



St. Paul's UMC of Odessa  
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out  
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## Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

### Children's Sabbath

### Laity Sunday

October 20, 2024, 8:30 AM, Livestreaming and ASL

WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

#### WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

GATHERING MUSIC AND PHOTOS: Mark Holden - Photographer & Curator, Gail Garner, ASL Interpreter

\*GATHERING WORDS: (*\*indicates to please stand in body or spirit*)

Liturgist – Brian McNelis

One: Welcome all who long to encounter Jesus, the one who loves, tends, sustains, and saves us.

**Many: Jesus said, "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."**

One: Welcome all who walk the halls of power, who feel pushed and pulled to fight for position, status, and authority.

**Many: Jesus said, "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."**

One: Welcome all who feel burned out, who have given more than they have day in and day out and long for someone to notice that you, too, need help and support.

**Many: Jesus said, "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."**

One: Welcome, followers of Christ, who came to serve and show God's abundant love and grace among us.

**Many: We come to worship Jesus who shows us that serving is the fruit of our love and being served by one another is the source of our power as the Body of Christ.**

\*PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

*Are Ye Able*

Red Hymnal 530

\*OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): **Jesus, thank you for the special invitation you gave children to come and spend time with you. People who spend time with us care about us. We love to spend time with you, Jesus, because you never tell us to shut up. You want to know what we are thinking and how we feel. We know we can tell you anything about ourselves and you will still love us, even when we do things that make you unhappy with us. We're sorry. You don't think anything we say is silly. We can tell you that we are afraid of the dark, or that we want to be animal doctors when we grow up. You hear us when we say we don't want people to know that sometimes we wet the bed. You won't laugh or make fun of us, or tattle to someone else. This day, Jesus, we pray that you will make grown-ups strong enough and their hearts big enough to look out for all children. We want grown-ups to like us for who we are and not who they want us to be. Help them see the great things you saw in us. Let grown-ups learn from us as we learn from them. Together let us praise you for watching over us! Amen.**

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS:

*How Great Is Our God* Chorus 2x

Green Hymnal 3003

Brian McNelis shares a blessing with our children!

PASS THE PEACE: (safely share words and signs of blessing)

*I Love You With The Love Of The Lord*

Words and Music by Jim Golbert. CCLI Song #10130

*I love you with the love of the Lord, yes, I love you with the love of the Lord. I can see in you the glory of my King, and I love you with the love of the Lord.*

FIRST LESSON: *Job 38: 1-7, 31-41 (CEB)*

Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>Who is this darkening counsel

with words lacking knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Prepare yourself like a man;  
 I will interrogate you, and you will respond to me.  
<sup>4</sup> Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations?  
 Tell me if you know.  
<sup>5</sup> Who set its measurements? Surely you know.  
 Who stretched a measuring tape on it?  
<sup>6</sup> On what were its footings sunk;  
 who laid its cornerstone,  
<sup>7</sup> while the morning stars sang in unison  
 and all the divine beings shouted?  
<sup>31</sup> Can you bind Pleiades' chains  
 or loosen the reins of Orion?  
<sup>32</sup> Can you guide the stars  
 at their proper times,  
 lead the Bear with her cubs?  
<sup>33</sup> Do you know heaven's laws,  
 or can you impose its rule on earth?  
<sup>34</sup> Can you issue an order to the clouds  
 so their abundant waters cover you?  
<sup>35</sup> Can you send lightning so that it goes  
 and then says to you, "I'm here"?  
<sup>36</sup> Who put wisdom in remote places,  
 or who gave understanding to a rooster?  
<sup>37</sup> Who is wise enough to count the clouds,  
 and who can tilt heaven's water containers  
<sup>38</sup> so that dust becomes mud  
 and clods of dirt adhere?  
<sup>39</sup> Can you hunt prey for the lion  
 or fill the cravings of lion cubs?  
<sup>40</sup> They lie in their den,  
 lie in ambush in their lair.  
<sup>41</sup> Who provides food for the raven  
 when its young cry to God,  
 move about without food?

\*GOSPEL LESSON: *Mark 10: 35-45 (CEB)*

<sup>35</sup> James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask." <sup>36</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. <sup>37</sup> They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory." <sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?" <sup>39</sup> "We can," they answered.

Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup> Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. <sup>43</sup> But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. <sup>44</sup> Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, <sup>45</sup> for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

*You Are My All in All*

Green Hymnal 3040

THE MESSAGE:

"Change Your Question, Change Your Life"

Pastor Linda Ray

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*You may speak aloud your joys and concerns.*)

**WE GIVE THANKS**

OFFERTORY REMINDERS

THE OFFERTORY: Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **Autism Walk (Dawn Buckworth)**.

