



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

**MIDWEEK**  
**July 11, 2018**



**WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

- ✦ Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9 AM – 2 PM
- ✦ 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7 PM
- ✦ Fridays Pastor's Sabbath
- ✦ AA Meeting Saturdays 7 PM

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

- ✦ Wednesday, July 11 Handbell Choir Practice at 6:30 PM
- ✦ Sunday, July 15 Bells of the Bay Concert at 4 PM St. Paul's Sanctuary
- ✦ Saturday, July 21 Youth Pool Party at Charlotte & Ronnie Miller's Farm from 2-7 PM
- ✦ Sunday, July 22 Pastor Bo's first Sunday **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:15 AM**
- ✦ Monday, July 23 UMM Staying on

Par With God at Odessa National, Tee Time 9 AM

- ✦ Monday, July 23 Daybreak Counseling from 10 AM – 8 PM
- ✦ Tuesday, July 24 Daybreak Counseling from 10 AM – 12:30 PM
- ✦ Thursday, July 26 Pastor Karin preaches at Barratt's Chapel at 7 PM
- ✦ Monday, July 30 Daybreak Counseling from 10 AM – 8 PM
- ✦ Tuesday, July 31 Daybreak Counseling from 10 AM – 12:30 PM
- ✦ Monday, August 6 SPRC Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ✦ Tuesday, August 7 Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ✦ Tuesday, August 14 Trustees Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ✦ Friday, August 17 from 7-9 PM & Saturday, August 18 from 9 AM to 12 PM Leadership Team Retreat--more info to come!

**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:

7/15 HEALTH MINISTRIES  
 7/22 SPRC  
 7/29 FINANCE  
 8/5 WORSHIP ARTS

8/12 MISSIONS & OUTREACH  
 8/19 WORSHIP COORDINATORS  
 8/26 MEMBERSHIP MINISTRIES

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP --MEET US IN THE MIDDLE**

**Linger Longer after 8:30 Worship & Enter Early for 11 Worship!**  
 Knosh & visit with folks from either service, deepen relationships, share your stories,  
 laugh together!

*Reaching Up* to praise God in vibrant worship



**July 15 REGULAR WORSHIP at 8:30 & 11 AM**

**GUEST PREACHER AMY YARNALL**

**With Special Guest Joy Gordy-Stith**

*Read Ahead: Ephesians 1:3-14*

**Joining Together in Christ**

**Yellow Hat goes to support Deaf Ministries**

**Don't forget to wear your Name Tags!**

Rev. Amy Yarnall has had the privilege of serving as a United Methodist pastor for 21 years. She expects she will know some of you from when she served Summit (1999-2003). She is now at Wesley in Dover serving in her 8th year. She graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. in 2001. Her & husband Ray have been married for 23 years and have a daughter, Shannon who is 16, and a son Jacob who is 13.

<b>WORSHIP COORDINATOR</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
<b>Ushers: June Stemmler</b>	Paul Loder, Greg Apps, John Harmer, Alan Martin, Dave Sydnor, Dave Pearl	Denis Shaffer, Dean Hatton, John Harmon & Charlii Miller
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ann Newswanger	Phyllis Burris
<b>Greeters: Johanna Learish</b>	David & Susan Buches	David & Sue Johnson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Chase Collins	
<b>Com. Set-up: Kathy Chas</b>	Megan Reitzes 2 Chalice 1 loaf + plate of non-gluten	3 Chalices 1loaves + plate of non-gluten
<b>Com. Servers: Carole Harmon</b>	Dave & Linda Sydnor	Richard & Alice Rizzo
<b>Young Disciples</b>	Ellie Leuliette	Ellie Leuliette
<b>Word in Song</b>		<i>Prelude &amp; Fugue in C Minor &amp; Engulfed Cathedral</i> Emily Marcinko

<b>Flowers: Janet Rowley</b>	Paul & Lois Loder in memory of their parents
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Health Ministries
<b>Counters: G. Guessford</b>	Helen George & Faye Taylor

On Sunday, July 22 after the 9:15 AM Service, we will have a cookout to welcome Pastor Bo for his first Sunday here at St. Paul's. The church is supplying the hotdogs and we are asking members to bring a side dish, salads, dessert and drinks to share. Please sign up in the Narthex. Also, feel free to drop a welcome card in the box located in the Narthex for Pastor Bo.

**PASTORAL LETTER**  
 Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Dear Saints,

As I pray for you each day, giving thanks to God for your faithfulness and love, I look forward to the day we can be together, celebrating the stories of God's presence in our lives. As the Covenant Garden bursts with a harvest of good things to eat, your lives bear the fruit of God's love in Christ, in the miraculous gift of grace the Spirit empowers you to be. For us who follow Christ, summer is not merely down time, but a time of rich harvest of blessing. God's great love for us all in Christ has transformed us to live as God created us to live, in all circumstances.

