

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

Week of August 15, 2021

Thoughts from Pastor Paul

Dear Siblings in Christ,

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

Like last week's thoughts, I'm going to start off with this week's epistle lectionary reading from Ephesians 5:15-20 as found in the Message,

Don't waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are. It's a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see. Rip the cover off those frauds and see how attractive they look in the light of Christ.

Wake up from your sleep,

Climb out of your coffins;

Christ will show you the light!

So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times!

Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants.

Don't drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge drafts of him. Sing hymns instead of drinking songs! Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ.

I don't know about you, but this is one of those passages that just makes me want to jump up and shout out an halleluiah amen!

Not only should we sing God's praises, we should do so over everything, looking for any excuse to celebrate God. Yes, rejoice when things are going great, but look for reasons to celebrate even when things are going anything but great. When we forget to do this, that's when we're doing the "useless, busywork" that Paul wrote about. If you're like me, you know this is easier said than done. When we find ourselves in times of trouble, it is so much easier to lament than it is to seek God and look for ways to brighten a dark situation. But, until we can find God in even the most trying of situations, and only lament, it is those situations that are going to win the moment; however, if we instead find God, it is God who wins.

It's not only the trials and tribulations of our personal lives that we need to seek God in and sing God's praises, we need to do that in our conversations with each other and how we respond to events around us, be them in our own community or elsewhere in the world. If, instead of looking to the issues the world around us are facing with concern and seeking to understand what's truly going on, we jump to conclusion and grumble about them, we are not responding as God needs us to respond. Instead of grumbling, do what Paul encourages us to do, "Wake up from your sleep, Climb out of your coffins; [and] Christ will show you the light!"

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It's amazing how much better the world looks when we seek to sing God's praises instead of grumbling and complaining. Stepping forward with God's joy in our hearts instead of the grumbling of mankind, not only can we make the world a better place, we will make it a better place. So, find a hymn that you know and love and that sings God's praises. When you find yourself grumbling, give that hymn a sing. The louder the better! And don't just sing with your voice, sing with your heart. And if you're worried about singing out of tune, don't! God's ears are capable of hearing everyone and anybody sing like an angel.

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 meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday. Meetings are 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 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



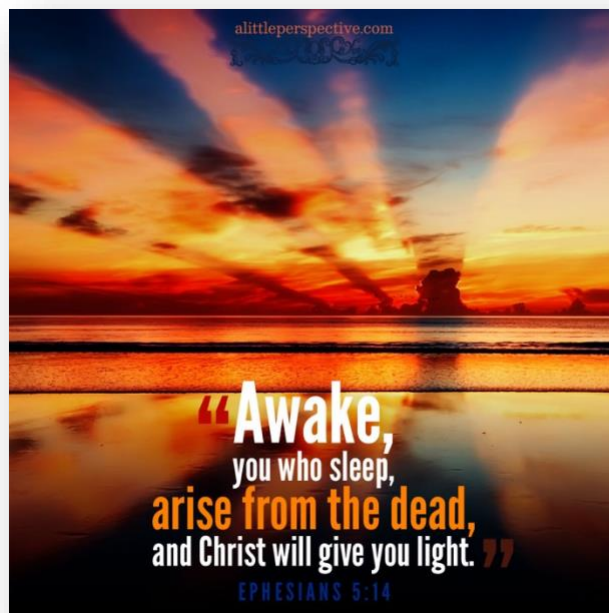
AUGUST

- 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)
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

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 Orlie Davidson
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, Higginsville, 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. 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.

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.



Thanks to Lloyd Vandenbrink (See Jonah 1-4) 08-25-1998

OH JONAH, PLEASE DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR THAT T-SHIRT ALL DAY AT THE BEACH AGAIN

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

New Hope Parish Potluck & Game Night

6PM, Saturday, September 25
at First Presbyterian of
Church Osawatomie

Bring your friends, favorite
dish and board game for an
evening of fun & fellowship



**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





Team All our Love for Suzy is back!

Join us **September 25, at 10:00 AM** at the Paola High School Track for the **Walk to Defeat ALS**.

- T-shirts are available for \$20 and includes a donation to the ALS Association. Cash, check, or Venmo accepted. If interested, contact Malory by September 4.

- Contact Malory to join the team!

Here is the link to our team page:

[http://web.alsa.org/goto/All Love For Suzy 2021](http://web.alsa.org/goto/All_Love_For_Suzy_2021)



GROCERY LIST for PACA food pantry

Beans(canned)

Cake Mixes

Canned Vegetables

Canned Meats

Cereal

Crackers

Hamburger helper

Juice (grape/apple)

Boxes of Mac & Cheese

Peanut Butter

Taco Mix/Shells

Soups (large/small cans)

Oatmeal



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Party in the Park

Presented by the Miami County Council on Aging
and the Paola Senior Center

Sunday,

September 12th

2:00pm - 4:00 pm

Paola Park Square

Live Music

by Gale & Friends

Ice Cream Social

Vendors

Door Prizes

& More!



For more information contact Leanna Stanchfield • 913-294-4630