MUSICAL REFLECTION: *You Can Build A Wall* Children's Sunday School Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **Gracious God, we confess that too often we clamor for attention. Me! Me! Look at how important I am. That's what our actions say. Like James and John, we pray selfish prayers, for power, for position, for prestige...for what? So that people will say how great we are? Teach us that true greatness comes from humble service. Show us how to roll up our sleeves, dig in, and lend a hand; even when no one else will. Preoccupy us with humility, then greatness can come when we least expect it. Give us the grace to live as humble servants. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor Linda Ray  
Communion Server – Brian McNelis  
*Communion Setting 2257-a*

**Reader 2 (singing)** :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. By your Will and through your Word you created the universe, gave it purpose and life, and called it good. Into this creation you placed us and called us to tend and to keep it; but we quickly turned from your Will and, like the sheep we were called to shepherd, we went astray. But you have not left us lost in the wilderness; you sent your Law and the Prophets to proclaim your Will, and in the fullness of time you sent your Son, our Savior Jesu Chris, as a Suffering Servant, to deliver us back into the safety of your family. 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. As the Suffering Servant, Jesus took upon himself the penalty which we merit, bore within himself our sins, our sicknesses, our infirmities, and through his suffering and death bridged the gap of sin which we have cast between ourselves and each other, between ourselves and you. In his death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus our savior, friend and Lord, has brought an end to sickness and death to sin and separation. By his presence we know the grace and peace of God and are empowered to share these mercies with the whole world.

(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.**

COMMUNION SONG: *To Know You More* Black Hymnal 2161

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

CLOSING MUSIC: *I'll Fly Away* Black Hymnal 2282

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Liturgist: Brian McNelis

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller, John Littell, John Cate, Carlotta Cline, Garrett Ray

Communion Server: Brian McNelis

Musicians: Duane Dillard – Minister of Music

**Flowers this week are donated by Faye Taylor in memory of her family, parents Ernie & Mary Nichols and brother Ron Nichols.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

**Sunday 10/20** Worship Services 8:30AM Livestreaming and ASL and 11AM, Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:45AM

**Monday 10/21** 9AM Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday 10/22** Cub Scouts 6PM

**Wednesday 10/23** 4:30 ASL, TOPS Mtg 5:45 PM, Bells Rehearsal 6PM, Choir Rehearsal 7PM

**Thursday 10/24** 10AM Prayer and Praise Group, 7 PM Cluster Charge Conference

**Friday 10/25**

**Saturday 10/26** AA Mtg 7PM, Halloween In The Park, 2-4 PM

**FINANCE NEWS:** Finances through September 30, 2024, from Melissa Brooks, Finance Chair

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Revenue	\$210,439	\$268,524	78%
Expenses	\$241,041	\$290,333	83%

**NOTICE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:  
NOTICE IS GIVEN FOR THE ELECTION OF ST. PAUL’S UMC TRUSTEES TO BE HELD ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
		<b>John Littell</b>
		<b>Charlotte Miller</b>
		<b>Al Schrum</b>

**YOUTH GROUP:** St. Paul’s is organizing activities to invite the youth of our community to attend and have fun! This event is for any youth between 6th and 12th grades. Pass the word and invite a friend!! Scarecrows are going to be made at our first event on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM. Items to bring to church by Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> are:

**\*\*\*\* ARE THE ITEMS WE NEED MOST!**

- Old bib overalls
- Old jeans
- Old flannel shirts
- Handkerchiefs
- Artificial fall flowers
- Floppy hats \*\*\*\*
- Old sunglasses
- Markers
- Old rag mops
- Old brooms\*\*\*\*\*
- 1 inch dowel rods \*\*\*\*

Pumpkin treat or treat buckets to use as heads \*\*\*\*

Cash donations to purchase what we don't get are greatly appreciated!! **Please see Charlotte Miller or Janet Miller for any information.**

**HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK** will be held Saturday, October 26 from 2-4 p.m. at Memorial Park in Odessa. St. Paul’s will have a treat table, and we could use your help. Please bring individually wrapped candy treats (Please no nuts or peanut butter) or other treats (pencils, stickers, etc.) There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall. We also need volunteers to shepherd the table on the day of the event and volunteers to prepare the treat bags ahead of time. There is a sign-up sheet for these opportunities in Fellowship Hall.

**Be on the lookout for a table!**

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** Sunday, November 3, 2024, We will be remembering all those who have passed on with special candle lighting, candle lighting stations and prayers. Please join us!

