



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

August 4, 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 – Dave Corby

One: Family of God, what is our story?

Many: We are part of God's good creation, created and sustained by the Triune God.

One: Family of God, what is our story?

Many: Though created by our loving God, we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another, and creation.

One: Family of God, what is our story?

Many: While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin and toward the love of God.

One: Family of God, what is our story?

Many: We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands, and our voices, proclaiming with our lives the good news of God's love and the mercy of God's grace.

One: Family of God, this is our story and our song!

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN:

The Church's One Foundation

Red Hymnal 546

***OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): Spirit of God, dwell among us and revive us. You know the deep hungers that motivate us, and the attempts we make to satisfy these hungers. You alone know the grace and peace that can nourish us to full strength in body and soul. Feed us, Bread of Life, with food that lasts. Give enough to share with others who also hunger, even if they know not what they hunger for. We rejoice in your bread, for it truly satisfies. Give us the wisdom to receive it, that we may taste and see your goodness, O Lord. Amen**

WORDS FOR YOUNG METHODISTS:

Halle Halle Halleluja

Black Hymnal 2026

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, Halle, Halleluja. Halle, Halle, Halleluja. Halleluja! Halleluja! .

Susie Cate shares a blessing with our children!

FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a (CEB)

²⁶ When Uriah's wife heard that her husband Uriah was dead, she mourned for her husband. ²⁷ After the time of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her back to his house. She became his wife and bore him a son. But what David had done was evil in the Lord's eyes.

12 So the Lord sent Nathan to David. When Nathan arrived he said, "There were two men in the same city, one rich, one poor. ² The rich man had a lot of sheep and cattle, ³ but the poor man had nothing—just one small ewe lamb that he had bought. He raised that lamb, and it grew up with him and his children. It would eat from his food and drink from his cup—even sleep in his arms! It was like a daughter to him.

⁴ "Now a traveler came to visit the rich man, but he wasn't willing to take anything from his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had arrived. Instead, he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the

visitor.”⁵ David got very angry at the man, and he said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the one who did this is demonic! ⁶He must restore the ewe lamb seven times over because he did this and because he had no compassion.”

⁷“You are that man!” Nathan told David. “This is what the Lord God of Israel says: I anointed you king over Israel and delivered you from Saul’s power. ⁸I gave your master’s house to you, and gave his wives into your embrace. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. If that was too little, I would have given even more. ⁹Why have you despised the Lord’s word by doing what is evil in his eyes? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and taken his wife as your own. You used the Ammonites to kill him. ¹⁰Because of that, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite as your own, the sword will never leave your own house.

¹¹“This is what the Lord says: I am making trouble come against you from inside your own family. Before your very eyes I will take your wives away and give them to your friend, and he will have sex with your wives in broad daylight. ¹²You did what you did secretly, but I will do what I am doing before all Israel in the light of day.” ¹³“I’ve sinned against the Lord!” David said to Nathan.

“The Lord has removed your sin,” Nathan replied to David. “You won’t die”.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* Red Hymnal 357

GOSPEL LESSON: *John 6:24-35* (CEB)

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶Jesus replied, “I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. ²⁷Don’t work for the food that doesn’t last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life.”

²⁸They asked, “What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?” ²⁹Jesus replied, “This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent.” ³⁰They asked, “What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? ³¹Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*”

³²Jesus told them, “I assure you, it wasn’t Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said, “Sir, give us this bread all the time!” ³⁵Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

THE MESSAGE: “I Promise---with my presence” Pastor Linda Ray

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Generous God, you have fed us well in body and in spirit. Your grace never runs short, but meets us in our need. Make us one with all your children, that these gifts and our good works may bring comfort to those who grieve, friendship to those who are lonely, and provision to those who are in need. This we pray in your blessed name. Amen

THE OFFERTORY: Today’s **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **8/04/24 Back to School Book Bags for Neighborhood House.**

MUSICAL SELECTION: *God of Grace and God of Glory* The Ray Family

*THE DOXOLOGY: Red Hymnal 95

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): Continue, O Lord, to extend your grace and mercy to us. We have failed you because you depended on us to be your witnesses, but we were too embarrassed to testify about your faithfulness. We were too busy to speak a word in your name. We are neither anxious nor ready to sit and reflect deeply on Holy Scriptures. Good Lord, extend your grace and mercy as we ask your forgiveness. In order to receive your forgiveness, we know that we need to forgive everyone who has offended us. Help us to hold nothing against anyone, for that may jeopardize our gift of forgiveness from you. Set us free to live fully in you, and to love all unreservedly. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Communion Officiant – Pastor Linda Ray
Communion Server – Dave Corby
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.

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:

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Black Hymnal 2071

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Dave Corby

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Ryan Vitsorek, Brook Ellis

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S

Sunday 08/04	Worship Services 9AM Livestreaming and ASL, Pak-A-Sak Sunday
Monday 08/05	Trustees Mtg 6:30PM, VBS at St. Paul’s 6:30-8:30PM
Tuesday 08/06	ODB, VBS at St. Paul’s 6:30-8:30PM
Wednesday 08/07	TOPS Mtg 5:45 PM, VBS at Tree of Life 6:30-8:30PM
Thursday 08/08	10AM Prayer and Praise Group, Friends of Zoar 6PM, VBS at Tree of Life 6:30-8:30PM
Friday 08/09	VBS Field Trip
Saturday 08/10	AA Mtg 7PM

A WORLD OF THANKS: to Lloyd and Sharyn Sheats for donating to have all the church canopies cleaned this past week!! They look wonderful and we are so grateful.

PAK-A-SAK SUNDAY TODAY! Please remember the needs of others as you shop this week.

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. **August 11 is the supplies due date; August 18 is the assembly date of supplies into bookbags.** Any questions, contact Dawn Buckworth.

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. 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: August 4 – Arkan Christian, Nolan Schrum; August 5 – Joy Littell; August 6 – Janice Anderson; August 7 – Courtney Martin, Garrett Ray; August 8 – Charlotte Miller, Rev. Patti Ravilious

ANNIVERSARIES: August 4 – Don & Linda Mueller; August 7 – Ryan & Katelynn Scott

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.

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 doing better but still grateful for prayers, Betty Freeman after her tragic accident, Barbara Apigian, Elizabeth Gliniak – friend of Charlotte Smith, Dan Moore, Angela Christian – for Mala who needs shoulder surgery, Matthew Sheats, Kathy Golden, Rev. Cheryl Jensen.

YELLOW HAT COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 2024

8/04/24 Back to School Book Bags for Neighborhood House

8/11/24 Grateful Acres – Ally Kennedy

8/18/24 The Nest – Ryan & Katelynn Scott's Community Home Space

8/25/24 Deep Roots Homeless Shelter (Karen Ellis & Nadine Johnson)

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
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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 September 11, 2024.
- St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal – Wednesdays 7 PM, will resume September 11, 2024.
- AA Meeting – Saturdays 7 PM

MONTHLY GATHERINGS

- Finance Meeting – 2nd Monday 6:30 PM
- Trustees Meeting – 1st 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. 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 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.

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.

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, 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) 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.