

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER, 2018

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Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Activity
October 1st	6:30 p.m.	Finance
October 7th	10:00 a.m.	World Communion Service
Parish-Wide Service	10:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School Fellowship to follow the service
October 10th	7:00 p.m.	Session
October 14th	9:30 a.m.	Worship Children's Sunday School
October 17th	6:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry/Christian Education
October 21st	9:30 a.m.	Worship Children's Sunday School
October 24th	6:30 p.m.	Women's Group
October 28th	9:30 a.m.	Worship Children's Sunday School
October 31st	3:45-5:00 p.m.	Spook Parade Women's Group will hand-out treats

Secretary Snippets

Please have your **November 2018** newsletter information turned in information in by **October 25, 2018**.

Blessings,

Linda Prothe, Administrative Assistant





Greetings All,

September was a month, like many, with highs and lows. In the first couple of weeks of the month, we said so long to a dear, wonderful person, Jackie Platt. I only got to meet Jackie a few times, but each time I did, I could feel the Holy Spirit's presence. Even now, while I'm typing this note, remembering Jackie, I can feel the Holy Spirit's presence. Let us all hold on to her memories and continue to do our best to live as Jackie lived; loving and celebrating God through a life well lived and focused on God. Jackie is missed, but her memories will live on in our hearts as we continue to celebrate God together. Please keep Jackie's family in your thoughts and prayers.

On a lighter note, it finally happened! As of Sunday, September 30, 2018, I am the official pastor of New Hope Parish. It has been a long but pleasant journey getting here. One with many blessings, evidence of God's presence in each step of the way. I'd like to say a heart-felt thank you to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), Kathie Pinneo, Grady Atwater, Pat Fox, Shari Latto and Mike Barnett. Each of them was so helpful, with God's guidance, in helping to make all this a reality. And, as I have said before, and can't say enough, thank you to each of the congregations for helping to make my family and me feel at home.

I know that each church family of the New Hope Parish has gone through some troubling times in the recent past, resulting in sisters and brothers leaving the church family. As a new pastor, I feel called to share with you a recent conversation I had with God. I caught myself looking at the empty pews and worrying about filling them up. I was actually feeling some anxiety about it. My mind raced with things to do to get people in the pews. It was beginning to be a distraction. I prayed about what to do, but really didn't take time to listen for God's still speaking voice and sought to fix the "problem". Albert Einstein once defined insanity as, "Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." I realized that, because I wasn't pausing to listen to God's still speaking voice, and trying to solve the "problem" myself that my anxiety remained and the pews remained empty. So, I took a deep breath and told myself to be quiet, and then I listened. What I heard was God telling me not to worry about the empty pews, worry about the pews with people in them. They are here to receive the Gospel, God's Good News. If I focus on sharing the Gospel with a sincere heart, guided by God, then the people will be fed and God will take care of bringing more lost sheep back to the fold. In short, when I realized that God needed to be in control and not me, I realized there really was, and is, no problem. We must have faith in our faith and leave God in control. Remember Jesus' words from Matthew 6:27 & 33-34, "Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? ... Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

As I continue to get settled in as your pastor and you get settled in as having me as your pastor, please do not hesitate to share with me, any thoughts or suggestions on how we can better serve the communities of New Hope Parish.

As we look forward to the future, let us look forward through the eyes of Jesus, with eyes wide open and hearts full of hope and a confidence that God is in control. We should be excited about each day that we've been given. And don't hide that excitement, share it! The gifts God has given us are not to be hidden but to be shared. "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." (Matt 5:16-16 CEB)

Remember, God is good all the time! Amen!

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Paul





PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS



Special Offering

Peace and Global Witness

Peacemaking and Reconciliation

Promoted during a Season of Peace beginning

September 2, 2018 and received on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday
of October.

25%: Congregational Peace Initiatives

Retained by Congregations to invest in local responses to injustice and violence,
and connect with the global witness to Christ's peace.

25% :Mid Council Peace Initiatives

Linking congregations in ministries of peace and reconciliation throughout
presbyteries and synods.

50%: Advocating Peace and Advancing Justice

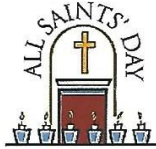
Advocating for peacemaking and justice through collaborative projects of educa-
tion and Christian witness.

**The 25% collected by our congregation
will go to the Miami County Safe Home.**



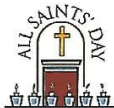
<p>Oct. 7 World Communion Sunday Parishwide Service 10:00 a.m. at Osawatomie 14 Ordinary Time 21 Ordinary Time 28 Reformation Sunday</p>	<p>Nov. 4 All Saints Day observed Communion 11 Ordinary Time 18 Ordinary Time 25 Ordinary Time</p>
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Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.



On Sunday, November 4, we will observe All Saints' Day. It is valued as a time to celebrate heritage and those Christians of the past who faithfully transmitted the Faith to succeeding generations. This All Saints Celebration offers us a chance to remember the great cloud of witnesses who have made us who we are today. Since most years November 1 falls on a weekday and most Protestant churches do not have weekday services, usually the Sunday following November 1 is celebrated as All Saints Sunday.

During the worship service, we will remember and read the names of those who have gone on before us. As we recall their witness, let us also pray for comfort for those who love and miss them.



Remembering with Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 4 Worship Service

During our prayer of remembrance on November 4, we will remember those who have gone on before us. This form may be placed in the offering plate or contact Linda at 913-755-3964 or osawatomiepresby@hotmail.com. Saints names will be accepted through **Sunday, October 21.**

Please remember the Souls of:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>From</i>

Submitted by: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Italics = Anniversaries</i> Bold = Birthdays	1 John Farley	2	3 Trenton Riley	4 Jesika Elmquist	5	6
	6:30 p.m. Finance					
7 Will Cutburth 10:00 a.m. Parish-Wide World Communion Service at Osawatomie Presbyterian 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday	8 Columbus Day	9 Shelly Dickinson Wyatt Cox	10 Chase Homrighausen 7:00 p.m. Session	11	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School	15 Cassie Cox Jack Floyd	16 Sean Kitchen	17 Ethan and Seth Hampton 6:30 p.m. Youth Mi	18	19 Mike Gabbert	20
21 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School	22	23	24 6:30 p.m. Women's Group	25	26 Jodie Sheehan	27
28 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School	29	30	31 Halloween Max Servais Stacy England 3:45--5:00 p.m. Spook Parade - Women's Group will hand-out treats			