**CHURCH FALL CLEAN-UP** will be Saturday, November 9, from 9-12 noon. As last year, there will be index cards of tasks in Fellowship Hall that we need your help to complete, inside and outside the church. You can come by during the week prior, beginning Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, to volunteer your time helping with any of those tasks. Please bring any tools necessary for outside cleanup, i.e., rakes, gloves, clippers etc. Trucks and trailers are needed to haul yard -waste away. If you cannot physically help, donations of donuts, snacks, juice and water are much appreciated for our helpers. Please see Charlii Miller, Trustee Chair with questions or direction. Last year everyone really did a great job of pulling together and the church and grounds looked wonderful.

**UMCOR RELIEF SUPPLY BUCKETS:** Supplies are being collected through November 10<sup>th</sup>; all items must be new and exactly as described below to all fit in the bucket used. The buckets have already been donated - supplies needed are:

One 32-64 oz bottle liquid laundry detergent  
One 16-40 oz bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner--no spray cleaners  
One 16-34 oz bottle liquid dish soap  
One 4-8 oz pump spray air freshener  
One 6-14 oz pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)  
One scrub brush with or without handle  
18 reusable cleaning wipes--no terry cloth, microfiber or paper towels remove from packaging  
Five scouring pads--no stainless steel or ones with soap in them remove from packaging  
36-50 clothespins  
One 50-100 ft clothesline (cotton or plastic)  
24 roll of heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon) remove from packaging  
Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)  
Two pairs kitchen gloves--durable for multiple uses  
One pair work gloves--cotton with leather palm or all leather

**CHORAL CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S:** We are excited to host a reception following our upcoming choral concert, to include our choir, as well as Thomas Maloney's school choirs, on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We need your help, as we are looking for volunteers to provide individually wrapped snacks to share with our guests. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our church's hospitality and create a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

If you can contribute snacks, please complete the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall or contact Karen Ellis at [iluvbrmuda@gmail.com](mailto:iluvbrmuda@gmail.com) or Carole Harmon at [car.har416@gmail.com](mailto:car.har416@gmail.com). Your generosity will help make this event a delightful experience for everyone. Thank you for your support! The Nurture Team

**COMPASSIONATE CARD MINISTRY:** As our Compassionate Card Ministry reorganizes, we are extending an invitation to anyone who would like to become a part of this ministry. We meet during the year to make the beautiful cards you receive; it is always fun! It is through our dedicated members that we can keep this ministry going. At this time, we need additional members who can help us to make the cards and be our writers and senders of these cards. For more information, please contact Jen Rodriguez at 302-932-2458, or Ellie Leuliette at 484-432-4673. Everyone is welcomed and appreciated!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin again in October. Meetings will be held Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9AM. Come and you will be fed!

**FROM THE TREASURER:** If you there is a need for reimbursement, the **Committee Chairperson will need to 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 Treasurer/Financial 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.

**BIRTHDAYS:** October 20 – Nancy Judd, Gage Redick; October 24 - Quest Reeves; October 25 - Kiersten O' Hop; October 26 – Angela Christian, Kami Morris.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** n/a

**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:** 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, Kevin Quiveors

– Al Calbazana’s brother-in-law, Thomas Maloney’s mother, John Littell, and Brenda Shaffer’s nephew, Scott, Mindie, and Bo Pleasanton, Ellen McMichael and Norman Parks, 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, Terry Sweeney, Michael Whitehead who is doing better but still grateful for prayers, Barbara Apigian, Dan Moore, Angela Christian for her Aunt Joyce, Kathy Golden, Rev. Cheryl Jensen, Sue Austin, Frank Hartenstein - Beth O’Grady’s father waiting on medical tests, friend of Karen Ellis, Georgiana Fennemore, Michael Stanley, Phil Elliott, Phil’s parents, Sue and Mark Holden, Rosalie Lukens and family on the passing of her husband Noel, Dawn Buckworth, Charlii Miller, Alice Mullin’s sister – Karen, Faye Taylor’s nephew Matthew Smith, Barbara Lynn Manlove’s daughter Pam Hartnett.

## **YELLOW HAT COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2024**

**10/06/24 World Communion Sunday**

**10/13/24 Friendship House (Robin Cross)**

**10/20/24 Autism Walk (Dawn Buckworth)**

**10/27/24 Our Daily Bread**

**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 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.
- St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal – Wednesdays 7 PM
- 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
- Reconciling Ministries – TBD

**Adult Bible Study** will resume Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 9:45AM.

**Men’s Bible Study** will again be held in October, Mondays 7,14,21,28, 2024 at 9AM.

**Children’s Sunday School** will resume Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 9:45AM.

### **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 at [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org) 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 Ellie Leuliette.

### **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.

**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.