



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
Pastor Linda Ray
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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 14, 2022, 9:00 AM Service with ASL Interpretation and Virtual Worship
WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

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WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Duane Dillard
Mark Holden, Photographer & Curator

*CALL TO WORSHIP * *Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

One: In the fire and the flames,

Many: The Holy Spirit appears to bless and inspire us.

One: In the division and the despair,

Many: Christ arrives to challenge and invite us.

One: In the shadows and the sorrow,

Many: God walks alongside to lift us up.

One: In this moment, we come together to worship, to pray, to sing, and to share.

Many: We gather on this blessed journey of life, death, and resurrection.

*OPENING HYMN

Standing on the Promises

Red Hymnal 374

*OPENING PRAYER (all praying): **Christ of mysterious paradox, enter the paradoxes of our lives. Connect with us so securely, that we may connect with one another. Challenging God, forgive us when we avoid your hard truths. Grant your mercy when we look for the easy path and avoid the path you set before us. Guide us back to where you would have us to go. Encourage us to rejoice when we see the way forward and love us so fully that we accept your love. Help us live the love you shower on our lives, that we may shower this love on others. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

What a Mighty God We Serve

Green Hymnal 3016

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty god we serve. Angels bow before you, heaven and earth adore you. What a mighty God we serve.

Adrienne Dillard shares a blessing with our children!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada”

Red Hymnal 883

GLORIA PATRI

Red Hymnal 71

WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

5:1 Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

SECOND LESSON: *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

11:29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Blessed Assurance

Red Hymnal 369

*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 12: 49-56*

12:49 "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 55 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

One: May this story inspire us all.

ALL: To walk in the way that leads to life.

THE MESSAGE

"Yielding Wild Grapes"

Pastor Linda Ray

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: What if we were to lay aside the sin of thinking we know everything?

Many: Christ Jesus journey with us.

One: What if we were to quit wishing that the journey was simple and easy?

Many: Christ Jesus, hold us when we are afraid.

One: What if we were to acknowledge sliding backward, even as we move forward?

Many: Christ Jesus, help us persevere and walk with you, no matter what the journey brings.

HYMN OF INVITATION

Are Ye Able

Red Hymnal 530

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Linda Ray

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and to your glory. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **The Nest – Ryan and Katelynn Scott's Home.**

If you are graciously contributing to the weekly designated yellow hat, kindly have your checks/cash submitted to the church prior to that Sunday or obviously placed in the yellow hat during the Sunday service. This makes recording those contributions into the system flow more smoothly each week. Thereafter, one check can be made payable to the designated organization and then we can move to the next week. Thank you all for your continued generosity towards this important mission. Alice Mullins, Treasurer

OFFERTORY HYMN

How Beautiful

Janet Miller - Flute Presentation

*THE DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Linda Ray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Linda Ray

Officiant Server – Melissa Brooks

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

(Lifting and breaking the bread) On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave God thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

Pastor: Let us join our hearts and voices in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory Forever. AMEN.

(The congregation will come forward to partake of the bread and cup.)

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

WE GO IN THE SPIRIT!

SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

Red Hymnal 706

*BENEDICTION

In the spirit of Christ, bear one another's burdens; correct one another with gentleness; and heal one another with signs of peace. Rejoice as you leave this place, for if you persevere in doing what is right, you will reap a harvest of joy, hope and love. Go with the peace of God. **Amen.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Ellie Leuliette

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Communion Officiant/Server: Melissa Brooks

Ushers: Ellie & Dick Leuliette, John & Patti Harmer, June Stemmler, John Harmon, Denis Shaffer, Laura Widger

Musicians: Amy Brown, Director of Music Ministry, Duane Dillard, Minister of Music

ASL Interpreter: Gail Garner

Flowers today are donated by Dick & Ellie Leuliette in honor of their second great-grandchild, Cooper James, born August 3rd! Blessings and congratulations to the family!!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HUGE THANK YOU TO JOHN HARMER FOR TRIMMING ALL THE CHURCH SHRUBBERY!! IT LOOKS GREAT!!!

