

# New Hope Parish Weekly Update

March 28, 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](http://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.

Well, we're finally in the home stretch for the Lenten Season. This Sunday we celebrate Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem to people waving and laying down palm fronds and cloaks in Jesus' path as they shout Hosannas which actually is an acclamation that translates as 'save us'. It's difficult to believe that in less than a week their shouts would turn from Hosanna to σταύρωσον which translates to crucify him. If you heard the sermon last week on the fifth Sunday of Lent, you heard that, although Jesus knew what he was about to endure and why, he understandably was filled with anxiety. He knew though that what he was about to endure needed to happen and he was able put his anxiety aside and focus on God's agape love.

Praise be to God that the anxieties many of us face are nowhere near as big as those faced by Jesus.

Granted, our problems may seem big to us, but in the relative scheme of things, they are usually not that big, and in that, although we may lament, we also need to rejoice. We need to rejoice in the comfort

## **Weekly Thoughts (Continued)**

that things are not as bad as they may seem and that we serve a God who loves and cares for us deeply. It is easy to forget this, but it is so important that we do what we can to remember. When we're feeling anxiety or overwhelmed, it's easy for others or even ourselves to say, "Just pull yourself up by the bootstraps and get over it!" The problem is that is the Band-Aid approach to something that needs more than first aid. We need something that goes much deeper and gets to the core of who we are and what's truly important in life. I think that important something is life itself. It is the life that we share, not only with our loved ones, but the life we share with all of creation, God's creation. Life is so fragile and so important and yet we so easily get distracted by disagreements and proving ourselves right, winning the argument or debate, that we forget there is someone on the other side of that argument or debate with hopes and dreams, fears and anxieties much like our own.

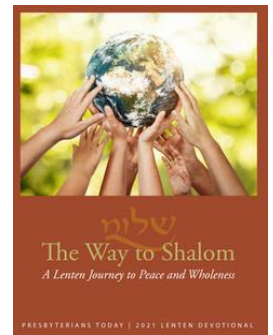
Remember Jesus' words to the disciples in John 14:27, "That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught." (MSG) And these words are just as important to us as they were for the disciples 2,000 years ago. Focus on following through with those two great commandments Jesus reminds us about, to selflessly love and serve God with all that we are and to selflessly love all others as we are to love ourselves together with Jesus' final commandment to selflessly love each other as God continues to selflessly loves us.

To help focus on these, do all you can to dive deeper into your relationship with God through the practice of spiritual disciplines. If you were able to start something in Lent, keep it going. The benefits are great and lasting. Yes, troubles will still happen, we'll still have times of anxiety and lament, but it's so much easier to come out of those times when you've a strong relationship with God. Remember, it's easier for the Holy Spirit to lift you up when you're reaching back for help.

As I've said before, we are one day closer to fellowshiping again the way we want. Please know that you each are always in my heart, thoughts and prayers. and to God's creation. Stay safe.

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

- † The Rev. Brian Ellison, Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, will be the Guest Pastor on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Brian Ellison has served since 2012 as executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a national organization engaging, educating and equipping congregations and councils toward an equity not yet fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church and society. He is also stated clerk of the Synod of Mid-America and of Heartland Presbytery and a host/contributor at KCUR, NPR in Kansas City. Brian was previously pastor of a congregation in the Kansas City area for 13 years, where he still lives with his partner, Troy, and their two dogs, the affable Charlie and the recalcitrant Willoughby. His recorded message will be included in the in-person service of each church.
- † Boy Scout Troop 100 & Cub Scout Pack 3100 will be having their **Annual Mulch Fundraiser**. \$4.00 per 2.0 cu ft. bag. Available in Hardwood, Red Hardwood, Black Hardwood, Brown Hardwood. Orders due by March 29<sup>th</sup>. Checks payable to Troop 100 or Pack 3100. Email [paolatroop100@gmail.com](mailto:paolatroop100@gmail.com) Pickup will be at Family Center, Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
- † There **WILL NOT BE ZOOM FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**. 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**: is now open on Saturdays 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/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.
- † **Pastor Paul will be out of the offices on Study Leave and Vacation from April 6<sup>th</sup> and returning to the offices on April 20<sup>th</sup>.**
- † Joann will be out of the Paola office from April 6<sup>th</sup> and will return on April 13<sup>th</sup>.





**March**

3/27 Karolyn Robins

**April**

4/1 Butch Mayfield

4/4 Gene Oliver

4/4 LeAnne Shields

4/5 Holly Applegarth

(The rest of April will be next week)



**March**

No Anniversaries Listed in March

**April**

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**New Hope Parish Calendar**

All meetings are on Zoom

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Osawatomie Session – 7:00 pm

April 15<sup>th</sup> - New Hope Parish Care Team Meeting – 2:00 pm

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Paola Session – 7:00 pm

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Miami Session – 4:00 pm

April 28<sup>th</sup> -New Hope Parish Fellowship/Outreach – 7:00 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)

## **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  
Lori Strand (breast cancer)  
Rebecca Sutton (cancer)  
Cheryl Tunks(cancer and heart problems) (Cinda Atwater's aunt)  
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 Lori Martin  
Family and friends of John Collins (friend of Dee Mendal)  
Family and friends of Elaine Fry