I cannot thank you enough for your grace and your prayers these first three weeks in July to complete this Pilgrimage of renewal and healing, as Vicki and I mourn the death of our son, Elijah. Through our pain and deep sadness, Jesus upholds and guards us with his healing presence, in the sacred silence of prayer, in the breathtaking beauty of creation, and in strangers who share with us God's grace. In this deep valley of the shadow of death, we say with Paul, "when I am weak, then I am strong."

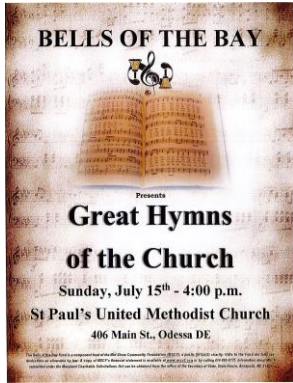
Jesus is all the world to me. He is my story and my song, especially now. I have nothing to preach among you but the living, risen Christ, but I assure you, Christ is all. He is our life, and we follow him through every circumstance of our lives, our deaths, and when he raises us up. I look forward to the ways in which Jesus will lead us together to continue to bless and to heal all people in the MOT corridor and beyond. You are a good and faithful congregation, a city set on a hill, and I am richly blessed and honored to serve alongside you as your pastor.

Counting the days...  
 Pastor Bo

Gardiner, Montana - near the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park

## NOTES from the LOFT

Don't miss the Bells of the Bay in concert at St. Paul's THIS SUNDAY at 4 PM. Bells of the Bay, an all-volunteer community handbell choir from Maryland's Eastern Shore will present **Great Hymns of the Church**. There is no charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. This return engagement promises to bring you an afternoon of blessings.



**Great Hymns of the Church** includes a sampler of traditional hymns, gospel hymns, spirituals and everything in between. All demonstrate the wide range of beautiful music that can be played on hand bells and hand chimes.

This concert is much more than just another special musical presentation at St. Paul's. It represents the latest chapter in a continuing story about long lost treasures being discovered and brought back to life to fulfill their intended purpose.

Approximately five years ago, as Artistic Director of Bells of the Bay, I was contacted by the Minister of Music at St Phillips Episcopal Church in Quantico Maryland. She discovered a set of donated handbells that were stored in a closet for over 25 years and never used. In fact, the bells were still in their original plastic wrappings from the factory!

After prayerful deliberations, the lay leadership at St. Phillip's decided to lend the previously unused bells to Bells of the Bay. Several years later, they made Bells of the Bay the permanent curator of their bells. As a result of their generosity, the "forgotten" bells have been used regularly and continuously to advance Bells of the Bay's three-fold mission:

Present high quality handbell concerts that inspire, educate and entertain

Present educational programs that recruit non-ringers to play bells, help current ringers learn new ringing techniques and improve their current ringing techniques

Encourage churches/organizations to launch new or relaunch dormant bell choirs

In one the most gratifying moments of the Bells of the Bay's relatively short history, we presented a "thank you" concert at St. Phillips several years ago. Afterwards, we were told by the son of the original donor (his deceased mother) that she must be smiling down from heaven to see her gift being used with such passion, love and care. 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

### MANY KUDOS TO:

Jan Corby, Vicki Spence, Janet Miller, Alice Mullins & Carlotta Cline for helping Pastor Karin clean out her office.

### PAINTERS NEEDED

Two or three volunteers are needed to paint Pastor Bo's office on Monday, July 16 starting at 8:30 A.M. Sharyn Sheats is the lead painter, please call her if you can help. Bring your favorite brush. All other supplies are provided. Thank You, *Barbara Lynn Manlove*

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

The tree cutting in Rear Parking Lot has been put in hold due to the heat. 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.

### PASTOR KARIN'S THUMBPRINT TREE

On Pastor Karin's last Sunday, we presented her with a canvas tree of thumbprints from the congregation as a memory of her time at St. Paul's. **This Sunday, July 15**, Courtney Martin will be setting up the thumbprint tree during fellowship as a final opportunity to put your thumbprint on the tree. Please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall in between services if you have not had a chance.

### UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

#### UMM STAYING ON PAR WITH GOD

Our next outing is scheduled for Monday, July 23 with a 9 AM T Time! Please let me know if you want to join us! Take care and God Bless! *Paul Loder*



### FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT UPDATES from Vicki Spence

#### FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Check out the book shelf in the Narthex and help yourself.

#### ATTENTION ALL YOUTH OF ST. PAUL'S....

#### YOUTH POOL PARTY AT CHARLOTTE & RONNIE MILLER'S FARM Saturday, July 21 from 2-7 PM

Looking for some fun in the sun? Join us at the Millers for a picnic, pool, games and laughs! Sign up in the Narthex to bring a side dish. If you have questions, let Mrs. Miller know at [cmiller@hooper.com](mailto:cmiller@hooper.com). Looking forward to a fun time. Bring a bathing suit and a friend or two and be ready for fun!





