



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

**MIDWEEK**  
**July 18, 2018**



**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**PICNIC**

Youth picnic this Saturday 2-7 at Miller Farm. Friends welcome! Bring shoes, suits and towels to ride horses, driving gators and swimming. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Please text Mrs. Miller **Today** either way as to if and how many are coming...(302) 383 7434

All members are invited and encouraged to attend worship this Sunday July 22 at 9:15 AM to meet and welcome our new pastor, The Reverend Dr. Patrick B. Gordy-Stith. It would be great if we could have a full sanctuary to show our support for his ministry with us. Pastor Bo has stressed in preliminary meetings that his leadership style is that of a shepherd who walks side by side with his flock. We minister to one another and the community. Church music is a source of joy to him so bring your best singing voices. Food will be served after church in an informal atmosphere. We are asking members to bring a side dish, salads, dessert and drinks to share. Please remember to wear your name tags and introduce yourself. Remember, you have one person to meet, he has several hundred. Feel free to drop a welcome card in the box located in the Narthex for Pastor Bo. As we go through our transition please keep the ministry of St. Paul's in your prayers as well as prayers for Pastor Bo and for Pastor Karin as she transitions into her new calling.

## WEEKLY GATHERINGS

- ✦ AA Meeting Saturdays 7 PM
- ✦ 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

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✦ 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:

7/22 SPRC

7/29 FINANCE

8/5 WORSHIP ARTS

8/12 MISSIONS & OUTREACH

8/19 WORSHIP COORDINATORS

8/26 MEMBERSHIP MINISTRIES

*Reaching Up* to praise God in vibrant worship

**July 22 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:15 AM**

***Pastor Bo's Welcome Celebration***

***Read Ahead: Ephesians 2:11-22***

***Passing the Peace of Christ***

***St. Paul's Ringers Playing***

**Gail Garner, ASL Interpreter at 9:15 AM**

**Yellow Hat goes to support Gift of Life in memory of Elijah Gordy-Stith  
Don't forget to wear your Name Tags!**

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| <b>Worship Coordinator</b>         | <b>9:15 AM</b>  |
| <b>Ushers: June Stemmler</b>       | Paul Loder, Greg Apps, John Harmer, Alan Martin,<br>Dave Sydnor, Dave Pearl, Denis Shaffer,<br>Dean Hatton, John Harmon & Charlii Miller  |
| <b>Liturgist: Alice Mullins</b>    | Keith Sparks  |
| <b>Greeter: Johanna Learish</b>    | Alice Mullins   |
| <b>Acolytes: Megan Reitzes</b>     | Morgan Wallace  |
| <b>Com. Set-up: Kathy Chas</b>     | Cathy Blanco<br>5 Chalices 2 loaf + plate of non-gluten   |
| <b>Com. Servers: Carole Harmon</b> | Keith Sparks, Alice Mullins, Nancy Halloran,<br>Mary Ann Kearns & Courtney Martin   |
| <b>Young Disciples:</b>            | Brian McNelis   |
| <b>Word in Song:</b>               | <i>There Is None Like You arr. Lenny LeBlanc</i> by Nancee Bleistine<br><i>Sweet Hour of Prayer &amp; I Sing the Almighty Power of God</i><br><i>Shall We Gather at the River &amp; When the Saints Go Marching In</i><br>by St. Paul's Ringers |
| <b>Flowers: Janet Rowley</b>       | June Stemmler in honor of her birthday  |
| <b>Fellowship:</b>                 | SPRC  |
| <b>Counters:</b>                   | Sandy Urstadt & Chris Chappelle   |

**PASTORAL LETTER**

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Dear Saints,

Greetings from West Liberty, Iowa (think Field of Dreams)! Today we travel to St. Louis; tomorrow to Ohio; and Friday, we return home to Delaware. Sunday, I will be with you for our first time together, celebrating in worship. I am so looking forward to meeting you and formally starting our faith journey together as we celebrate the gift and calling to pass the peace of Christ. What an awesome scripture foundation God has given us to launch our partnership in faith: "For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." Ephesians 2:14 (NRSV)

Or, to put it another way, Christ has reconciled us to God and to each other, and has given us the gifts and the calling to be ministers of reconciliation - peace - to all people everywhere. In this world, we shine through Christ (see 2 Corinthians 5:17-19).

Though we are strangers to each other now, we are brothers and sisters in Christ, who is our peace, our salvation, our everything. Jesus the Messiah has brought us together from far and near, for a purpose the Holy Spirit will guide and equip us to accomplish together for the salvation of the world. Through us, God is making all things new, releasing the captives, healing the broken, and announcing "The Day of the Lord is here!"

I have been blessed to serve four wonderful congregations in the past 25 years, and I look forward to serving God and the world God loves together with you as we share the gift God has made of each of our lives to love and serve and save all people. Together with Pastor Karin, and the pastors before her, you have been so faithful and creative, as you worship God and serve your neighbors with love. What miraculous blessing has God prepared for you and me to be to our neighbors?

Let's experience the adventure of God's will for us together.

Your Pastor and Partner in Christ,  
Bo

### NOTES from the LOFT

In his Pastoral Message in last week's Midweek Memo, Pastor Bo observed that "Jesus is all the world to me. He is my story and my song." With that thought in mind, one of our hymns at the combined worship service at 9:30 AM this Sunday when we officially welcome Pastor Bo, is *Blessed Assurance*. The stirring refrain of this beautiful hymn is: "*This is my story, this is my song; Praising my Savior all the day long*". The words to *Blessed Assurance* were written in 1873 by blind poetess and hymn writer Fanny J. Crosby. Despite going blind at the age of six weeks, Fanny began composing hymns at age six and wrote more than 8,000 hymn texts during her lifetime. Despite her blindness she traveled throughout the United States demonstrating that what many perceived as a handicap was no barrier to a full and meaningful life.



