

New Hope Parish Weekly Update

Week of September 12, 2021

Thoughts from Pastor Paul

Dear Siblings in Christ,

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

Many years ago, before I answered God's call to get into ministry, I can remember walking along an Oregon beach at a church men's retreat talking to the very wise Bruce Towsley. Bruce had served God and his church family many years as a deacon and a ruling elder on session. He loved doing it and he did a very good job sharing his gifts and talents. Bruce told me that he used to get upset at people at church for not doing things the way he thought they should be done. It really rubbed him the wrong way. Then one day he had his "road to Damascus moment". He realized that the others at church were, like him, volunteers and that they were there out of the kindness of their heart and that instead of feeling frustrated with them, he should feel blessed that they were there sharing their God given gifts. His change of heart and attitude caused him a lot less stress and anxiety. Bruce's words have always remained in my heart and mind. And with that, I am so thankful for all of you who continue to serve God and our church families of New Hope Parish. You each do so with the strength, hope and love of God and I am so proud, and praise God for the opportunity to serve alongside each of you.

If we ponder too long in the past about the way church was several years ago and start comparing it to today, we run a tremendous risk of falling into a trap of despair. Remember Jesus' words from Luke 9:62, "No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom." (CEB) It's easy to forget when we do look back at the "glory days" of the church in light of the present day that, although our needs haven't changed, our resources have grown fewer. As we once had deacons to help with pastoral care; we no longer have deacons. We once had choirs to share in making a joyful noise in worship; we no longer have choirs. We once had staff working with music, youth and more; now, no more. Our office managers were full-time, now they are part-time. There are many other church groups and services that once thrived and made work easier for everyone, helping everyone to always feel connected to the church family through all its celebrations and tribulations. However, because of a number of reasons, many beyond our control, we no longer have the numbers to support these resources of the church although the need for them, as well as the expectations of them, still remain. It is, therefore, up to those who remain active to keep what we have going. So please, next time you see or talk to one of your ruling elders, say thank you. Next time you see someone mowing the church lawn, organizing an event, setting up coffee and treats for fellowship, or going to a church committee meeting tell them thank you. And, if you feel discouraged or disappointed that the church is not what it once was, I say stop looking back when you are supposed to be looking forward. Instead of being part of the problem of not enough people to do everything, be part of the solution and give of your time. If you've asked someone at the church a question and don't hear back from them or if you feel like you've been forgotten or abandoned by your church family, please don't take it personally; instead, with the grace of God and with the kindness of Christ, remember how stretched thin most of your siblings who are trying to keep things going are and reach out to them again. Remember the words from Hebrews 10: 24-25, "So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on..." (MSG) And Ephesians 4:16, "The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part." (CEB) We have a wonderful church family in New Hope Parish with a lot of God given gifts to share with our communities as well as each other, but we need everyone's help to make it happen. God has big

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plans for New Hope Parish, and it involves each of us, even those of you who haven't been to church for a while. Know that you are missed, and we could sure use your help. Remember, God promises us that the best days aren't in the past, they are the ones yet to come.

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. And don't forget to invite someone to church or a Parish event and share the love! See you at church!

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Paul

Announcements

- † The FPC Thrift Shop is now accepting donations every Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The Thrift Shop is open to the public every Saturday 9:00-Noon.
- † Joann will be in the office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the week of September 13th. The week of September 20th, she will be working Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- † 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/UCDDMsp1jmJi8LCRA8pc1SrQ>
- † 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 and My Father's House needs food: See flyer on page 9.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION

OCTOBER 3RD

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PAOLA

11:00 AM

POTLUCK TO FOLLOW - BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH

New Hope Parish Calendar

All meetings are on Zoom unless indicated

September 15 – Paola Session – 7:00 pm (in person)

September 16 – NHP Deacons Meeting – 6:00 pm

Sept 18-19 – Osawatomie Freedom Festival

September 21 – Heartland Presbytery Meeting

September 22 – NHP Fellowship & Outreach Team – 7:00 pm

September 25 – ALS Walk for Suzy Wilcox – 10:00 am

September 25 – Parish Potluck & Game Night – 6:00 pm

September 29 – Parish Choir Practice – 6:30 pm at Osawatomie



SEPTEMBER

1 Madelyn Green
9 Tara Haag
12 Cinda Atwater
15 Ben Matney
19 Mike Dumpert
25 David Ware

SEPTEMBER

11 Marc & Joann Ruggles
12 Carl & Faye Wilson
15 Gene & Nancy Oliver
19 Bridgette Pinneo

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(See Luke 10:30-36)