**JOYS & CONCERNS:** Please take the opportunity to go to our website ([www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://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](mailto: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:** Pastor Bo, Vicki & Buppy on their journey home; Father & four daughters of the Rt. 1 fatality and surviving mother; Victims & families of the Prices Corner tragedy; Victims of the Thai cave rescue and their families, Navel Seals and all responders

**CONTINUED PRAYER:**

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|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Amanda Chas & baby       | Henry Gans          | John Shields     |
| Cael                     | Ruthann Strickland  | Richmond Draper  |
| Lisa Daly                | John & Peggy Kostor | Kathy Henry      |
| Betty Ann McGinnis       | Mac Stevens         | Jackie Connell   |
| Lois Loder               | Marcus R.           | Jane Johnson     |
| Molly Atwater            | Lindsey             | Larry Meyer      |
| Kimberly Pitroli         | Joanne Argoe        | Ludvigson Family |
| Dennis Turk              | Rev. Cheryl Jensen  | Joy Davis        |
| Retired Rev. Seong Baik  | Jennifer            | Darryl Calvert   |
| Paul & Lois Loder on the | Jerry Thompson      | Betty Hastings   |
| loss of their dog, Moses | Kimmie              | David Snipes     |
| Keith & Meghan Sydnor    | Jim Fisher          | Beverly Bederman |
| on the loss of the dog,  | Emma Apps           | Ryan Whitmer     |
| Coal                     | Ardith Pecht        | Mario Semmler    |
| Angela Christian         | Clark Ellis         | Chip Johnson     |
| Samantha Jayne           | Donna Austin        | Diane Jones      |
| Pastors Bo & Vicki       | Paul Nappi          | Sheridan Outten  |
| Gordy-Stith, Joy & Eli,  | Taylor Shoun        | Merle Ciesielski |
| on their tragic loss of  | Kitty Hutchison     | Maggie McCombs   |
| son & brother Elijah;    | Stewart Hettig      | Celeste Cox      |
| Rick & Tracy Pulling on  | Janet Pompeo        | Debbie           |
| the loss of their puppy  | Cindy               |                  |
| Kenzi                    | Aleksandra Fratta   |                  |

**BIRTHDAYS**

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|------|----|------------------|
| July | 13 | Jack Rowley      |
| July | 15 | Michael Holland  |
| July | 16 | George Whitehead |
| July | 17 | Marjory Lloyd    |
|      |    | Jordan Rodriguez |
|      |    | Donna Shank      |

## GENTLE OFFICE REMINDERS from Alice Mullins, Administrative Assistant

- ⌘ When opening the side door to the Church, enter the code, wait for both green lights to come on, then pull handle towards you.
- ⌘ If you are meeting in the church please lock the doors & turn off lights upon exiting the building.
- ⌘ **Building Ministry & Church Calendar** – If your group is meeting at the church during the week please check the church calendar to ensure your space is reserved. Please contact the office if your meeting is canceled or needs to be rescheduled. Thank you.



## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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## Reaching Out *with acts of love & compassion*

### COVENANT GARDEN



On Tuesday, July 3 myself, John Harmer and Alan Martin harvested the following and John Harmer delivered to Neighborhood House: 2 lbs. lettuce, 14 cucumbers, 6 bell peppers, 15 okra, 51 squash, 2 eggplant, 15 zucchini, 6 lbs. green string beans, and 3 lbs. yellow string beans. On Friday, July 6, I harvested the following and delivered to Dawn Buckworth for delivery to "Our Daily Bread," 38 squash, 22 zucchini, 13 cucumbers, 2 lbs. yellow string beans, 16 okras. On Saturday, July 7, myself, John Harmer, Kenzel Messick, Keith Sparks and Hap Bonham weeded Covenant Garden and harvested 5 lbs. green string beans and 2 1/2 lbs. of yellow string beans. Thanks to All for your help this week and may God continue to bless you and St. Paul's Covenant Garden! Green Thumbers for the week were Kenzel Messick, John Harmer, Alan Martin, Keith Sparks & Hap Bonham. Blessings, *Paul Loder*



*GALATIANS 5:22 -23 By contrast, the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.*



### **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 will purchase the bookbags—your job is to fill them!

**DATE:** WE WILL FILL AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, August 12.

**SUPPLIES:** Supply lists are in the Narthex and supplies must be at church by WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

### **UPCOMING YELLOW HAT SCHEDULE**

July 8 – El Ayudante Child, Yesprin

July 15 – Deaf Awareness Sunday

July 22 – Gift of Life in memory of Elijah Gordy-Stith

### **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:

- ⌘ JULY 22 & 29
- ⌘ AUGUST 5 & 26
- ⌘ SEPTEMBER 2, 23 & 30
- ⌘ OCTOBER 7 & 28
- ⌘ NOVEMBER 4 & 25
- ⌘ DECEMBER 2 & 23
- ⌘ JANUARY 6 & 27

**PAK-A-SAK** we had 18 bags of groceries for the Neighborhood House. Big thanks for Bill & Margie Apps for counting and delivering!