MEALS NEEDED – KENZEL MESSICK

The family of Kenzel Messick is thankful for any meals that can be donated during her recovery. To donate, go to takethemameal.com Name: Messick PW: 2700

FROM GAIL GARNER - Subject: New American Sign Language Group for Beginners

I will be starting a new group for beginners on Wednesday, August 3rd on ZOOM. The sessions will be from 5 - 6 pm every week and will be a "pay as you attend" group. Sessions are \$2 per person/per session. If you are interested, please contact me directly at this email: ggarner58@hotmail.com and I will send the details and prep materials for the group. Please share this information with anyone interested! There will also be members from other groups and churches attending. **New members will be accepted through the end of August.** Thank you!

THE CHURCH YARDWORK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We need extra help with this – **Barbara Lynn Manlove and Sharyn Sheats have been doing all the yardwork all the time.** As we all know this is hard, tedious work and more people need to help. These ladies have been constantly giving of themselves to weed, mulch, plant and keep all the Church yard looking great!! Please give of your time to beautify our church grounds and lend a hand to these wonderful women! Contact Barbara Lynn Manlove or the Church Office.

THE CHURCH BENCHES IN THE GROVE NEED DESPERATE ATTENTION AND REFINISHING.

If anyone can do this, please contact Barbara Lynn Manlove or the Church Office.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACK PACKS

We will be collecting Walmart Gift cards in the amount of \$25-50 to help students be able to buy supplies and Back Packs. We will need these by **8/14. Your help with this project is greatly appreciated.**

Thank You-Sue Holden and Dawn Buckworth

PAK-A-SACK outreach food pantry needs water (bottles/cases), juices/drinks – apple/orange juice, lemonade, iced tea etc., paper towels, small jars of peanut butter, small jars of jelly. Thank you!



ST. PAUL'S
United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out

St. Paul's Mission Statement

Reaching Up to praise God in vibrant worship

God calls us to live out our discipleship grounded in Christ's awakening us to the glory and majesty of God in all creation, and we respond together by worshiping God with our gratitude and praise. Standing or lifting our hands high are both ancient postures of worship, and so our dance of discipleship involves reaching up with our hearts, souls, and bodies, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Psalms 100:4-5 (NRSV)

Reaching In to deepen our spiritual walk with Christ

Christ accepts us as we are, and then calls us to follow him and learn from him, growing in our spiritual walk-through practices the church calls spiritual disciplines: prayer, fasting, meditation, studying God's Word, individually and with others. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we discover more about the extraordinary plans God has for our lives.

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John 8:31-32 (NRSV)

Reaching Out with acts of love and compassion

Here's where it all comes together! Assured of God's eternal love, strengthened by the grace and knowledge of Christ, we are ready for the Holy Spirit to kindle a fire in our lives, gifting us for the labor of love God has prepared for us to accomplish. Having fallen in love with God, we love and serve our neighbors.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)

Current list of Committees, Chairs and Members as of 05/2022

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| Pastor | Rev. Linda Driver Ray |
| Ministry Candidate | Min. Adrienne Dillard |
| Lay Leadership | Janet Miller, Melissa Brooks, Mark Holden |
| Church Leadership Co-Chairs | Steve Johnson & Cathy Blanco |
| Trustee Chair | Charlii Miller |
| Trustee Committee | Charlii Miller, John Littell, Lynda Lambert |
| | Rev. Linda Driver Ray (Ex-Officio), Barbara |
| | Lynn Manlove, Don Mueller, John Cate, |
| | Cathy Blanco, Steve Johnson |
| SPRC Chair | Rick Pulling |
| SPRC Committee | Rick Pulling, Nancee Bleistine, Ellie Leuliette, |
| | June Stemmler, Janet Miller, Rev. Linda Driver Ray |
| | (Ex-Officio), Joy Littell, Cathy Blanco, Steve Johnson |
| Finance Chair | Vacant/Hap Bonham – Interim Chair |
| Treasurer | Alice Mullins |
| Finance Committee | Hap Bonham, Angela Christian, Carolyn Stanley |
| | Rev. Linda Driver Ray (Ex-Officio), Sandy Urstadt, Ann Baker, Alan Martin, Melissa Brooks |
| Worship Arts Committee | Barbara Lynn Manlove, Ellie Leuliette |
| | Nancee Bleistine, Janet Miller |
| Missions | Sue Holden, Dawn Buckworth, Sandy & Bob |
| | Urstadt, Charlotte Miller, Nadine Johnson |
| | Karen Ellis, Patti & John Harmer, Barbara |
| | Bonham, Joy Littell, Mark Holden, Nancy Judd, |
| | Ann Newswanger |

