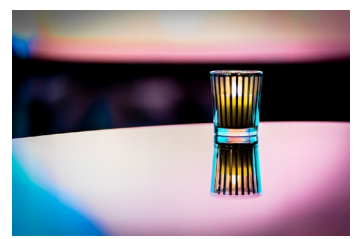


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“You just do it. You force yourself to get up. You force yourself to put one foot before the other and you refuse to let it get to you. You fight. You cry. Then you go about the business of living. That’s how I’ve done it. There’s no other way.”

-Elizabeth Taylor

With the coming of autumn and then the isolation of winter, September seems like a good time to look at some of the things that cause us angst, things we have little control over. Our theme for the month will be dealing with uncertainty. Each week this month, we will talk about the things that happen every day, which make our lives difficult. What can we do to help ourselves and each other deal with our feelings?

After taking the Labor Day Holiday weekend off, we’ll come back to New Hope rested and refreshed, both of which are helpful in dealing with challenges. On **September 10**, our service is titled “**Light A Candle**”. We will have a story from HP Rivers about the healing power of lighting candles. At New Hope we light candles of Joy and Sorrow each Sunday. How many of us light candles in our homes? I hope that everyone will share a story.

Our second service on **September 17** will be “**Breathe In, Breathe Out**”. It has been a while since we have had a service focused on meditation practices. They are often a pleasing way to learn methods of relaxing and finding peace. Wear your comfortable clothes and shoes and be prepared to breathe in and breathe out together.

On **September 24**, our service title is “**Forgive**”, which we all know is easier said than done. I have spent some time trying to think about exactly what it means to forgive, especially since it is so hard to forget. Can you forgive? How do you manage it? Let’s share our ideas. Group wisdom is often a place to find answers and acceptance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEW HOPERS on a very successful charity poker season! Because we manage to work together to keep our church solvent, we can rest assured that New Hope will prosper and be a light of help and hope in our community.

I am worried that some of our neighbors might be in for a difficult time. The extra support that people received during the pandemic is now being phased out. Some folks are losing their health insurance and other benefits that got them through Covid. Our BLESSING BOX and peanut butter collection may become more important than ever as the weather cools.



Our **Social Justice Project for September** is to continue to help the **Livingston County Animal Shelter**. There is a long list of needed items for cats, dogs and office supplies. Just about anything you can imagine is there. Every year, this shelter is very grateful for the donations, which New Hope makes. Unlike some of the other animal shelters around the area, this one is not so well funded. Thank you for the good work that you do for the animals!

I am writing this in the middle of August before my vacation trip and there may be some changes before September really happens.

As the days grow shorter and the heat begins to wane, I think that we all grow a little more introspective as we prepare for winter. May we enjoy the last days of summer and look forward to the beauty of our Michigan Autumn.

Stay safe and be well!

Love, Kathy

Sunday Celebration of Life Schedule for September 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!

SUNDAY, September 3, No Service - Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend!



SUNDAY, September 10, 10:30 AM – “Light A Candle”

What can we do when the world causes pain to those we love? Saint Francis of Assisi said “A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.” What works for you? How do you help yourself to feel better during difficult times? Please join us and share your stories.

SUNDAY, September 17, 10:30 AM - “Breathe In, Breathe Out”

We haven’t had a meditation service for a long time. Please join us as we experience some practices, which are designed to calm our minds and relax our bodies. Do you have a favorite meditative activity? We hope that you’ll share it with all of us.



SUNDAY, September 24, 10:30 AM - “Forgive”

Have you ever been ghosted or disowned by a friend or relative? Has someone you trusted betrayed you? It is easy to say forgive, but it is much harder to do it, and much harder still, to deal with the pain of remembering. We can forgive, but we can’t forget. What does it mean to forgive? How do you do it? Do you have any suggestions?

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 bring Peanut Butter and Jelly for Active Faith

THANKS TO ALL CHARITY POKER WORKERS!!!

Greeters

Below is the list of Greeters for September. Lots of openings to share your smiles! The calendar for all dates in October and beyond are wide open for greeters. Please sign up if you are available. Email: kzaenger@comcast.net to sign up or use the sign-up sheet on the hospitality table.

- 09/03/23 - Labor Day Holiday - no church
- 09/10/23 - Connie
- 09/17/23 -
- 09/24/23 -

September



- 3, no Church service, Labor Day Holiday weekend

- 7, Lunch Bunch, 12:30, Draught Horse Brewery, two doors down from church

- 11, Board Meeting, 3 pm, New Hope

- 14, Book Club, 3 pm at new Hope *The Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis

- 21, Women of Hope, 6:30 pizza dinner

- 23, FELLOWSHIP DINNER, Sign up with Corinne don't miss it!

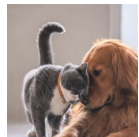


Charity Poker 2024

April 17 to 20

June 5 to 8

August 21 to 24



SERVICE PROJECT for September Livingston County Animal Shelter

The animals and the workers are very grateful for the donations we provide. *Thanks for supporting them!*

