

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

Week of July 18, 2021

Weekly Thoughts from Pastor Paul

Greetings Siblings in Christ,

Hope and pray that you are doing well and staying safe.

Life can be full of some pretty wonderful times as well as some pretty challenging times. So often too when we find ourselves presented with those challenging times, we tend to try to take them on by ourselves. It's kind of in the nature of our society, especially as Americans to plow into challenges, more times than not, reacting to a situation instead of attempting to prevent it. And reacting with a certain sense of pride that prevents us from seeking assistance. A lot of times, we allow pride to sit in the driver's seat way too long, driving the challenging situation into a proverbial wall, and it is then that we find the need for help becoming a necessity. This is why it is so important to remember that, as Christians, we are a part of something much greater than any one of us. As the Apostle Paul reminded the church in Ephesus of this some two thousand years ago, we too can take comfort in Paul's words from Ephesians 2:11-22 as translated in the Message,

"But don't take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God's covenants and promises in Israel, hadn't a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. Now because of Christ—dying that death, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether are in on everything.

The Messiah has made things up between us so that we're now together on this, both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders. He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. He repealed the law code that had become so clogged with fine print and footnotes that it hindered more than it helped. Then he started over. Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.

Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. Through him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.

That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home."

Weekly Thoughts from Pastor Paul – Continued

We must remember that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves and even bigger than our own pride. This doesn't make us "better" than those who are not a part this something bigger. Instead, we are simply better equipped, with God and each other, to take on the challenges of life. The key to successfully taking on those life challenges is to always let God do the driving and not our pride.

For those who are not yet part of this something bigger, it is our task to reach out to them, not by telling them that they are lost and are getting it all wrong, if you're doing that, it is you who are guilty of being lost and getting it wrong. Instead, we must share the agape love that is God by always showing kindness and seeking to understand where others are coming from in their struggles. Remember, Jesus ate with sinners and turned over the tables of the self-proclaimed righteous. Remember too the words from Micah 6:8, "But God has already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in all. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously take God seriously." (MSG) And take God seriously we must along with our responsibilities to God and each other.

We got to see an example of what it means to come together in God in action on July 4th as our Parish came together to worship and fellowship in our first combined service in over a year. My heart was smiling and I know God was smiling as God always does when people come together to do good things. We are so blessed to have each other and a God that loves us. Let us never forget that that love is something that must be shared, lest it lost.

Please be kind to yourself and if you would like to hear from me and haven't, please let me know, with the love of God, and in the kindest of ways.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Paul



*Jesus includes all.
Do you?*

Announcements

- † Joann will be out of the Paola office the week of July 12th.
- † Pastor Paul will be on vacation from July 20th and return to the offices on August 3rd.
- † ECKAAA (East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging) is looking to fill the position of Nutrition Site Manager for the Paola Site. This position is a great opportunity for someone looking to help serve the community. This site is open Monday – Friday, 2-4 hours per day. The position would involve managing the home delivered meals, coordinating the volunteers to deliver and/or help serve the congregate meals in the Sr. Center. No weekend, nights, or holidays. If you are interested, please contact Faith Sage at 785-242-7200 or apply in person at ECKAAA Office, 117 S. Main St., Ottawa, KS.
- † A new Caregiver Support Group is starting up June 15, and every 3rd Tuesday of each month thereafter. It will be at the Elizabeth Layton Center, 2595 SW 327th St., Paola, from 6-7 pm. If you have questions, please contact: Shannon at ECKAAA 785-242-7200/
- † Foster Grandparents are needed for those 55 years and older to volunteer at local schools, Head Start, and other facilities assisting children. You can earn up to \$300 a month tax-free that does not affect social security. If you are interested, please contact the Foster Grandparent Program at 9123-294-3880. You can make a difference.
- † 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, contact your church office about getting a recording of the service.
- † 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.

New Hope Parish Calendar

All meetings are on Zoom unless indicated

July 14th – Osawatomie’s Session Meeting-7:00 pm

July 15th – NHP Deacons Meeting-2:00 pm

July 17th – Heartland Presbytery Meeting-9:00 am

July 20th – New Hope Parish Worship Team Meeting-7:00 pm

July 21st – **No July Session Meeting for Paola**

July 27th – Osawatomie Ministerial Alliance Meeting – 7:00pm

July 28th – NHP Fellowship and Outreach-7:00 pm

A Big Congratulations to New Hope Parish Recent Grads!



From First Presbyterian Church of Osawatomie:

Meadow Stull

Parents - Bill and Lorrie Stull
College - Ottawa University, Majoring in Art Education
Future Plans - Pediatric Occupational Therapist

Samuel Thomas Farley

Parents - John and Lisa Farley
College - Pittsburg State University. Majoring in Automotive Technology
Future Plans - Own his own auto body shop

Jackson Henry Farley

Parents - John and Lisa Farley
College - University of Kansas, Majoring in Engineering Physics
Future Plans - Work for NASA

Ben Matney

Parents - Mike and Kim Matney
College - Pittsburg State University
Major - Construction Management with a minor in Construction Safety
Future Plans - Project Manager for a large construction company

Samantha Irby

Parents - Johnny and Donna Irby
Future Plans - Para at Osawatie Middle School

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

Join any Zoom event or meeting 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 the event you want to join, 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



