



**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**  
**[www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://www.stpaulsodessa.org)**

## **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 31, 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: Sing praises to our God.

**Many: God's love is sure. Christ's love never ends.**

One: Shout for joy all the earth.

**Many: God's grace satisfies the thirsty. The Spirit fills the hungry with good things.**

One: Proclaim the Lord's glory.

**Many: God's salvation is sure. God's faithfulness never ends**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*From the Rising of the Sun*

Black Hymnal 2024

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Eternal God, as people raised with Christ, teach us to seek the things that are above, where Christ abides in glory. Even as our true lives remain hidden in you with Christ, grant us a glimpse of our true selves, made pure and whole in your love. When we lose sight of our priorities, heal our desire to get our share. Help us store up treasure in heaven rather than here on earth. Renew us in your Spirit within us, and make us fit to bear the glory of your image. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

*How Great Is Our God (2x)*

Green Hymnal 3003

How great is our God! Sing with me, "How great is our God!" And all will see how great, how great is our God! Name above all names, worthy of all praise; my heart will sing "How great is our God!"

Ellie Leuliette 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 70

**WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD**

FIRST LESSON *Hosea 11: 1-11*

11When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 2 The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. 4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. 5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have

refused to return to me. 6 The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. 7 My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. 8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. 9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. 10 They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. 11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

SECOND LESSON: *Colossians 3: 1-11*

3 1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*As the Deer*

Black Hymnal 2025

\*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 12: 13-21*

12 13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

One: May this story inspire us all.

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

THE MESSAGE

*Cords of Kindness*

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

*His Name Is Wonderful*

Red Hymnal 174

## 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 **Back to School Bags for Neighborhood House**.

*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

Frank Whittington

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

Red Hymnal, 94

**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! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Linda Ray

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All-merciful, tender God, you have given birth to our world, conceiving and bearing all that lives and breathes. We come to you as your daughters and sons, aware of our aggression and anger, our drive to dominate and manipulate others. We ask you to forgive us, and by the gentle touch of your Spirit help us to find a renewed sense of compassion, that we may truly live as your people in service to all. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(By Intinction)*

Pastor Linda Ray

Officiant Server – John Cate

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

*Victory in Jesus*

Red Hymnal 370

### **\*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.**

POSTLUDE

Amy Brown

### ***SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY***

Liturgist: Ann Newswanger

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Communion Officiant/Server: John Cate

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

### **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 SHRUBS AND HEDGES NEED TRIMMING NOW!** We need volunteers to do this. Please contact Barbara Lynn Manlove or the Church Office.

**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!

### **MEALS STILL NEEDED**

**THE SCHRUM FAMILY** has new baby Levi at home at last and doing well. However, he continues to need round-the-clock care, and bringing them meals is St. Paul's way of showing WE CARE.

We are asking for meals to be delivered through August. Please sign up on: [takethenameal.com](http://takethenameal.com). The family name is SCHRUM, and the password is 1601.

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



## **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>

**08/07/2022 El Ayudante, Yesprin**

**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](mailto: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 are 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, Neighborhood 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; Ike Guessford; Jessica Schrum and Family; Joyce, aunt to Angela Christian; Dave Corby; Kenzel Messick; David Dudgeon; Kimberly.

**Birthdays:** July 31 – Phyllis Burris, Cal Cruz, Caren Jones; August 1 – Olivia Calbazana, John Hickey; August 2 – Julie Foreman; August 4 – Arkan Christian, Nolan Schrum; August 5 – Joy Littell

**Anniversaries:** August 1 – Rev. Nancee and George Bleistine; August 4 – Don and Linda Mueller