



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

**September 4, 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: When we try to hide,

**Many: God always finds us.**

One: When we crawl into darkness,

**Many even there we won't escape God's eyes.**

One: Rest in gratitude on the potter's wheel,

**Many: for we are being shaped according to God's purposes.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Red Hymnal 462

**\*OPENING PRAYER (all praying): Creator God, help us to build a new world in the midst of the old. A world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. A world where those who serve and care for others are, themselves, also served and cared for. We pray for the coming of a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us. We ask these things knowing that you give us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Awesome God*

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!

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

## WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST LESSON: *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

18 Jeremiah received the Lord's word: 2 Go down to the potter's house, and I'll give you instructions about what to do there. 3 So I went down to the potter's house; he was working on the potter's wheel. 4 But the piece he was making was flawed while still in his hands, so the potter started on another, as seemed best to him. 5 Then the Lord's word came to me: 6 House of Israel, can't I deal with you like this potter, declares the Lord? Like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in mine, house of Israel! 7 At any time I may announce that I will dig up, pull down, and destroy a nation or kingdom; 8 but if that nation I warned turns from its evil, then I'll relent and not carry out the harm I intended for it. 9 At the same time, I may announce that I will build and plant a nation or kingdom; 10 but if that nation displeases and disobeys me, then I'll relent and not carry out the good I intended for it. 11 Now say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem: This is what the Lord says: I am a potter preparing a disaster for you; I'm working out a plan against you. So each one of you, turn from your evil ways; reform your ways and your actions.

SECOND LESSON: *Philemon 1-21*

<sup>1</sup>From Paul, who is a prisoner for the cause of Christ Jesus, and our brother Timothy. To Philemon our dearly loved coworker, <sup>2</sup>Apphia our sister, Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church that meets in your house. <sup>3</sup>May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <sup>4</sup>Philemon, I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers <sup>5</sup>because I've heard of your love and faithfulness, which you have both for the Lord Jesus and for all God's people. <sup>6</sup>I pray that your partnership in the faith might become effective by an understanding of all that is good among us in Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have great joy and encouragement because of your love, since the hearts of God's people are refreshed by your actions, my brother. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup>I would rather appeal to you through love. I, Paul—an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup>appeal to you for my child Onesimus. I became his father in the faith during my time in prison. <sup>11</sup>He was useless to you before, but now he is useful to both of us. <sup>12</sup>I'm sending him back to you, which is like sending you my own heart. <sup>13</sup>I considered keeping him with me so that he might serve me in your place during my time in prison because of the gospel. <sup>14</sup>However, I didn't want to do anything without your consent so that your act of kindness would occur willingly and not under pressure. <sup>15</sup>Maybe this is the reason that Onesimus was separated from you for a while so that you might have him back forever—<sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave—that is, as a dearly loved brother. He is especially a dearly loved brother to me. How much more can he become a brother to you, personally and spiritually in the Lord! <sup>17</sup>So, if you really consider me a partner, welcome Onesimus as if you were welcoming me. <sup>18</sup>If he has harmed you in any way or owes you money, charge it to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, will pay it back to you (I'm writing this with my own hand). Of course, I won't mention that you owe me your life. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want this favor from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>I'm writing to you, confident of your obedience and knowing that you will do more than what I ask.

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

*I Love to Tell the Story*

## Red Hymnal 156

\*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 14:25-33*

<sup>25</sup>Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and doesn't hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters—yes, even one's own life—cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever doesn't carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>“If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn't finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. <sup>30</sup>They will say, ‘Here's the person who began construction and couldn't complete it!’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down to consider whether his ten thousand soldiers could go up against the twenty thousand coming against him? <sup>32</sup>And if he didn't think he could win, he

would send a representative to discuss terms of peace while his enemy was still a long way off. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, none of you who are unwilling to give up all of your possessions can be my disciple.

One: May this story inspire us all.

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

THE MESSAGE

*Counting the Cost*

Pastor Linda Ray

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: O Lord, you know us completely. You discern our thoughts from far away.

**Many: You are acquainted with all our ways. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.**

One: It is so high; we cannot attain it.

