



**St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa**  
***Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out***  
**Pastor Linda Ray**  
**406 Main Street Odessa, DE 302-378-2420**  
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## **Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 7, 2022, 9:00 AM Service with ASL Interpretation and Virtual Worship**

**WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE**

**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: God called to Abraham and Sarah and promised to bless them.

**Many: Through faith they obeyed and received God's inheritance.**

One: God called Isaac and Jacob, as heirs of that promise.

**Many They too followed in faith, seeking God's realm.**

One: God calls us to join them, as heirs with the faithful.

**Many: We come here in faith, assured by the hope that was fulfilled in lives of your servants**

**\*OPENING HYMNS**

*My Life Is in You, Lord*  
*I Sing Praises to Your Name*

Black Hymnal 2032

Black Hymnal 2037

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of light and love, you take delight in your creation. Ignite our spirits to worship you with sincerity. God of unfailing love, it is often hard to remain faithful. You ask us to share our wealth with those in need, yet we hoard our possessions and guard our wealth. You call us to rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow, yet our pursuits are often self-serving, ignoring those in need of our care. Illumine our minds with the truth of your word. Inspire our hearts to seek your treasure alone, that our hearts may be pure, and our actions may be noble and just, as we share your love. 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.

Susie Cate 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 1:1 10-20***

1:1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 11 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt

offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. 12 When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; 13 bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. 14 Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. 18 Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

SECOND LESSON: *Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16*

11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." 13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

Black Hymnal 128

\*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 12: 32-40*

12:32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

One: May this story inspire us all.

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

THE MESSAGE

*By Faith*

Pastor Linda Ray

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: God has fed us with the words of holy scripture,

**Many: Fed by God's word, our hunger is satisfied.**

One: Christ has quenched our thirst with living water.  
**Many: Nourished by God's Spirit, our thirst is quenched.**  
One: The Spirit has hidden us in God with Christ.  
**Many: Renewed by the Spirit, we wait to be revealed with Christ in glory.**

### 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 **El Ayudante, Yesprin.**

*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

*Handbells "O Perfect Love"*

Handbell Ensemble

\*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: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Creator God and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Linda Ray

Officiant Server – Joyce Nelson

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

*This Little Light of Mine*

Red Hymnal 585

\*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: Joy Littell

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Communion Officiant/Server: Joyce Nelson

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

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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. 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 Mission Statement** **Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out**

### **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**

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](mailto: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**

For those interested in what, why and how, Mark Holden will lead informational meetings to explore a reconciling ministry. We will not be meeting this summer during July and August and will resume in September the second Thursday of the month at 6:30. We will have guest speakers who have gone through the process.

Please join us at 6:30 via the following link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77700823122?pwd=R1ZMcFV0cGMrNmF1WjJhVTlSRmVKdz09>

### **Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for August 2022:**

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

**08/14/2022 The Nest – Ryan and Katelynn Scott’s Home**

**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](http://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](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org)

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

Youth Events/Missions: Charlotte Miller - [millersixhorses@gmail.com](mailto:millersixhorses@gmail.com)

Acolytes: Barbara Lynn Manlove - [b.manlove@atlanticbb.net](mailto:b.manlove@atlanticbb.net)

Bulletin Announcements: Bonnie Valeski - [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org)

Confirmation Classes: Church Office - [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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, Lonnie Coulbourne, Ike Guessford.



Condolences and prayers for the family of Tom Cahall who passed on July 29, 2022. Cards can be sent to:

239 Captain Davis Drive, Camden DE 19934

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022, in Pippin Funeral Home, Inc., 119 West Camden-Wyoming Ave., Wyoming; where family and friends may visit from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Barratt's Chapel, 6362 Bay Rd, Frederica.

[www.pippinfuneralhome.com](http://www.pippinfuneralhome.com).

**Birthdays:** August 7 – Courtney Martin; August 8 - Charlotte Miller, Rev. Patti Ravilious; August 11 - Ally Kennedy; August 12 – Justin Fitzwater; August 13 – Jeffrey Martin.

**Anniversaries:** August 6 – Jan & Dave Corby; August 7 – Ryan & Katelynn Scott; August 11 – John & Carole Harmon