



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa  
*Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out*  
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## Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 21, 2024, 9:00AM Service, ASL & Livestreaming  
WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

### WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

Mark Holden & June Stemmler, Photographer & Curator, Gail Garner – ASL Interpreter

#### PRELUDE AND GREETING

#### GATHERING WORDS:

Liturgist – Melissa Brooks

One: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

**Many: Come, let us worship!**

One: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

**Many: Come, let us worship!**

One: So, come, members of the family of God!

**Many: Bring all that you are to be molded by grace.**

One: Bring all that you are to be refocused toward Love and woven together as community in Christ.

**Many: Come, let us worship!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN:

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

Red Hymnal 419

**\*OPENING PRAYER: (all praying):** **Shepherding God, call us away to a deserted place, for we need your loving care. We need your Spirit to guide us. We need your peace as we relate to each other. We yearn to abandon old grievances and embrace wholeness in our lives. We long to see all people, friends and adversaries alike, as beloved members of your household. Equip us God, for the work of ministry. Equip us with saints who will say yes to your will and yes to your way. Equip us God to journey with Jesus through life's uncertain paths. Equip us God with maturity that comes from knowing you. Be present in our worship this day and seal us in the heart of Christ, our shepherd. Amen**

WORDS FOR YOUNG METHODISTS: *God of Great and God of Small* vs.1 Green Hymnal 3033

*God of great and God of small, God of one, and God of all. God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong. Alleluia, Alleluia, praise be to your name.*

Brian McNelis shares a blessing with our children!

#### FIRST LESSON: *2 Samuel 7:1-14a* (CEB)

When the king was settled in his palace, and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "Look! I'm living in a cedar palace, but God's chest is housed in a tent!"

<sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go ahead and do whatever you are thinking, because the Lord is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that very night the Lord's word came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go to my servant David and tell him: This is what the Lord says: You are not the one to build the temple for me to live in. <sup>6</sup>In fact, I haven't lived in a temple from the day I brought Israel out of Egypt until now. Instead, I have been traveling around in a tent and in a dwelling. <sup>7</sup>Throughout my traveling around with the Israelites, did I ever ask any of Israel's tribal leaders I appointed to shepherd my people: Why haven't you built me a cedar temple?

<sup>8</sup>So then, say this to my servant David: This is what the Lord of heavenly forces says: I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be leader over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>I've been with you wherever you've gone, and I've eliminated all your enemies before you. Now I will make your name great—like the name of the greatest people

on earth. <sup>10</sup> I'm going to provide a place for my people Israel, and plant them so that they may live there and no longer be disturbed. Cruel people will no longer trouble them, as they had been earlier, <sup>11</sup> when I appointed leaders over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

And the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make a dynasty for you. <sup>12</sup> When the time comes for you to die and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your descendant—one of your very own children—to succeed you, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He will build a temple for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to me. Whenever he does wrong, I will discipline him with a human rod, with blows from human beings.

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

*Are Ye Able*

Red Hymnal 530

GOSPEL LESSON: *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56* (CEB)

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, “Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while.” <sup>32</sup> They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.

<sup>33</sup> Many people saw them leaving and recognized them, so they ran ahead from all the cities and arrived before them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When Jesus and his disciples had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret, anchored the boat, <sup>54</sup> and came ashore. People immediately recognized Jesus <sup>55</sup> and ran around that whole region bringing sick people on their mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> Wherever he went—villages, cities, or farming communities—they would place the sick in the marketplaces and beg him to allow them to touch even the hem of his clothing. Everyone who touched him was healed.

One: May this story inspire us all. **ALL: To walk in the way that leads to life.**

THE MESSAGE:

“Call To Worship”

Pastor Linda Ray

### WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Bringer of peace, you shaped your people and gave them a home. In gratitude for your steadfast love, for calling us to feed in your pastures and rest safely in your fields, we bring our gifts before you this day. May they offer the love of our shepherd to those in your tender care. Amen

THE OFFERTORY: Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **7/21/24 Our Daily Bread**.

MUSICAL SELECTION: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Dave Corby & Bev Fawcett/Voice and Flute

\*THE DOXOLOGY:

Red Hymnal 95

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. We have not loved you as deeply as our own heartbeat. We have failed to care for your body and for the whole of creation. Forgive us. According to your abundant mercy, cleanse us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Free us to know joy and gladness and to live our days in praise. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Communion Officiant – Pastor Linda Ray

Communion Server – Melissa Brooks

*Communion Setting 2257-a*

**Reader 2:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

**Reader 2:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Reader 2:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Reader 1:** 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, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so with your people on earth and the great company of heaven we praise you as we join their unending hymn:

*Communion Setting 2257-b*

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

**Reader 2:** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

(Lifting the bread) On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, 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."

**Reader 1:** (Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the 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:

*Communion Setting 2257-c*

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Reader 2:** 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 Holy 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, Holy God, now and forever.

