

St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out Pastor Linda Ray, 406 Main Street, Odessa, DE 302-378-2420 www.stpaulsodessa.org, CCLI 11305346 and Streaming Lic. 2118448

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025, 8:30 AM Service, ASL and Livestreaming

WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

GATHERING MUSIC AND PHOTOS:

Duane Dillard - Music Ministry, Mark Holden - Photographer & Curator, Gail Garner – ASL Interpreter GREETING

GATHERING WORDS: Liturgist – Joy Littell

One: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

Many: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

One: Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

Many: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

One: Will you follow, when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

Many: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

One: Disciples come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

Many: Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Red Hymnal 381

*OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): Lord of the Mountaintop, God of dazzling clothes, be with us when we come down from the height of worship to face a world that didn't see what we just saw in you. Show us what to do. When evil rages through elementary schools, let it not be said that your disciples could not stand up. When violence threatens to engulf our communities, let it not be said that your disciples cowered in fear or walked on the other side of the road. When there is peril or fire or flood, let it not be said that your disciples cleared the unwanted junk from their garages and called it charity. Lord of the Mountaintop, God of dazzling clothes show us how to be. Change us; transfigure us so that this world might see what we have just seen, and worship you. Amen

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS: *How Great Is Our God* (Chorus Only 2x) Green Hymnal 3003 Ellie Leuliette 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: Exodus 34:29-35 (CEB)

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two covenant tablets in his hand, Moses didn't realize that the skin of his face shone brightly because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw the skin of Moses' face shining brightly, they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called them closer. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and Moses spoke

with them. ³² After that, all the Israelites came near as well, and Moses commanded them everything that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ Whenever Moses went into the LORD's presence to speak with him, Moses would take the veil off until he came out again. When Moses came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining brightly. So Moses would put the veil on his face again until the next time he went in to speak with the LORD.

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:28-36 (CEB)

About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes flashed white like lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. ³¹ They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. ³² Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him. ³³ As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. ³⁴ Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

³⁵ Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" ³⁶ Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: Be Thou My Vision Red Hymnal 451

THE MESSAGE: "Radical Amazement" Pastor Linda Ray

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

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY REMINDERS

Today's Yellow Hat mission offering support to the 3/2 Society of St. Andrew's (Pastor Linda).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): Lord Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service. We hear again these wonderful words of God "You are my Son, the Beloved, listen to Him". We confess our failure to listen to you because of the influence on our lives of the gods of this world. When this happens, our attitudes conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love. Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are. This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor Linda Ray Officiant Server – Barbara Bonham

Reader 2 (singing): The Lord be with you.

Communion Setting 2257-a

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. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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 your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and 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! 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: You sent Jesus to us, the light of the world. Jesus promised that those who followed him would never walk in darkness but would have the light of life. The light of his life shone on all people, revealing the truth of your love. Jesus fed the hungry, cured the sick, ate with sinners, and proclaimed your truth.

(Lifting the bread) Before Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his friends for a meal. Taking the bread, Jesus gave thanks to you and broke it. He gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat. I am with you now and forever. Let this meal feed you. Remember me as you eat."

Reader 1: (Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his followers, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant, given for the forgiveness of sins. It is a gift for you and for all people. It is my love offered for you. Drink of this and remember 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!

Reader 2: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup that they may be for us the living presence of Jesus Christ, light of the world, our hope for all creation. Make us one with Jesus, and one with each other, as we walk in the light, singing your praises. Through Jesus Christ, light of the world, and through the Holy Spirit, radiance divine, all praise is yours, eternal God, now and forever, world without end.

Communion Setting 2257-d

ALL: 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, 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.

COMMUNION SONG: Here Is Bread Black Hymnal 2266

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

CLOSING MUSIC: This Little Light of Mine Red Hymnal 585

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Joy Littell

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell & John Cate & Carlotta Cline, Garrett Ray Communion Officiant: Barbara Bonham

Duane Dillard, Music Ministry

Altar flowers today are contributed by Cathy Blanco in memory of her sister, Sandra Spence, on her 75th birthday.

