



RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY OF CHRIST



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Check out the book shelf in the Narthex and help yourself. There are some new arrivals that will be available for the next week so dig in and get 'em while their hot!

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

- ✦ AA Meeting Saturdays 7 PM
- ✦ Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9 AM – 2 PM (Office will be closed on Fridays in August)
- ✦ Wednesdays, Bible Study at 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM
- ✦ TOPS Meeting Wednesdays at 6 PM
- ✦ Wednesdays 8:30 Worship Ensemble Rehearsal at 7 PM
- ✦ NAMI 4th Thursdays at 7 PM
- ✦ Fridays Pastor's Sabbath

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✦ Monday, August 6 UMM Staying on Par with God, Odessa National, Tee time 9:30 AM
- ✦ Monday, August 6 SPRC Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ✦ Tuesday, August 7 Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ✦ Thursday, August 9 Organize Supplies for Bookbag Give A Way in Fellowship Hall at 10 AM
- ✦ Tuesday, August 14 Trustees Meeting at 6:30 PM

- ✦ Friday, August 17 from 6:30-8:30 PM & Saturday, August 18 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM
Leadership Team Retreat--more info to come!
- ✦ Sunday, August 19 Sunday School Teacher and Youth Leader Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM
- ✦ Monday, August 20 UMM Staying on Par with God, Odessa National, Tee time 9 AM
- ✦ Tuesday, August 21 Chancel Choir rehearsals begin from 6:30-8 PM
- ✦ Wednesday, August 29 St. Paul's Ringers rehearsals begin from 6:30-8 PM
- ✦ Sunday, September 9 **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF** in the back-parking lot and grove area from 9:30-10:45 AM
- ✦ Saturday, October 6 **CHARGE CONFERENCE**

WE CHANGE IT UP A BIT IN THE SUMMER

While we will continue to have our regular two worship services.

Our worship leaders for the summer will be mostly from our Leadership Teams & Ministry Groups. *Remember that someone in your group will need to be liturgist for the assigned Sunday.* And if your group cannot do the week assigned, please reach out and switch with another group. Most groups have several members or folks that are connected from which they can recruit to assist. It's that simple.

The list is as follows for **both** liturgists and Fellowship:

8/5 WORSHIP ARTS

8/19 WORSHIP COORDINATORS

8/12 MISSIONS & OUTREACH

8/26 MEMBERSHIP MINISTRIES

Reaching Up to praise God in vibrant worship

August 5 REGULAR WORSHIP at 8:30 & 11 AM

Read Ahead: Ephesians 4:1-16

Building the Body of Christ

Gail Garner, ASL Interpreter at 8:30 AM

Yellow Hat goes to support our El Ayudante Child, Yesprin

Pak-A-Sak Sunday and Blood Pressure Checks

Don't forget to wear your Name Tags!

Why has God brought us together at St. Paul's UMC for such a time as this? We are a particular people with particular and varied histories and stories. When we worship, it seems as if most of us are watching, witnessing, what others do at the front – on stage. What part has God called us to play in this grand love story for the world? In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul has often written of unity, a unity that includes every person, and every aspect of creation. Here, in a passage that describes this new life of unity, Paul reminds us that those whom God has gifted to lead the church have but one purpose: to equip the saints (that's all of us!) for this miraculous work of ministry.

We are thinking of combining the bulletins for both services on Sundays...so instead of having a bulletin for each service (8:30am & 11am) we will have one bulletin for both services. The designated time for each service will be noted next to the hymns listed. Please contact the office and let us know what you think!

