

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

March 10, 2021

New Hope Parish Covid-19 Update - REVISED

ALL PARISH CHURCHES ARE BACK IN-PERSON

Masks are required at each church along with social distancing.

- We are practicing contact tracing at each church.
- If you'd rather worship from home, 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 recordings are 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.
- Should the situation dictate, we may need to go back to non-in-person worship with little notice.
- The New Hope Parish Council will continue to review the pandemic situation and let you know of any changes.

Weekly Thoughts from Pastor Paul

Dear Siblings in Christ,

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

So, how's your Lent going? If it's anything like mine, you're doing good just to keep going every day. It would seem we've already given up so much of our past year because of Covid-19, that it is that much more difficult to give up one more thing, even if it is for a truly good cause like Lent when giving up things are supposed to strengthen and deepen our relationship with God. Given the challenges of the past year, it is okay to if you haven't applied a Lenten discipline. Now, I don't say this lightly, because I do feel that too often, we shrug off spiritual disciplines in leu of more secular pursuits. The problem we can run into though is by adding guilt to our already full lives. So, not only do we not have the personal gains that come with a spiritual discipline, but the added strain of our guilt could also pull us further away from God. This is when we must remember that God has more than enough grace available to us. We just need to hand God what is pulling us down and accept the hand that God is extending to us to help pull us back onto our feet.

Weekly Thoughts (Continued)

Remember the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Timothy 1:9, "God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began." And then in Ephesians 2:7-10, "Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing." Siblings in Christ, we all have fallen short of what and how God needs and wants us to live. But that is exactly what we are to remember while traveling through this, and any Lenten season. Again, I point to the Apostle Paul, this time in Romans 3:22-24, "22 God's righteousness comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who have faith in him. There's no distinction. 23 All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, 24 but all are treated as righteous freely by his grace because of a ransom that was paid by Christ Jesus." (CEB) Siblings in Christ, give that guilt to God and receive God's grace. That grace that is freely given and given with the greatest love there is, the agape love of God.

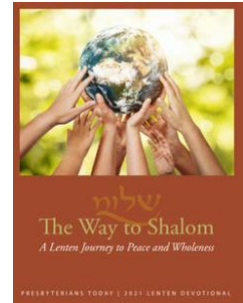
As I've said before, we are one day closer to fellowshipping again the way we want. We need to continue to reach out, not only to God, but we also need to continue to reach out to each other. If you'd like a call from me, I may need a nudge. So please, in the kindest of ways, drop me a note and let me 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, and in all things, give God thanks.

Blessings and peace, Pastor Paul

- † 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.



Announcements

- † Want to see everyone without their face masks on? Well, join us for Zoom Fellowship every Sunday at 1:00 PM. Please follow the Zoom instructions.
- † **THE PAOLA THRIFT SHOP**: will open Saturday, March 13th for sales 9:00 am-noon; for donations 9:00 am – Noon on Saturdays and Thursdays .
- † 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/UCDDMsp1jmJi8LCRA8pc1SrQ>
- † **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.





March

- 3/3 Berlynn Pennock
- 3/4 Jim Mendel
- 3/7 Don Wilbur
- 3/11 Devin Allison
- 3/11 Tommy Stull
- 3/12 Alan Haag
- 3/17 Pat Barnett
- 3/27 Karolyn Robins

March

No Anniversaries listed for March

New Hope Parish Calendar

All meetings are on Zoom

March 13 – Paola’s Thrift Store Reopens – 9AM

March 13 – Heartland Presbytery Meeting – 9AM

March 17 – Paola Session – 7PM

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

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

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

New Hope Parish Prayer Requests and Praises

Parish Prayer Requests

Jim Applegarth (healing)
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
Faith Dellinger (Suzie McIntire's nephew's wife) Hospice
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
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)
Laurie Strand (Dee Mendel niece) cancer
The family of John Collins (Dee Mendel friend) - he passed away Tuesday

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.

Condolences

Family and friends of Elaine Fry

Heartland Presbytery

Parkville Presbyterian Church, Parkville, MO
Southminster Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS

