

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

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.

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Happy Easter everyone! We've made it through the Lenten season, to Good Friday, through the Great Vigil of Easter when the future seemed so uncertain and bleak, to the early morning surprise of the empty tomb and the realization that Jesus had done just what he said he would do, he rose from the dead, victorious over death! Halleluiah!

So, in all that, two questions that have always left me scratching my head in wonder are, what does the word Easter mean and how come Easter is always on a different day each year?

Well, according to history.com, "St. Bede the Venerable, the 6 century author of *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* ("Ecclesiastical History of the English People"), maintains that the English word "Easter" comes from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. Other historians maintain the "Easter" derives from *in albis*, a Latin phrase that's plural for *alba*, or "dawn," that became *eostarum* in Old High German, a precursor to the English language of today."

Weekly Thoughts (Continued)

As far as the day Easter is celebrated, according to the Book of Common Worship, “Since the Council of Nicaea in 325, Western Christians have celebrated Christ’s resurrection on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox (March 21), occasionally shifting the date to the following week to avoid coinciding with the Jewish Passover.” (p 316)

Regardless of what we call it or when we celebrate it, the importance of Easter remains the same. To again quote the Book of Common Worship, “The Resurrection of the Lord is the center of the Christian year, and the good news we proclaim on this day is the very heart of the gospel. Easter Sunday is something like the keystone of an arch—the top and center stone upon which all the others lean and depend—in terms of both its theological significance and its relation to other festivals and seasons.” (p 316)

When remembering that first Easter, I think it is important too to remember the events leading up to the discovery of the empty tomb, starting with the events of Good Friday. When we allow ourselves to do this, we remember the fear and anxiety, the great sadness that must have been felt by those who were first-person witnesses to said events. Their world must have felt like it was coming to an end as their friend and Rabi, the one whom they witnessed do miraculous things without asking for anything in return but for everyone to selflessly love one another, the man they saw as the Messiah, take his last breath, dying for crimes for which he was not guilty. Even after telling them on several occasions that this must happen, there was still doubt in their hearts. Even after the tomb was found to be empty, there were doubts. Just as Jesus assured them that all would be okay, scripture tells us the same message for our trials and tribulations. As we read in 1 Peter 1:3-5, “What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ve been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you’ll have it all—life healed and whole.” (MSG) Siblings in Christ celebrate Easter each and every day and the new life we have because of what Jesus endured for us so long ago. Again, He is risen! He is risen indeed! Blessings, peace, and HAPPY EASTER! Pastor Paul

Announcements

- † The Rev. Brian Ellison, Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, will be the Guest Pastor on April 11th. 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.
- † If you ordered mulch from Boy Scout Troop 100 or Cub Scout Pack 3100, pickup will be at Family Center, Saturday, April 10th 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
- † 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 be 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 6th and returning to the offices on April 20th.**
- † Joann will be out of the Paola office from April 6th and will return on April 13th.
- † **DON'T MISS THE NEW HOPE PARISH "BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC" (BYOP) – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – OSAWATOMIE VACANT LOT – MAY 1ST -**



(See John 13:1-11)

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YOU'VE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB SERVING
OTHERS, BUT YOU GOTTA STOP ASKING FOR
TIPS



April

- 4/1 Butch Mayfield
- 4/4 Gene Oliver
- 4/4 LeAnne Shields
- 4/5 Holly Applegarth
- 4/15 Tabitha Friend
- 4/15 Angie Pennock
- 4/15 Mindy Oliver
- 4/20 Carol Wilson
- 4/23 Carol Rae Wood
- 4/26 Jack and Sam Farley
- 4/27 Linda Bosley
- 4/29 Jim Applegarth
- 4/29 Stephanie Cutburth
- 4/30 Joan Vanderbur

April

No Anniversaries Listed in April

New Hope Parish Calendar

All meetings are on Zoom

- April 14th – Osawatomie Session – 7:00 pm
- April 15th - New Hope Parish Care Team Meeting – 2:00 pm
- April 21st – Paola Session – 7:00 pm
- April 23rd – Miami Session – 4:00 pm
- April 28th -New Hope Parish Fellowship/Outreach – 7:00 pm

EASTER EGG HUNT OPEN TO ALL
10:30 - 11:00 AM
EASTER SUNDAY
OSAWATOMIE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



New Hope Parish Prayer Requests and Praises

Parish Prayer Requests

Jim Applegarth (healing)
Mike Barnett (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)
Glen Tolley (healing and comfort-friend of Trisha Stevens)
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

Heartland Presbytery
Maya Quiché Presbytery
The Thread Community—New Worshipping Community

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.

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

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"> • 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.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

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 connectional 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

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



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!