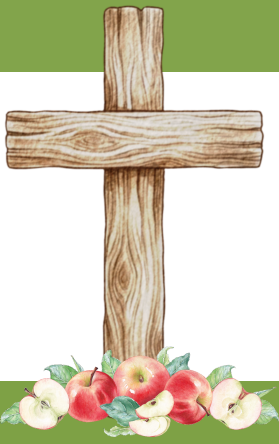


September 2026



New Hope Parish

Pause

Take a deep breath. A new school year brings expectations and challenges, but also new opportunities. Before you start thinking about everything you have to do, remember that God is with you. Let God's presence calm your worries and open your heart to hear God's voice.

Listen

"Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Romans 12:15-18

Think

It isn't always easy to get along with others. There will be disagreements, misunderstandings, and moments of tension. In our scripture for today, Paul acknowledges this reality, but he encourages us to do everything we can to live in harmony and peace. Seeking peace does not mean avoiding problems. It means responding with respect, listening before speaking, and treating others with dignity, even when we don't see things the same way.

Whether at school, at work, or at home, every day we have opportunities to choose between fueling a conflict or helping to resolve it. A kind word, a humble attitude, or simply admitting our mistakes can make a big difference in our relationships with others. Every conversation can be an opportunity to build bridges rather than erect barriers. When we seek peace, we bear witness to God's love and help create communities where everyone can feel valued and respected. - Jhanderys Dotel-Vellenga

Question to Ponder: How can you help create an atmosphere of respect and peace wherever you are?

Pray

God, make me an instrument of your peace. Teach me to listen to, understand, and respect others. Guide my words and actions always. Amen.

Join Us on Sunday Morning



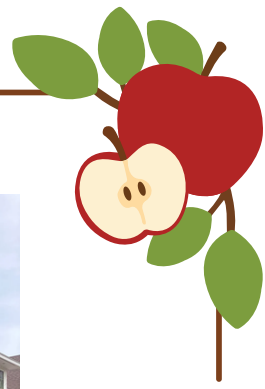
Miami 8:00 am



Osawatomie 10:00 am



Announcements



Church Repairs

We're excited to share that our roof repairs are complete, and our stained glass windows have been carefully removed and sent to Colorado for restoration!

We're incredibly grateful that a grant covered our entire insurance deductible, making these important repairs possible without that financial burden on our congregation.



"This project is supported by a grant from the Intervention Fund. The Intervention Fund is an emergency grant program under the umbrella of the National Fund for Sacred Places, a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation."

Sunday School

Sunday School is back beginning Sunday, September 13! We invite everyone to join us as we kick off another exciting year of learning and growing in faith.

Children's Sunday School (K-5)
Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12)

Our youth program will now meet every Sunday. Two Sundays each month will focus on Confirmation, while the other two Sundays will have a fun, youth-group-style format with games, discussions, service opportunities, and fellowship. The schedule will alternate throughout the month and will be led by Meadow Richardson and Dave Stephens.

Women's Group

Our Women's Group will meet on the second Sunday of each month at 5:00pm

We're also excited to begin a new Bible study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*, led by Meadow. The study will meet on Sundays at 6:00pm from September 13 through November 15.

Books are \$10 regular print or \$15 large print. Please let us know if you'd like to participate so we can order your book. Please let the office know by September 4th.

The Bridge Saturday Evening Service

The Bridge returns this month! Join us on the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for a relaxed, modern worship service with contemporary music, an encouraging message, and a come-as-you-are atmosphere. We'd love to see you there!



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)

Military

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

Heartland Presbytery

- Trinity Presbyterian Church,
- Argentine United Presbyterian,
- Elder's Circle – New Worshiping Community
- The Elders of churches and congregations in Maya Quiché Presbytery
- Heartland Presbyterian Center Camp Board of Directors
- Grandview Park Presbyterian Church,
- Heartland Presbytery Presbyterian Women
- Central Presbyterian Church,
- Christ Presbyterian Church – Haitian Fellowship,
- Covenant Presbyterian Church,



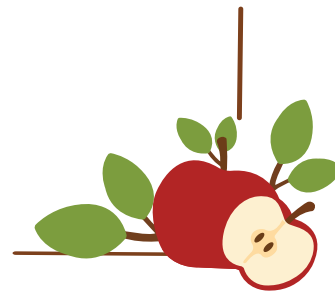
4 Madelyn Green
15 Ben Matney



12 Carl & Faye Wilson



For emergency call Shelly Dickinson at 913-731-1417



FAITH BEYOND THE PEW

TOPGOLF & PIZZA STREET

Our youth had a great time at a Presbytery-sponsored event at Topgolf! It was an afternoon filled with golf, games, laughter, and plenty of time to hang out with friends from other churches. Events like this give our youth a chance to have fun together while building friendships and experiencing the larger church community beyond our own congregation. Here's what our youth had to say about the day:

"Topgolf was so much fun!! We had a really good time playing, eating, and enjoying the afternoon. Thank you to our sponsors (Meadow and Mr. Stephens) for taking us"

-Charlee Lawless

"Going to Topgolf with our church group was one of the best parts of this month, especially getting to spend time with my friends. It was great meeting other kids from other Presbyterian church locations. I really enjoyed the different games they had like the Angry Birds themed one. I had a great time and am excited for the next event."

-Adam Blair

COME CHEER THEM ON

Oz Girls Flag Football

- 9-2 5 & 8 pm @ St. Thomas Aquinas
- 9-9 5 & 9 pm @ Osawatomie
- 9-14 4 & 8 pm @ Osawatomie
- 9-15 6:30 & 9 pm @ Bishop Miege
- 9-23 4:30 & 7 pm @ Osawatomie

Paola Boys Freshman Football

- 9-10 4:30 pm @ Paola
- 9-17 4:30 pm @ Louisburg

Oz Girls Volleyball

- 9-3 4 pm @ Osawatomie
- 9-8 4 pm @ Osawatomie
- 9-10 4 pm @ Tonganoxie
- 9-15 4 pm @ Iola
- 9-17 4 pm @ Chanute
- 9-22 4 pm @ Burlington
- 9-29 4 pm @ Praire View

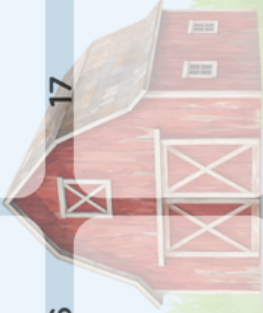
SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 9-13 Murder, Miracles & Everything In Between
- 9-20 Murder, Miracles & Everything In Between
- 9-27 Confirmation Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10-17 Boys vs Girls Game Night
- 11- 8 Presbytery Sponsored Bonfire
- Dec Christmas Shopping for kids in need at My Father's House

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 The Bridge Service 6:00 pm
6 Meadow Richardson Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Lawrence Dickinson 9am Sunday School K-12 5pm Women's Group 6pm Womens Bible Study	14	15	16	17 	18	19
20 Angie Pennock 9am Sunday School K-12 6pm Womens Bible Study	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Meadow Richardson 9am Sunday School K-12 6pm Womens Bible Study	28	29	30	1	2 	3

SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH BON.FIRE

A NIGHT TO GATHER, CONNECT & GLOW



FOR YOUTH IN 6TH - 12TH GRADE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

4:30 PM

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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 6th St, 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 information contact 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.