

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

May 2, 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 this week finds you safe and well.

Here's a what may be a silly question to some, have you ever had cake? If you're like me, this is one of those pleasures in life that you look forward to. The way the frosting and the light, sweet cake sings a sweet, joyous melody in the mouth. Now, if you've ever tried to make a cake, you know that, not only does it take some work, it takes several ingredients. Eggs, flour, butter, baking powder, sugar, salt, vanilla, milk, and maybe some other ingredients that I missed. When put together in the correct quantities and baked at the right temperature for the right amount of time and then mix the ingredients for the frosting, put the two together, the cake and the frosting, and enjoy. What happens though if you try to eat the ingredients by themselves or maybe leave some of them out of the recipe? The results aren't so tasty, are they? Each ingredient is important, but really only effective when it works together with the other ingredients.

Church is a lot like a cake, or any other recipe with a lot of ingredients. Each sibling brings their God given strengths and weaknesses, experiences and points of view. When we work together as a church family, we can do so much more for God's creation than if we try to do everything on our own.

I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Rome, where it is written, "We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful." (Romans 12: 6-8, CEB) New Hope Parish is a great example of this. As three church families it is often challenging to get things done when we try to do them on our own, but when we bring our strengths together, and with God's help, we can do some pretty wonderful things.

Weekly Thoughts (Continued)

And when we work together with God, just like baking a cake, not only are the ingredients important, what's done with them is also important to the final product. We need to not only bring our God given gifts and talents together, we need to do so in the agape love that is of God. As Paul's letter continues, "Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord. Instead, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head. Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good." (Romans 12: 9-21, CEB)

We need to not give up hope in the future. Remember, as Christians, we have put our faith, just like our future, is in God's hands. You can't ask for better than that.

As I've said before, we are one day closer to the pandemic being something of the past, but we must all continue working together, until all who want to be vaccinated have been. We can do this and with God's help, we will.

Please stay safe and well, and if you'd like a visit or call from me and haven't had one, please, in the kindest of ways, let me know. I'd love to hear from you and see you.

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/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.



May

- 7th Suzie McIntire
- 11th Mike Barnett
- 13th Gail Jones
- 18th Bill Stull
- 22nd Shari Latta
- 28th Marti Bogart
- 28th Dale Prothe

May

- 16th Jim & Holly Applegarth
- 29th The Cutburth's

New Hope Parish Calendar

All meetings are on Zoom

May 12th - Osawatomie Session – 7:00 pm

May 18th – New Hope Parish Worship Team – 7:00 pm

May 19th – Paola Session – 7:00 pm

May 20th – New Hope Parish Deacon's – 2:00 pm

May 26th - New Hope Parish Fellowship/Outreach – 7:00 pm



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 Osawatomie: 344 Main Street Osawatomie 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!

New Hope Parish Prayer Requests and Praises

Parish Prayer Requests

Jim Applegarth (healing)
Harold Barnett (healing and strength) and Colleen
Char Bergene for healing
Helen Carter (healing from fractured ribs)
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
Chellie Huber - 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 Pam Dechene (husband) (friend of Trisha Stevenson)
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

Trinity Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO
Presbyterian Christian Church, Stewartsville, MO
Tarkio Presbyterian Church, Tarkio, MO

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

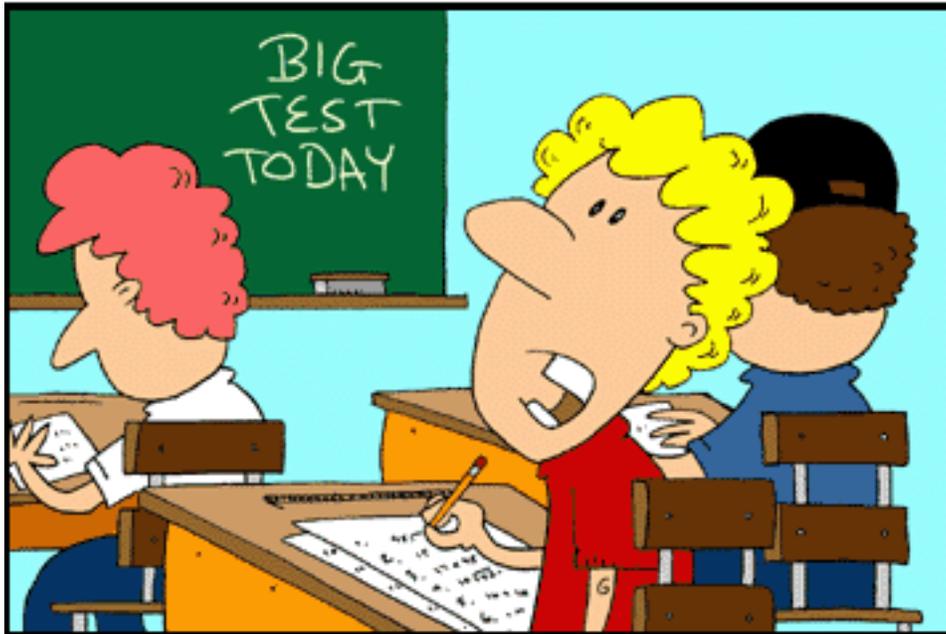
From the New Hope Parish Fellowship & Outreach Team

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

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Thanks to Mikel Rice

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LORD, I KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT
INSTRUCTS US IN YOUR WORD ... BUT I
COULD USE SOME HELP IN MATH HERE TOO

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!