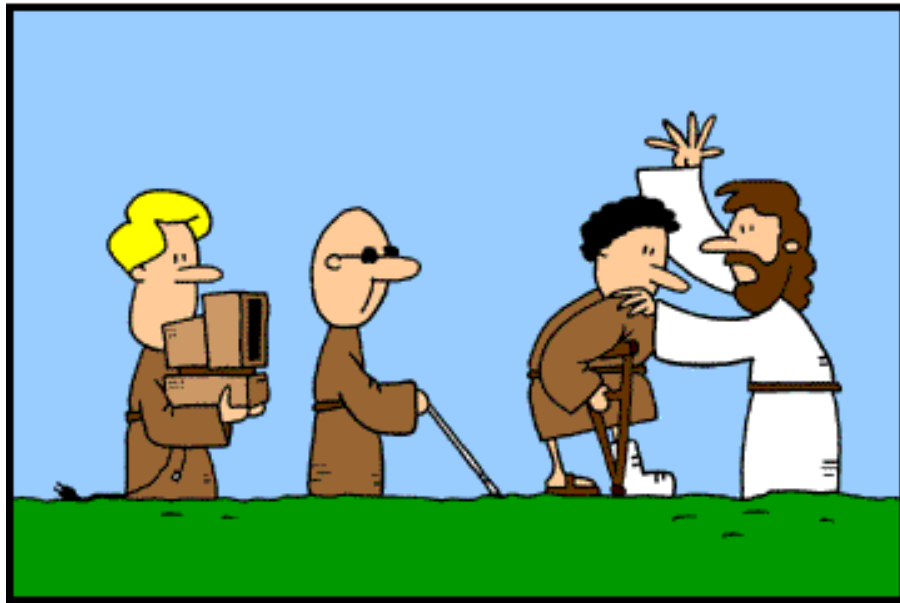
Throughout God's Creation

Those struggling for justice and equality. Those suffering from oppression and violence. Those who are forced to flee their homes, risking life and limb for the hope of a better life. God's creation as it seeks to survive mankind's exploitation and global climate change.

Praise

That more individuals are being vaccinated for COVID.

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From the New Hope Parish Fellowship & Outreach Team

The New Hope Parish Fellowship & Outreach Team is working to help individuals who are homeless or in need by providing a “Care Package” that can easily be transported that meets the basic needs of individuals who are homeless or in need. Individuals who are homeless often carry all that they own, so the care packages must be compact and lightweight to ensure that the care package is of practical value for individuals who are homeless. The care packages will be distributed to individuals who are homeless at My Father’s House, the Osawatomie Public Library, and other charitable organizations in Miami County.

The New Hope Parish Fellowship & Outreach Team desires the following items for the care packages. Please donate as many of the items that you wish by bringing them to a New Hope Parish Church.

| Care Package for Men | Care Package for Women |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small reusable water bottle • A small tube of toothpaste • Toothbrush • A small bottle of shampoo • A pocket comb • A bar of soap • A washrag • A small container of deodorant • A disposable razor • Shaving cream. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small reusable water bottle • A small tube of toothpaste • Toothbrush. • A small bottle of shampoo • A brush and comb • A bar of soap • A washrag • A small container of deodorant • A disposable razor |



February 17–April 4, 2020

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- ✦ Through your congregation
- ✦ Donate by credit card online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
- ✦ Text OGHs to 20222 to give \$10

-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

Text SHARING to 56512 to learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, or visit pcusa.org/oghs.



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One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special offerings. The four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a congregational church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ’s love for the whole church.

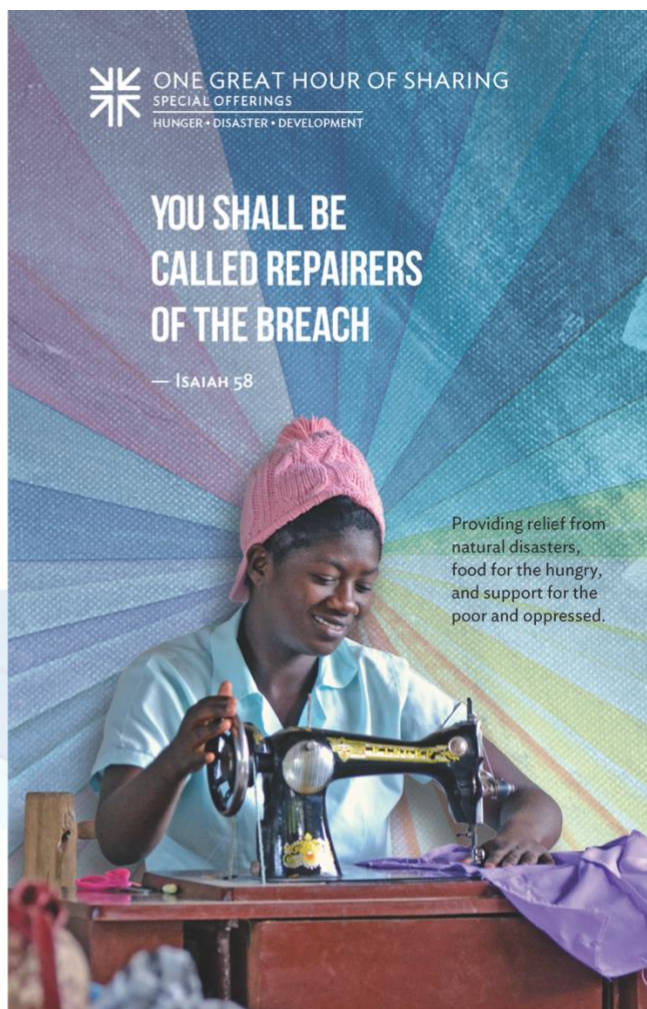
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YOU SHALL BE
CALLED REPAIRERS
OF THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

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SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time

