November 2026

New Hope Parish

Devotional



Pause

There are many voices vying for your attention. Pause, breathe, and listen. God is present. Perhaps following Jesus begins here: making room to recognize God's voice and paying attention to what is happening around you.

Listen

I sought the Lord and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to God will shine; their faces are never ashamed. This suffering person cried out: the Lord listened and saved him from every trouble. On every side, the Lord's messenger protects those who honor God; and he delivers them. Taste and see how good the Lord is! The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy! Psalm 34:4–8

Think

There was a time during my teenage years when I wanted to get to know God, but I wasn't quite sure how to go about it. I had fears, questions, and many things I still didn't understand. So I started with something simple: praying and reading the gospels. I wanted to know who Jesus was, not just hear what other people said about him. Psalm 34 speaks of seeking God in the midst of fears and anxieties, and of personally discovering God's goodness.

Faith doesn't always begin with certainty. Sometimes it begins with the decision to seek. Perhaps you, too, are trying to understand your faith. You don't have to pretend to be sure or have all your questions answered. You can start right where you are. Talk to God. Open the Bible. Ask questions. Be still. Dare to seek and discover God's goodness for yourself. Raquel López Oliver

Question to Ponder: What simple step could you take today to seek God right where you are?

Pray

God, I come to you with my questions, my fears, and the things I don't yet understand. Help me to know you and discover your goodness in my life. Amen.

Join Us on Sunday Morning



Miami 8:00 am





Osawatomie 10:00 am

Announcements

The Bridge - A Different Kind of Worship

Looking for a little something different? Join us for The Bridge, our once-a-month Saturday evening worship service! The Bridge is a more relaxed, modern style of worship while still holding on to the traditions and heart of our church. It's a chance to come together, connect, and grow in faith in a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere. Come as you are, bring a friend, and join us!

Women's Group

The Women's Group had a successful Walking Taco Feed on Halloween! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a fun evening and to all who came out to support us.
Next up, we're planning a fun outing to The Schoolhouse in Paola on Saturday, November 7th. We'll meet at the church at 4:00 PM and ride together in the church van. We'll also be drawing names for our Secret Santa, so come ready for a little Christmas fun! We always enjoy the time spent together, and we'd love to have you join us!

Blessings Cafe is Back!

The youth are cooking up breakfast again! Join us on Sunday, November 8th, at 9:00 AM for another Blessings Cafe. They'll be serving biscuits and gravy, pancakes, and breakfast burritos.
This is a free-will donation breakfast, and all donations will go toward purchasing Christmas gifts for the children we've adopted through the Adopt an Angel program. Come hungry, bring a friend, and help support our youth as they spread a little Christmas cheer. We hope to see you there!

Community Thanksgiving

Our community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 15th, at 5:00 PM at the City Auditorium. This is a great opportunity to come together as a community, enjoy a meal, and give thanks for our many blessings. Our church will be helping by providing desserts for the dinner. We hope you'll come out, enjoy a meal with friends and neighbors, and celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving together!

Hanging of the Greens

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Join us on Sunday, November 22, immediately following worship, as we gather together for our annual Hanging of the Greens. We'll decorate the church, add a little Christmas cheer, and prepare our sanctuary for the Advent season. It's a wonderful way to spend time together, share some fellowship, and kick off the Christmas season as a church family. Everyone is welcome, and many hands make light work!

Announcements

Stew Bunny is Back!

Keep an eye out for Stew Bunny! Our stuffed bunny will be making his rounds during stewardship season, going home with a different kiddo each week. When it's time to bring Stew Bunny back to church, the child will also bring their stewardship card and place it in the offering plate.

Stew Bunny will come with a few simple stewardship options for our kids to choose from. Things like coming to Sunday School, saying hello to someone at church, or helping with the Blessings Cafe are all ways they can share their time and be involved.

These little acts may seem simple, but they help our children learn that stewardship isn't just about money. It's about showing up, helping others, and being part of our church family. Every child has something to offer, and we want them to know how important they are to our church!

Poinsettia Sales

Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for the Christmas season! It's time to order poinsettias that will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Chritmas. You may purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, or simply help fill our sanctuary with Christmas color. Please turn in your orders by Sunday, November 22 so we can get everything ready for the season. Thank you for helping make our church beautiful as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

Reverse Advent

In past years, our Reverse Advent collection has supported our local food pantry. This year, we're focusing our efforts a little closer to home by supporting the Blessing Bags program at our local schools.

Blessing Bags provide food for children who may not have enough to eat over the weekends when school meals aren't available. In previous years, Harvesters has been able to meet the need, but this year about half of the children who need these bags will not be receiving them. Thanks to OMA, food bags are being provided for those children, but there is still a need for continued support throughout the school year. Our goal is to help fill that gap and make sure children have food to take home each weekend. Through our Reverse Advent collection, we can help keep those bags filled and remind families in our community that they are not forgotten.
As always, we'll collect donations under our Christmas tree at the church. As we prepare for Christmas, let's remember that giving isn't just about the season. It's about caring for our neighbors all year long. Thank you for helping us put our faith into action!