WORSHIP COORDINATOR	8:30 AM	11 AM
Ushers: June Stemmler	Paul Loder, Greg Apps, John Harmer, Alan Martin, Dave Sydnor, Dave Pearl	Denis Shaffer, Dean Hatton, John Harmon & Charlii Miller
Liturgist: Alice Mullins	Heidi Allen, Worship Arts Team	Janet Miller, Worship Arts Team
Greeters: Johanna Learish	Dave & Susan Buches	Carole Harmon
Acolytes	Natalie Reitzes	
Com. Set-up: Kathy Chas	John & Patti Harmer 2 Chalices 1 loaf + plate of non-gluten	3 Chalices 1loaves + plate of non-gluten
Com. Servers: Carole Harmon	Leah & Sarah Apps	Allen, Mary & Jordan Ingram
Young Disciples	Brian McNelis	Brian McNelis
Word in Song		<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i> Beth O'Grady
Flowers: Janet Rowley	Janet Rowley to celebrate our St. Paul's family	
Fellowship:	Worship Arts Team	
Counters: G. Guessford	Sandy Urstadt & Ginny Guessford	

COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD Report Released, July 31, 2018

The final report of the Commission on a Way Forward has been released in all four official languages of the General Conference: English, French, Portuguese and Swahili. The report will be presented to the 2019 Special Session of General Conference. Find the report online at <https://www.pen-del.org/newsdetail/11608801>

Our Bishop, Peggy Johnson, will hold an informational and Q&A session about the report in our District on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, from 6:30-8:30 pm, at Cornerstone UMC, 3135 Summit Bridge Rd Bear, DE 19701. Topic: "The Way Forward" Conversations about the February special session of General Conference that will deal with the issue of homosexuality and the UMC.

Please take the time to read the report and to lift up our United Methodist Church worldwide, that God may lead us together to live, love, and witness faithfully – and that we may glorify and love God in all things, as we love our neighbors as ourselves.

About the Commission: *The 32-member Commission on a Way Forward was appointed by the Council of Bishops to assist the bishops in their charge from the 2016 General Conference to lead the church forward amid the present impasse related to LGBTQ inclusion and resulting questions about the unity of the church.*

Commission on a Way Forward offers more video resources for 2019 General Conference

<https://www.pen-del.org/newsdetail/11543282>

If you would still like to drop off a welcome card to Pastor Bo please feel free to do so in the box located in the Narthex.

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Saints!

I felt a calling to ordained ministry – to serve God and the church as a pastor – during a month-long stint as a midshipman aboard USS Cochrane (DDG-23) in the Indian Ocean in the summer of 1985. Alone on the ship, in the vast wilderness of the ocean half a world from home, I found myself in a season of prayer and wonder, especially under the stars, listening to the questions sailors asked the heavens on the fantail. Back home, with another six years to serve, the prospect of ordination seemed as far away as the Indian Ocean, or the stars in space, but it wouldn't go away, even though I could only imagine (there's that phrase again) being a pastor and preacher.

A few years later, as an officer, stationed in Yokosuka, Japan aboard USS Bunker Hill (CG-52), a missionary introduced me to Ephesians 4:11-12 during a Bible study at his home. God gifted pastors, among other leaders in the church, "to equip the saints for the work of ministry," Paul wrote. I had read these verses before, but God gave them to me as a gift as I struggled to understand this calling to ordained ministry in my life. God was calling me not to perform in front of the church, but to encourage every member of the church to discover and to live out their calling from God.

Aboard USS Cochrane, what solidified my calling was not wisdom God might have enabled me to dispense, but the gift of my presence and encouragement while sailors shared with me their hopes and dreams. Sometimes I look at my role as pastor as a kind of spiritual midwife, who assists in the birthing of the miracles God has stored up in people's lives – the blessing God has created them to be. I have also thought about my role as an accompanist, who plays not to call attention to my talents, but so that my music might bring out the best in the one (or many) I am blessed to accompany.

So I can't wait to see what God has in store for us this Sunday as we gather around this scriptural promise in Ephesians 4:11-12. God gifts us all for the work of ministry. God gifts and calls every leader in the church to encourage and strengthen the saints as they identify, develop, and use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them to serve and to bless the world. Here at St. Paul's, I'm blessed to be among y'all who understand and embrace your calling from God – not to be a spectator in God's Kingdom, but to follow Jesus and save the world.

