

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

February 7, 2021

New Hope Parish Covid-19 Update - REVISED

ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP CANCELLED UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE

New Hope Parish Council voted to recommend in-person worship stop at Osawatomie and Miami and has since decided to stop in-person worship at Paola.

- Parish live streamed worship is available each Sunday at 11AM online by following the link on the Parish web site at www.nhparish.org.
- Parish service recording is available at any time on the Parish YouTube channel.
- If anyone is unable to watch the live stream or recorded service online a DVD or CD can be made available upon request.
- The New Hope Parish Council will meet again in February to review the pandemic situation and decide next steps.

These are indeed challenging times as more and more of us know people who have been touched by Covid-19, some even losing loved ones. We must do our part to make sure this pandemic is kept at bay. We will, with God's help make it through this, and when we are able to again fellowship, are we going to fellowship! Until then, please stay safe and let your parish council, your session or Pastor Paul know if you've any comments, questions, needs or concerns.

Weekly Thoughts

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Hope and pray you all are doing well and are staying safe and sane during these strange times.

It is hard to believe that it was a little over a year when the first confirmed cases of Covid-19 were identified in the United States. Since then, our nation has seen over 25 million cases and nearly 440,000 deaths. Those are, without a doubt, grim statistics. And when we realize the statistics and the need to keep, not only ourselves safe, but also those around us safe, we may find ourselves fighting depression, anxiety, and feeling alone. It has been a challenge for so many, regardless of if you are alone, in a house full of others or somewhere in between, to try to make a new normal for each day, while eagerly waiting for the end of the pandemic.

If you are one of these who finds yourself struggling, although I realize it is of little help, please know that you are not alone. Here's where it gets tough though, especially as Christians, little Christs. This is when we must remember whom we serve and who dwells in our heart, and in whom we dwell, Jesus. This is when we must remember that we have everything that we need to help us through any trials and tribulations. We need but pick ourselves up and ask for said help. Remember the story in Matthew chapter 2 when Jesus heals the paralyzed man, "Jesus knew right away what they were thinking, and said, "Why are you so skeptical? Which is simpler: to say to the paraplegic, 'I forgive your sins,' or say, 'Get up, take your stretcher, and start walking'? Well, just so it's clear that I'm the Son of Man and authorized to do either, or both . . ." (he looked now at the paraplegic), "Get up. Pick up your stretcher and go home." And

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the man did it—got up, grabbed his stretcher, and walked out, with everyone there watching him.” (MSG) Just as he told the paralyzed man to “get up”, Jesus tells us to “get up”. He gives us everything we need to move forward, it’s up to us though to actually “get up”.

If we find ourselves only more depressed or frustrated with our situation, don’t give up or give in. As the saying goes, “When life pushes you to your knees, you’re in the perfect position to pray.” We can’t blame others if we are unwilling to pick ourselves up and use the tools and gifts God has given us in prayer, scripture, our church families and in the Holy Spirit, just to name a few. This doesn’t mean that we necessarily “get up, pick up our stretcher and go”. What it might mean though is that we simply use these tools and reach out to those who are so willing and wanting to reach back.

It reminds me of my aunt who lived in Southern Oregon when I was living in Northern Oregon. I went to see her as often as my work schedule and budget would allow. Yet she still complained that I didn’t go see her enough. I assured her that I would visit, as always, when I was able, but she continued to lament. I then found out that her and my uncle visited one of my uncle’s relatives in Southwest Washington. In other words, they had to travel right through the community where I lived to and from their destination but did not even stop by to say hello. That’s when I realized that the guilt I was feeling for not seeing my aunt more often was misplaced; that my aunt had some responsibility for coming to see me once in a while too. I’m sure we’ve all had someone complain about us not calling more often. That’s when we need to, in the gentlest of ways, remind them that most phones can make calls just as well as receive them. And when we do communicate with each other, it must not be out of spite or anger. Instead, it must be out of God’s agape love. This is when we can begin to find the true healing strength and power of the Holy Trinity. Remember, we are here for each other. If you haven’t heard from someone that you want to hear from, say a prayer, put on a smile, take a deep breath, pray again, make sure the smile is still there, then reach out to the someone with the love, grace and mercy that is of God. You’ll be amazed what happens when you allow God to work in your life.

As I’ve said before, we are one day closer to worshipping and fellowshiping again the way we want. We need to continue to reach out, not only to God, but we also need to continue to reach out to each other. If you’d like a call from me, I may need a nudge. So please, in the kindest of ways, drop me a note and let me know. Please know that you each are always in my heart, thoughts and prayers. Please know too that I continue to thank God every day for each of you and for the God given love and gifts that each of you bring to our church family and to God’s creation. The world is truly a better place because of each of you.