Prayer Request



Please help us keep the Prayer Request up to date.
Call the Osawatomie Church Office with any changes at 913-755-3964 or Shelly at 913-731-1417

New Hope Parish Prayer Requests

- Bonnie Wallace (healing)
- Vieng Elliott (Comfort & healing)
- Grady Atwater (comfort, healing)
- Liz Redd (comfort & healing)
- Butch Mayfield (cancer)
- Don Wilson (healing & comfort)
- Dave French (Healing)
- Brian Homrighausen (Cancer)
- Virgina (Ginny) Martin (cancer)
  (Grace Donham Sister)
- Betty Matney (Kidney Failure)
  (Kim Matney Mother in Law)

Heartland Presbytery

- Second Presbyterian Church
- South-Broadland Presbyterian Church
- Military Personnel
- St. Paul Presbyterian Church
- Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church
- Westport Presbyterian Church
- King City Presbyterian Church
- United Christian & Presbyterian Church

Military

- All who are now serving or have served in the past



1 Olivia Green
2 Brandy McLean
4 Beulah Johnson
8 Grace Donham
16 Lawrence Dickinson
19 Joe Fox
20 Blake Pennock
21 Randy Kitchen
21 Jimmy Minden



9 Brad & Mallory Green
16 Jack & Florance Johns

For emergency call Shelly Dickinson at 913-731-1417

FAITH BEYOND THE PEW

SUNDAY SCHOOL & THE CAFE

The youth have been keeping busy! They've been working hard in their Confirmation classes while also helping plan the next Blessings Cafe. It's been great seeing them learn, grow in their faith, and find ways to put that faith into action by serving our church and community. We're proud of the time and effort they're putting in!

MOVIE NIGHT & SMORES

Grab a chair and join us for a fun night under the stars! We'll be having an outdoor movie night on Friday, November 7th, at 7:00 PM. Dress warm, bring a chair, and get ready for a good movie and some delicious s'mores around the fire. Bring a friend and come enjoy a fun evening together!

COME CHEER THEM ON

Things are a little quiet right now! There aren't any sports games to cheer on at the moment, but basketball season will be starting in December. We'll be back to cheering on our kids before we know it!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

11-1 Confirmation Class
11-9 Blessings Cafe
11-15 Confirmation Class
11-22 Murders, Miracles & Everything In Between

UPCOMING EVENTS

11-7 Bonfire & Movie Night in Osawatomie
11-9 Blessings Cafe
Dec Christmas Shopping for kids in need at My Father's House

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lawrence Dickinson Communion 5pm Womens Bible Study	2	3 Election  Day	4	5	6	7 4pm Women's Group 6pm The Bridge Service 7pm Youth Movie & Smores
8 Meadow Richardson  9am Blessings Cafe  5pm Womens Bible Study	9	10	11 	12	13	14
15 Meadow Richardson 9am Sunday School K-12 5pm Community Thanksgiving	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Meadow Richardson 9am Sunday School K-12  Hanging of the Greens	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29 Angie Pennock 9am Sunday School K-12	30	1	2	3	4	5

REVERSE ADVENT

Please make sure all donated items are individually packaged, single-serving items rather than bulk packages, as each item will be placed directly into a child's backpack.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Microwaveable Mac & Cheese Cups	30 Shelf Stable Milk	1 Microwavable Oatmeal Packets	2 Canned Ravioli	3 Canned Spaghetti O's	4 Apple Sauce Cups	5 Peanut Butter Crackers
6 Single Serving Boxed Cereal	7 Fruit by the Foot	8 Canned Green Beans	9 Canned Chili	10 Package Tuna Fish with Crackers	11 Fruit Snacks	12 Bags of crackers
13 Granola Bars	14 2 Galllon Sized Bags	15 Canned Chicken Noodle Soup	16 Fruit Cups without Jello	17 Canned Red Beans and Rice	18 Canned Tomato Soup	19 Shelf Stable Milk
20 Canned Chili	21 Package Tuna Fish with Crackers	22 Fruit by the Foot	23 Canned Ravioli	24 Bags of crackers (Cheez it's)	25 Small Cans of Fruit	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	

Poinsettia Sales

It's that wonderful time of year again when our sanctuary comes alive with the beauty of Christmas! The Women's Group is selling gorgeous poinsettias for $20 each, and you can purchase one in honor, in memory, or in celebration of someone special. Each plant will brighten our church during the Christmas season and help us celebrate the joy, love, and hope that fill this time of year. Dedications will be listed in the Christmas bulletin, so join in the fun—spread some holiday cheer, honor loved ones, and help us make our sanctuary bloom with Christmas spirit!

Please fill out 1 form per poinsettia $20 each.
Forms can be turned into the office (Lorrie or Shelly)

☐ In Honor of: _____

☐ In Celebration of: _____

☐ In memory of: _____

_____

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BONFIRE &
MOVIE NIGHT
GOOD FOOD
GREAT COMPANY
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER
NOV 7
AT 7:00 PM
AT THE CHURCH
INVITE A FRIEND!

Resources

PACA FOOD PANTRY

1016N Pearl Wednesday

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

For Monetary Donations.send a check to:
PACA Mike Brown, 1002 Pearl, Paola, KS

Needs: Empty egg cartons, adult sleeping bags, three person tents, Cheerios, sloppy joe mix, beefaroni, fruitmix, applesauce, canned meats.

Osawatomie Food Pantry
(OZ Food Pantry)

811 w 6thSt, Wednesday

8:30 - 11:00 am Current

Needs: Boxed Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Ramen, Condiments, Dessert Mixes Donations can be brought to the church.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group - Meets the second Monday of the month at the Paola Senior Center, 5:00 PM at 121 W Wea Paola. For more informationcontact Joan Reed 913-300-1895

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.

Grief Support - Baptist from 6-7:30. Meets every Tuesday at Faith Baptist

Volunteer Opportunity

Foster Grandparents - 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 913-294-3880. You can make a difference.