



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

MIDWEEK
July 4, 2018



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR COUNTRY!
WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



Reaching Out in Faith

The transfer of our new pastor became effective on July 1. Pastor Bo is using three weeks of vacation time which had already been approved prior to his transfer. On July 22nd we will welcome him to worship using guidelines established in the Book of Worship. After the service, we will have a cookout to welcome him. The church is supplying the hotdogs and we are asking members to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Please sign up in the Narthex. There will be one service on July 22 starting at 9:15 AM. As we transition from one leader to another, we have an opportunity as a church to re-commit ourselves to the service of God.

Pastor Bo is coming to us with a heavy heart after the loss of his son. It would be a tremendous blessing to him if he could enter a church family that is unified and willing to accept change. Over the next several weeks each of us should take an inventory of where we are in our walk-in faith. We should forgive those in need of our forgiveness and be forgiven by those we have hurt. St. Paul's is a wonderful church, full of loving and caring people. I pray that we continue to grow in the spirit and be a beacon of God's love. There will be bumps along the road as old ways of doing things get changed. Please be patient as we work out the kinks. Your suggestions to improve the services we provide to our congregation and the community at large are always welcome.

Keith Sparks/SPRC-Chairman

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 4th Thursdays at 7 PM
- ✦ Fridays Pastor's Sabbath
- ✦ AA Meeting Saturdays 7 PM

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✦ Wednesday, July 4 **OFFICE IS CLOSED**
- ✦ 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

7/8 TRUSTEES

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 8 REGULAR WORSHIP at 8:30 & 11 AM GUEST PREACHER JIM HAWKINS

Read Ahead: Mark 6:1-13

Welcoming the Prophets

**Yellow Hat goes to support our El Ayudante Child, Yesprin
Don't forget to wear your Name Tags!**

Rev. Jim Hawkins has served as a pastor of United Methodist Churches in Queenstown, MD, as well as in Hockessin and Smyrna. He has written the books *Lift Up My Soul: Taking Flight on the Winds of Faith* (© 2007 Abingdon Press) and *Family: Finding Who We Are and How We Belong* (© 2004 Abingdon Press) and for 15 years was a frequent writer for *FaithLink*, an adult Christian education curriculum. His play, *The Reinvention of Lily Johnson*, premiered in Philadelphia last summer. Jim currently serves as writer in residence at Christ Episcopal Church, Dover and lives in Smyrna with his wife, Kathleen, their son, Peter, and Scout, their adorable and rambunctious Brittany Spaniel.

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	Pat Haberstroh	Pat Haberstroh
Greeters: Johanna Learish	Cathy Blanco	Maryann Kearns
Acolytes	Emerson Hickey	
Com. Set-up: Kathy Chas	Cathy Blanco 2 Chalices 1 loaf + plate of non-gluten	3 Chalices 1loaves + plate of non-gluten
Com. Servers: Carole Harmon	John & Patti Harmer	Lenny & Sibyl Pompeo
Young Disciples	Courtney Martin	Brenda Shaffer
Word in Song		<i>Walk Worthy</i> Dave Corby, Bev Fawcett, Joyce Nelson & Sharyn Sheats
Flowers: Janet Rowley	Haberstroh's in honor of Keene & Haberstroh Families	
Fellowship:	Trustees	
Counters: G. Guessford	Ginny Guessford & Carolyn Stanley	

PASTOR'S LETTER TO THE SAINTS OF ST. PAUL'S UMC:

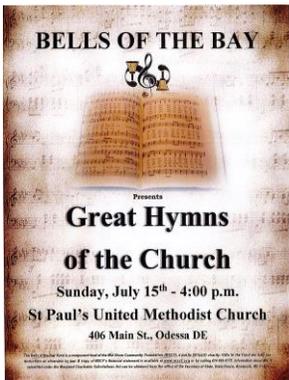
This Sunday, July 8, Vicki and I will be in Glacier National Park, Montana, where the Rev. Jim Hawkins, who is preaching this Sunday, vacationed with his family recently. This beautiful land and the wonderful people we are meeting on our pilgrimage bring us healing and renewal each new day, but I am longing to be with you, the saints of St. Paul's, and look forward to being with you soon as we begin our journey in faith together. If you're interested, you can follow our pilgrimage online at <https://bonjourn.al/journal/102638>. We are grateful for your prayers, not only for our safety on the road and in the wilderness, but that we would be open to receive all God has to reveal to us, in this season of change, grief, and renewal, and that we would share God's blessings and hope in Christ with everyone we encounter on this pilgrim way. Know that Vicki and I are praying fervently for you each day, that you may know the living, risen Christ more each day, and that you will continue to experience and share new and abundant life in his name with everyone, everywhere.

Your pastor and partner in Christ,
Bo

NOTES from the LOFT

One of our hymns for the 11:00 worship service this Sunday is *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*.

The words were written by Joachim Neander, a teacher, theologian and musician in Germany. Neander was the first hymn writer from the Calvinist branch of Protestantism.



While he composed 60 hymns during his relatively short life; *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* is his best known and most widely published hymn. In his book *A Dictionary of Hymnology*, John Julian described it as "a magnificent hymn of praise to God, perhaps the finest creation of its author, and of the first rank in its class." Today it appears in almost all Protestant hymnals, including the current edition of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Neander's father, grandfather, great - grandfather and great - great - grandfather – were all preachers. Despite that lineage, or perhaps because of it, Joachim was a wild and rebellious student. At age 20 he joined a group of young students who descended on St. Martin's Church in Bremen, Germany to ridicule the worshipers.

As the preacher delivered his sermon, young Joachim was deeply moved and later had a conversion experience. Several years later he returned to that same church to serve as the assistant preacher.

Neander wrote the words to *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* in 1860 at age 30 when he was dying with tuberculosis. The hymn was translated from German into English by Catherine Winkworth who is best known for bringing the German chorale tradition to English speakers with her numerous translations of German church hymns. According to *The Harvard University*

Hymn Book, Winkworth "did more than any other single individual to make the rich heritage of German hymnody available to the English-speaking world." Blessings, *Shelley*

Reaching In to deepen our spiritual walk with Christ

BABY CAEL IS HERE!

Cael Jennings Crooker was born to Amanda Chas and Curt Crooker on June 27, 2018 at 12:09 p.m. He weighed 6lbs. 9 oz. and 19.5 inches. After a little rocky start for mom and baby everyone is doing great and got home from hospital on Sunday July 1. Thanks for all the prayers and outpouring of love.

WILLING SERVANT NEEDED

Please contact Pastor Karin if you are able to take a truck load of recycle for her. She would very much appreciate it.

THANK YOU!!!

With a grateful heart, there are so many who have done so much to help with my move! I will be forever indebted to so many of you! Ann Newswanger and Courtney Martin, Cheryl & Jeff Martin have been the mainstays and stalwarts of the packing and helping! Special thanks to Paul Loder, Heidi Allen, Cathy Blanco, Linda Vanderloo, Barbara Marsh, Estelle Peters, Jennifer & Caroline Rodriguez, Patti & John Harmer, Sibyl & Lenny Pompeo, Charlotte Miller, Alice Mullins, Vicki Spence, Jan Corby, Letha Comegys, Brenda Shaffer, Janet & Charlii Miller, Tanner Martin, Andrew Shaffer, Dalton Ashley and St. Jerome Reeves, Cathy Kinney, Alicia Collins and Ellie Leuliette— and so many more who have prayed for us. The Celebration Committee of Cathy Blanco, Courtney Martin, Megan Reitzes, Susan Haberstroh, Cheryl & Jeff Martin, Janet Miller, Jan Corby, Tanner Martin & Dalton Ashley...and to all who brought food and good wishes, cards and more! I am forever indebted to each of you. I love, love, love, love you and you will not be forgotten!

