



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa  
*Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out*  
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## Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025, 8:30 AM Service, ASL & 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

#### GREETING

GATHERING WORDS:

Liturgist – Brian McNelis

One: Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

**Many: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?**

One: When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

**Many: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**

One: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust anymore, what do you say?

**Many: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

One: Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

**Many: Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.**

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

*My Hope Is Built*

Red Hymnal 368

\*OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): **Mighty God, we come into your presence from many different places and situations, and we often feel scattered and lost, separated from you and from one another. Gather us in. Comfort us in our loneliness and dispel our fears. Light our way in his time of worship. Calm our hearts, focus our thoughts, and strengthen our faith, In your light and love we pray. Amen**

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS: *How Great Is Our God* (Chorus Only 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: *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18* (CEB)

After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great."

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." <sup>3</sup>He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup>The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." <sup>5</sup>Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." <sup>6</sup>Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram's high moral character.

<sup>7</sup>He said to Abram, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession."

<sup>8</sup>But Abram said, "Lord God, how do I know that I will actually possess it?"

<sup>9</sup>He said, "Bring me a three-year-old female calf, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a dove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He took all of these animals, split them in half, and laid the halves facing each other, but he didn't split the birds. <sup>11</sup>When vultures swooped down on the carcasses, Abram waved them off. <sup>12</sup>After the sun set, Abram slept deeply. A terrifying and deep darkness settled over him.

<sup>17</sup>After the sun had set and darkness had deepened, a smoking vessel with a fiery flame passed between the split-open animals. <sup>18</sup>That day the Lord cut a covenant with Abram: "To your descendants I give this land, from Egypt's river to the great Euphrates."

\*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 13:31-35* (CEB)

At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."

<sup>32</sup>Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Look, I'm throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. <sup>33</sup>However, it's necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it's impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

<sup>34</sup>"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn't want that. <sup>35</sup>Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won't see me until the time comes when you say, *Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord's name.*"

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

*Blessed Assurance*

Red Hymnal 369

THE MESSAGE:

"Savior, Servant, Friend: Listener"

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 supports the **Harvest Outreach People Project Food Delivery Wilmington (Boxes of Food/Pastor Linda)**.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **We live in the shadow of peace, O God, but too often, we face the shadow and not the light. We pray for peace today because we know we are not a whole people without it. Forgive us our warring madness, our abuse of power, and our disregard of the rights of others. Teach us the ways of mutual love for all people. Help us to give peace a chance. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor Linda Ray  
Officiant Server – Brian McNelis

**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. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain heard your still small voice. 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! 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. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. 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. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

(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! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Reader 2:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the living presence of Jesus Christ, that we might carry that presence into the world. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

*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, 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:

*My Life Is in You, Lord*

Black Hymnal 2032

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Liturgist: Brian McNelis

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

Communion Officiant: Brian McNelis

Duane Dillard, Music Ministry

**Altar Flowers this week are donated by Carlotta Cline in memory of HG Cline.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

<b>Sunday 03/16</b>	<b>Worship Services 8:30AM ASL &amp; Livestreaming and 11AM Traditional, Adult &amp; Children's Bible Study 9:45AM</b>
<b>Monday 03/17</b>	<b>Adult Bible Series 9AM, Membership Mtg. 11AM, Confirmation Class 5 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday 03/18</b>	<b>ODB, On Par with God Lunch Only 11:30AM @Odessa National, Cub Scouts 6PM, Leadership Committee Mtg. 6:30PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 03/19</b>	<b>TOPS Mtg 5:45PM, Handbells Rehearsal 6PM, Choir Rehearsal 7PM.</b>
<b>Thursday 03/20</b>	<b>10AM Prayer and Praise Group, MOT Ministerial Alliance Soup &amp; Study- 12 Noon @St. Paul's</b>
<b>Friday 03/21</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Saturday 03/22</b>	<b>Clean-up of Boy Scout Rm 8-12 Noon, Women's Retreat Mtg. 11AM, AA Mtg 7PM,</b>

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Will begin **March 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8-Noon.** For those expressing concern, please help to box-up 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. **He needs and we appreciate your help to clean up the room!!**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY'S MONTHS:** In **March and November**, there will be a potluck fellowship after the 11AM service. *There will still be the regular 8:30AM service.* In **June and August**, there will be the one summer 9AM service, with a potluck fellowship to follow.

**ST. PAUL'S SPRING CLEAN-UP:** Beginning **March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will be having the church building and grounds clean-up. There is a wedding here on Saturday, April 5th so all cleaning needs to be accomplished by Friday, April 4th. The 'things to do' cards will be available by the 29<sup>th</sup> 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.**

You can also still call Bonnie or email the church office at [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org) so we make sure the information is added in the bulletin and reserved for you. You can have a florist create a bouquet or you can

create your own , (or a plant) and then bring it to the church on Saturday or before the 8:30 am service on Sunday morning.

**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.**

**NOAH UPDATE:** Thank you for responding so promptly with payment for the show tickets. At this point, we still have 1 ticket left for anyone that may be interested. We have a reservation for lunch at Hershey Farm (next to Sight & Sound) at 12:30 pm. This will be a family style meal, with a cost of \$28.25 per person. If you are interested in joining us for lunch, we will begin collecting payment in early April.

**UPDATE ON JOY EVENT: "Noah" at Sight and Sound on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00.** We will begin collecting money from those who have reserved tickets, starting **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:iluvbrmuda@gmail.com) and Nadine Johnson at [Nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:Nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com).

**A JOY EVENT IN APRIL:** G P & L will be presenting the musical, "Children of Eden" at the Everett Theater. We plan to gather the JOY group to attend on **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00. The admission is \$16.00, and tickets can be purchased from Charlotte Miller. We will gather together for dinner afterwards, with the location TBA soon.

Please contact Karen Ellis at [iluvbrmuda@gmail.com](mailto:iluvbrmuda@gmail.com) or Nadine Johnson at [nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com). If you have any questions.

**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. *Snacks and beverages will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.* There will be a suggested donation of \$10 to cover expenses. Please RSVP by April 20<sup>th</sup> to Sue Holden [susieq2951@aol.com](mailto:susieq2951@aol.com).

#### **FINANCE NEWS FROM MELISSA BROOKS/CHAIR: February 2025**

Income \$ 59,996 Expenses \$ 48,237

**BIRTHDAYS:** March 17 - Daphne Martin; March 18 – Charlii Miller; March 19 – Brook Ellis, Carol Munar; March 20 – Amy Chas; March 21- Lauren Haberstroh, Julie Packard; March 22-Amanda Chas, Elaine Guy

**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](mailto: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, 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, 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 Stemmler, Karen Ellis' friend Julie who had a stroke recently, Nora Reeves 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, Jay & Laura Wedel and family as they battle Laura's cancer, Hap Bonham as he recovers from recent surgery.

## **Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for March 2025**

**3/02/25 Society of St. Andrews (Pastor Linda)**

**3/09/25 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)*

## **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 6:30PM
- 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.

### **Flowers for Worship**

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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 [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.