

# New Hope Parish Weekly Update

February 14, 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 11M online by following the link on the Parish web site at [www.nhparish.org](http://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 and that you've been able to recover from the devastating loss for the Chiefs in the Super Bowl. After a few days, it seems most of us have moved on and are looking forward to next season.

There's a lesson in that for our daily life isn't there? No matter how frustrated we may feel about what's going on around us, no matter how disappointed we might be that things haven't gone better, if we hold on to the disappointment and regret it acts as an anchor and keeps us from moving forward. If we can't move forward, we can't be ready for the next game let alone the next season. It's been nice to see how so many, even the Chiefs, have decided to not harp on the heartbreaking Super Bowl game, but to instead learn from it and move on. This is so often easier said than done, but it is something that we must do.

Remember the words from Lamentations, chapter 3, "I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed. I remember it all—oh, how well I remember— the feeling of hitting the bottom. But there's one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope: God's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness! I'm sticking with God (I say it over and over). He's all I've got left. God proves to be good to the man who passionately waits, to the woman who diligently seeks. It's a good thing to quietly hope, quietly hope for help from God. It's a

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good thing when you're young to stick it out through the hard times. When life is heavy and hard to take, go off by yourself. Enter the silence. Bow in prayer. Don't ask questions: Wait for hope to appear. Don't run from trouble. Take it full-face. The "worst" is never the worst. Why? Because the Master won't ever walk out and fail to return. If he works severely, he also works tenderly. His stockpiles of loyal love are immense. He takes no pleasure in making life hard, in throwing roadblocks in the way: stomping down hard on luckless prisoners, refusing justice to victims in the court of High God, tampering with evidence—the Master does not approve of such things." (MSG) I really can't add too much to that except some words from the Apostle Paul from Romans 8: 38-39, "So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture: They kill us in cold blood because they hate you. We're sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one. None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us." (MSG)

Siblings in Christ, no matter how bad the score of the game is when the game is over, if we are on God's team, we are on the winning team. Yes, bad things are going to happen, and we may lose the game, we may have to be doing church virtually instead of in-person, we may be fellowshiping from a distance instead of in the same room, we may have times when we just want to scream at God, "WHY?". Not that it is all okay, but it is alright. Just remember that God is in our corner and has our back.

As I've said before, we are one day closer to worshiping and fellowshiping again the way we want. We need to continue to reach out, not only to God, we 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.

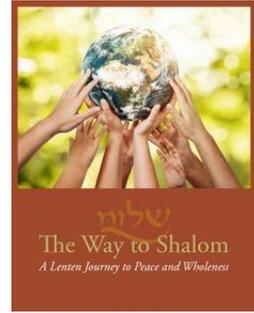
Be safe, love and serve the Lord and always, give God thanks.

Blessings and peace,

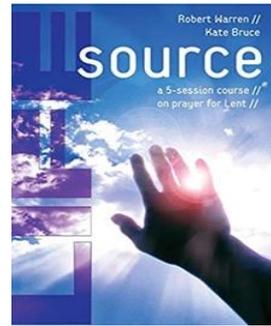
Pastor Paul

## Announcements

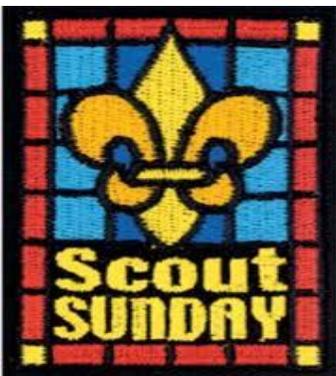
- There is a Lenten daily devotional from the Presbyterian Today Magazine that you can find on the nhparish.org website:  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/>. If you cannot download the link and you want a hard copy, please contact one of the church offices.



- 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](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](http://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.



**THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>,  
IS SCOUT SUNDAY.**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SCOUT TROOP 100  
AND SCOUT TROOP 106 FOR THEIR  
PARTICIPATION**



## **February**

**2/1 Mike Matney**  
**2/1 Bonnie Wallace**  
**2/3 Scott Macom**  
**2/6 William Coffelt**  
**2/10 Grady Atwater**  
**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 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**

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)  
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 Retired Sheriff Dan Morgan

## **Heartland Presbytery**

Knox Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS  
Neema Community Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS

From Robert Eaddy: Please pray for friends and family of his mentor/"ministry father," Rev. Dr. A. Addison Cash, who passed on January 27 at the age of 96, from COVID-19. He asks prayers for traveling mercies, and for the Cash family and friends, specifically for Rev. Dr. Cash's wife, Ruth. Rev. Dr. Cash is a retired minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. If you want to reach out to Robert directly, his cell number is 803.743.8506.

## **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.

## **Praise**

Mike Matney has a new job.

## 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

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FOUND A COUPLE THAT WORK FOR ME**