JULY

- 2 Florence Johns
- 3 Lorrie Stull
- 8 Vieng Elliott
- 11 Ed Dennerline
- 18 Linda Koup
- 20 Stacy Macom
- 25 Vida Hurlbut
- 28 Jay Bogart
- 29 Stacy Schrader
- 30 Pastor Paul

JULY

- 2 Hazel & Paul Davidson
- 5 Brandy & Shawn McLean
- 5 Mike & Pat Barnett
- 28 Arlen & Suzy Wilcox

New Hope Parish Prayer Requests and Praises

Parish Prayer Requests

Jim Applegarth (healing)
Cinda Atwater – (prayers for healing)
Harold Barnett (healing and strength) and Colleen
Char Bergene for healing

Parish Prayer Requests (continued)

Mike Cox (Diana Cox's husband and Angie Pennock's stepfather)
LuAnne Debrick (healing)
Faith Dellinger (Suzie McIntire's nephew's wife) Hospice
Grace Donham (healing)
Venie Elliott (healing and discernment)
Jack Floyd (healing and discernment)
Evelyn Gabbert (healing from surgery and broken hip)
Paisley Keith Medlen (blood disorder) (Ed & Vida Hurlbut's great granddaughter)
Linda Prothe (Recovering from surgery 7/7)
Liz Redd (healing)
Marsha Ratkovic (Pat Barnett's sister) breast cancer metastasized
Verla Thomas (healing)
Betty Ventura (healing)
Kelley Wallace (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

Nick Cooper (healing, comfort and peace)
Eric Debrick (healing and comfort) (LuAnne's son)
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)
Phil Oberhide – recovering from surgery
Donna Penner and her family (under Hospice care-comfort and peace)
Robert Sawin -Cancer – Judy Windler's father
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)
Mark Young (cancer) LuAnne Debrick's grandson
Mary Wintchen for surgery June 7th

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 Phillip Patton (Phyllis Stevens brother)

Family and friends of Chellie Huber (daughter of Brenda Alkire)

Family and friends of Ralph Wilson

Family and friends of Jeren Je'Von Hinton (son of Janet Platz)

Family and friends of Kren Colbert

Family and friends of Sutton Edmond Lamb (infant grandson of Charles & Mary Lamb)

Family and friends of Jan Paine (Leon)

Heartland Presbytery

Craig Presbyterian Church, Craig, MO

Iglesia El Arca del Pacto, Quetzaltenango (MQP)

Heartland Presbytery Church Order and Listening

Maya Quiché Presbytery Meeting

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.



A Big, New Hope Parish Thank You!

A great time was had by all who attended our first combined worship service & potluck since the pandemic.

Thank you all who were able to attend and Miami Presbyterian Church for hosting this fun event!

Keep an eye and ear open for more fun to come!

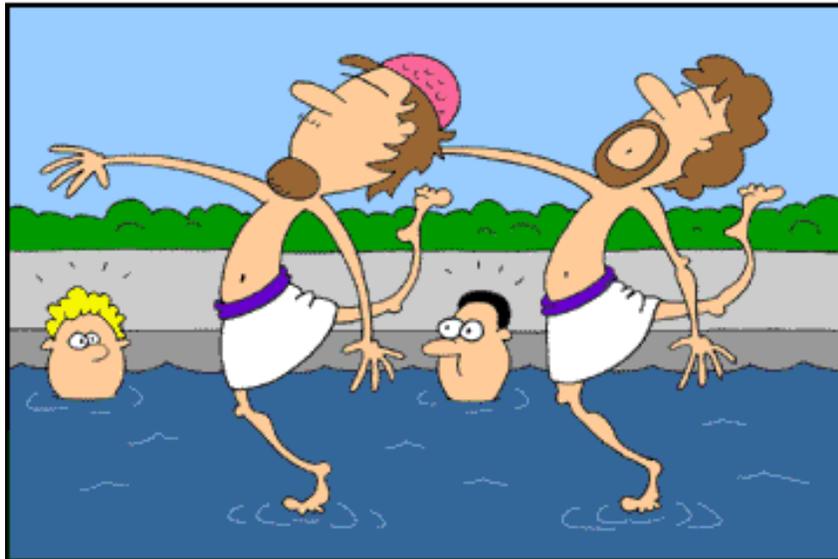
From the New Hope Parish Fellowship & Outreach Team

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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HOSTED BY ECKAAA

*Miami County
Caregiver Support
Group*

**ELIZABETH LAYTON CENTER
2595 SW 327TH ST,
PAOLA, KS.**

*Starts up June 15th, 2021
3rd Tuesday of each month*

**6-7PM
Facilitators: Barbara Cordts
& ECKAAA**

**CONTACT SHANNON AT ECKAAA WITH
QUESTIONS @ 785-242-7200**



The Foster Grandparent Program Needs You!



**If you love children, you can make a difference
in their lives by volunteering today!**

- 55 years old and up, in reasonable good health
- Volunteer at local schools, Headstart programs and other special needs facilities assisting the children in your community.
- Earn up to \$300/month TAX-free that does not affect social security, housing subsidies or any other assistance.

For more information contact the
Foster Grandparent Program, 913-294-3880
and see how you can make a difference.

Mark your calendars as we travel
to see our Kansas City Royals take
on the Seattle Mariners!

Saturday, Sept 18
Leaving Paola at 4PM

*Prices and sign-up sheets
coming soon.*



Call or email the church office
for more information :

- Osawatomie: (913) 755-3964
- Paola: (913) 294-2319