



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
Pastor Linda Ray
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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
And Deaf Awareness Sunday

September 25, 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

ASL Lesson *Passing the Peace* Gail Garner

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

One: Sheltered by God,

Many: we come now to worship.

One: Invited by Christ,

Many we come now to pray.

One: Welcomed by the Spirit,

Many: we gather as the people of God.

*OPENING HYMN *Help Us Help Each Other* vs. 1 Red Hymnal 560

*OPENING PRAYER (all praying): **Sheltering God, as we gather here this day, cover us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Gather us in the goodness of your grace, that we may experience your comforting presence and your powerful protection. O God, you are our refuge in times of trouble, our shelter in times of rain. When we forget to be refuge for others in trouble, forgive us. Turn our gaze to the poor Lazaruses of our world, for we would rather look away. Guide our lives to be places of shelter for others, as you have been shelter for us. Strengthen us with your grace, that we may offer our mercy and help to the needy, as you have offered your mercy and help to us. Draw us back into the protection of your forgiveness and grace. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME *Awesome God* 1x 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!

Gail Garner shares a blessing with our children!
ALL SING *Jesus Loves Me* vs.1 Red Hymnal 191

FIRST LESSON: *Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15*

32 Jeremiah received the Lord's word in the tenth year of Judah's King Zedekiah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar's rule. ² At that time, the army of the Babylonian king had surrounded Jerusalem, and the

prophet Jeremiah was confined to the prison quarters in the palace of Judah's king. ³ Judah's King Zedekiah had Jeremiah sent there after questioning him...

⁶ Jeremiah said, The Lord's word came to me: ⁷ Your cousin Hanamel, Shallum's son, is on his way to see you; and when he arrives, he will tell you: "Buy my field in Anathoth, for by law you are next in line to purchase it." ⁸ And just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel showed up at the prison quarters and told me, "Buy my field in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for you are next in line and have a family obligation to purchase it." Then I was sure this was the Lord's doing.

⁹ So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. ¹¹ Then I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy, with its terms and conditions, and the unsealed copy—¹² and gave it to Baruch, Neriah's son and Mahseiah's grandson, before my cousin Hanamel and the witnesses named in the deed, as well as before all the Judeans who were present in the prison quarters. ¹³ I charged Baruch before all of them: ¹⁴ "The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Take these documents—this sealed deed of purchase along with the unsealed one—and put them into a clay container so they will last a long time. ¹⁵ The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land."

SECOND LESSON: *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

⁶ Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. ⁷ We didn't bring anything into the world and so we can't take anything out of it: ⁸ we'll be happy with food and clothing. ⁹ But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, run away from all these things. Instead, pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. ¹² Compete in the good fight of faith. Grab hold of eternal life—you were called to it, and you made a good confession of it in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I command you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who made the good confession when testifying before Pontius Pilate. ¹⁴ Obey this order without fault or failure until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ The timing of this appearance is revealed by God alone, who is the blessed and only master, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ He alone has immortality and lives in light that no one can come near. No human being has ever seen or is able to see him. Honor and eternal power belong to him. Amen.

¹⁷ Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. ¹⁹ When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Just as I Am, Without One Plea vs.5

Red Hymnal 357

*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 16:19-31*

¹⁹ "There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. ²⁰ At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. ²¹ Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

²² "The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ He shouted, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I'm suffering in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. ²⁶ Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.'

²⁷ “The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house. ²⁸ I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’ ³⁰ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’ ³¹ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

One: May this story inspire us all.

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

THE MESSAGE:

“Real Life”

Pastor Linda Ray

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD “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

HYMN OF INVITATION

Fairest Lord Jesus

Red Hymnal 189

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 **Deaf Awareness Sunday (Gail Garner)**.

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

DEAF OUTREACH VIDEO PRESENTATION

Rev. Patti Collett Ravilious

OFFERTORY HYMN

You Are My All in All

Choral Anthem

*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: **Unclutter our lives, Lord, we have too much, consume too much, expect too much. Grant us perspective; to see this world through others’ eyes than just our own. Grant us**

compassion: where there is need to play our part not turn aside. Grant us gratitude for what we have, our daily bread the gift of life. Unclutter our lives, Lord, give us space, simplicity thankful hearts. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Linda Ray
Officiant Server – Bruce Ray

Response Lessons in ASL– Rev. Patti Collett Ravilious and Gail Garner

Hosanna in the Highest, Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

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. (ASL)

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! (ASL)

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. (ASL)

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

God Be with You till We Meet Again

Red Hymnal 672

***BENEDICTION**

Found by God, may you go now to help others find their way. Loved by Christ, may you go now to share Christ's love with the world. Blessed by the Spirit, may you go now to bless others with mercy and grace. **Amen.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Ellie Leuliette

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Communion Officiant/Server: Bruce 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

Flowers on the altar today 'in honor of our mom's birthday on September 23rd, and to show our gratitude and appreciation to everyone that has taken the time to visit, check in, make meals/desserts, pick her up for treatments/church and most importantly for keeping her in your thoughts and prayers!'

With love and thanks, Kenzel Messick's Family

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:

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| Sunday 9/25 | Worship Service @9:00 AM Deaf Awareness Sunday |
| Monday 9/26 | Boy Scouts, 6-8 PM, Finance Mtg @6:30 |
| Tuesday 9/27 | Cub Scouts 6-8 PM, Leadership Mtg 6:30 Hybrid |
| Wednesday 9/28 | TOPS Mtg @ 6:00, Handbell Rehearsal @ 6:00, Choir Rehearsal @7:10 |
| Thursday 9/29 | Prayer & Praise Team Mtg @ 10:00 AM, SPRC Mtg @6:30 PM |
| Friday 9/30 | N/A |
| Saturday 10/01 | AA Mtg @ 7:00 |

DEAF AWARENESS GRANT from Rev. Patti Collett Ravilious:

‘St. Paul's has been awarded a grant of \$500 from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) through the United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries (UMCDHHM) to cover the expenses of the Deaf Awareness emphasis and education that has enlightened our congregation during September 2022. Thanks to everyone who in any way is encouraging Deaf Ministry at St. Paul's!’

PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available in the Narthex along with the prayer request cards. Just complete the form, fold, and drop in the box on the corner shelf located at the second set of doors into Fellowship Hall.

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.

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 **takethameal.com** **Name: Messick** **PW: 2700**



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

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| 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 with any changes or additions

MISSIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

WEEKLY GATHERINGS – CHURCH BUILDING

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

- Boy Scouts –Mondays 7-8:30PM
- Cub Scouts –Tuesdays 6-8PM, beginning Sept. 20th
- 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 6:30 PM
- 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, beginning September 8th, 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>

10/02 World Communion Day

10/16 Habitat for Humanity

10/23 Our Daily Bread

10/30 El Ayudante, Child Yesprin

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 by October 1 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 and box on the corner shelf 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 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 by October 1 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! Contact Karen Ellis at iluvbrmuda@gmail.com and Nadine Johnson at nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com

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, 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) 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, Pat Williams, Jimmy Williams, Jim Wilhelm and father, Seth Holden.

Birthdays: September 26 – Ray Mullins; September 27 – Parker Hickey, Sierra Kearns; September 29 – John Littell

Anniversaries: September 25 – Bob & Sandy Urstadt