



**St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa**  
*Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out*  
**Pastor Linda Ray**  
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## **Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 11, 2022, 9:00 AM Service with ASL Interpretation and Virtual Worship**

**WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE**

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### **WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES**

PRELUDE

*Instrumental*

Duane Dillard

Mark Holden, Photographer & Curator

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** \* *Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

One: Return to God, no matter how long you have been away.

**Many: Come home, no matter how far you've wandered.**

One: But if you don't return on your own,

**Many: Don't be surprised if God comes and finds you anyway.**

One: Come to be found,

**Many: all are welcome here because of God's grace.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Red Hymnal 400

**\*OPENING PRAYER (all praying):** **Shepherding God, gather us into your presence, as we come to worship this day. Transform us into your people through the mighty power of your Spirit. Rescue us with your patience, that we may become instruments of mercy and grace to help others find their way home. We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity. We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you. As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security. In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide, and our guardian. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Awesome God 2x*

Black Hymnal 2040

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r, and love. Our God is an awesome God!

Courtney Martin shares a blessing with our children!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed" Traditional Version

Red Hymnal 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy, catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

Red Hymnal 70

### WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

4:11 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- 12 a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. 22 "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." 23 I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. 25 I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. 26 I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. 27 For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. 28 Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

1:12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. 16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Give Me a Clean Heart*

Black Hymnal 2133

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-10

15:1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: 4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

One: May this story inspire us all.

**ALL: To walk in the way that leads to life.**

THE MESSAGE

"Repeatedly Lost, Repeatedly Found"

Pastor Linda Ray

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: The shepherd is searching,

**Many: that all may be found.**

One: Grace is flowing,  
**Many: that all may find their way home.**  
One: Love is waiting,  
**Many: to welcome us into the arms of God.**

HYMN OF INVITATION

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

Red Hymnal 357

### WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Linda Ray

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and to your glory. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **UMCOR for US Disaster Rsp. Relief.**

*If you are graciously contributing to the weekly designated yellow hat, kindly have your checks/cash submitted to the church prior to that Sunday or obviously placed in the yellow hat during the Sunday service. This makes recording those contributions into the system flow more smoothly each week. Thereafter, one check can be made payable to the designated organization and then we can move to the next week. Thank you all for your continued generosity towards this important mission. Alice Mullins, Treasurer*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*The Old Rugged Cross*

Quartet of Joyce Nelson, Beth O'Grady,  
Ann Raymond, Dave Corby

\*THE DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Linda Ray

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Loving Shepherd, pour your grace upon us this day. Seek those who are wandering and lost, for they too need your grace. For you know when we are wandering, and you know when we are lost. You know when we have sinned, and when we have forsaken your call. Forgive us and bring us home. Reclaim us and make us your own. For you are our shepherd and we are the sheep of your pasture. For this grace and mercy, we are ever grateful. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Linda Ray

Officiant Server – Jonathan Ray

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

(Lifting and breaking the bread) On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave God thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**All: AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

Pastor: Let us join our hearts and voices in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory Forever. AMEN.**

*(The congregation will come forward to partake of the bread and cup.)*

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### **WE GO IN THE SPIRIT!**

SENDING HYMN

*Love Lifted Me*

Green Hymnal 3101

\*BENEDICTION

In the spirit of Christ, bear one another's burdens; correct one another with gentleness; and heal one another with signs of peace. Rejoice as you leave this place, for if you persevere in doing what is right, you will reap a harvest of joy, hope and love. Go with the peace of God. **Amen.**

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Liturgist: Adrienne Dillard

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Communion Officiant/Server: Jonathan Ray

Ushers:Ellie & Dick Leuliette, John & Patti Harmer, June Stemmler, John Harmon, Denis Shaffer, Laura Widger

Musicians: Amy Brown. Director of Music Ministry, Duane Dillard, Minister of Music

ASL Interpreter: Gail Garner

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:**

<b>Sunday 9/11</b>	<b>Dingo &amp; Dessert, Wyoming United Methodist Church FLC @3:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday 9/12</b>	<b>Finance Mtg @ 6:30</b>
<b>Tuesday 9/13</b>	<b>Trustee's Mtg @ 6:30, ODB Food Servers-Lunch</b>
<b>Wednesday 9/14</b>	<b>TOPS Mtg @ 6:00, Handbell Rehearsal @ 6:00, Choir Rehearsal @7:10</b>
	<b>Deep Roots Food Collection, Pick-up @4:30 PM (Food needs to be dropped before 4:30 PM please)</b>
<b>Thursday 9/15</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Praise Team Mtg @ 10:00 AM, PFLAG Mtg @ 6:30</b>
<b>Friday 9/16</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Saturday 9/17</b>	<b>AA Mtg @ 7:00</b>



**NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE** St Paul's family has again demonstrated their generous heart! Attached is a picture of the bags of clothing donated to Friendship House with only 2 days' notice. More have been pledged. God has blessed us all. Robin Cross was very appreciative. Carlotta Cline

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will convene Mondays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 9:00 at the Church. Bring your Bible and a friend. You will be fed. We will continue and hopefully finish the study of Hebrews.

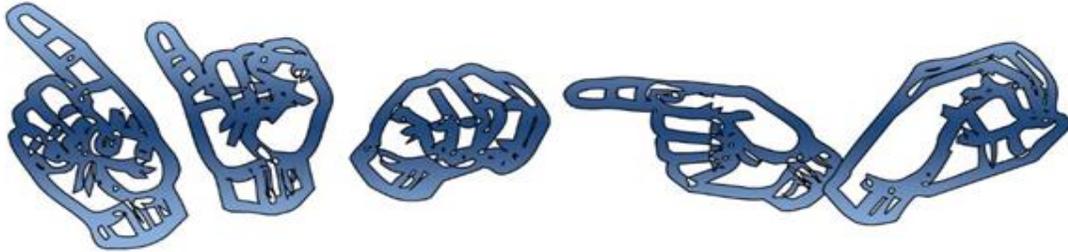
**THANK YOU** to Lynda Lambert in taking our documents for shredding to the free shredding events!! We appreciate your help getting our Church Office cleaned up.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES** will continue to be one service at 9:00 AM. The Worship Arts Committee and Leadership will be meeting with Pastor Linda to determine whether we stay with one service or begin again with the traditional two Worship Services. A decision will be forthcoming by October 1. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

## **MEALS NEEDED – KENZEL MESSICK**

The family of Kenzel Messick is thankful for any meals that can be donated during her recovery. To donate, go to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) Name: Messick PW: 2700

**FROM GAIL GARNER:**



# **DINGO & DESSERT**



**Sunday, September 11th**

**3:00 pm — 5:00 pm**

**Wyoming United Methodist Church FLC**

**Bring a dessert or snack to share**

**Learn to play a favorite card game in the Deaf Community**

**No competition, no charge, lots of fun and friends.**

**DINGO is a great family game  
for players aged 8 and older.**

**Sponsored by the WUMC Deaf Ministry  
and Committee on Diversity**



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

## **St. Paul's Mission Statement**

### **Reaching Up to praise God in vibrant worship**

God calls us to live out our discipleship grounded in Christ's awakening us to the glory and majesty of God in all creation, and we respond together by worshiping God with our gratitude and praise. Standing or lifting our hands high are both ancient postures of worship, and so our dance of discipleship involves reaching up with our hearts, souls, and bodies, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

*Psalms 100:4-5 (NRSV)*

### **Reaching In to deepen our spiritual walk with Christ**

Christ accepts us as we are, and then calls us to follow him and learn from him, growing in our spiritual walk through practices the church calls spiritual disciplines: prayer, fasting, meditation, studying God's Word, individually and with others. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we discover more about the extraordinary plans God has for our lives.

*"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

*John 8:31-32 (NRSV)*

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

Here's where it all comes together! Assured of God's eternal love, strengthened by the grace and knowledge of Christ, we are ready for the Holy Spirit to kindle a fire in our lives, gifting us for the labor of love God has prepared for us to accomplish. Having fallen in love with God, we love and serve our neighbors.

