



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

**MIDWEEK**  
July 25, 2018

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**



**ALBUM OF PASTOR BO'S WELCOME CELEBRATION**  
**CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO VIEW THE PHOTOS.**  
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**Thanks to Megan Reitzes and June Stemmler for the wonderful pictures!**

### **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 two weeks 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
- ✦ 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

- ✦ Thursday, July 26 Pastor Karin preaches at Barratt's Chapel at 7 PM
- ✦ Thursday, July 26 NAMI Meeting at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall
- ✦ 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!
- ✦ 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
- ✦ 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:

7/29 FINANCE	8/19 WORSHIP COORDINATORS
8/5 WORSHIP ARTS	8/26 MEMBERSHIP MINISTRIES
8/12 MISSIONS & OUTREACH	

*Reaching Up* to praise God in vibrant worship

**July 29 REGULAR WORSHIP at 8:30 & 11 AM**

*Read Ahead: Ephesians 3:14-21*

**Recognizing the Family of Christ**

**Gail Garner, ASL Interpreter at 8:30 AM**

**Yellow Hat goes to support a Family in need we are closely connected to  
Don't forget to wear your Name Tags!**

WORSHIP COORDINATOR	8:30 AM	11 AM
<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: Alice Mullins</b>	Susan Haberstroh, Finance Team	Don Mueller, Finance Team
<b>Greeters: Johanna Learish</b>	Hap & Barbara Bonham	Helen George
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jason Wallace	
<b>Com. Set-up: Kathy Chas</b>	Estelle Peters	3 Chalices 1loaves + plate of non-gluten

	2 Chalices 1 loaf + plate of non-gluten	
<b>Com. Servers: Carole Harmon</b>	Hap & Barbara Bonham	Steve & Nadine Johnson
<b>Young Disciples</b>	Courtney Martin	Janet Miller
<b>Word in Song</b>		<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Diane Shoun & Frank Whittington
<b>Flowers: Janet Rowley</b>	John & Patti Harmer in memory of John's parents, Ray & Marie Harmer	
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Finance Team	
<b>Counters: G. Guessford</b>	Helen George & Faye Taylor	

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

Wednesday, July 25, 2018  
Kingdomtide

Dear St. Paul's Saints!

What a wonderful welcome you gave me Sunday! I cannot thank you enough any more than I can describe all that your hospitality meant to Vicki and to me as we walked into a new community and felt immediately at home. The cowboy hats, especially, were a God-inspired gesture that meant a great deal to me. We use good-natured humor in our home to signify that a person is part of the family. So many moments during our worship and fellowship ministered to me. But my favorite moment in the worship service was when we sang the opening words of the Great Thanksgiving prayer over Communion together.

There's nothing quite like experiencing the unity we read about in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and not just reading or talking about it. Certainly, we each feel that unity on different levels. When couples marry, we remember Jesus quoting Genesis 2:24: "two become one." In Christ, this unity does not obliterate either member of the union, but brings out the best in each, so that the whole is more than the sum of the parts. Paul describes this individuality in unity this way to the church at Ephesus: "The body... builds itself up with love *as each one does their part*" (Ephesians 4:16).

I pray with all my heart that we can use that gift of hospitality from the Holy Spirit to welcome everyone who walks into our midst into a house not built with hands that is the dwelling place of God – and their home. I pray that leave-takings, too, such as the one you have had to go through after being blessed by Pastor Karin for so long, can be a part of the mysterious unity in our individuality that God in Christ makes possible. Strangers who become friends, departed loved ones who in Christ are bound together with us in love – these are the miracles of God's mysterious plan: to gather up all things in Christ (Ephesians 1:10)!

Peace,  
Pastor Bo

## NOTES from the LOFT

So, people will say to me---“Oh, you have the whole summer off!” What they don’t realize is that the church musician is never off! Hours upon hours of listening and playing through anthems, searching through scriptures, scanning catalogs, sifting through piles of anthems, digging out recordings. Clean up from the hectic year, planning the fall schedule, designing special services, some days, it never seems to end. And now, just a few weeks, our music ministry “season” starts up in full earnest!



Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin again on Tuesday, August 21, 6:30 to 8:00 in the Sanctuary. The choir will sing their first Sunday on September 9. Lots to learn, review, and plan in order to bring the congregation the very best message they can. It looks to be lining up a great fall, Advent, and Christmas season! We still have a few seats empty in the choir loft and would love to see you join us there. We especially welcome altos and tenors. If you have a joy of singing, come join us, we would love to see you!

St. Paul’s Ringers rehearsals begin again Wednesday, August 29, 6:30-8:00 in the Music Room. If you would love to visit with us and see what fun we have, please contact me. You needn’t know how to read music, we can teach you!

We have a couple of needs in the Music Room. At present, we have two old file cabinets that need to be replaced. If you have a 4-drawer letter size file cabinet you no longer use, consider the needs we have to file our music. We are also looking for a full-size keyboard. It need not be like the one in the Sanctuary, but we really need it to be full size. The piano in the music room has seen better days down there in the dampness, so if we could replace it with a keyboard that will not require the constant tuning that this one does, that would be ideal. Thank you all for the support you have given to our music ministry. As much as you all love hearing the handbells and the choir, we enjoy bringing you our message just as

much! 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.

### KUDOS TO:

- Everyone who signed up & brought food and those who helped set up and clean up for Pastor Bo’s welcome celebration. Much appreciated!