Pastor Karin

The farewell worship service and celebration for Pastor Karin was a wonderful tribute to her 13 years at St. Paul's. The gathering of congregants and friends attending, the memorable gifts from so many of you, and the fellowship are a sign of the great imprint she leaves at St. Paul's. A special thank you to Courtney Martin, who was instrumental in organizing many pieces of the celebration, as well as the planning team of Susan Haberstroh, Steve Johnson, Megan Reitzes, and Vicki Spence. Thank you also to the congregants that provided food for the feast, and a great big thanks to the many that assisted with clean up. *Cathy Blanco*

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

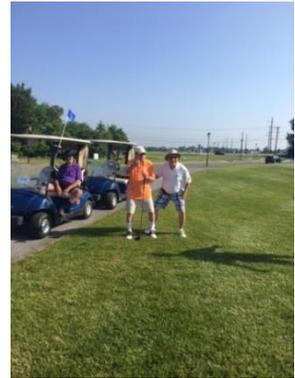
- The tree cutting in Rear Parking Lot has been put in hold this week due to the heat. We will be advised the exact days shortly so we can put out notification for NO PARKING IN THE REAR.

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



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

On Monday, July 2, St. Paul's UMM Staying On Par With God was held at Odessa National on a very HOT day! Everyone had wringing wet clothes at the finish but it was a great day of Fellowship, a good lunch, and scripture discussion! This is a wonderful outing for the guys and All are welcome! Our next outing is scheduled for Monday, July 23 with a 9 AM T Time! More info to follow and let me know if you want to join us! Take care and God Bless! *Paul Loder*



**FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT UPDATES from Vicki Spence
THANK YOU. GRACIAS. MERCI.**

Thank you is not nearly enough to express the gratitude felt for all of those who helped prepare, participated and helped wrap up our 2018 Rolling River Rampage VBS. Preparations began about 6 months ago. Decorations and sets were designed, created and assembled. Music and dance/motions were learned. An interpreter joined us and more than 60 kids, young and old participated during the week. Shopping for food, decorations and crafts were shared by many and adults from St. Paul's planned, prepared and cleaned up food for dinners every night. We had group leaders, craft leaders, music leaders, games leaders and science leaders every night...nearly 40 adults helping make this a week full of fun, learning and fellowship! It is said every year, but it truly takes a village and St. Paul's village is THE BEST!!! And we were able to gift our decorations to The Mission Church in Townsend for their VBS later this month! Keep your eyes peeled toward the end of summer....you may see Romper and some friends gracing the walls of the lower level as we prepare for 2018 Sunday School. Don't forget to get registered for Sunday School online or fill out forms in the Narthex!!!!



PASTOR BO IS COMING SOON!!

To prepare for Pastor Bo's arrival there are blank letters to be decorated for a welcome sign in Fellowship Hall. Please take some time in the next two weeks between services to help decorate a letter and be part of the welcoming!!!

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. 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) 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: Amanda Chas & baby Cael, Lisa Daly, Betty Ann McGinnis, Lois Loder, Molly Atwater

CONTINUED PRAYER:

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

BIRTHDAYS

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| July 4 | Marisa Apps | July 8 | Georgiana Fennemore |
| | Carter Gustafson | July 9 | Marilyn Jones |
| July 5 | Mark Holden | | Maddie Marsh |
| | Isabel Holland | | Sandy Urstadt |
| | Sue Johnson | | Emily Workman |
| July 6 | Ellie Leuliette | | |
| July 7 | Kathy Chas | | |
| | Jennifer Rodriguez | | |

GENTLE OFFICE REMINDERS from Alice Mullins, Administrative Assistant

- ✦ Please be so kind as to announce your presence as you enter the Church during the week. Thank you.
- ✦ Remember that WE RECYCLE! Please help us good stewards of the earth by helping us.
- ✦ Before you determine the date of your event, check the Church Calendar by first going to our Calendar of Events on our website at this link <http://www.stpaulsodessa.org/774769>. If the time and date is open, contact me in the church office to double-check that the date is indeed open and follow through on all necessary protocols, which I will help you with. She will then make sure it goes on the published church calendar.