The Peace of Christ be with Y'all,
Pastor Bo

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ....” Ephesians 4:11-12 (NRSV)

NOTES from the LOFT

One of the hymns for the 11:00 AM worship service this Sunday is *We Are Called* with words and music by David Haas. Written in 1988, *We Are Called* is sometimes referred to as *Come Live in the Light* based on the opening line the first verse. Haas is also the composer of *Blest Are They*, a hymn that paraphrases the Beatitudes.



Unlike some church musicians who came to the profession after another secular career or later in life, Haas has been engaged in music and pastoral ministry his entire adult life. He studied vocal music performance and conducting at Central Michigan University, and has a degree in theology and music from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota.

Haas is best known as one of three Roman Catholic composers who formed the “Minnesota School” of liturgical composition, so named because all three members of the group attended the University of St. Thomas. All three rose to prominence following decisions made at the Second Vatican Council in the mid - 1960s which significantly changed the philosophy on music in the Roman Catholic Church. Prior to these decisions, guidelines for Roman Catholic music had suggested that medieval plainsong and Renaissance motets were, for the most part, the most desirable musical models for worship. After Vatican II, new and more modern musical styles for worship increased dramatically.

We Are Called captures the energy and enthusiasm of a folk song style while remaining true to more traditional liturgical guidelines. As a result, David Haas hymns appear not only in Roman Catholic hymnals but also in a wide range of Protestant hymnals and song books including *The Faith We Sing*, one of the three hymn books used at St. Paul's.

In addition to being a masterful composer, Haas is also the author of more than twenty books ranging from liturgical music and liturgy to youth ministry and spirituality. One of his recordings, *I Shall See God*, was nominated for a Grammy Award; his book, *The Ministry and Mission of Sung Prayer*, received an Outstanding Professional Book Award from the Catholic Press Association and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians honored him as a Pastoral Musician of the Year.

Blessings, *Shelley*

PRIVATE LESSONS

I will be accepting new private piano/voice students starting in September. Please give me a call if you are interested (610) 761-9818. Thanks, *Jeff Anderson*

Reaching In *to deepen our spiritual walk with Christ*

DROP IN BIBLE STUDY at 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM on WEDNESDAYS

Bring your Bibles! This will be a one-hour study & discussion each week.

LEADERSHIP TEAM RETREAT

Friday, August 17 from 6:30-8:30 PM & Saturday, August 18 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM
We have several important pieces of business so that we can be prepared for Charge Conference in early October. ALL servants of the church are asked to be present. Join us for this special gathering as we cast vision for the years to come.

We are accumulating quite a supply of dishes and containers. If you have recently brought in food to the church, please make sure to pick up your dishes in the Kitchen. Thank you.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Katelynn Scott and her daughter Eva for cleaning out our crayon bags and filling with new crayons. Check them out on the stand in the Narthex. Feel free to grab some crayons and coloring or puzzle books to use during worship!

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

The tree cutting in Rear Parking Lot has been put on hold. We will be advised the exact days shortly so we can put out notification for NO PARKING IN THE REAR.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to trim shrubbery in the front yard of the church.

ART FOR NICARAGUA

Take a piece of Pastor Karin home with you while you support Nicaragua! You can purchase art made by Pastor Karin in the Narthex for \$10 each. There are only eight frames left! We also have one larger frame available for \$20. Each piece of art features a Bible verse. All monies will support Nicaragua. There is a basket in the Narthex for payments. Thank you!



UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS **UMM STAYING ON PAR WITH GOD**

Our next scheduled outings in August are Mondays the 6th and 20th! All are welcome to join us so please contact me if you want to be part of a wonderful fellowship! Thanks and God Bless, *Paul Loder*



FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT UPDATES from Vicki Spence

Attention Parents....

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Forms are on the table in the Narthex and online. Get your kids ages 3 - high school registered so teachers can be ready and materials ordered. We are looking forward to a fun filled exciting year of learning and mission on the lower level!!!