*Communion Setting 2257-d*

**ALL: Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Reader 2:** Let us join our hearts and voices in the prayer that God continues to teach us:

**Our Father, who 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.)*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**WE GO IN THE SPIRIT**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

SENDING HYMN:

*Eagles Wings 2x*

Red Hymnal 143

Dismissal With Blessing:

*Happy Birthday to Dick Leuliette!*

Nolan Schrum

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Melissa Brooks

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell & John Cate & Carlotta Cline

Communion Officiant/Server: Melissa Brooks

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS – THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S

**Sunday 07/21** Worship Services 9AM Livestreaming and ASL

**Monday 07/22** Bible Study 7PM

**Tuesday 07/23** ODB

**Wednesday 07/24** TOPS Mtg 5:45 PM, Bible Study 7PM

**Thursday 07/25** 10AM Prayer and Praise Group

**Friday 07/26**

**Saturday 07/27** AA Mtg 7PM

**SAFE SANCTUARY PRESENTATION:** was held on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. *It went very well thanks to Garrett Ray and his Technology skills!* Garrett saved the day when he was asked to substitute at the last minute to run the screens and Power Point. And we had a member of the Deaf Community needing to watch remotely via Zoom with her Interpreter which created another challenge. Garrett, with the help of John Littell via phone, worked through getting this all pulled together so we could accommodate an ASL presentation.

We had some viewers online and several in person. Since we held the training 2 years ago and 25 plus attended in 2022, most of our congregation is still certified for another year.

**THANK YOU:** to Lloyd and Sharyn Sheats with their kind offer to have the Church awnings all cleaned! We look forward to having these bright and clean again.

**MOT ANNUAL BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY PROGRAM:** We have received notice from Neighborhood House that this drive will happen again now through August. St. Paul’s will be donating book bags and supplies as in other years. Lists will be sent out via email and posted on our bulletin boards. Any questions, contact Dawn Buckworth.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Will be at 7PM on these days, Wednesday - July 10, Monday - July 22, Wednesday – July 24 and Wednesday - July 31 . The Book of *Revelation* will be discussed.

**SUMMER SERMON TEACHING SERIES ‘I PROMISE’:** Begins Sunday July 28 through August.

**ELIZABETH ‘LIZZIE’ MORRIS:** Information is needed on the life of Lizzie Morris. Lizzie bequeathed a trust fund to St. Paul’s UMC in the early 1900’s and we would love to learn more about this great, very benevolent lady. If anyone has knowledge or photos or any tidbits of information, please forward them to Trustee, Lulu Calbazana. We hope to put together a more detailed biography of Ms. Morris and will then also have more information about her Trust Fund to share with the congregants. Thank you.

**LATEST FINANCIAL NEWS:** If you need a reimbursement and it's been approved by the Chairperson of your Committee, please complete a Disbursement Voucher, list the account number, attach any receipts, and submit within 14 days; this is the best practice for auditing purposes. Once completed, place the Disbursement Voucher with receipts directly into the Treasurers/Finance black box which is hanging on the wall, on the landing leading up the stairs, to the church office. Disbursement Voucher forms are located in the mail bin outside the church office. Billing and reimbursement checks are sent out Tuesdays of each week. Thanks so much, Alice Mullins, Treasurer

**SUMMER SERVICES:** It was recently approved by Leadership to go to summer services beginning Sunday, June 2nd through Labor Day weekend Sunday, September 1, 2024. We will be having a single worship service at 9AM.

**CYBER SECURITY:** An FYI, Pastor Linda's email has been hacked several times in recent weeks. Pastor Linda does not get a copy of these, so is unaware of the situation unless you bring it to her attention. Here are some basic guidelines to follow when evaluating an email from Pastor Linda:

1. The only email that Pastor Linda uses is [LindaRay@vaumc.org](mailto:LindaRay@vaumc.org). To check the source of the email, hover with your mouse, over Pastor Linda's name and the email will appear.
2. Pastor Linda will respond to your emails as individuals but does not usually send emails to individuals.
3. Pastor Linda's regular schedule for church-wide emails is to send one on Friday or Saturday. If there are items that need addressing, she may send group emails at other times.
4. The subject line for her email correspondence is always 'Church Family Check-In'.
5. Pastor Linda will never ask individuals or groups for gift cards, money or do anything discreetly.
6. If in doubt, do not open the email or respond but instead, reach out to Pastor Linda.

Pastor Linda has reported this activity to the tech support folks in the Virginia Annual Conference and this office has made our local tech support persons aware of this activity. Pastor Linda has begun to send the Church Family Check-In emails using BCC/blind copy to further protect your emails. Pastor Linda apologizes for this and appreciates your willingness to be helpful and responsive.

**BIRTHDAYS:** July 21 – Janina Pietruczenia; July 22 – Pat Haberstroh, Morgan Shank; July 23 - Allen Ingram, Bradley Sutton; July 26 – Katelynn Scott, June Stemmler; July 27 – Ryder Redick.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** July 26 – Carl & Rev. Patti Ravilious

**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. You can also email Bonnie in the Church Office at [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org).

