

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

February 21, 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.
- 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 challenging times.

Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday this year. Ash Wednesday, under non-Covid-19 years, normally begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession. Although this year it will not be a public act of confession, we must still acknowledge that we have all sinned and have fallen short of God's glory, and that we must repent and return to our loving creator. Acutely aware of our failure and frailty, we express our utter reliance on God's saving grace.

According to the Book of Common Worship, "Ash Wednesday developed in the medieval period as a time when penitent sinners were presented for church discipline during the season of Lent, to be reconciled with the community of faith on Maundy Thursday. Ash Wednesday also came to be the occasion for new believers to enroll in the catechumenate, a period of preparation for baptism at Easter. For those who undertake spiritual disciplines, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten fast. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance, sorrow, and sacrifice." (p 247)

The Book of Common Worship also tells us that "'Lent' comes from an old English word for springtime, perhaps connected with the lengthening of days in this time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith— through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. Reconciliation is a key theme in the season of Lent—reconciliation with God and with one another through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Weekly Thoughts (Continued)

Lent is a period of forty days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call of repentance to Nineveh, and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection.” (p 233)

As we begin our journey through the season of Lent, I invite you to find a spiritual discipline to help you grow your faith. Many people give up something that, although it may seem important, is something that can be lived without. For example, chocolate or coffee. Some have also tried to add things to their lives that help them to better live out the life God has called us to live. For example, make sure to say something positive every 30 minutes. The trick with either taking away or adding to your daily living, whenever you feel challenged to not follow through with the discipline, turn your focus back to God and ask for the strength to see things through. If you do this, if you truly keep your focus on God, you will not only make it through Lent stronger, but you will also make it through Lent with a deeper relationship with the Holy Trinity. This trains us to look to God instead of our human wants when we are faced with trials and tribulations in our daily living.

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, 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

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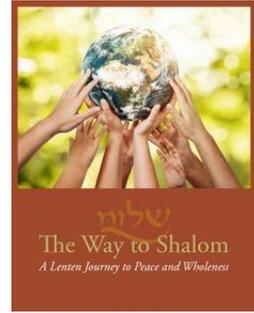
Thanks to Mark Stevens (See Genesis 6-8)

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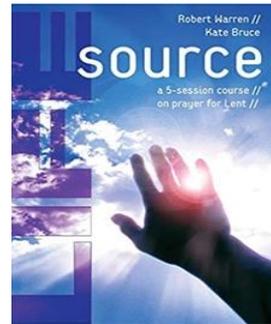
HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM

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.



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 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
- 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)
- Connie Attebery, friend of Bonnie Wallace
- Sharon Davey (health issues) (Grady Atwater)

Community Prayer Requests

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 Dave Fette
Family and friends of Retired Sheriff Dan Morgan

Heartland Presbytery

Overland Park Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS
Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS
Iglesia Filadelfia, La Esperanza (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.

Praise

Mike Matney has a new job.
Helen Carter is recuperating from her hospital stay and doing very well. She thanks everyone for the thoughts, prayers, and cards.

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