Happily we still have plenty of summer left to enjoy....but it is that time of year when we begin to think of preparing for Back to School. Names of our St. Paul's children and youth will be available beginning Sunday, August 19 in the Narthex. Choose a name and take it with you as a reminder of your commitment to be in prayer for that young person. You can pray quietly or you can let your charge know you are praying for them. (FYI... kids really are curious about who is praying for them!) We will gather kids together during both services to pray over them as a congregation on Sunday, September 9.

Sunday School Teacher and Youth Leader Meeting on Sunday, August 19 at 9:45 AM in Fellowship Hall to begin making plans and preparing for the coming year. Schedule for fall/winter events, Sunday School, Youth meetings and extra activities will be discussed at this meeting. Teachers and Leaders come and help us with planning. You don't want to miss the fun and excitement!!

THINKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER...

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF will be Sunday, September 9 in the back-parking lot and grove area. Join us from 9:30-10:45 for games, crafts, food and fun reconnecting with friends and meeting your teachers for this year. Dress casually and come ready for the start of a new school year. Learning and service to Christ together!

JOYS & CONCERNS: Please take the opportunity to go to our website

(www.stpaulsodessa.org) to complete a prayer request—it is the most convenient, 24-7 way to get your concerns on our prayer lists. **Please alert the office when someone can be taken OFF the list by emailing stpodessa@stpaulsodessa.org. Submitting a Prayer Request** is the best and most assured way that your request will be added to the mid-week and worship folder but **for HIPAA reasons PLEASE get permission before adding.**

We do our best to keep up with the needs of our congregation, but we may not always have up-to-date information. If you or a loved one are in need of a pastoral visit, please call the church office to schedule.

Blanche Bailey is at Broadmeadow and welcomes visitors.

RECENTLY ADDED: Brian McNelis, Pastor Allen Messick, Josh, Ashley, Jack & Marie Lattomus

CONTINUED PRAYER:

Dana Atwell
Johanna Learish
Lorraine Mills
June Glass
Lisa Daly
Betty Ann McGinnis
Lois Loder

Molly Atwater
Kimberly Pitroli
Dennis Turk
Paul & Lois Loder on the
loss of their dog, Moses

Keith & Meghan Sydnor
on the loss of the dog,
Coal
Samantha Jayne
Pastors Bo & Vicki
Gordy-Stith, Joy & Eli,



on their tragic loss of
son & brother Elijah
Henry Gans
Ruthann Strickland
Lindsey
Joanne Argoe
Rev. Cheryl Jensen

Jerry Thompson
Emma Apps
Clark Ellis
Taylor Shoun
Kitty Hutchison
Stewart Hettig
Janet Pompeo

Jackie Connell
Ludvigson Family
Ryan Whitmer
Maggie McCombs

BIRTHDAYS

August	1	Olivia Calbazana
	1	John Hickey
August	2	Irmgard Sukalo
August	4	Whitney Smith
August	5	Joy Littell
August	7	Courtney Martin
August	8	Charlotte Miller Rev. Patti Ravilious

ANNIVERSARIES

August	6	Dave & Jan Corby
August	7	Ryan & Katelynn Scott

GENTLE OFFICE REMINDERS from Alice Mullins, Administrative Assistant

- ✦ Pastor Bo's new email address is Pastor@stpaulsodessa.org.
- ✦ NO NUTS POLICY— remember that we do NOT provide any refreshments or foodstuffs with any nut products.



✦ REMINDER to please LIKE our Facebook page. Type in <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsOdessa/> and give us a thumbs up. Thanks!

