

Hello New Hope Parish Family,

It is my hope and prayer that this letter finds you safe, healthy, content and sane.

After much thought, prayer and discernment, our New Hope Parish Council voted to not return to in person worship until August 2 at the earliest. In the meantime, your Parish Council will maintain a watchful eye on the pandemic and will again meet before the end of the month to review what has changed and decide if we are able to proceed or if we need to select a new date to return to in building worship.

Until we do return to the church buildings and after, we will continue to post the recorded worship services and children's messages on the Parish YouTube Channel and hold Zoom fellowships. Remember, church is still happening, church is still alive. We will not let the pandemic defeat us and we will not panic and rush out without caution. Sisters and brothers, this too shall pass. If you've any comments or questions, please feel free to share them with me or with the Parish Council or your Church Session.

With patience and trust in God, remember the words from Jeremiah 29:11-12, "I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you." (CEB)

On behalf of your Parish leadership, may you know God's blessings, peace, patience and trust,

Reverend Paul Davidson
Pastor of New Hope Parish