**PRAYERS FOR:** Noel Lukens, David Dudgeon, Dorothy Dudgeon, Carolyn Akin, Jonathan Brooks, Mary Ingram's friend Maureen, John Guy, Maria Gregors, Levi Schrum and family, Marilyn Hendershot, Dennis Downes, Jeffrey & Cheryl Martin, Nancy- sister of Alice Rizzo, Ethan Porter, George, Dylan Green, Blain Shoun, Sally Sutton's neighbor – Dottie, Kevin Quiveors – Al Calbazana's brother-in-law, Thomas Maloney's mother, John Littell, Faye Taylor's nephew Matthew Smith, and Brenda Shaffer's nephew, Scott, Mindie, and Bo Pleasanton, Ellen McMichael and Norman Parks, Sarah Bosworth, Sheila Ritchie Fawcett, daughter-in-law of Bev Fawcett, as she deals with a medical issue, David Sheats, Alice Mullins' brother -Clarence Brooks, Diane Shoun's sister-in-law, Amanda Branlund, who is going through cancer treatment, Keith Brady who was in a recent bad auto accident and has a traumatic brain injury, Bonnie Lawrence – friend of Nancy Weldin, Terry Sweeney, Michael Whitehead who is having complications after heart by-pass surgery, Betty Freeman after her tragic accident, Barbara Apigian, Elizabeth Gliniak – friend of Charlotte Smith, Dan Moore, Angela Christian – for Mala who fell and injured her shoulders, Matthew Sheats, Kathy Golden, Rev. Cheryl Jensen,

### **YELLOW HAT COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 2024**

**7/07/24 YMCA (Rick Pulling)**

**7/14/24 Campus Crusade Mission Matthew Caspero**

**7/21/24 Our Daily Bread**

7/28/24 Friendship House, Main St., Robin Cross

Please make sure ALL checks are made payable to St. Paul's UMC, including checks for the Yellow Hat missions, writing the organization's name on the memo line.

All donations are collected, recorded, entered in the system, and deposited into the Church's operating account on a weekly basis. Also, on a weekly basis, a check is mailed to the specified yellow hat organization for the total amount collected.

It is very important that donations be placed in the offering plate, yellow hat or mailed to St. Paul's UMC. You are also welcome to drop off donations in the black box on the wall just inside the side door to the Church, making sure it is secured in an envelope with your name on the front. This is to guarantee acknowledgement of your donations when the yearly contribution statement is sent for tax purposes.

Thank you all for your continued support for St. Paul's as we are growing in our faith through generosity. *Alice Mullins, Treasurer*



**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)*

### **MISSIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday -Thursday, 9 AM-2 PM

- Cub Scouts –Tuesdays 6-8 PM

- TOPS Meeting – Wednesdays 5:45 PM.
- St. Paul's Prayer and Praise Group Ministry – Thursdays 10 AM @Carole Harmon's Home
- St. Paul's Handbell Rehearsal – Wednesdays 6 PM, will resume in the Fall
- St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal – Wednesdays 7 PM, last rehearsal is May 29<sup>th</sup> and then resume in the Fall.
- AA Meeting – Saturdays 7 PM

## **MONTHLY GATHERINGS**

- Finance Meeting – 2nd Monday 6:30 PM
- Trustees Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 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 – TBD

**Adult Bible Study** will resume September 15, 2024.

**Children's Sunday School** will resume September 15, 2024.

## **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 first contact the Church Office to make sure that date is available, 302-378-2420, or email Bonnie at [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org). Then contact Alicia Blackwell, from Wildflowers by Alicia to place your order and have them delivered to the church. Alicia can be reached at (302) 593-9884.

You can certainly use whichever florist you choose, but please know you will have to either bring them to the church yourself or be here for that delivery and use your code to bring them into the church. We very much appreciate the beauty of flowers on our altar! If you prefer to buy flowers and arrange them yourself and bring them into the Church, we would love that as well!! Thanks, Bonnie

## **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](mailto: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](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.

## **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](mailto:iluvbrmuda@gmail.com) and Nadine Johnson at [nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Volunteer Opportunities can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4FAEA82CA3F5CF8-volunteer>. 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>. **On-line Training Coming Soon!**

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 and other items that are needed on a regular basis. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday from 9:15 to 11:30AM

- 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)
- Gallon size zip-loc bags
- Lg black garbage bags
- Cans of soup

Thank you for any and all kindness!

### **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. These items are especially needed right now in our food pantry, though all donations are gladly accepted with the inventory being low now.

**Currently we are really low on personal hygiene products as well as some food items:**

1. **Bottled water**
2. **Toilet paper, Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo & conditioner**
3. **Peanut butter & jelly (medium size)**
4. **Pasta sauce**
5. **Tuna/Tuna Helper**
6. **Hamburger Helper**

**These non-perishables are needed to keep our pantry stocked:**

Chef Boyardee, beef stew, Spam ,pancake mix/syrup, snacks - cookies, crackers etc.

**ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED FOR ADULT SIZED DISPOSABLE DIAPERS AS WELL AS FOR BABIES/CHILDREN IN SIZES 4, 5, AND 6, AND WIPES. WE HAVE NUMEROUS MOMS WITH BABIES AND TODDLERS WHO TAKE THEIR MONEY FOR FOOD AND BILLS TO BUY THEM.**



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](mailto: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.