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Reaching Out *with acts of love & compassion*

COVENANT GARDEN



Work was slowed somewhat this week as God provided 7 1/2 inches of rain on the Covenant Garden, however veggies were harvested and delivered to Neighborhood House. On Friday, July 27, myself and John Harmer picked the following 29 Squash, 14 Tomatoes, 9 Cucumbers, 39 Okra, 16 Peppers, and 19 Zucchini. On Saturday, July 28, Hap Bonham, Nancee Bleistine, John Harmer, and myself pulled the spent String Bean plants and picked the following: 3 Zucchini, 2 Cucumber, 6 Squash, 6 Tomatoes and 3 Peppers and they were delivered to friends of the garden. Green Thumbers for the week were Nancee Bleistine, Hap Bonham, and John Harmer! Thanks to All and God Bless....*Paul Loder*

2 CHRONICLES 31:5 As soon as the word spread, the people of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.



BACK TO SCHOOL BOOKBAG GIVE A WAY 2018-2019

Imagine that you are a child who will be returning to school and know that your parents can't afford your supplies...would you WANT to go back to school? Let's show these kids and parents that we care about their education and give them a few tools to excel. Again, we will be working with Neighborhood House to provide filled school backpacks for kids who don't have the resources for what our kids take for granted.

GOAL: 50 filled bookbags; St. Paul's has purchased the bookbags—your job is to fill them!

- **Supply lists are in the Narthex and supplies must be at church by Sunday, August 5.**
- **Courtney Martin will be shopping Monday, August 6 for the missing items.**
- **We will organize the supplies on Thursday, August 9 at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. If you are available, please come out to help.**
- **We will fill the supplies after worship on Sunday, August 12.**
- **We will deliver to the Neighborhood House on Monday, August 13 at 10 AM.**

If you want to donate cash or check in lieu of supplies, the yellow hat offering on Sunday, August 12 will go to help with the cost of the book bags (which cost \$400) and additional supplies needed to fill them.

UPCOMING YELLOW HAT SCHEDULE

- August 5 – El Ayudante Child, Yesprin
- August 12 – Book Bag Give A Way/Neighborhood House
- August 19 – Habitat for Humanity

GAIL GARNER, OUR ASL INTERPRETER, SUNDAY SCHEDULE

In the summer Gail will leave a bit early, but here is the basic schedule, remembering that this, too, can change:

- ✦ AUGUST 5 & 26
- ✦ SEPTEMBER 2, 23 & 30
- ✦ OCTOBER 7 & 28
- ✦ NOVEMBER 4 & 25
- ✦ DECEMBER 2 & 23
- ✦ JANUARY 6 & 27

PAK-A-SAK SUNDAY

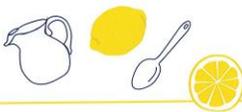
On the first Sunday of the month we bring non-perishable items for the food closet at Neighborhood House, a local agency that helps families in the MOT area. This Sunday consider tithing your weekly grocery budget and bring healthy meal choices for folks who are having a hard time making ends meet. Think about including breakfast items, healthy snacks for kids, pasta & sauce, juice. There is also a need for hygiene items such as tooth paste, adult toothbrushes, bath soap and size 5 and 6 diapers.

MEET YOUR LOCAL HERO



Olivia

hometown: Middletown, DE



OLIVIA was a typical happy, healthy 3-year-old little girl, but that all changed on November 28, 2008. Olivia was coming down with symptoms of what seemed to be a cold. During what was supposed to be a quick trip to Al duPont Children's Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware for IV fluids, things went from normal to serious. That evening, Olivia was diagnosed with a brain tumor and admitted to the ICU.

On December 1, the tumor was removed and shortly after, her family was given the diagnosis they had dreaded — medulloblastoma. Due to the lack of research, they had to weigh treatment options and consider quality vs. quantity of life for Olivia. While trying to decide on a path, Olivia was also suffering from posterior fossa syndrome.

On December 22, Olivia started her first round of chemotherapy prior to her family moving to Boston for proton radiation at Massachusetts General Hospital. Thus began what seemed to be endless rounds of radiation, physical therapy and chemotherapy.

Olivia is now 13 years old and attends Red Lion Christian Academy where she plays field hockey and soccer. She completed her 10th round of chemotherapy in March 2010. She is currently dealing with some late effects related to treatment, but her scans have shown no evidence of disease. Olivia is a very strong and brave girl who continues to defy the odds.

Just to let folks know that Applebee's will be raising funds for Alex's Lemonade until August 12th. Olivia is their local hero.