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Reaching Out *with acts of love & compassion*

COVENANT GARDEN



On Monday, June 25, myself and John Harmer harvested the following and delivered to Neighborhood House: 2 lbs. lettuce, 2 cucumbers, 27 zucchini, and 40 squashes. Hoeing and weeding were also done. On Tuesday, June 26, I met with Emma Apps and her family to plot out garden space for Emma's 4H Bee project. A flat of marigolds were planted as part of the project. On Thursday, June 28, Alan Martin hoed rows for weeds while myself and John Harmer harvested the following and delivered to Neighborhood House & friends of the Covenant Garden: 26 squash, 26 zucchini, 4 cucumbers, 4 bell peppers, 3 lbs. string beans, and 3 lbs. yellow string beans. On Saturday, June 30, Susan Haberstroh and John



Harmer hoed and weeded garden while I tied up tomato plants. I also harvested the following and delivered to friends of the garden: 25 squash, 11 zucchini, 6 cucumbers, and 1 lb.

string beans. Greg, Marisa, and William Apps re-dug the flower bed under garden sign and planted more bee attracting flowers for the 4H club Bee project. Newly planted flowers were also watered this week by Emma and Family. 3/4 inches of rain was in gauge on June 25 but garden has been dry since then. Peace & Blessings, *Paul Loder*



ACTS 14:17 Yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good--giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.

UPCOMING YELLOW HAT SCHEDULE

July 8 – El Ayudante Child, Yesprin

July 15 – Deaf Awareness Sunday

PAK-A-SAK

Pak-A-Sak will be delivered the second week in July this month.

FOR SALE to a beginning golfer or a collector: Set of men's golf clubs, purchased and used in the late 1950's. Custom Irons and Woods; irons #2-9 complete, woods #1-4 set of 14, sand wedge, putter, bag included. Will consider ANY offer.

FOR SALE to a woman golfer: Set of women's clubs, purchased in 2014. Sunny yellow bag and umbrella included...as well as any balls in the pocket. Will sell for \$75 or best offer. Contact June Stemmler for both sets JJJS4@aol.com or see me at a church service.



June 28, 2018

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*Once again, many thanks!
Bill A.*

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the New England Conference's *Nicaragua Covenant*, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your most generous gift of \$794.00 which will be used towards the purchase of Emergency food and medicine for our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters during this time of crisis.

The Nicaragua Covenant (also dba Friends of NITCA) is a registered 501c3 organization. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation. All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted under the current federal tax code.

Supported by donors like you, the Nicaragua Covenant is able to provide needed support to the Evangelical Methodist Church of Nicaragua (IGLEMEN) as they respond to the urgent needs of people impacted by the civil unrest in Nicaragua. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for purchasing and delivering supplies to the 19 communities served by IGLEMEN churches.

We are all truly blessed by your genuine concern for the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters in Nicaragua and greatly appreciate your contribution.

Warmest Personal Regards,

Bill Aldrich

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June 27, 2018

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your gift of \$404.38 In Memory of Elijah Gordy-Stith. Your donation will help Delaware's children and families reach their full potential.

Your gift will help ensure that we are able to support young women pregnant for the first time have healthy babies...provide safe, loving homes to children in foster care...help elementary school kids and their families build better lives in Wilmington... help teens navigate the difficult choices they face in their relationships...teach new skills to parents struggling to provide positive discipline to their children... and so much more.

Again, thank you. We, and Delaware's children and families, deeply appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Gallo
Jennifer Gallo
Development Coordinator

For your records, our federal tax identification number is 51-0065731 and no goods or services were given in exchange for this contribution.

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