Rev. Linda Driver Ray, Pastor Bonnie Valeski, Admin. Asst. Alice Mullins, Financial/Treasurer Duane Dillard, Minister of Music Jin Kyung Seo, Organist/Accompanist lindaray@vaumc.org bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org stpodessa@stpaulsodessa.org duanedillard@gmail.com jinksblue@gmail.com

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:

Sunday 03/02 Worship Services 8:30AM ASL & Livestreaming and 11AM Traditional, Adult &
Children's Bible Study 9:45AM, Pak-A-Sunday Sunday
Monday 03/03 Adult Bible Series 9AM, NO TRUSTEES MTG
Tuesday 03/04 ODB, Cub Scouts 6PM, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30PM – 8PM
Wednesday 03/05 TOPS Mtg 5:45PM, Ash Wednesday 7PM Service at Tree of Life, Odessa, Chancel
Choir Practice at St. Paul's 6PM.
Thursday 03/06 10AM Prayer and Praise Group, MOT Ministerial Alliance Soup & Study, 12 Noon
@St. Paul's
Friday 03/07 N/A
Saturday 03/08 AA Mtg 7PM

MARCH 30, 2025 and EVERY 5th SUNDAY: Mark your calendars that beginning March 30th, on every fifth Sunday of each month, there will be just one service at 10AM with a potluck for Fellowship to follow.

Fifth Sundays' service and potluck in the <u>summer</u> will be at the regularly scheduled 9AM time. More information to follow!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Tuesday, **March 4 2025**, from 5:30PM to 8PM at St. Paul's UMC. This dinner is provided by the Appoquinimink Ruritan Club. Donations are appreciated for your dinner with proceeds going to the Ruritan Club and St. Paul's UMC.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Is **March 5, 2025**. St. Paul's will partner with The MOT Ministerial Alliance of area churches to hold services at Tree of Life at 7PM.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Will begin **March 10th**, 5PM at St. Paul's and will be held every Monday at that same time through May. Contact Pastor Linda for more information.

THURSDAYS IN LENT-SOUP & STUDY: Beginning **March 6**th, there will be luncheons at noon every Thursday during Lent at St. Paul's led by the MOT Ministerial Alliance.

BOY SCOUT ROOM CLEAN-UP: March 22nd, 8-Noon. For those expressing concern, please help to boxup and remove items. The Boy Scouts are no longer meeting at St. Paul's and the leader of many years, is providing 24 hour care to a family member. <u>He needs and we appreciate your help to clean up the room!!</u>

ST. PAUL'S SPRING CLEAN-UP: Beginning **March 29**th **through April 3**rd, we will be having the church building and grounds clean-up. There is a wedding here on Saturday, April 4th so all cleaning needs to be accomplished by Friday, April 3rd. The 'things to do" cards will be available by the 29th and you can come in anytime to clean inside or outside.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: If you are interested in honoring a loved one with flowers at the altar on a particular Sunday, please use the **Flowers sign-up chart and form with instructions on the Narthex bulletin board.**

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Our designated florist is Elena's in Middletown, 302-285-0800, please call them early in the week to set up your flower delivery for Saturday to St. Paul's. There will be NO delivery charge.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER: Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your Traditional IRA, 401K or other eligible retirement accounts, can be donated directly to your church through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and you won't pay income tax on the donated amount! Information sheets are available in Fellowship Hall.

UPDATE ON JOY EVENT: "Noah" at Sight and Sound on Thursday, May 1st at 3:00. We will begin collecting money from those who have reserved tickets, starting **Sunday, February 9th.** The cost per ticket is \$84.55, and checks are payable to Karen Ellis. Details regarding lunch prior to the show, as well as signing up to carpool will be forthcoming at a future date. Any questions may be directed to Nadine Johnson or Karen Ellis. Karen Ellis at iluvbrmuda@gmail.com and Nadine Johnson at Nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Mark your calendars for the return of the Women's Retreat - **Beach Bible Belonging**. It will be held at St. Paul's on **May 17, 2025** from 10AM to 3PM. There will be Devotions, Music, Crafts, and Meditation. Come join us with time to enjoy each other and FUN. There will be a suggested donation of \$10 to cover expenses. Please RSVP by April 20th to Sue Holden susieq2951@aol.com.