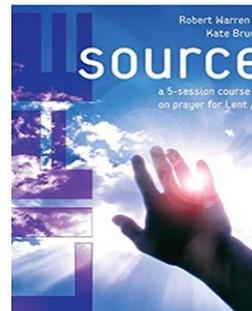
Be safe, love and serve the Lord and always, give God thanks.

Blessings and peace,

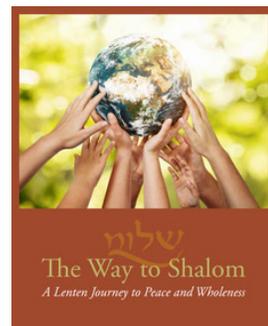
Pastor Paul

Announcements

- There is a Lenten daily devotional from the Presbyterian Today Magazine that you can find on the nhparish.org website:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/>. If you cannot download the link and you want a hard copy, please contact one of the church offices.



- Join us for a bible study every Sunday during Lent at 4:00 pm via Zoom. If you would like to order the book, please follow the link below or contact your church office. The cost is \$12.99.
https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/071514748X/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o01_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1



- Zoom Fellowship and Worship Meetings Are Back on Sunday at 1:00 PM. Please follow the Zoom instructions.
- THE PAOLA THRIFT SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. It is the hope of the Presbyterian Women to keep everyone safe during this time.
- If you have anything to add to the weekly newsletter/announcement, please have your information to the Paola or Osawatomie office by noon on Tuesday.
- If you or someone you know is unable to watch the worship service online or participate in online fellowship, please contact your church office for other ways to participate in worship. (DVD, VHS, CD, Cassette Tape, etc....)
- To watch the live 11:00 am Service on Sunday and previously recorded services go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDDMsp1jmJj8LCRA8pc1SrQ>
- NHP Kids TV** is available at www.nhparish.org and click on **Kids TV** link.
- The Food Pantry in Osawatomie** is open on Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30. They are opening the Food Pantry up to Louisburg and Paola during this COVID-19 pandemic.
- PACA:** All food is welcomed during this unprecedented time. Macaroni and cheese is especially needed, complete pancake mix and also the 5.5 oz complete pancake mix packages, pancake syrup, jelly, cereal, cookie bag mix. Or a check can made out to PACA Food Pantry and sent to the FPC church office.

Communion This Sunday, February 7th
Prepare ahead to partake in The Lord's Supper





February

2/1 Mike Matney
2/1 Bonnie Wallace
2/3 Scott Macom
2/6 William Coffelt
2/10 Grady Adwater
2/11 John Klahr
2/20 Elizabeth Davidson
2/24 Dee Anne Mendel

February

No February Anniversaries Listed

New Hope Parish Calendar

All meetings are on Zoom

February 10-Osawatomie Session Meeting – 7:00 pm

February 11-NHP Council Meeting-7:00 pm

February 17-Paola Session Meeting – 7:00 pm

February 24-New Hope Parish Fellowship/Outreach – 7:00 pm

February 25-New Hope Parish Care Team Meeting – 2:00 pm

New Hope Parish Prayer Requests and Praises

Parish Prayer Requests

Bonnie Wallace for healing
Harold Barnett (healing and strength) and Colleen
Char Bergene for healing
Helen Carter (released from hospital at home) and her family
Mike Cox (Diana Cox's husband and Angie Pennock's stepfather)
LuAnne Debrick for healing
Grace Donham for healing
Venie Elliott (healing and discernment)
Jack Floyd (healing and discernment)
Evelyn Gabbert (healing from surgery and broken hip)
Beulah Johnson (healing and comfort)
Paisley Keith Medlen (blood disorder) (Ed & Vida Hurlbut's great granddaughter)
Kelley Wallace, prayers for healing
Liz Redd (healing)
Marsha Ratkovic (Pat Barnett's sister) breast cancer metastasized
Phyllis Stevens (healing)
Verla Thomas (healing)

New Hope Parish Prayer Requests (continued)

Betty Ventura (healing)

Suzie Wilcox (ALS)

Paula Weir (for healing) and Bob Weir (comfort and discernment)

Community Prayer Requests

Connie Attebery, friend of Bonnie Wallace

Sharon Davey (health issues) (Grady Atwater)

Roxanne Egidy – Brain injury, Marylu Egidy's niece

Joe Fickel prayers for comfort

Ron and Sandy Galvin prayers for healing and discernment

Judy Henderson (Sarah Kennington's(HeadStart)-mother

Cindy Hickey – breast cancer

Riley McDougal (son of Marty McDougal) (healing and comfort)

Debbie, friend of Dee Anne Mendel

Donna Penner and her family (under Hospice care-comfort and peace)

Robert Sawin -Cancer – Judy Windler's father

Shelly, friend of Max and Carolyn Servais, has cancer

Rebecca Sutton (cancer)

Cheryl Tunks(cancer and heart problems) (Cinda Atwater's aunt)

Lori Martin (Comfort, healing and discernment)

Kim Walker (Comfort, healing and discernment)

Military

Chet Barnett (grandson of the Barnett's)

Men and women who are now serving or have served in the past.