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*

*Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)*

**Current list of Committees, Chairs and Members as of 05/2022**

Pastor	Rev. Linda Driver Ray
Ministry Candidate	Min. Adrienne Dillard
Lay Leadership	Janet Miller, Melissa Brooks, Mark Holden
Church Leadership Co-Chairs	Steve Johnson & Cathy Blanco
Trustee Chair	Charlii Miller
Trustee Committee	Charlii Miller, John Littell, Lynda Lambert
	Rev. Linda Driver Ray (Ex-Officio), Barbara
	Lynn Manlove, Don Mueller, John Cate,
	Cathy Blanco, Steve Johnson
SPRC Chair	Rick Pulling
SPRC Committee	Rick Pulling, Nancee Bleistine, Ellie Leuliette,
	June Stemmler, Janet Miller, Rev. Linda Driver Ray
	(Ex-Officio), Joy Littell, Cathy Blanco, Steve Johnson
Finance Chair	Vacant/Hap Bonham – Interim Chair
Treasurer	Alice Mullins
Finance Committee	Hap Bonham, Angela Christian, Carolyn Stanley
	Rev. Linda Driver Ray (Ex-Officio), Sandy Urstadt,
	Ann Baker, Alan Martin, Melissa Brooks
Worship Arts Committee	Barbara Lynn Manlove, Ellie Leuliette
	Nancee Bleistine, Janet Miller
Missions	Sue Holden, Dawn Buckworth, Sandy & Bob
	Urstadt, Charlotte Miller, Nadine Johnson
	Karen Ellis, Patti & John Harmer, Barbara
	Bonham, Joy Littell, Mark Holden, Nancy Judd,
	Ann Newswanger

Please contact Bonnie Valeski at [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org) with any changes or additions

## **MISSIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **WEEKLY GATHERINGS – CHURCH BUILDING**

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday -Thursday, 9AM-2:00PM

- Boy Scouts –Discontinued until Fall
- Cub Scouts –Discontinued until Fall
- TOPS Meeting – Wednesdays 6 PM.
- St. Paul’s Prayer and Praise Group Ministry – Thursdays 10 AM
- St. Paul’s Handbell Rehearsal – Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Music Room
- St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday at 7:10 PM in the Sanctuary
- AA Meeting – Saturdays 7 PM

### **MONTHLY GATHERINGS**

- Finance Meeting – 2nd Monday 6:30 PM
- Trustees Meeting – 2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM
- SPRC Meeting – 4th Thursday beginning Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 PM via Zoom
- Leadership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM
- PFLAG Meeting – 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM
- Reconciling Ministries – 2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM, beginning in September

### **Reconciling Ministries Informational Meetings**

The purpose of the Reconciling Group, is to create opportunities to engage in dialogue, build relationships and advocate for the LGBTQIA community. So it is clear, the Reconciling Group’s Mission is informational and to supply a forum to discuss and advocate for the LGBTQIA community. This group has no authority to make changes in Policy. Policy changes can ONLY be done by the General Conference. The Reconciling Group meets via Zoom the Second Thursday of the month at 6:30, our next meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77700823122?pwd=R1ZMcFV0cGMrNmF1WjJhVTlSRmVKdz09>

Our guest presenter is Rev. Patti Ravilious who will bring the group up to date on the latest news, both locally and internationally, regarding the United Methodist Church on this topic, and she will also share a bit of the history of how and why the UM Church got to this point. Please join us - Mark Holden.

### **Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for September 2022:**

**<http://www.stpaulsodessa.org/VANCOOnlineGiving>**

9/18/22 Alzheimer Research (Linda Sydnor)

9/25/22 Deaf Awareness Sunday (Gail Garner)

### **Men's Bible Study**

***Mondays October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 9:00 at the Church.*** Bring your Bible and a friend. You will be fed. We will continue and hopefully finish the study of Hebrews.

**Adult Bible Study** Fall date of resumption will be announced in mid-September with a mass email to everyone and bulletin announcement.

### **Flowers for Worship**

If you are interested in honoring a loved one with flowers at the altar on a particular Sunday, we are asking you to contact Alicia Blackwell, from Wildflowers by Alicia to place your order. Alicia can be reached at (302) 593-9884. Also, please email the church office so we make sure the information is added in the bulletin.

### **Compassionate Card Ministry**

The Compassionate Card Ministry is made up of 20 dedicated members of our congregation who create hand-made cards and encouraging messages to those in our directory, within our congregation, those on our prayer lists and others who are brought to our attention. Our purpose is to spread kindness and love to others through uplifting and personalized sentiments on hand-made cards. If you are not in our directory and would like to be added to our list, or if you know someone who would benefit from the blessing of a card, please contact Nancee Bleistine, nbleistine@yahoo.com or 609-217-1924.