FINANCE NEWS FROM MELISSA BROOKS/CHAIR: January 2025

Revenue: \$25,632 Expenses: \$23,733

FINANCE/TREASURER-ALICE MULLINS NEWS: Stewardship pledge totals to date, for the 2025 Budget:

73 Pledges, Total Pledge Amount: \$232,757

Thank you to all who have so generously pledged so far!

BIRTHDAYS: March 2 – Gary Jones; March 3 – David Johnson; March 4 – Anne Cruz; March 5 – Alan Martin, John Harmon, Sean Lewis; March 6 – Ronnie Miller, Ann Newswanger, Bonnie Valeski

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 Valeski in the Church Office with your request at bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org.

Please be sure to let Bonnie know you want to remove your request. Thank you

PRAYERS FOR: David & Dorothy Dudgeon, Carolyn Akin, Jonathan Brooks, John Guy, Levi Schrum and family, Marilyn Hendershot, Dennis Downes, Jeffrey & Cheryl Martin, Nancy- sister of Alice Rizzo, Ethan Porter, George, Dylan Green, Kevin Quiveors – Al Calbazana's brother-in-law, and Brenda Shaffer's nephew, Scott, Mindie, and Bo Pleasanton, Norman Parks, David Sheats, Amanda Branlund who is going through cancer treatment, Terry Sweeney, Michael Whitehead who is doing better but still grateful for prayers, Bev Moore and family, Angela Christian's mother, Kathy Golden, Sue Austin, Georgiana Fennemore, Phil Elliott, Phil's parents, Faye Taylor's nephew Matthew Smith, Bob, Ken, Wells, nephew of Steve Johnson - Matthew, Henry Spencer, Blain Shoun, Justin Marusa – cousin to Cindra Holland, having surgery for lung cancer in January, Skip Bason, Kenzel Messick's brother Lem – on his recovery to go well, family of a teaching colleague of Pastor Patti's, Rev. Cindy & David Koski recovering from recent falls, Ellie Leuliette & Dick Leuliette, Karen Kolf – sister to Alice Mullins. Jay and Laura, Rebecca Roberts - sister-in-law to Gail Garner going through chemotherapy and other therapies for leukemia, Joe Stemmle, Karen Ellis' friend John who had surgery on 1/7 and still in a coma, and also Karen's friend Julie who had a stroke recently, Indira – mother of friend of John Harmon, struggling with lung cancer and treatment setbacks, Nora Reeves who was in a car accident, Angela Christian who was in a car accident, Marilyn Dernberger - cousin to Kenzel Messick who had a stroke and surgery and Kenzel's niece -Heather Dill who is having cancer surgery, Linda Sydnor on the recent death of her brother.

Continued prayers for the new baby great grandson of John & Carole Harmon, who is in the NICU at CHOPS, Helen George is asking prayers for Karen Shetzler who is fighting flu, Jay & Laura Wedel and family as they battle Laura's cancer.

<u>Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for March 2025</u> 3/02/25 Society of St. Andrews (Pastor Linda)

3/09/24 Mosaic Of Delaware (Mary Ingram)

3/16/25 Harvest Outreach People Project Food Delivery Wilmington (Boxes of Food/Pastor Linda)

3/23/25 Compassionate Card Ministry of St Pauls

3/30/25 Neighborhood House

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)

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 1st Monday 6:30 PM
- SPRC Meeting 4th Thursday 6:30 PM
- Leadership Meeting 3rd Tuesday 6:30PM
- Reconciling Ministries TBD

Adult Bible Study is held Sundays at 9:45AM.

Children's Sunday School is held Sundays at 9:45AM.

Bible Study for all will again be held on Mondays, at 9AM. The Gospel of Luke is the focus beginning in January.

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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 <u>www.stpaulsodessa.org</u> 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.