Please contact Bonnie Valeski at bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org with any changes or additions

MISSIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

WEEKLY GATHERINGS – CHURCH BUILDING

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday -Thursday, 9AM-2:00PM

- Boy Scouts –Discontinued until Fall
- Cub Scouts –Discontinued until Fall
- TOPS Meeting – Wednesdays 6 PM.
- St. Paul’s Prayer and Praise Group Ministry – Thursdays 10 AM via ZOOM
- St. Paul’s Handbell Rehearsal - Discontinued until Fall
- St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal –Discontinued until Fall
- AA Meeting – Saturdays 7 PM.

MONTHLY GATHERINGS

- Finance Meeting – 2nd Monday 6:30 PM
- Trustees Meeting – 2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM
- SPRC Meeting – 2nd Thursday 6:30 PM
- Leadership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM
- PFLAG Meeting – 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM
- Reconciling Ministries – 2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM, Discontinued until September

Reconciling Ministries Informational Meetings

The Reconciling Community Committee will not be meeting the month of August and will resume meeting on Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 via Zoom. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77700823122?pwd=R1ZMcFV0cGMrNmF1WjJhVTlSRmVKdz09> .

We will be meeting the second Thursday each month at 6:30 via the same zoom link. The purpose of this Reconciling Community Committee is to create opportunities to engage in dialogue, build relationships and advocate for changes to the UMC Policies towards the LGBTQIA+ community. Policy making and change is ultimately the task of General Conference, but individuals and local churches can be a part of this conversation.

We will be discussing policies that would welcome and celebrate people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Included will be also those policies which would celebrate God’s gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all.

Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for August 2022:

<http://www.stpaulsodessa.org/VANCOOnlineGiving>

08/21/2022 Deep Roots

08/28/2022 Natl Donate Gift for Life (Nancee Bleistine)

Adult Bible Study Discontinued for Summer and will resume in the Fall

Flowers for Worship

If you are interested in honoring a loved one with flowers at the altar on a particular Sunday, we are asking you to contact Alicia Blackwell, from Wildflowers by Alicia to place your order. Alicia can be reached at (302) 593-9884. Also, please email the church office so we make sure the information is added in the bulletin.

Compassionate Card Ministry

The Compassionate Card Ministry is made up of 20 dedicated members of our congregation who create hand-made cards and encouraging messages to those in our directory, within our congregation, those on our prayer lists and others who are brought to our attention. Our purpose is to spread kindness and love to others through uplifting and personalized sentiments on hand-made cards. If you are not in our directory and would like to be added to our list, or if you know someone who would benefit from the blessing of a card, please contact Nancee Bleistine, nbleistine@yahoo.com or 609-217-1924.

Prayer and Praise Team

Carole Harmon hosts a prayer circle, currently Thursday mornings at 10 AM - in person. Please contact Carole if you are interested in joining the group or have a special prayer request. You can also find prayer request cards on the table in the Narthex.

VANCO: Manage Your Giving Online

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.stpaulsodessa.org and click on the VANCO Online Giving button to the left of the screen.
- 3) Click on the Link to Online Giving thru VANCO button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS.

Family Life Upcoming Events

CAMP PECOMETH 2022 Registration is NOW OPEN

CHILDREN/YOUTH: If you're ready for a "God-inspired/Life-changing" summer experience!

CHECK OUT: Pecometh | Summer Camp

FAMILY LIFE - Who Do I Contact this SUMMER?

