

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

April 25, 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,

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Hope and pray this Easter season is treating you well.

The past two weeks have been an interesting one for my family and me. It actually started a couple of months ago when our landlord told us that she was getting out of the rental business and was planning to sell the house we were renting. Needless to say, this put a bit of panic into our lives as we needed to find a new place to live and be moved out of the old house and into a new one in a relatively short amount of time.

Before this all happened, I planned to take two weeks off to study, clear my mind and heart and refocus on God and what I need to do to be a good and better pastor for all of New Hope Parish, parent and husband. I looked forward to some good conversations with God and planned to do a lot of listening to and for God's wisdom and guidance.

Well, as the old saying goes, "If you want to make God laugh, just tell God your plans." God must have been doing some chuckling as my plans went from being two weeks of quiet study, reflection, and growth to packing and moving, cleaning the old house, and settling into the new one. Instead coming back refreshed and ready to dive back in, I find myself more drained and challenged to get back into the proverbial swing of things. Still, I know that I must carry on, that I must pull myself up and dive back into things. Of course, I do so while still listening for God's still speaking voice and the wisdom, guidance, peace and comfort that it brings. I am reminded of the Apostle Peter's words from 1 Peter 5:7-10, "Throw all your anxiety onto God, because God cares about you. Be clearheaded. Keep alert. Your accuser, the devil, is on the prowl like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Weekly Thoughts (Continued)

Resist him, standing firm in the faith. Do so in the knowledge that your fellow believers are enduring the same suffering throughout the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, the one who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you.” (CEB) And although it may sound easier said than done, if I allow myself to take that deep breath and “...throw my anxiety on God...”, although I don’t feel a huge wind of fresh air filling my sails, I do feel a gentle breeze helping me to move forward. It may not be at the pace I want, but it is at the pace I need.

Yes, I am still feeling overwhelmed and anxious about all that needs done, but when I force myself to take that deep breath and remember God’s love for, not only me, but for each of you, I feel an ounce of confidence return and while I reluctantly move forward, I move forward none the less. I find comfort that God is there with me, regardless of how I feel, be it strong or weak; God is there ready to comfort, strengthen and guide, and all any of us need do is trust in God and allow God to carry us through each day of life. We need to trust God all the way too, even to the point that we also trust those around us. We must have faith, not only in God, but in our faith in God. In doing that, God does wonderful things through each of us. Remember James’ words from James, 2:18, “You can no more show me your works apart from your faith than I can show you my faith apart from my works. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove.” (MSG)

Siblings in Christ, if you find yourself feeling as I do after my two weeks away, stressed, overwhelmed, resistant to moving forward; give it all to God and know God will give you what you need, when you need it. Seek God in each other and help and be helped by the good works that God does through each of us.

Please stay safe and know that you are loved.

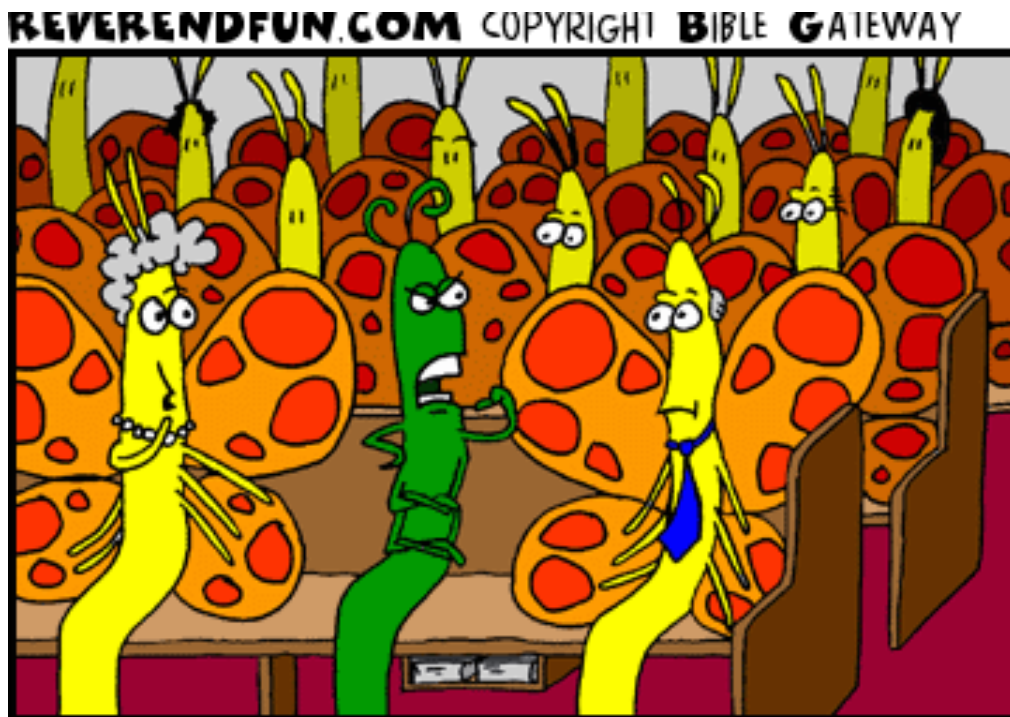
Blessings and peace,

Pastor Paul



Announcements

- † 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 be made out to PACA Food Pantry and sent to the FPC church office.
- † **DON'T MISS THE NEW HOPE PARISH "BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC" (BYOP) – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – OSAWATOMIE VACANT LOT – MAY 1ST -**



Thanks to Nadine Fafard

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I DON'T CARE HOW GOOD YOU ALL FEEL
... I HATE CHANGE



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 21st – Paola Session – 7:00 pm

April 22nd – Miami Session – 4:00 pm

April 24th – Elaine Fry's memorial service, Osawatomie Cemetery 11:00 am

April 28th -New Hope Parish Fellowship/Outreach – 7:00 pm

May 1st – Bring Your Own Picnic (BYOP) Picnic – 11am – 1pm
at First Presbyterian Osawatomie

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)
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 John Best (Kathie Pinneo's brother)

Family and friends of John Collins (friend of Dee Mendal)

Family and friends of Elaine Fry

Heartland Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

Maxwell Heights Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

Maya Quiché Presbytery

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 Osawatome 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



Parish Bring Your Own Picnic (BYOP) Picnic

It’s been too long, but we are going to try to do a Parish Picnic on:

- **Saturday, May 1 from 11AM – 1 PM.**
- **At First Presbyterian Church of Osawatome:
344 Main Street Osawatome Kansas**
- **This is not a pot-luck but a BYOP. You must bring your own food and drinks.**

Although we will be fellowshiping, we will be practicing social distancing to keep everyone safe.



We look forward to seeing you!

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.



NEW HOPE PARISH

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!