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DON'T GET TOO EXCITED FELLA, I'M THE
MEDIocre SAMARITAN ... I ONLY GIVE
YOU A BANDAID AND THEN I'M OFF

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 (continued healing)

Faith Dellinger (Suzie McIntire's nephew's wife) Hospice

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)

Jim Mendal (return of cancer)

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

Cindy Hickey – breast cancer

Riley McDougal (son of Marty McDougal) (healing and comfort)

Phil Oberhide – (continued healing)

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)

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

Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS

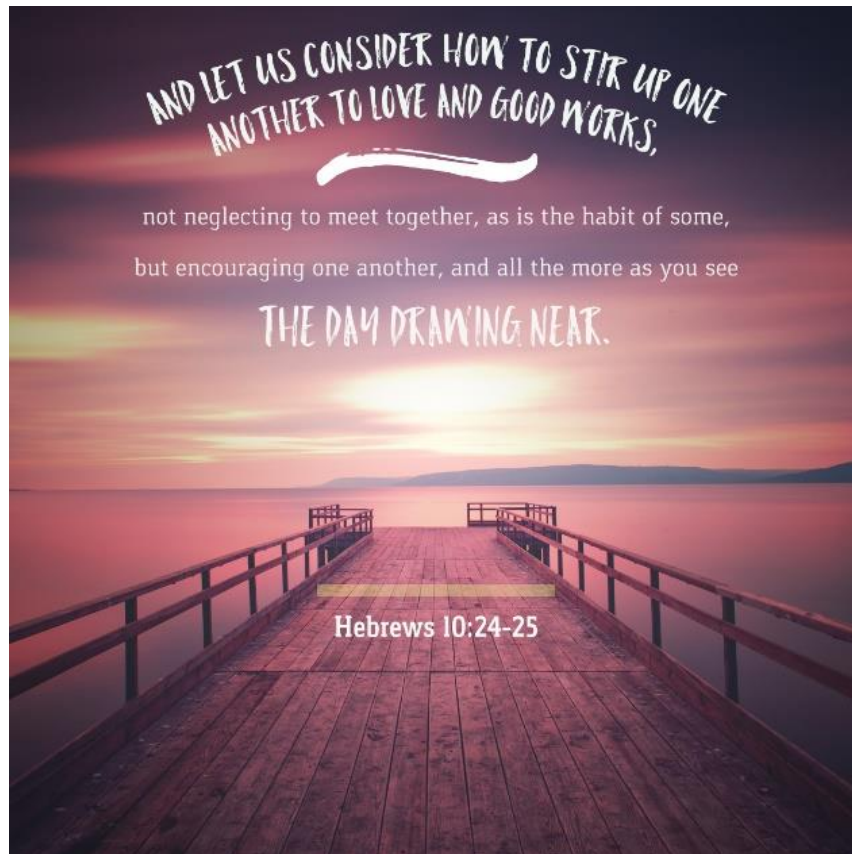
Heartland Presbytery Planning Group

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. All those in Afghanistan and Haiti.

Praises

Mark Young-Cancer Free (LuAnne Debrick's grandson)



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.

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



Attention!

Youth Kick-off Event

All Middle School and
High School Students
are welcome to join!

UNITED

A Non-Denominational Community Youth Group

More information on Facebook at
United Community Youth Group





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)

Osawatomie's 2021 Freedom Festival September 18-19 At John Brown Park

Come and enjoy the festivities and help support First Presbyterian Church of Osawatomie by purchasing some snacks.



Do you love to sing? Then join.....

Osawatomie Community Choir

Director/Pianist: Julie Weaver

First Performance:

Sunday November 21st 4:00 pm

At the Community Thanksgiving Dinner

For more information
Email: Julie at
info@fbcoz.org

Sponsored by The Osawatomie Ministerial Association

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





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