COVID-19

All those affected by this virus, including all healthcare workers, first responders, and scientists.

Evelyn Gabbert (positive)

Condolences

Family and friends of Don Meinig

Family and friends of Kenny Darner (Lawrence Dickinson's uncle)

Family and friends of Dave Robinson(husband of Rev. Norlita Kaul)

Heartland Presbytery

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS

Arabic Fellowship, Overland Park, KS—New Worshipping Community

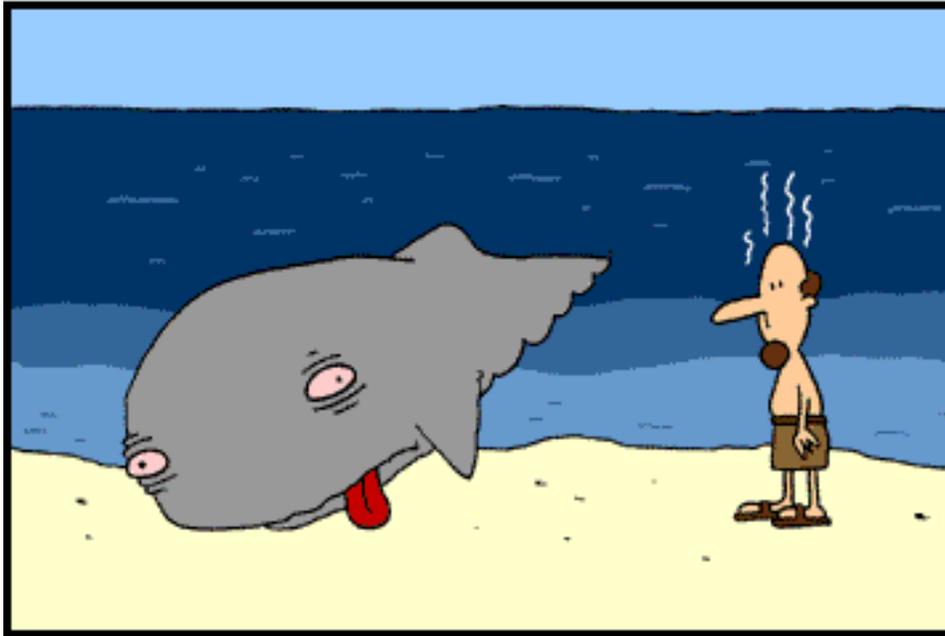
Heartland Presbytery (continued)

Centerfield—New Worshipping Community

Iglesia Monte de los Olivos, Almolonga (MQP)

Throughout God's Creation

Those affected by the wildfires in the US and throughout the world. The devastation from all the current hurricanes, and those affected by Global Warming.



Thanks to Dave Andres (See Jonah 1-4) 01-27-1995

JONAH REALIZED TWO THINGS THAT DAY
... YOU CAN'T ESCAPE GOD'S WILL AND
THAT IF HE HAD SHOWERED LAST WEEK HE
MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN THE WHALE FOR A
WHILE LONGER

To Join Any Parish Zoom Event With Your Computer or Phone

To Join any of the Parish Zooms from your **phone**, please do the following just before the event:

1. Call the phone number: **1-888-537-8719**
2. Enter the following information when asked:
 - Meeting ID: 929 140 2896
 - Password: 344110
3. Enjoy praising God and fellowshiping with your sisters and brothers!

Join our live Zoom Fellowship using your computer, smart phone, tablet, or a good old-fashioned landline. These are great ways to stay in touch. So, drop in and say hi!

Looking forward to seeing you. Join the Zoom Fellowship Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9291402896?pwd=ejY1TGs5U1pkWE5EdFRyTy9hT1J4Zz09>

OR

go to <https://nhparish.org/index.php/calender/>, find the appropriate date and click on New Hope Parish Sunday Live Worship & Fellowship, you will see the link. Or, use the instructions above to join from your phone. Fellowship using Zoom – **Sundays at 1:00 PM**. Catch up with everyone at our Parish Fellowships