

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

Week of August 1, 2021

A Devotion

Take Me to the River

Vicki Kemper

Jesus called over a child and said, "I'm telling you, once and for all, that unless you return to square one and start over like children, you're not even going to get a look at the kingdom, let alone get in." - Matthew 18:2-3 (MSG)

I love sweep rowing. I rise to the challenge of moving in sync with my crew, and I rejoice in the beauty of sunrise on a river that feeds bald eagles and great blue herons. Rowing gives me joy, community, fitness, and a sense of accomplishment.

But before the advent of coronavirus vaccines, eight rowers to a boat was not Covid-safe. To row through the pandemic, we had to go back to square one and start over like children. We became a club of solitary rowers in long, skinny boats.

On my first day of sculling, I flipped the boat even before leaving the dock. On the second day I ran aground on a sandbar. On the fourth day I flipped the boat in the middle of the river. On the fifth day I considered giving up.

Writer-activist Valarie Kaur says, "Discomfort is the beginning of transformation." Jesus says starting over is the beginning of the childlike humility that opens our hearts to God.

On my sixth day of sculling humiliation, I began to feel more at ease in the boat. Eventually, I grew to love sculling.

Whenever the painful realities of racism and other injustices discomfort, discourage, and tempt me to quit the struggle, I remember my early sculling days. Whether we're learning something new or trying to transform something old and ongoing, the only way out is through.

Prayer

Take me to the river, rock me to square one, until I am fit to dwell in your heart.

Announcements

- † Pastor Paul will be on vacation from July 20th and return to the offices on August 3rd.
- † For pastoral care while Pastor Paul is on vacation, contact one of the church offices. Reverend Jeannie Murphy is on call for any pastoral emergencies.
 - ☎ Osawatomie: (913) 755-3964
 - ☎ Paola: (913) 294-2319
- † 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 started up June 15, and will meet 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

- August 11th – Osawatomie Session Meeting – 7:00 pm
- August 18th – Paola Session Meeting – 7:00 pm (in person)
- August 19th – NHP Deacons Meeting – 6:00 pm
- August 19th – Parish Council Meeting – 7:00 pm (in person)
- August 21st – KC Monarchs Game – leave Paola at 5:00 pm
- August 25th – NHP Fellowship and Outreach Meeting – 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

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



AUGUST

- 4 Faye Wilson
- 10 Greta Achey
- 15 George Grimes
- 24 Trisha Stevenson
- 25 Kim Matney
- 27 Alan (AJ) Allison
- 28 Madison Macom
- 30 Colleen Ewan
- 30 Pastor Paul



AUGUST

- 11 Bob & Paula Weir
- 27 David & Doris Ware
- 28 John & Lisa Farley

New Hope Parish Prayer Requests and Praises

Parish Prayer Requests

Jim Applegarth (healing)
Cinda Atwater – (rehab from pacemaker-prayers for healing)
Harold Barnett (healing and strength) and Colleen
Char Bergene for healing
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 Mike Cox (Diane Cox husband and step-father of Angie Pennock)

Family and friends of Lynda Cole

Family and friends of Phillip Patton (Phyllis Stevens brother)

Heartland Presbytery

Effingham Union Church, Effingham, KS

First Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, MO

Iglesia Manantial de Vida, La Cumbre (MQP)

God's Creation

Those struggling for justice and equality. Those suffering from oppression and violence.

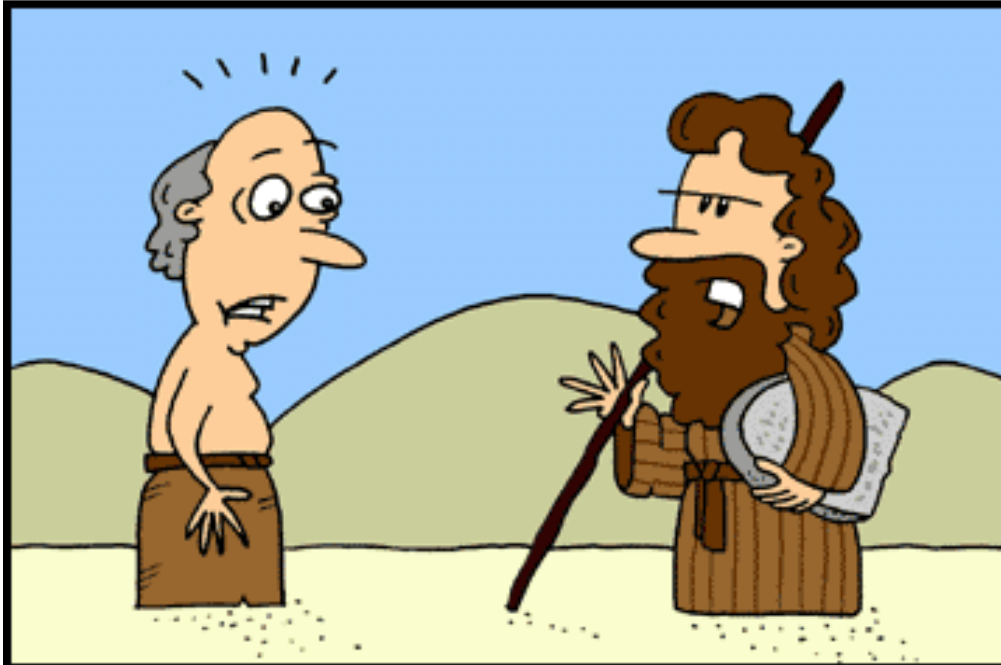
Those who are forced to flee their homes, risking life and limb for the hope of a better life.

God's creation as it seeks to survive mankind's exploitation and global climate change. Those

who are living in the devastating drought areas. Those who are fighting and affected by the

wildfires. Those who are dealing with torrential rains and the devastation that it brings.

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(See Exodus 20:1-21)

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EASE UP FELLA, IT'S JUST MY SHOPPING
LIST ... THERE ARE NO MORE
COMMANDMENTS

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

Mark your calendars as we travel to see our Kansas City Monarchs take on the Milwaukee Milkmen

When: Saturday, August 21.

Time: Leaving Paola at 5:00 PM

Cost: \$50.00 Includes bus ride to and from the game, air-conditioned seating and all you can eat buffet. Sign up sheets are in the offices. Or, contact David McIntire, 913-940-2445 or email him at davidmac48@gmail.com



