

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

Week of August 8, 2021

Thoughts from Pastor Paul

"What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell everyone the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.

Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life.

Did you use to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can help others who can't work.

Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.

Don't grieve God. Don't break God's heart. God's Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted.

Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that."

(MSG, Ephesians 4:25—5:2)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I hope and pray that you are doing well and staying safe.

Although it is good to be back from vacation and getting back into the swing of things, I did have a good time being with my mom and sister in the beautiful redwoods of California's north coast.

Visiting with my mom, she would start talking about how bad the world was getting and how good things were when she was younger. As I'm sure there were many things that seemed to make the world a better place for my mom, I couldn't, and can't help to feel sad about an attitude like this. I believe the world is what we make of it. That if we want to be miserable and see negative in the world, that is what we will see and how we'll feel. But, if we want to be happy and see the positive in the world, then that is how we'll feel and what we'll see. There has been, and will continue to be, bad things happening and people making selfish, self-serving choices that cause harm to others, but it is up to us, as Christians, to not look to

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the past for the best of times, but to each new day.

The excerpt from Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians that I opened with is a great reminder of this and gives us a clear and realistic, albeit not always easy, way to proceed. We must not treat others, especially those we know only from a distance like we know everything about them, judging them without knowing them, viewing them with the eyes and heart of man. Instead, we must first seek to build relationships and view others with the eyes and heart of God. As Paul wrote, "Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you." (MSG)

There is one thing that I agree with my mom about the state of our world, that is there is a lot of distrust and dissention. We create teams and groups, most of it tied up in what we call politics. We have stopped looking at those in the other party as fellow citizens and started viewing them as enemies. We have stopped trying to work together and instead do what we can to win our party's agenda regardless of the cost to others. If we are putting the health and welfare of our fellow citizens at risk because of a perceived political platform, then we are not only failing ourselves, but we are also failing others and worst of all, we are failing God. For example, wearing a face mask may be uncomfortable, but if it is going to keep you and others safe, isn't it worth being uncomfortable? And yet, keeping others safe has been labeled "political". We must, especially if we are true Christians, stop working against each other for our own personal wants, and start working with each other for the greater good. If we follow God's wants and needs for us as outlined in Paul's writings and listen for and follow the wisdom and council of the Holy Spirit, we can and will make today and every day to follow a better day. Remember, these are the good old days!

Siblings in Christ, please take care of yourselves and be kind to those around you, and that includes yourself. If you'd like to hear from me, please give me or the church office a call and let me know.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Paul

Announcements

- † 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



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

Shane & Morgan Crabree and foster daughter
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

Heartland Presbytery

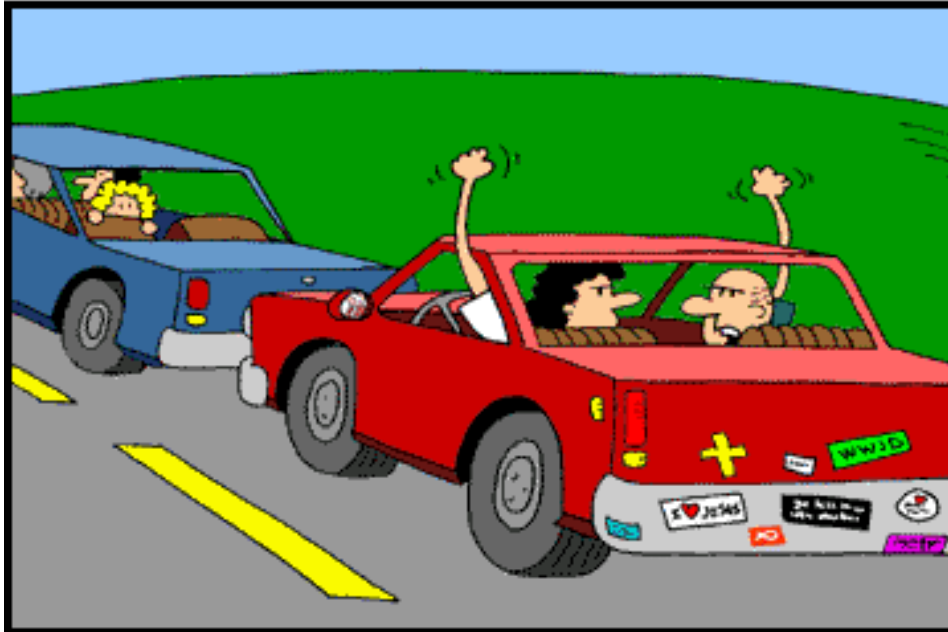
First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, KS
Iglesia Espiritu Santo, La Cumbre (MQP)

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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I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT ALL THIS
YELLING AND SWEARING IF I WERE YOU
... THEY'LL KNOW THAT WE'RE
CHRISTIANS BY OUR BUMPER STICKERS

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



