



**St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa**  
***Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out***  
**406 Main Street Odessa, DE 302-378-2420**  
**[www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://www.stpaulsodessa.org)**

## **Fifth Sunday After Pentecost and Celebration of Appointment of Pastor Linda Ray**

**July 10, 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*

Amy Brown

Mark Holden, Photographer & Curator

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

**One:** Shout to the Lord, you people of God. Bring your petitions before the judgement seat.

**Many:** **Worship the one who hears our cries, rescues the perishing, and lifts up the lowly.**

**One:** Call to the Lord, you disciples of Christ. Proclaim your case before God's holy council.

**Many:** **Worship the one who hears our pleas, frees the captives, and sustains the widows and the orphans.**

**One:** Sing to the Lord, you children of the Most High. Declare your need before our righteous judge.

**Many:** **Worship the one who responds to our needs, heals our wounds, and fills our world with light.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*God of Love and God of Power*

Red Hymnal 578

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God of unexpected miracles and fierce challenges, it can be disorienting to be your people. You turn our mourning into dancing, then you send us forth like lambs into the midst of wolves. You turn our weeping into shouts of joy, then you charge us to seek the welfare of those who have abused and betrayed us. You turn our scarcity into overflowing abundance, then you instruct us to leave it all behind and seek those who have gone astray. Show us what it means to be a good neighbor, that our works may bear good fruit, and that our lives may shine the light of your justice. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Listen to Your Children Praying*

Black Hymnal 2193

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Gail Garner shares a special presentation with our children!

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

Red Hymnal 883

**GLORIA PATRI**

## **CELEBRATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PASTOR LINDA RAY**

**Rick Pulling:** Dear friends, today we welcome Pastor Linda Ray, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that she is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our Bishop, LaTrelle Easterling.

Pastor Linda, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

**Pastor Linda:** Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

**Rick Pulling:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning, support and uphold Pastor Linda Ray in these ministries?

**Congregation:** We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

**Rick Pulling:** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger.

**Congregation:** Who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

**Amy Brown**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Red Hymnal 70**

**Rick Pulling:** Please bow your heads.

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Linda Ray as our pastor. Give her and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Amy Brown**

*His Name is Wonderful*

**Red Hymnal 174**

**Melissa Brooks:** Pastor Linda, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

**Pastor:** Amen.

**June Stemmler and grandson Ryan:** Pastor Linda, take this water, and baptize new Christians in this place.

**Pastor:** Amen.

**Barbara Manlove:** Pastor Linda, take this bread and cup, and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church.

**Pastor:** Amen.

**Frank Whittington and Joyce Nelson:** Pastor Linda, use this hymnal and book of worship to guide us in our prayer and praise.

**Pastor:** Amen.

**Rick and Tracy Pulling:** Pastor Linda, receive this Book of Discipline, and help us keep the covenant that strengthens our connections as United Methodists.

**Pastor: Amen.**

**Dawn Buckworth:** Pastor Linda, receive this globe, and lead us in our mission to this community and all the world.

**Pastor: Amen.**

**Cathy Blanco and Steve Johnson:** Pastor Linda, receive this stole, signifying your ordination, and shepherd us as our pastor.

**Pastor: Amen.** This yoke has been laid upon me, and I willingly take it upon myself.

**Pastor:** Let us pray together:

**Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism gather at his table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Participants lay hands above Pastor Linda)*

**Participants and Congregation: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Amy Brown**

*It is Well with My Soul*

**Red Hymnal 377**

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'[a]; and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[b]"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

One: May this story inspire us all.

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

THE MESSAGE

*This Is Different*

Pastor Linda Ray

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: Let us be people who bear the fruit of eternal life:

**Many: loving God with all our heart,**

One: with all our soul,

**Many: with all our strength,**

One: and with all of our mind;

**Many: and loving our neighbor as ourselves.**

**All: Love well and you will live.**

HYMN OF INVITATION

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Black Hymnal 2171

### 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 **YMCA (Rick Pulling)**.

*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

*He Touched Me*

Janet Miller, Sharyn Sheats, Joyce Nelson

\*THE DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Linda Ray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Judge us in your righteousness, Holy One, and show us who we truly are, for we long to see ourselves as you see us. Against the plumb line of your justice, our ways seem out of balance, and our practices seem wanting. Wash us clean of our arrogance and presumption and heal us of deeply held prejudices. Open our hearts to all who have generous spirits, humble hearts, and gentle natures, whoever they may be. And open our ears to the many ways you are speaking still. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(By Intinction)*

Pastor Linda Ray

Officiant Server – Brenda Shaffer

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!**

**\*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.

**POSTLUDE**

Amy Brown

***SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY***

Liturgist: Melissa Brooks

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Communion Officiant/Server: Brenda Shaffer

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 on the altar today were donated by June Stemmler to welcome Pastor Linda Ray!

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **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
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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, MISSIONS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

**THIS SUNDAY JULY 10<sup>th</sup> is the POTLUCK to welcome Pastor Linda Ray and Family after the 9:00 AM service. Contact Barbara Lynn Manlove if you still wish to bring a dish to share.**

**Please also wear a name tag to help Pastor Linda connect names and faces and bring a card of welcome!**

### **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 7/31. 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!

### **MEALS STILL NEEDED!**

**THE SCHRUM FAMILY** brought baby Levi home Thursday 5/26 and he is in need of round the clock care. Bringing them meals will certainly provide much needed help for this amazing and loving family. Please sign up on: [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com), the family name SCHRUM and password is 1601.

Their boys are Nolan (6), Hank (4), and Ike (2). Cards would also be appreciated. They live in Odessa Heights in the neighborhood behind our church.

Al and Jessica Schrum  
305 Cantwell Ave.  
Townsend, DE 19734

### **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 July 2022:**

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

7/17/22 Our Daily Bread

7/24/22 Friendship House, Main St. Robin Cross

7/31/22 Back to School Book Bags for Neighborhood House

**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?**

Vacation Bible Camp-July 18-22; 8AM-5PM:

1) Pick up Registration Forms (Narthex)

2) Fill out & Mail Form & \$75 to Tree of Life Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 64, Odessa, DE 19730-0064

Contact Person: Lydia Chemij (Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings/302-378-3345)

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

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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)

### **VACATION BIBLE CAMP!!!**

**WHAT:** Adventure Island – Outings include local parks, the fire department, and Killen’s Pond Water Park

**WHEN:** July 18th to 22nd, 8 AM to 5 PM

**WHERE:** TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 505 Osbourne St, Odessa

**WHO:** Children AND Helpers

**HOW:**

- 1) Pick Up a REGISTRATION FORM in the NARTHEX
- 2) Return the COMPLETED FORM & \$75 to TREE OF LIFE Lutheran Church

### **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](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:** Lynda Lambert; 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; Ike Guessford; Jessica Schrum and Family; Dick Leuliette; Joyce, aunt to Angela Christian; Dave Corby; Kenzel Messick; Carol Martin, David Dudgeon; Kimberly.

**Birthdays:** July 13 – Phil Elliott, Owen Hickey, Jack Rowley; July 15 – Mike Holland; July 16 – George Whitehead.

**Anniversaries:** N/A