**Many: You formed our inward parts and knit us together in our mothers' wombs.**

One: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Many: May we never take your blessings for granted, and may we never forget the depth of your love.**

HYMN OF INVITATION

*Change My Heart, O God*

Black Hymnal 2152

**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 **El Ayudante Child, Yesprin.**

*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

*Hymn of Promise*

Garrett Ray

\*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: God of Grace, you call us to be different from the world, but the world is seductive, and so we come here to be strengthened, God of Vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life, different priorities, different loyalties, different values. But we know that the world is not only seductive but powerful, and so we are drawn in to following its priorities, accepting its values, showing loyalty to its god. God who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, forgive us when we lose sight of these qualities, when we misunderstand their role in the world.**

*...time of silent prayer*

**Rejoice and be glad! God is gracious and God offers blessings. God calls us to life in the world, God offers us the chance to explore how to live out God's vision. We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed. Thanks be to God. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Linda Ray  
Officiant Server – Ann Newswanger

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

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* vs. 1,2,3,1

Black Hymnal 2129

### **\*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: Ann Newswanger

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Communion Officiant/Server: Ann Newswanger

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**

**FRIENDSHIP HOUSE is having a clothing drive this Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.** They are in dire need of clothing, **mainly men's clothes and particularly, tee-shirts**. Carlotta Cline has volunteered her time to collect and deliver any clothing donated by St. Paul's. Donations can be left in bags/boxes in the Church Narthex; please put a label/sticky note on the contribution, 'Friendship House – Carlotta'. Thanks to all.

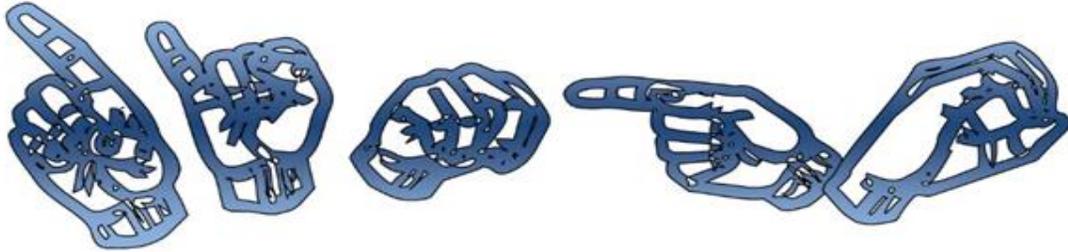
**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES will continue to be one service at 9:00 AM.** The Worship Arts Committee and Leadership will be meeting with Pastor Linda to determine whether we stay with one service or begin again with the traditional two Worship Services. A decision will be forthcoming by mid-September.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

**HANDBELL AND CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.** Handbells will meet at 6 PM in the Music Room, and Choir meets at 7:10 PM in the Sanctuary. Additional singing masks are being ordered for those who may not have one. Please contact Amy Brown at [amyrowebrown@gmail.com](mailto:amyrowebrown@gmail.com) or 480-677-0910 with any questions. Everyone is welcome!

### **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 [takethenameal.com](http://takethenameal.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**

**THE CHURCH YARDWORK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** We need extra help with this. Please give of your time to beautify our church grounds and lend a hand. Contact Barbara Lynn Manlove or the Church Office.

**THE CHURCH BENCHES IN THE GROVE NEED DESPERATE ATTENTION AND REFINISHING.** If anyone can do this, please contact Barbara Lynn Manlove or the Church Office.



**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 – Begins Wednesday, Sept.7 will meet at 6 PM in the Music Room
- St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal – Begins Wednesday, Sept.7 meets 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>**

9/11/22 UMCOR for US Disaster Rsp. Relief

9/18/22 Alzheimer Research (Linda Sydnor)

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

**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. 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.

**Birthdays:** September 5 – Paige Collins; September 7 – John Guy, Linda Mueller; September 9 – Linden McNelis

**Anniversaries:** September 5 – Allen & Mary Ingram; September 6 – Cal & Anne Cruz; September 9 – Al & Lulu Calbazana, Denis & Brenda Shaffer