**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**

On Monday, July 23, St. Paul's UMM " Staying on Par with God " met at Odessa National CC for a wonderful morning of fellowship, golf, scripture and lunch. God gracefully allowed the sun to shine and a nice breeze to blow making for just a superb morning! A good scripture discussion over lunch as well as possible future UMM plans! Our next scheduled outings in August are Mondays the 6th and 20th! More info to follow. 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*



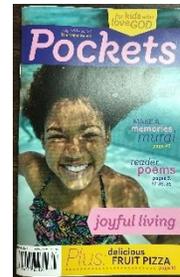
**FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT UPDATES from Vicki Spence**

**How to nurture a child's mental health**

- 1. Actively listen before offering your advice
- 2. Be patient
- 3. Share your feelings and validate theirs
- 4. Tell the truth
- 5. Model healthy behavior
- 6. Surround them with healthy adults
- 7. Be consistent and follow through with what you promise
- 8. Teach them how to be safe
- 9. Believe them and in them
- 10. Use open ended questions
- 11. Practice relaxation exercises together
- 12. Have scheduled family time
- 13. Limit electronic time for everyone
- 14. Reach out and hug them
- 15. Model forgiveness
- 16. Recognize positive choices
- 17. Respond calmly when their emotions are elevated
- 18. View their behavior as a window to their needs and feelings
- 19. Make play and exercise a requirement
- 20. Set and respect boundaries

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Pockets are here! Pick up your copy in the Narthex.





**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:** Dana Atwell, Johanna Learish, Lorraine Mills

CONTINUED PRAYER:

June Glass	Pastors Bo & Vicki	Clark Ellis
Lisa Daly	Gordy-Stith, Joy & Eli,	Taylor Shoun
Betty Ann McGinnis	on their tragic loss of	Kitty Hutchison
Lois Loder	son & brother Elijah	Stewart Hettig
Molly Atwater	Rick & Tracy Pulling on	Janet Pompeo
Kimberly Pitroli	the loss of their puppy	Jackie Connell
Dennis Turk	Kenzi	Ludvigson Family
Paul & Lois Loder on the	Henry Gans	Joy Davis
loss of their dog, Moses	Ruthann Strickland	Betty Hastings
Keith & Meghan Sydnor	Lindsey	Beverly Bederman
on the loss of the dog,	Joanne Argoe	Ryan Whitmer
Coal	Rev. Cheryl Jensen	Maggie McCombs
Samantha Jayne	Jerry Thompson	
	Emma Apps	

**BIRTHDAYS**

July	26	Kendall Gustafson
		Katelynn Scott
		June Stemmler
July	29	Zoey Sydnor
July	31	Phyllis Burris
		Calvin Cruz
		Caren Jones
August	1	Olivia Calbazana
	1	John Hickey

**ANNIVERSARIES**

July	26	Carl & Rev. Patti Ravilious
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## GENTLE OFFICE REMINDERS from Alice Mullins, Administrative Assistant



Share on Facebook

✦ REMINDER to please click SHARE on our Facebook page to get the word out about events happening at St. Paul's. Thanks!

- ✦ Disbursement Vouchers are located in the mail bin outside the church office if anyone needs to be reimbursed. Also, please attach any receipts to go along, as well. Thank you.
- ✦ **Directory updates** are ongoing. If your contact information has changed and/or you would like be included or in our online directory please send a note to the church office with your update at [stpodessa@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:stpodessa@stpaulsodessa.org) or put it in the office box at the top of the stairs. All members and regular participants in the life of the church are invited to be a part of the directory. Also send a photo in jpg format for us to use or we can take your photo to include. We want you to be able to access the directory 24/7. Go to our website at [www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://www.stpaulsodessa.org)

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

### COVENANT GARDEN

On Monday 16 July John Harmer and Alan Martin harvested the following and delivered to Neighborhood House: 38 squash, 31 zucchini, 21 okra, 5 cucumber and 4 tomatoes. On Thursday July 19, myself & John Harmer harvested the following and delivered to Neighborhood House: 25 squash, 45 okra, 19 zucchini, 4 cucumber, 3 eggplant, 8 tomatoes, 11 peppers and 1 Lb. string beans. On Monday, July 23, John Harmer harvested the following and delivered to Neighborhood House: 34 okra, 16 peppers, 12 squash, 11 cucumbers, 10 zucchini and 3 tomatoes. Two



inches of rain was registered in gauge making this the first rain on the Covenant Garden in 20 days. Even during the dry spell God provided as veggies were still being harvested for those in need. AMEN! Green thumbs for the week were John Harmer and Alan Martin. Thanks and God Bless! *Paul Loder*

PSALM 107:9 For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good 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 SUNDAY, AUGUST 5. COURTNEY MARTIN WILL BE SHOPPING THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR THE MISSING ITEMS.

### NAMI: NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS will meet Thursday, July 26 at 7 PM

St. Paul's will host a NAMI Support Meetings for family members, loved ones and caregivers of people with mental illness. These meetings are offered at no cost to participants.

The NAMI Family Support Group Program is a peer-based, mutual support group model. The vision is that every family member/caregiver/loved one in our state who has a loved one with mental illness will have, within reasonable driving distance, a NAMI Family Support Group to attend. NAMI Delaware's Mission is "to support, educate and advocate until there is a cure for severe and persistent mental illness." 302-427-0787 [www.namidelaware.org](http://www.namidelaware.org)



### UPCOMING YELLOW HAT SCHEDULE

July 29 – Family in need we are closely connected to

August 5 – El Ayudante Child, Yesprin

August 12 – Book Bag Give A Way/Neighborhood House

### 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 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

## Volunteer Opportunity

### Kay's Kamp - Move-Out

Kay's Kamp will be held July 21-28 at St. Andrew's School in Middletown

Move-Out day is Saturday, July 28. At 9:00am they pack up at St. Andrew's School and unload back at Pencader about 11-11:30am.

If you are available to help, please contact Ron Bove at (302) 252-7574

## 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.