A recurring theme in Fanny's life was her deep faith and acceptance of her lot in life. When asked near the end of her life -- If you could have just one wish granted, what would it be? Her response was not for sight but a wish to remain blind. Fanny said "After being blind for all these years, the first thing I want to see is the face of Jesus when I arrive in heaven."

I hope you can help welcome Pastor Bo this Sunday in raising your voices in singing this wonderful hymn.

Unfortunately, I cannot be with you at this very special day in the life of St. Paul's. Prior to the announcement that Pastor Bo's first service at St. Paul's would be this coming Sunday, I scheduled a vacation day to honor two commitments for Bells of the Bay; my community handbell choir that I founded and serve as Artistic Director.

This Sunday, Bells of the Bay will be presenting Great Hymns of the Church as part of worship at Milton United Methodist Church in Woolford MD and also be presenting the same as a concert at All Faith Chapel in Tunis Mills MD. Both presentations advance the mission of Bells of the Bay to bring the art of handbell music to smaller churches that presently do not have a handbell choir.

In closing, a huge thank for the very generous contributions made to Bells of the Bay last Sunday following our Great Hymns of the Church concert at St. Paul's. 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.

### HUGE THANKS TO:

- Sharyn Sheats & Keith Sparks for painting Pastor Bo's office.
- Dave & Linda Sydnor for folding the bulletins every week without hesitation for Sunday services. And to Dicky & Marcia Wheeler, who graciously volunteer to substitute when needed.
- John Harmer, who cleaned up the driveway at Pastor Karin's house.

Church Family,

Thank you for your continued prayers for me through my 2 major surgeries. With God's grace and your prayers I am doing better and am hoping to get back to normal in near future.

I appreciate your love & support through prayers, cards, calls, visits and meals. I am very thankful for all that you have done for me. With warm regards, *Angela Christian*

### DVD of PASTOR KARIN'S LAST SUNDAY SERVICE

If you're interested in getting your own personal copy of the DVD (no fee) please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many copies are needed. Thanks!

### 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.

### 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 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, horseback rides, RTV driving, games and laughs! Sign up in the Narthex to bring a side dish. If you have questions, let Mrs. Miller know at [cmiller@hoober.com](mailto:cmiller@hoober.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:** June Glass, ministry of St. Paul's, Pastor Bo, Pastor Karin

#### CONTINUED PRAYER:

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  
Amanda Chas & baby Cael  
Lisa Daly

Betty Ann McGinnis  
Lois Loder  
Molly Atwater  
Kimberly Pitroli  
Dennis Turk  
Retired Rev. Seong Baik  
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;  
Rick & Tracy Pulling on the loss of their puppy Kenzi  
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

Joy Davis  
Betty Hastings  
Beverly Bederman  
Ryan Whitmer

Maggie McCombs

### BIRTHDAYS

July 19 Dick Leuliette  
July 22 Pat Haberstroh  
Morgan Shank  
July 23 Allen Ingram, Jr.  
Bradly Sutton  
July 24 Joshua Smith

### GENTLE OFFICE REMINDERS from Alice Mullins, Administrative Assistant

- ✦ **To Access the Directory** go to the website and click on About Our Church > scroll down to Church Directory > USER NAME is **member** > PASSWORD is **spumc**
- ✦ All requests for monies, reimbursements, etc. and requests for building use must be put in writing and sent to office for approval by Finance and/or Trustees with recommendation of the Pastor.
- ✦ If you have a Disbursement Voucher, please turn in within 30 days; this is a best practice advocated by the IRS. Also, please attach any receipts to go along, as well. Thank you.



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*Reaching Out* with acts of love & compassion

## COVENANT GARDEN



On Monday, July 9 myself and John Harmer harvested and delivered to Neighborhood House and friends of the garden the following: 5 tomatoes, 4 lbs. onions, 33 squash, 13 zucchini, 5 cucumbers, and 5 okra. On Thursday, July 12 myself, John Harmer and Alan Martin harvested the following and delivered to Neighborhood House: 19 squash, 6 cucumbers, 30 zucchini and 31 okra! On Saturday, July 14 myself, Hap Bonham, Susan Haberstroh, Kenzel Messick, John Harmer, Alan Martin, and student worker Mike Nester, pulled spent plants (yellow string beans & lettuce) re-worked the ground and weeded. The following was also harvested for delivery to

Neighborhood House: 2 cucumber, 5 tomatoes, 3 squash, 11 zucchini, 1 1/2 lb. of lettuce, 2 lbs. yellow string beans, and 3 lbs. green string beans. Green Thumbers for the week were John Harmer, Susan Haberstroh, Kenzel Messick, Hap Bonham, Alan Martin and Mike Nester. Thank You and God Bless....As of this writing it has been 20 Days without rain on the Covenant Garden, however God is still providing the garden to produce veggies! A Prayer request was held at the end of Saturday's work thanking God for all the Covenant Garden has produced to date and asking that some rain could be spared if it should be in God's plans. *Paul Loder*



MATTHEW 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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

July 29 – Family in need we are closely connected to

August 5 – El Ayudante Child, Yesprin

## **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

## **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS FOR AUGUST**

Here are a few suggestions:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes – adult
- Bath soap
- Diapers – sizes 4, 5, and 6 are requested by our mothers frequently.  
Even Pull-Ups. I know diapers can be pricey, but even a few would be helpful.
- Wipes
- Spam/canned meats

Thank you,

*Marilyn Hendershot*

Neighborhood House