## Heartland Presbytery

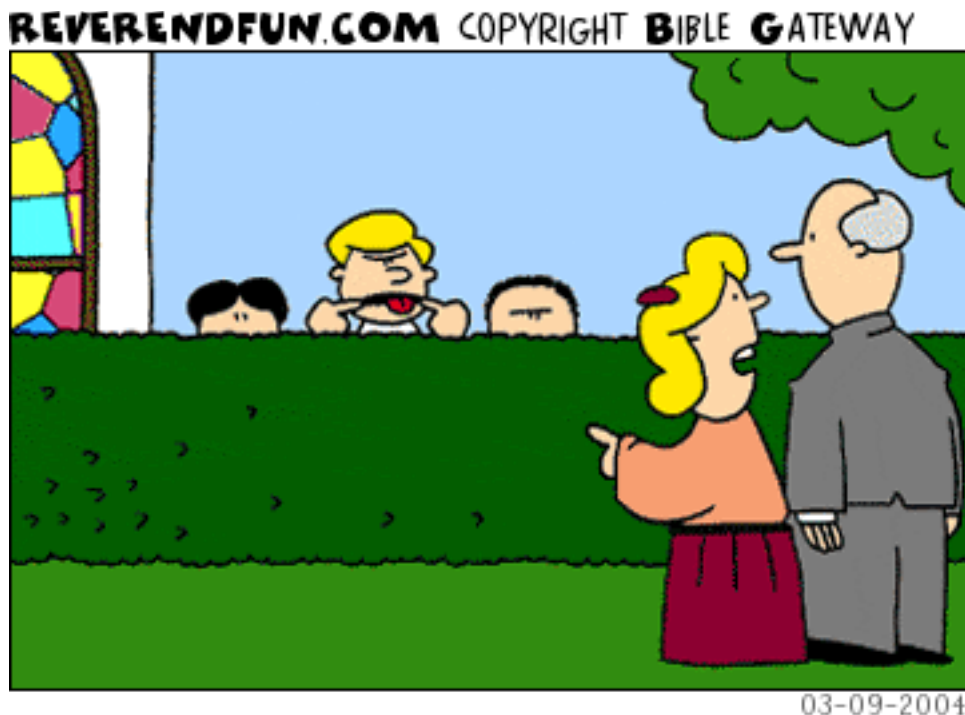
Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO  
United Christian Presbyterian Church, Richmond, MO

## 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.



I USED TO THINK THOSE NAUGHTY BOYS  
NEEDED TO GET TO SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL  
I REALIZED THAT THERE IS A CHURCH  
NEXT DOOR AND THEY ARE THE SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

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



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](http://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](http://pcusa.org/oghs).



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
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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.

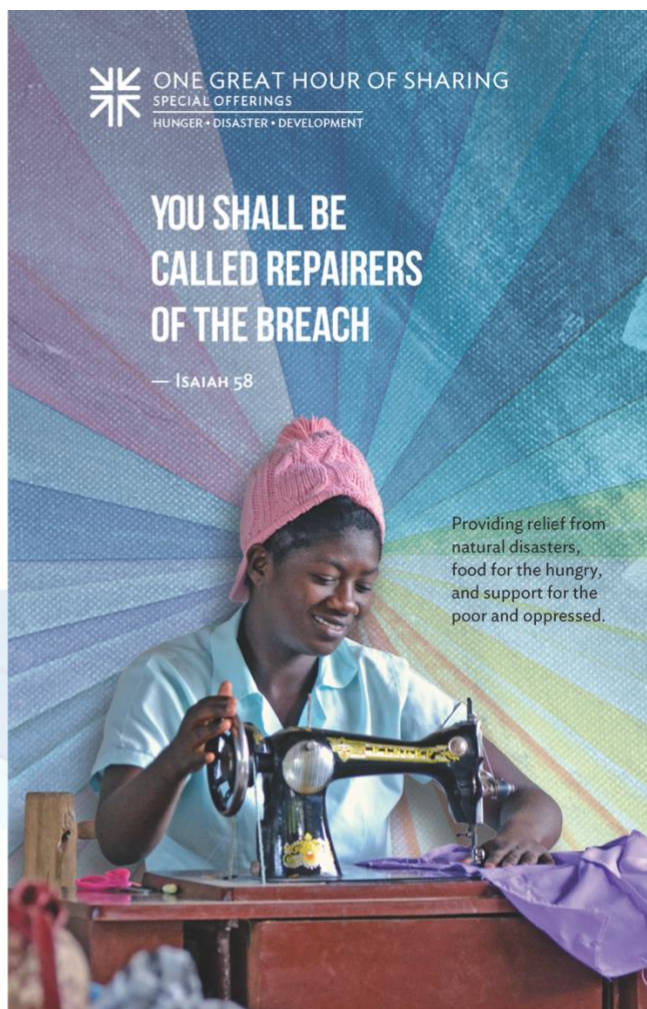
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YOU SHALL BE  
CALLED REPAIRERS  
OF THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

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**ATTENTION!!!!**

The New Hope Parish Members and Friends Directory is now available.

Contact your church office by phone or email if you'd like a copy emailed or mailed to you. Copies are available at each church as well to pick up before or after worship.



**Member, Friends and Staff Directory**



**Miami Presbyterian Church**  
33110 Switzer Rd  
Paola KS  
Worship 8:00 AM



**First Presbyterian Osawatomie**  
344 Main St  
Osawatomie KS  
Worship 9:30 AM



**First Presbyterian Paola**  
110 E Peoria St  
Paola KS  
Worship 11:00 AM

*We are a parish formed from congregations of unique identities, each with a long history of service to community. God calls us to be united in mission and ministry in our communities and to the world, with open hearts and minds, modeling Christ's love. Gathered in faith and nurtured by Word and Sacrament, we commit ourselves to share a hope for the future, to use our resources and talents guided by the Holy Spirit, and to work together to expand our ministry to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.*

A big thanks to Mike Barnett for making this happen!