### **Prayer and Praise Group Ministry**

Carole Harmon hosts a prayer circle, currently Thursday mornings at 10 AM - in person. Please contact Carole if you are interested in joining the group or have a special prayer request. You can also find prayer request cards on the table in the Narthex.

### **VANCO: Manage Your Giving Online**

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at [www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://www.stpaulsodessa.org) and click on the VANCO Online Giving button to the left of the screen.
- 3) Click on the Link to Online Giving thru VANCO button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS.

### **Family Life**

**Sunday School** Fall date of resumption will be announced mid-September with a mass email to everyone and bulletin announcement.

### **Love Thy Neighbor Fund**

Our "Love Thy Neighbor Fund" was created to help those in need in the MOT community. This fund may support a time in someone's life when he/she may need a little kindness and generosity to help endure and survive a challenging situation. If you can donate, please make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC and then write in the memo area it is for "Love Thy Neighbor Fund." Please note, this fund is SEPARATE from the Yellow Hat. Thank you, Love Thy Neighbor Committee

### **Deep Roots**

Nadine Johnson & Karen Ellis continue to work with the "Deep Roots" mission. This group works with families who are disconnected through homelessness and provides transitional shelter and other services to families in need. They need your help as they continue to contact members of the church to help with making meals once a month feeding approximately 50+ individuals. Here's hoping you will be able to help us with this very important and necessary mission. Thanks so much!

### **Our Daily Bread Food Donations**

214 N Broad St, Middletown, DE 19709

Volunteers Needed – day and evening hours and different areas of need, filling bags, handing out meals, etc. Please consider a few hours of your time to help those much less fortunate. Contact Sue Holden, Missions Co-Chair, at 802-324-6167, [susieq2951@aol.com](mailto:susieq2951@aol.com), with any questions. Also, find information and volunteer sign-up forms on the website, <https://www.ourdailybreadmot.com>.

ODB is most thankful to all who donate either monetarily or in kind. Your generosity helps ODB feed those in our community who are facing food insecurity. Listed below are the items needed to stuff our side bags for this week and other items that are needed. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- Individual bottles of water
- Individual bags of salty snacks
- Individual packets of sweet snacks
- Individual fruit cups and/or applesauce

- Fresh fruit (apples, bananas, oranges)
- Boxes of breakfast cereal
- Boxes of mashed potatoes
- White bread
- Baked beans (large cans)

Thank you for any and all kindnesses!

### **Neighborhood House**

Neighborhood House really appreciates St. Paul's ongoing support in so many ways. At this point, we are low on some items in the food pantry. So, for your next Pak-A-Sack collection we could use any of the following:

- Soup
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Tuna/Tuna Helper
- Tissues

Donations can be left inside the Church. We look forward to another great year working together to feed the hungry. Thanks to all, Marilyn Hendershot, Family Services Specialist, Neighborhood House, Inc.

### **PFLAG Meeting**

Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month, presently via Zoom. Please join us if you would like to be supported or offer support and please spread the word to all corners of our communities. We are currently working on a system which will help youth who have been rejected by their parents, find families who will help them. Please contact Mark Holden, (Mark@maholden.com) or call 802-279-8100.

**JOYS & CONCERNS:** If you know someone, you'd like to add to our prayer list, please email the church office or visit the church website ([www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://www.stpaulsodessa.org)) to complete a prayer request. **There is also a Prayer Box in the Narthex in which you can drop your completed request.** Please email the office when someone can be taken OFF the list. If you or a loved one needs a pastoral visit, please call or email the church office to schedule.

**Prayers for:** Noel Lukens; Mary Beth; Matthew Smith; Naomi Betts; Jerrod Bolline; Sue Holden's sister, Betsey Snipes; Bill Smith; Beth; Matt & Louise Latocha; Carol Myers; Darryl Dillard; Kathy Golden; Jessica Schrum and Family; Joyce, Aunt to Angela Christian; Dave Corby; Kenzel Messick; David Dudgeon; Kimberly, Ike Guessford; Theresa, sister to Estelle Peters.

**Birthdays:** September 11 – William O'Hop; September 14 – Karen Fitzwater, Denis Shaffer; September 17 - Tanner Martin, St. Jerome Reeves

**Anniversaries:** September 12 – Andrew & Laura Widger; September 15 – David & Carol Sheats; September 16 – Leonard & Sibyl Pompeo