Children's Time/Lesson Schedule: Bonnie Valeski - bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org

Virtual Children's Lesson Tech Issues: Adrienne Dillard ad5561@gmail.com OR John Littell john.littell@icloud.com

Youth Events/Missions: Charlotte Miller - millersixhorses@gmail.com

Acolytes: Barbara Lynn Manlove - b.manlove@atlanticbb.net

Bulletin Announcements: Bonnie Valeski - bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org

Confirmation Classes: Church Office - bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org

Love Thy Neighbor Fund

Our "Love Thy Neighbor Fund" was created to help those in need in the MOT community. This fund may support a time in someone's life when he/she may need a little kindness and generosity to help endure and survive a challenging situation. If you can donate, please make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC and then write in the memo area it is for "Love Thy Neighbor Fund." Please note, this fund is SEPARATE from the Yellow Hat. Thank you, Love Thy Neighbor Committee

Deep Roots

Nadine Johnson & Karen Ellis continue to work with the "Deep Roots" mission. This group works with families who are disconnected through homelessness and provides transitional shelter and other services to families in need. They need your help as they continue to contact members of the church to help with making meals once a month feeding approximately 50+ individuals. Here's hoping you will be able to help us with this very important and necessary mission. Thanks so much!

Our Daily Bread Food Donations

214 N Broad St, Middletown, DE 19709

Volunteers Needed – day and evening hours and different areas of need, filling bags, handing out meals, etc.

Please consider a few hours of your time to help those much less fortunate. Contact Sue Holden, Missions Co-Chair, at 802-324-6167, susieq2951@aol.com, with any questions. Also, find information and volunteer sign-up forms on the website, <https://www.ourdailybreadmot.com>.

ODB is most thankful to all who donate either monetarily or in kind. Your generosity helps ODB feed those in our community who are facing food insecurity. Listed below are the items needed to stuff our side bags for this week and other items that are needed. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- Individual bottles of water

- Individual bags of salty snacks
- Individual packets of sweet snacks
- Individual fruit cups and/or applesauce
- Fresh fruit (apples, bananas, oranges)
- Boxes of breakfast cereal
- Boxes of mashed potatoes
- White bread
- Baked beans (large cans)

Thank you for any and all kindnesses!

Neighborhood House

We have a food pantry to which you donate food. Here a few items on which we are low in the food/toiletry's pantry. Please check the dates on all food items to make sure they haven't expired.

- Water, Juices, Drinks
- Applesauce
- Gallon Zip Lock Bags
- Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce
- Deodorant, Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Paper towels, Tissues

Donations can be left inside the Church. We look forward to another great year working together to feed the hungry. Thanks to all, Marilyn Hendershot, Family Services Specialist, Neighbor-hood House, Inc.

PFLAG Meeting

Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month, presently via Zoom. Please join us if you would like to be supported or offer support and please spread the word to all corners of our communities. We are currently working on a system which will help youth who have been rejected by their parents, find families who will help them. Please contact Mark Holden, (Mark@maholden.com) or call 802-279-8100.

JOYS & CONCERNS: If you know someone, you'd like to add to our prayer list, please email the church office or visit the church website (www.stpaulsodessa.org) to complete a prayer request. Please email the office when someone can be taken OFF the list. If you or a loved one needs a pastoral visit, please call or email the church office to schedule.

Prayers for: Noel Lukens; Mary Beth; Matthew Smith; Naomi Betts; Jerrod Bolline; Sue Holden's sister, Betsey Snipes; Bill Smith; Beth; Matt & Louise Latocha; Carol Myers; Darryl Dillard; Kathy Golden; Jessica Schrum and Family; Joyce, aunt to Angela Christian; Dave Corby; Kenzel Messick; David Dudgeon; Kimberly, Ron Miller, Ike Guessford.

Birthdays: August 14 – Jason Wallace; August 15 – Jackie Connell, Cole Tokash; August 17 – Karen Ellis, Burtie Hutchison, Allen Ingram; August 18 – David Koski; August 19 – Megan Reitzes

Anniversaries: August 14 – Bill & Burtie Hutchison; August 17 – Billy & Vickie Bush; August 18 – Steve & Nadine Johnson